



Montgomery Women
leadership & political action
December 2011

Upcoming Events:

December 2-First Friday Breakfast

December 13th-Holiday Party

December 16h-Committee for Montgomery Breakfast

January 29th-2012 Women's Legislative Briefing

Message from the Chair:

Hey—Fellow Members—Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Now it's December, and you can feel time accelerate! It's accelerating for Montgomery Women, too.

This Friday, December 2nd—our First Friday Breakfast—it's a great way to kick off the holiday season—hot coffee and time with friends—7:30 AM at the Silver Diner on Rockville Pike.

Then, on Tuesday, December 13th, we pick up speed with our Annual Holiday Party—7 to 9 pm, and it's free to members! We now have 149 members. *Whoever brings in the 150th new member wins a prize!!!* See the attached invitation with all of the details.

Again this year, we are asking you for donations for the Montgomery Women Scholarship Fund for female students. For many years Carol Trawick, through the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, has generously given \$1000 for scholarships for female students. **Last year, many members of Montgomery Women—in addition to our beloved Carol Trawick-- stepped up, and a record 42 members of Montgomery Women gave gifts for the scholarship fund. We raised almost \$5,000 that provided four scholarships to students this year. Let's beat what we did last year! Every dollar we give brings another young woman closer to realizing her potential.**

Please plan to make your gift now--bring a check to the Holiday Party on Dec. 13 or pay by credit card—any amount is welcome. You can also mail in a donation. Our goal for this year is to raise **\$7500** and to increase the number of Montgomery Women Scholarship supporters from **42 to 70! Join us to make a difference** in a young woman's education.

Thanks again to Carol, and to 3 other members—we already have a commitment of \$2,000—let's keep this ball rolling.¹

And, as if we haven't asked enough from you, we ask one more thing—Please bring to the Holiday Party healthy, non-perishable food for the Montgomery College Pantry. This food is available to students who sometimes don't have enough. Please throw a couple of cans of food or packages of pasta in your car right now, so that you'll have them when you get to my house on the 13th.

¹ Checks should be made out to: Montgomery College Foundation
900 Hungerford Dr., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850

Finally, Montgomery Women is sponsoring a table at the Committee for Montgomery breakfast on Friday, December 16th. Our table is full—and we know that our members will not only be at our table but also at tables throughout the breakfast!

See you soon,
Meredith

Member news

Kudos to member **Carol Garvey** who was recently given the “Time Well Spent: Advocate” award for her years of effective advocacy on behalf of the Collaboration Council and its work.

MESSAGE FOR MW MEMBERS - NEW AND RETURNING

This is a reminder either to mail the membership form with your check for \$100 dues to Lisa Neuder, whose address is at the bottom of the membership form, or -- better yet -- bring both to the next of First Friday Breakfast. MW's new membership year starts on September 1st, 2011, and runs until August 31, 2012.

A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Montgomery Women's next First Friday Power Breakfast will be held on December 2nd. Plan to join us at our regular gathering. It is informal, so drop in. Please note that the Silver Diner has moved a few blocks north to 12278 Rockville Pike.

Time: ! 7:30 am - 9:00 am

What: ! Power Breakfast

When: ! Friday, December 2, 2011

Where: ! Silver Diner, Rockville, 12276 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

For directions, go to: <http://www.silverdiner.com/restaurants/rockville-silver-diner>

Stay in touch!

Want to know your fellow members?

We have a roster of current members on the website at <http://www.montgomerywomen.org/membership.htm>. To access it, you have to register with the website. Once your dues status is confirmed, you will have access to the list of members.

Tell us your news!

We've got a fantastic newsletter, a website and even a Facebook Fanpage. What we REALLY need are members interested in helping on the Communications Committee. We like to share news about our events ahead of time and provide brief write-ups as follow-up. In addition, we want to reach out to other organizations who might be interested in our work, and we want to connect with members and others interested in supporting women in leadership positions.

Make MontgomeryWomen.org your go-to website for women in leadership!

As you know, our website has plenty of information about our organization and our many events. But did you know that you can also find out about other organizations and their activities in the Forum section? Montgomery Women members involved in other organizations are able to use Montgomerywomen.org to share information and promote events by posting them for all to see.* If you have a job opening or want to get the word out about your own professional and personal transitions, post it to the Forum. The more people use the Forum, the more useful it becomes for all. So think about what you would like to share with the membership and post it to the Forum today. If you have any questions, please contact webmaster@montgomerywomen.org.

*To post an item to the Forum section, sign in at www.montgomerywomen.org (or register to create an account). Post events under 'upcoming events', 'share your news' or 'general discussion.' If you have questions, suggestions or ideas for the Forum section or the website in general, please contact the communications team at webmaster@montgomerywomen.org.

If you are on Facebook, you can also use the Montgomery Women fanpage to share information with the growing list who 'like' our site.

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Please consider offering your expertise and leadership in the following positions available in Montgomery County:
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Application Deadline

Board Vacancy

12/12/2011	Alcoholic Beverages Advisory Board
12/12/2011	Historic Preservation Commission
12/12/2011	Cable and Communications Advisory Committee
12/12/2011	Commission on Juvenile Justice
12/14/2011	Commission on Aging
12/14/2011	Commission on Common Ownership Communities

Applications may be mailed, faxed to 240-777-2517, or sent via e-mail to CountyExecutive.Boards@montgomerycountymd.gov