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The Women's Resource Center

Monday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Radcliff Center, Garden City
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
by appointment



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Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Glow 2006

The 2006 WRC Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center. The annual event is the WRC's primary means of funding scholarships for deserving women and men throughout the school year.

The Schoolcraft College WRC Advisory Board, the Spaghetti Dinner sponsor, expects this year's fundraiser to be a sellout, as it has been in past years. The Advisory Board is currently selling tickets and advertisements for the printed program.

See the enclosed Spaghetti Dinner reservation form in this newsletter for details if you would like to buy tickets, make a tax-deductible contribution, or place an advertisement in the printed program. If you have questions, contact the WRC at 734-462-4443.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Day 2006



Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18, 2006, if you would like to participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Day at Schoolcraft College. VITA, an IRS program, offers free tax preparation to persons with

annual incomes below \$35,000. VITA volunteers are trained to identify eligible credits and refunds, including Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits.

Under the supervision of an IRS officer and members of the Schoolcraft College accounting faculty, accounting and Honors Program students prepare and electronically file IRS Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B. VITA volunteers also assist in filing Michigan taxes.

Last year, 104 persons filed their taxes at the Schoolcraft College VITA Day event and collectively received refunds of \$137,937.

WRC Facts and Figures

Graduation Statistics

The Women's Resource Center recently conducted a survey of students who received WRC funding and who earned associate degrees or certificates in the 2003-2004 academic year. Of the 101 surveys mailed, 68, or 67 percent, were returned to the WRC.

Significant findings from the survey include the following:

- ♥ 73 percent of the graduates earned associate degrees; 27 percent earned certificates
- ♥ 81 percent of the responding graduates are employed
- ♥ 86 percent of the responding graduates are continuing their education
- ♥ The average annual salary of the graduates is \$33,920

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Thea Greenshields

New WRC Staff Member

The newest face in the WRC belongs to Thea Greenshields, who took the full-time secretary position in October. Before joining the WRC staff, Thea worked part-time as a clerk at the Fire Academy at the Radcliff Campus in Garden City. As WRC secretary, Thea is responsible for providing secretarial support to WRC director Nancy Swanborg, planning the annual WRC Luncheon Series, coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, tracking the disbursement of WRC endow-



ment scholarships, and attending to day-to-day needs of the office.

Thea lives in Garden City with her husband, 15-year old son, 12-year old

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daughter, and two ferrets. In her spare time, she enjoys both bow and rifle hunting, golfing, and doing “anything outdoors.” In addition, Thea is taking classes at Schoolcraft College, working toward an associate degree in general business with a goal of graduating in December 2006.

Her bright disposition and helpful attitude make Thea an outstanding addition to the “place with a heart.” Join us in extending a warm welcome to her.



Josie A. Boore

CHIPS Program and Schoolcraft College Graduate

Josie A. Boore has a simple recipe for success: begin at the end. When faced with a divorce and unemployment in 1989, Josie did just that — she began envisioning her desired end-results, which were employment and self-sufficiency.

Having been a stay-at-home mother for 11 years, she walked into the Women’s Resource Center seeking assistance and advice on how to reach her self-defined vision. She was motivated by her desire and sense of responsibility to provide a good life for her daughter.

After meeting Marlene Kershaw, CHIPS Program Coordinator, Josie enrolled in the WRC’s program for women in transition, which she

describes as “an extraordinary foundation and turning point” in her life.

According to Josie, “CHIPS unlocked the potential I always had. After completing the program, I was not even recognizable as the person I had been — the changes were that great.” Though the path was difficult at times, Josie explains that discouragement is a normal part of life, and her philosophy is to take on challenges with “full pride and excellence.”

CHIPS helped Josie identify her strengths, so after finishing the program, she had a clear vision of what she wanted to do with her life. Although it had been more than 20 years since high school, Josie remembered the courses she enjoyed most: typing, shorthand, English and grammar.

With her newfound confidence, and the resume she wrote in her CHIPS class, she landed a secretarial position with an automotive supplier. Sixteen years later, she is still working in the same field, though with another

employer, and has earned the updated title and expanded responsibilities of administrative assistant.

With a secure career, Josie continued her education at Schoolcraft College. In addition to completing the management and advanced managerial studies certificate programs, she earned an associate degree in applied science with honors in 2004, majoring in office administration.

Despite working full time and attending school, Josie was active on campus as an officer in Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a Student Ambassador, and a participant for campus recruiting events. In addition, Josie was one of two Schoolcraft College students selected for All-USA Academics 2004, sponsored by USA Today, and All-State Academics for Michigan.

These days, when she is not working, you will find Josie volunteering for the American Legion and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Veterans are dear to Josie, who was born ►

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Women on the Way

A Collaborative Program for High School Women



On October 18, 32 young women from Livonia Franklin High School spent a day at Schoolcraft College in the first session of the Women on the Way or WOW program.

WOW is the collective vision of the Livonia chapter of the American Association of University Women, Livonia Public Schools, the Schoolcraft College

Women's Resource Center, and the Schoolcraft College Admissions Office. The program targets young women in their junior year of high school in an effort to empower them to make informed decisions about life after high school.

A recent article in USA Today stated that, "Adults are urging young people to go to college... and teens are taking the message to heart: from 1990 to 2002, the percentage of 10th graders aspiring to college rose 21 percentage points, to 80 percent. But new research also reveals a huge gap between aspirations and reality..."

In an effort to help these young



women achieve their dreams, they will participate in four on-campus sessions in the 2005-2006 academic year. In the first session, on October 18, the WOW participants took the True Colors Personality Profile, a personality system modeled as a graphical presentation of both Keirsey's Temperament and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.

