



# The Federal Triangler

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## President 's Message by Young Chung- Hall

I hope that everyone has survived the 2010 "snow-maggedon" that shut down our area earlier this month. My husband and I were fortunate enough to get one of the last flights out of the area for our planned vacation. I hope that you were able to do all the things you wanted to do while Washington, DC, and the surrounding area recovered. Dawn tells me she is still shaking her head about the fact that the Washington, DC, area has gotten more snow this winter than the State of New Hampshire where she lives has!

I am sorry that we had to cancel the February meeting due to the inclement weather. Hopefully, we will be able to get our speaker rescheduled for you in the near future.

In the meantime, stay warm, stay dry, and keep the shovels near the door.

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## Treasurer's Report by Monique Houck

Checking	\$1,450.45
Savings	\$ 301.29
Scholarship Fund	\$ 409.53
Total	\$2,161.27

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## Membership Report by Dawn Nester

We welcome ***Diane Williams*** to our Chapter this month. We look forward to meeting you at a future meeting or Chapter event, Diane!

*Change of Address:* As we prepare to go into another National FEW election year, it is vitally important that you remember to update your Membership profile on the secure FEW web site (<http://secure.few.org>) with any change-of-contact information: office phone number, home address, grade/series, name, e-mail. It is important to keep this information current if you wish to cast your ballot in a National FEW election.

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If you have membership questions please e-mail: [Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov), Membership Chair.

As of January 15, 2010, our membership looks like this:

Maryland	Virginia	D.C.	Other	Total
33	24	15	6	78

Grade 1-4	Grade 5-8	Grade 9-12	Grade 13-15	SES	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total
1	8	20	32	3	14	78

Of our 78 members, 11 hold lifetime FEW memberships. For an additional \$200, a lifetime member may opt to upgrade to a Diamond Lifetime membership. To qualify for lifetime or diamond lifetime membership, you must first be a member for five (5) consecutive years.

Continue to invite friends and co-workers to join you at an upcoming Federal Triangle Chapter meeting, whether in person or by phone-in.

Becky Fasulo, Vice President for Membership and Chapter Organization, wrote in a recent News and Views: "First prize will be a FEW Lifetime Membership and Bank Gift Card (*value not to exceed \$1000.00*). Second prize will be 5 years FEW Membership for [a value of] *\$250.00*, and the third prize will be 3 years FEW Membership (*value \$150.00*). If the First Place winner is already a Lifetime Member, then their membership will be upgraded to Diamond Lifetime or the entire prize will be a Bank Gift Card, or if the 2nd or 3rd place winners are Lifetime, then the prizes will be Bank Gift Cards in the designated amounts."

Remember to renew your membership timely. Member Deborah Pinchback-Cook says, "It has been 5 years since I went to my first FEW conference where I met Dawn. She pointed out wonderful things about FEW and they were all true; the trainings as well as the camaraderie/networking, *Fantastic.* I will renew my membership ..."

To renew, please go to <http://secure.few.org> and follow the links. If you encounter difficulties, please contact me right away at [Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov) or by phone at (603) 433-0560.

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## Chapter Fundraiser

The Chapter is selling Entertainment Books again this year! The cost is \$30, a portion of which will benefit the Chapter's scholarship fund. District of Columbia, MD, and VA books are available. *Each member is asked to take at least 2 books to sell.* Contact Bernita Marshall at 202-461-5466 or by e-mail at [bernita.marshall@va.gov](mailto:bernita.marshall@va.gov) to get your copies. Don't forget to purchase one as an excellent gift for any occasion!

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<sup>1</sup> "Other" includes members who are retired, in private industry, or did not provide their grade.

**Helpful Tip  
from a FEW  
Member**

A resident of Kilgore , TX, was traveling between Gladewater and Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence.

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know:

***NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN (OR SNOW) WITH YOUR  
CRUISE CONTROL ON!***

She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed on the driver's seat sun-visor:

***NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL  
WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY,***  
along with the airbag warning.

We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed, but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry. We need to know this ourselves.

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**Travel  
Adventures  
with Anush  
Dawidjan**

It was a nice surprise to see that the Pegasus Hotel was offering an Afternoon Tea event on a Wednesday afternoon during my most recent TDY to Georgetown. I have enjoyed afternoon tea in many countries around the world and was pleased to try out this traditional British event in Georgetown, Guyana at the Pegasus.

The afternoon tea was presented buffet style and was held in the open air hotel dining area between the lobby and the swimming pool. The tea room setting was quite nice so one could enjoy the afternoon breezes and/or the ceiling fans, along with the greenery of the hotel garden. Each table was set up with a crisp white linen tablecloth and napkins suitable for a party of two, three, or four.

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All of the afternoon tea treats were presented in the center of the tea room. It was quite the spread with traditional and not so traditional sandwiches, savories (hot and cold), scones, and assorted sweets. I especially enjoyed the tandoori chicken wings in mango sauce and deep fried camembert cheese fritters. The fruit scones were also delicious. In fact, the scones were so rich and sweet, I didn't find it necessary to add the traditional strawberry jam. Traditional sandwiches included tomato, cucumber, and salmon. In addition to tea (Lipton and Tetley Earl Gray tea bags), you had the option of coffee, water, ice tea, lemonade and/or passion juice.

All in all, this afternoon tea at the Pegasus was a delightful experience and one I would recommend to others who want a little indulgence in the late afternoon. It is a relaxing way to spend an hour or two for both women and men. However, I warn you if you try each of the afternoon treats you definitely will not be able to eat dinner as there are many treats to choose from!

