



# The Federal Triangler

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**President 's  
Message** by Young  
Chung- Hall

I hope that everyone who needs to renew their FEW membership in February and March has accessed the secure FEW web site (<http://secure.few.org>) to do so. Please be patient and understanding if you receive an automatically generated reminder from Talley, FEW's management company, after you renewed. I was recently notified that Talley is experiencing a backlog from the high volume number of members who need to renew this month. It may take a while for your payment to catch up with the processing.

There are a lot of exciting activities going on within FEW:

- A message just came out seeking candidates to run for the National election. Please be sure your membership information, especially your e-mail address, is current in your FEW profile so that you can vote when the ballot comes out.
- FEW is hosting a Capitol Hill Lobby Day and evening reception. There is more information about that later in this newsletter.
- The DC Metro Region is looking for volunteers to help plan and implement the Regional Training Program in May. There is more about that later in this newsletter, too.
- The National Training Program is only three months away now. If you are hoping to attend and need agency funding, follow your agency's procedures to submit your out-service training request as soon as possible. And, good luck!
- FEW has created a new feature on the website, an area for cyber exhibits. Last month featured an exhibit on Black History Month. This month will highlight Women's History Month. Check it out under the Events tab on the FEW website ([www.few.org](http://www.few.org)).
- Last but not least, our chapter will be planning another Suited for Change clothing drive in the very near future. Start thinking about "Spring Cleaning" and set aside gently used work-appropriate clothing that you can donate to this worth cause.

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**Treasurer's Report** by Monique Houck

Checking	\$1,775.45
Savings	\$ 301.29
Scholarship Fund	\$ 409.53
Total	\$2,486.27

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**Membership Report** by Dawn Nester

We welcome **Heidi Custer, Veronica Dorsey, Gwin Sterling,** and **Geneva Sydnor** to our Chapter this month. We look forward to meeting you at a future meeting or Chapter event, everyone!

*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.

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
36	26	15	4	81

Grade 1-4	Grade 5-8	Grade 9-12	Grade 13-15	SES	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total
0	8	17	40	2	14	81

Of our 81 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.

Remember to renew your membership timely. 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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<sup>1</sup> "Other" includes members who are retired, in private industry, or did not provide their grade.

## 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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## National FEW News



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As you know, 2010 is an election year for chapters, regions, and National FEW. A call recently went out for candidates to serve on the National Board of Directors. We will elect a:

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Vice President for Program Policy
- Vice President for Membership and Chapter Organization
- Vice President for Compliance
- Vice President for Congressional Relations
- Vice President for Diversity
- Vice President for Training
- Secretary
- Treasurer

These are important positions and must be filled by candidates who are committed to the organization and who bring strong qualifications to the positions they are running for. The Nominations and Elections Committee will do their best to seek highly qualified, highly motivated candidates from among all ten regions.

When you receive the ballot information, read it carefully and chose the person you feel will best represent your interests as a FEW member.

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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, at the Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue in Gaithersburg Maryland.

Lodging will be available at the hotel for a reduced rate of \$99 per night. The hotel is newly renovated and is 100 percent smoke-free.

The Holiday Inn is located five miles from the Shady Grove Metro Station (red line). There is a complimentary shuttle from the hotel available.

Thursday, May 6 – workshops on management and supervisory issues, self and employee development, and possibly an introduction to Sigma Six.

Friday, May 7 – non-supervisory/non-managerial and retiree tracks that cover career development and preparing for retirement as well as opportunities after retirement.

Saturday, May 8 – personal development is the focus of the day with workshops on work/life balance, FEW, women's health issues, EEO compliance, diversity, and legislative actions at the grassroots level.

And you can help! Volunteer for an RTP Committee today!

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# FEW Founda- tion for Educa- tion and Train- ing



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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, presented a workshop on “FEW Retention and Recruitment Tips.” Her workshop included helpful hints for chapter membership retention and successful recruiting. Her PowerPoint presentation was posted to <http://www.slideshare.net/fewfoundation> if you’d like to view it.

Our next webinar will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in celebration of Women’s History Month. Joan (“Toni”) Stringer, sister of DC Metro Regional Manager Valerie Stringer, will present “Sojourner Truth: Her Life and Times.” Registration for the webinar is free but attendees *must* register to receive access information. ***Hurry! This one will fill up fast!***

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.](#)**

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!*

You can support the FEW Foundation for Education and Training through year-’round purchase of all your gift needs through our Currents, Inc. fundraiser. Visit <http://currentfun.com/category.asp> to browse the site. When you’re ready to check out, please follow these three simple steps:

1. Select Florida from the drop-down menu.
2. Select Federally Employed Women’s Foundation for Education Training from the drop-down menu.
3. Pay for your purchase with your credit card.

A portion of every purchase comes to the FEW Foundation and helps us fund additional scholarships for members like you!

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## Women's History Month

The theme for March 2010 is *Writing Women Back into History*. Women's History Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements as well as honor women within our families and communities.

In March of 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Message to the American people, encouraging the recognition and celebration of women's historic accomplishments during the week of March 8, Women's History Week. Representative Barbara Mikulski and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution that declared the week of March 8 in 1981 as National Women's History Week.

In 1987, at the request of women's organizations, museums, libraries, youth leaders and educators throughout the country, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. A National Women's History Month Resolution was quickly approved with strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Since 1992, a Presidential Proclamation has carried the directive for what is now a major national and international celebration.

For more information on women's history, visit the [National Women's History Project](#) Web site.

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Jeanette Pickering Rankin holds an esteemed place in United States history as the first woman elected to the House of Representatives and the only member of Congress to vote against two world wars. She made a name for herself as a skilled lobbyist, organizer, politician, and pacifist.

She fused her suffrage and pacifist leanings while organizing Washington's suffrage campaign. As a lobbyist for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Rankin organized and campaigned for woman suffrage in over fifteen states. She successfully ran for Montana's House of Representatives in 1917 and distinguished herself as a pacifist and a sponsor of protective legislation for women and children.

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Montanans were disillusioned with her pacifist stance and would not reelect her again until 1940. In the meantime Rankin worked for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the National Consumer's League, and National Council for the Prevention of War. After World War II she continued her pacifist work and went to India to study Ghandi's philosophies. She espoused anti-war sentiments again in the 1960s during the Vietnam War and made a final reemergence into national politics.

Throughout her career Rankin compromised neither her belief in pacifism nor women's rights.

Source: [National Women's History Museum](#)

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This is but a fraction of the fascinating information available about Women's History. For more, go to FEW's website and click on the Events tab for the Women's History Month cyber exhibit. Then follow it up with exploration of your own via internet, books, your local library. There are some amazing women out there waiting for you to learn about their feats of daring; courageous battles against prejudice, social mores and habits; ordinary women who did extraordinary things because they were curious, had no choice, or just because they wanted to. Get to know them better and draw strength from their words, actions, and deeds. You'll be glad you got to know them!

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**Motivational Quote**

"They used to give us a day--it was called International Women's Day. In 1975 they gave us a year, the Year of the Woman. Then from 1975 to 1985 they gave us a decade, the Decade of the Woman. I said at the time, who knows, if we behave they may let us into the whole thing. Well, we didn't behave and here we are."

-- Bella Abzug

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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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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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