Next, the WOW participants interacted with adult mentors from AAUW and Schoolcraft College Student Ambassadors, enjoyed lunch at Henry's, and ended the day with a journaling exercise.

In future sessions, WOW participants will identify learning styles, explore career options and search tools, and learn creative problem-solving skills. Next year as seniors, the young women will return to Schoolcraft two more times for continued support and guidance as they learn the steps required to apply to college.

Josie A. Boore

in Italy and is truly "humbled with gratitude for the brave soldiers who served to keep America the land of the free, and to those who continue to defend America."

As the first woman in her family to receive a college degree, she also is grateful for the educational opportunities available to her in the U.S.

Josie is writing a book about being a woman of strength, with the goal of helping women recognize and avoid psychological abuse. When the book is completed, Josie dreams of embarking on a national book tour. Again, and with no surprise, her aim is high: she plans to send her first copy to television's Dr. Phil McGraw. Stay tuned!

"It's every woman's choice as to what to do with each challenge— she can run with it or not," Josie says with confidence. Since the day she walked into the WRC in 1989, Josie has not stopped running toward her goals, and there's no indication that she ever plans to stop.



Graduation Statistics

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In the 2004-2005 academic year, did you know that the WRC...

- ♥ Provided more than 644 scholarships to Schoolcraft College students?
- ♥ Processed 1,111 applications for scholarships?
- ♥ Assisted 32 male students with funding?
- ♥ Involved 2,651 participants in its programs and services?
- ♥ Logged 4,482 hours of volunteer service from its peer counselor and boutique volunteers, the equivalent of 2.15 full-time employees?

2005 Graduation Report

Number of Students	Certificate Earned
25	Associate of Arts
52	Associate of Applied Science
11	Associate of General Studies
10	Associate of Science

Number of Students	Certificate Earned
22	One-year
4	Skills

Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Glow

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Schoolcraft College ❖ VisTaTech Center ❖ DiPonio Room
6 p.m. Wine Glow ❖ 7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner ❖ 8 p.m. Program



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- Sponsor—\$75** includes two dinners and name(s) listed in program (\$36 is tax deductible).
Number of tickets needed: _____
- I cannot attend, but list me as a sponsor—\$10.** Please list name(s) in the program as follows:

- Purchase a Ticket—\$30** includes one dinner (\$13 is tax deductible). Number of tickets needed: _____
- Program Ad** — Enclosed is my card/ad. (Electronic documents may be e-mailed to tgresh@schoolcraft.edu.
Laser printouts and business cards may be mailed to the WRC. Please don't fold, staple or use paperclips.)
- \$20 (business card)** **\$50 (1/2 page ad)** **\$100 (full-page ad)**
- I cannot attend this year, but I wish to make a contribution to be used for scholarships.
Enclosed is my check for: **\$25** **\$50** **\$100** **Other \$** _____

Matching Gifts — Your gift could be maximized at no additional cost to you. If you are unsure if your company matches gifts, please list your company name _____ and we will determine if it is a matching gift company.

My corporate matching gift form is enclosed

This contribution is tax deductible. All proceeds are deposited into the WRC Endowment Fund at Schoolcraft College.

Tables for eight are available. Please return this form with a check* made payable to **Schoolcraft College**.

Mail to: **Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College**
 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152-2696.

Call **734-462-4443** for more information

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

*If your check is returned from the bank unpaid, we may present it electronically.

Winter 2006 Luncheon Series

Schoolcraft College ❖ VisTaTech Center (enter the North Parking Lot between Six and Seven Mile Roads)

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ❖ \$14 per luncheon — Prepaid registration required, no tickets are issued

Limited seating ❖ Doors open at 11:15 a.m. ❖ Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

January 20, 2006 "The Petticoat Ladies"

Members of the Garden City Presbyterian Church historical group dress in replicas of the Victorian gowns worn by First Ladies at their husbands' inaugural festivities. The Petticoat Ladies portray women such as Mary Todd Lincoln and Caroline Levina Scott Harrison and talk about their role in U.S. History and the causes they fought for.



"Frances Fulson"



Betye Saar's *Beyond Midnight*

February 17, 2006 "The Spirit of African American Artists"

Dorothy Walker, volunteer from the Detroit Institute of Arts, explores the life and times of some of the greatest African American artists dating from the nineteenth century to present day.

April 7, 2006 "Michigan Women's Hall of Fame"

Pamela Withrow, 2003 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Contemporary Honoree, talks about paving the way for women in law enforcement when she became the first woman warden of the Michigan Dunes Correctional Facility.



Luncheons are \$14 each. All reservations must be prepaid. Please make the following number of reservations.

_____ Jan. 20, Petticoat Ladies

_____ Feb. 17, DIA/Artists

_____ April 7, Pamela Withrow

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Seating is assigned. Friend's name who you wish to be seated with: _____

There are no refunds, but you are welcome to invite someone to use your reservation.

Office Use Only:

Check # _____

Amount _____

Confirmation _____

Guest List _____

WRC Bulletin Board

Divorce Support Group

The Divorce Support Group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center in McDowell Center. The first meeting of each month is a group discussion; the next meeting features a speaker.

There is no fee to attend and registration is not required.

Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP, facilitates the group discussions.

*Upcoming dates: January 10 & 24,
February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25*

Money Matters In Divorce

A certified financial planner from the Center for Financial Planning will be available on the first Monday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College to discuss financial considerations related to divorce. Clients are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anyone interested can sign in, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on that day.

Upcoming dates: February 6, April 3, May 1

Ask An Attorney

An attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available the third Monday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College to discuss divorce and family issues. Clients are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. on that day.

*Upcoming dates: January 16, February 20,
March 20, April 17, May 15*

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