The Pegasus is now experimenting with different days of the week or month for their Afternoon Tea event.



A friend relaxes with Anush (right) at Afternoon Tea

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## National FEW News



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The FEW National Board of Directors (NBOD) are meeting February 18-21, 2010, in Columbus, OH. Valerie Stringer, your Regional Manager, has a seat with votes, on the Board. She will provide the members of the DC Metro Regional Board with an update of pertinent information when she returns.

Members are encouraged to log into the Members Only section of the FEW web site ([www.few.org](http://www.few.org)), Forms and Publications, to read the NBOD reports posted there after each NBOD and Executive Committee meeting.

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## D.C. Metro Region News



[www.dcmetrofew.org](http://www.dcmetrofew.org)

Planning is under way for the D.C. Metro Region's 2010 Regional Training Program. It is scheduled for *May 6-8*, 2010, in Gaithersburg Maryland. Watch here for more information as it becomes available.

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## FEW Foundation for Education and Training



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The FEW Foundation for Education and Training ("FEW Foundation") is continuing its series of free webinars in 2010.

On February 25, Becky Fasulo, Vice President for Membership and Chapter Organization, will present a workshop on "FEW Retention and Recruitment Tips." Her workshop will include helpful hints for chapter membership retention and successful recruiting. Everyone in the Federal Triangle Chapter is encouraged to recruit. Watch for the flyer to register.

The announcement for the annual FEW scholarship opportunity through our partner, Grantham University, has gone out to members. If you have not seen the announcement, visit our website at [www.fewfoundation.org](http://www.fewfoundation.org) and click on the Scholarship link to read the instructions and download the application.

**Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2010.**

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The FEW Foundation is also offering discounted on-line courses for members, family, co-workers, and friends through [www.Ed2Go.com/fewed](http://www.Ed2Go.com/fewed). In addition, members may participate in a contest to sign-up family, friends, and co-workers. Go to the FEW Foundation's web site for the details. *The contest will run through May 7, 2010.* Good luck!

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## Black History Month



Sojourner Truth



That man over there say  
 a woman needs to be helped into carriages  
 and lifted over ditches  
 and to have the best place everywhere.  
 Nobody ever helped me into carriages  
 or over mud puddles  
 or gives me a best place. . .  
 And ain't I a woman?

Look at me  
 Look at my arm!  
 I have plowed and planted  
 and gathered into barns  
 and no man could head me. . .

And ain't I a woman?  
 I could work as much  
 and eat as much as a man--  
 when I could get to it--  
 and bear the lash as well  
 and ain't I a woman?

I have born 13 children  
 and seen most all sold into slavery  
 and when I cried out a mother's grief  
 none but Jesus heard me. . .  
 and ain't I a woman?

That little man in black there say  
 a woman can't have as much rights as a man  
 cause Christ wasn't a woman  
 Where did your Christ come from?  
 From God and a woman!  
 Man had nothing to do with him!  
 If the first woman God ever made  
 was strong enough to turn the world  
 upside down, all alone  
 together women ought to be able to turn it  
 rightside up again.

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**Motivational  
Quote**

NOTE: The following is quoted from an editor's note in the anthology where this poem is found. "There is no exact copy of this speech given at the Women's rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, in 1852. The speech is adapted to the poetic format by Erelene Stetson from the copy found in Sojourner, God's Faithful Pilgrim by Arthur Huff Fauset, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1938)." The poem and note, along with other great women's poems, can be found in Ain't I a Woman: A Book of Women's Poetry from Around The World, Illona Linthwaite, Editor. New York: Wing Books, 1993, page 129.

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Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.

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Every one has a gift for something, even if it is the gift of being a good friend.  
Marion Anderson

An African American singer, Marian Anderson found more success and fame in Europe than America until in 1939 the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) refused to allow her to sing in their Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. In part because of the public attention brought by this incident, Marian Anderson became one of the best-known African American women of the 20th century.

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**Advertise Your  
Business Here**

Members interested in advertising their outside-government businesses, yard sales, or community activities should contact Young Chung-Hall, Chapter President, at 202-622-9447. Members who would like to submit articles about vacations and other items of interest to other members can contact newsletter editor Dawn Nester at [Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.M.Nester@irs.gov).

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<sup>2</sup>Reciprocal member; Greater Merrimack Valley FEW Chapter is her primary chapter

**Newsletter  
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If you are interested in developing your writing and editing skills or just like working with newsletters, please consider volunteering for the Newsletter Editor position within the Federal Triangle Chapter. As with other skills you learn as a member of FEW, the skills you learn or enhance while serving on a committee can be included in resumes and evaluations. Contact Young Chung-Hall, President, at (202) 622-9447 or via e-mail at [Young.Hall@irs.gov](mailto:Young.Hall@irs.gov). Thank you for considering this opportunity.

This publication reserves the right to edit articles for length, style and accuracy.

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**Meeting  
Information –  
mark your  
calendar!**

The next regular chapter meeting will be March 17, 2010, 12:00 p.m. Please contact Young Chung-Hall ([Young.Hall@irs.gov](mailto:Young.Hall@irs.gov)), for details. Young can be reached by phone at (202) 622-9447.

All meetings are at 12:00 noon in Room 2136 of the Internal Revenue Service, unless otherwise noted. Flyers and reminders will be sent out ahead of each meeting, to include call-in information for those who cannot attend in person. Planned meeting dates are:

- **March 17**
- **April 21**
- **May 19**
- **June 16**

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