



**Montgomery Women**  
leadership & political action  
**January 2012**

**Upcoming Events:**

January 6<sup>th</sup>-First Friday Breakfast

January 25<sup>th</sup> –Montgomery Women Happy Hour, 5:30 PM, Place TBD

January 27<sup>th</sup>-Time Management Program

January 29<sup>th</sup>-2012 Women's Legislative Briefing\* see registration info below

March 11<sup>th</sup>-Annual Power Tea

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**Message from the Chair:**

Happy New Year, Women of Montgomery! I hope that each one of you enjoyed the holidays, and is ready for 2012. Montgomery Women is ready, and we are looking forward to the New Year.

**GOOD NEWS!!!**

**First, at the Holiday Party you all donated over \$2200 for the Montgomery Women Scholarship—not counting the generous \$1000 scholarship that Carol Trawick gives at the Power Tea. Thank you all very much! We also filled a large car with food for the Montgomery College Pantry. This was the right time of the year to give, and again, thank you very much!**

**Second, we are starting 2012 with 150 members! Welcome to our newest member, Rebecca Smondrowski! Be sure to spread the word that Montgomery Women is the place to be.**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**First Friday Breakfast this Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM at the Silver Diner on Rockville Pike.** It's the best way to start the day--with a warm cup of coffee and friends. Best way to beat the cold weather, too, and clear your head for the New Year.

**Fourth Wednesday Happy Hour starting on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Bethesda, location TBD—this is new—it's for all of our members, but especially those members who can't imagine being able to attend our monthly breakfast! We will email you the location—so belly up to the bar—a perfect way for us all to get better acquainted.**

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>—A special program on Time Management (we all need that) at the offices of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce**—details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>—Women's Legislative Briefing, \$15 registration, University of Maryland, Shady Grove campus, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD, 12:30 to 6:00 pm.** Check out the Women's Legislative Briefing website, there are distinguished speakers, interesting seminars, all aimed at bringing us up-to-date on what's happening with women in Maryland and at the federal level. Montgomery Women is a sponsor and we will be there. Look for our table. And come to the seminar that I am moderating—Women in the Public

Realm. With member Nancy Navarro of the County Council as a part of the panel, I will moderate a discussion of the how tos of running for office in Maryland.

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>—Montgomery Women’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Power Tea, 3 to 5 pm at the Strathmore Mansion.** By now you know, that the Tea’s the place to be once a year on a Sunday in March. The Honorary Chair this year is our own Councilmember **Nancy Floreen** and the Keynote Speaker will be State Delegate Heather Mizeur. We will also honor a Rising Star and a Shining Star from the community. Check our website for details. **Free to members—remember to bring your friends! It’s \$35 for guests, or you can join at the door for \$100, and be invited to everything—no charge.**

**We are planning other events, so please keep checking our website for the latest. We will email you the information, too.**

**There is no better way to bring in the New Year than with Montgomery Women.**

See you at breakfast on Friday,

*Meredith*

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A Thank You to the Special Events Committee ----

The success of the Anniversary Party and the Holiday Party was due to the cooperation of a very fine committee. Each person pitched in and helped in so many different ways to make the events run smoothly. We hope you will thank the individual committee members at our next meeting so they will receive the recognition they deserve.

Donna Barron and Jenny Sue Dunner    Event co-chairs

Committee members: Nancy Cole, Dee Metz, Joyce Garcia, Carol Rubin, Wilma Holmes and Joyce Schwartz

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IDON'THAVETIME!

Sound familiar? Make 2012 the year you Get Organized and Find the time. Learn How ATTEND: Noon Time - Time Management Seminar. January 27th- 12 -2pm -Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce Board Room 7910 Woodmont Avenue Bethesda Suite 1204. 5 minutes from metro. RSVP to Maryehar@verizon.net or 301 938-6913 by January 24th.

IT'S. TIME!!!

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**What Do You Have Planned for 2012?**

Let all of the Montgomery Women know! Share information about job openings, important issues, upcoming events, or your favorite organizations. MontgomeryWomen.org has been growing as the "go-to" website for women in leadership! If you share information at a Power Breakfast or other Montgomery Women event, remember to post it in the Forum section too for those members who were unable to attend.

To post an item to the Forum section, sign in at [www.montgomerywomen.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@montgomerywomen.org).

## Use the Social Networks to Connect With Your Fellow Montgomery Women

If you are on Facebook, be sure to "Like" the Montgomery Women fanpage. Follow @MontWomen on Twitter or join our LinkedIn Group.

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### 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. We will be purging the email list soon. Be sure your dues have been paid so that you continue to receive our newsletters and event invitations. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Montgomery Women's next First Friday Power Breakfast will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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, January 6, 2012

Where: ! Silver Diner, Rockville, 12276 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD 20852

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

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

Application Deadline	Board Vacancy
1/6/12	Agricultural Advisory Committee
1/6/12	Victim Services Advisory Board
1/6/12	Dept. of Permitting Services Advisory Committee
1/6/12	Commission on People with Disabilities
1/6/12	Noise Control Advisory Board
1/6/12	Forest Conservation Advisory Committee
1/6/12	Animal Matters Hearing Board
1/11/12	Recreation Advisory Boards
1/11/12	Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board
1/11/12	Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board
1/11/12	East County citizens Advisory Board
1/20/12	Committee on Hate/Violence

Applications may be mailed, faxed to 240-777-2517, or sent via e-mail to

[CountyExecutive.Boards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:CountyExecutive.Boards@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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Programs of Interest:  
\*Women's Legislative Briefing

When: Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM  
Where: University of Maryland, Shady Grove Campus Bldg II  
9630 Gudelsky Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

The conference will open with a panel discussion on legislation in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, followed by compelling seminars on legislation in the Maryland General Assembly. A reception will conclude the event providing an opportunity to meet with county and state elected officials, advocates and representatives of the most prominent county, state and national women's organizations.

You may register online at <http://wlb2012.eventbrite.com/>

Title IX-A Work in Progress

When: January 9, 2012 from 7-9 PM  
Where: Rockville Public Library

The speaker is Dr. Bernice Sandler, the "Godmother of Title IX" and it is sponsored by the Montgomery County Chapter of NOW. No RSVP or registration is necessary.