



A Letter from our President, Jill Cossman

Hello All,

We are delighted to announce our newest Board members – Carol Mauch Amir and Cheryl Paller. Carol is the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of University of Southern California and Cheryl is Managing Director/ Wealth Management at Deutsche Bank. We know that both of these dynamic women will be real assets to our Board. Welcome!

We gained 6 new WLC members in the first quarter of 2010. Please go Pages 5 and 6 to read the profiles of our newest members. We would love to continue this recruiting pace! If any of you would like to recommend a qualified candidate for membership, consider inviting the candidate to our next event on Thursday, May 20th, which we hope you will all attend.

Latest WLC Event- March 25th- Robin Sax



Robin Sax



Elana Pianko, Latricia Rogers, Marianne Kolb, Andrea Cockrum



Hope Neiman, Susan Wolf, Christina Carroll, Cheryl Paller

We welcomed Robin Sax as our keynote speaker at our March event. Robin has authored six books, and is a sought after speaker on safety, crime, pop culture and the criminal justice system. Robin was a former Los Angeles County Prosecutor who specialized in felony cases, including sex crimes and domestic violence. Robin has appeared on dozens of national media outlets, including the Dr. Phil show, Tyra Banks, CNN Larry King, HLN Nancy Grace and The Today Show. She spoke about her world as a sex crimes prosecutor and fighting for justice beyond the courtroom.

Annual Dinner to meet the Fulfillment Fund Participants – Feb. 23rd

We held our fifth annual welcome dinner at Ca'Brea Restaurant for the WLC/Fulfillment Fund Mentoring Program. The objective of the WLC Mentoring Program is to provide our WLC members an opportunity to make a meaningful difference to the next generation of women. Given that the women who have been affiliated with the Fulfillment Fund are the first in their families to attend college, we are able to provide important mentoring relationships to these young women.

Annual Dinner to meet the Fulfillment Fund Participants – Feb. 23rd



Nancy Cabrel, Sherry Banks, Juliet Flores, Latricia Rogers



Jane Peebles, Maria Castellon, Judith Gordon



Hope Neiman, Beatrice Lopez, Barbara Rosenbaum, Sandy Davila

Our participants this year are: **Katherine Cabrel**, a recent graduate from the University of San Francisco, majored in Communication Studies and a minor in Latin American Studies. She is interested in the arts, public relations and marketing; **Nancy Cabrel** graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College and received her A.A. degree in Liberal Studies, B.A. in English and Political Science, Minor in History. She works for Jewish Vocational Service where she is Program Manager of Youth Programs; **Maria Castellon** graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's in Film Studies and in Law & Society. She is developing both a women's network called "Amigas Unidas" which was created to promote women's businesses and to foster sisterhood among all of us, and "Rockera Enterprises" which provides various services to musicians and bands in the Alternative Rock scene. **Sandy Davila** attended Bowdoin College and studied Comparative Politics and Italian, and studied a year abroad at the University of Bologna and the London School of Economics. She is a Marketing Coordinator for Comcast International Media Group. **Beatrice Lopez** graduated from UC Riverside with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis in International Affairs. She is currently an Intake Coordinator at Step by Step, a program that offers a number of services to children with learning disabilities. **Juliet Flores** is the South Los Angeles Representative for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services in the Office of Mayor Villaraigosa. She graduated from the UC Riverside and is also a Ronald E. McNair Scholar alumnus from Claremont Graduate University. **Veronica Lopez** graduated from UCLA with a Major in Chicana/o Studies and a double minor in Education and Public Affairs. She currently works at the Fulfillment Fund as Development Data Manager but plans on attending business school for non-profit management. **Hismelda Macias** graduated from USC with a B.S. in biomedical engineering. She became a full time mother after she had a set of twins in 2000. As a stay at home mom she was involved in the Lakewood-Long Beach Mother of Twins Club and President of the Unsworth Elementary PTA. Hismelda is now aspiring to become a business woman. She recently bought a Tri Tax Franchise which caters to the Hispanic market. **Latricia Rogers** graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Legal Studies. She works for Team HEAL as an Executive Assistant. Team HEAL is a nonprofit organization that brings comprehensive injury prevention, medical care, athletic training, healthcare awareness, mentoring and academic support to high school student athletes in underserved communities.

If you would like to be a mentor and participate in this wonderful program, please contact Sherry Cefali at Sheryl.cefali@duffandphelps.com or Sherry Banks at sbanks@fulfillment.org for more information. Many of our members have already begun to meet these young ladies, and we deeply appreciate the mentoring relationships that have developed from these initial meetings. If your company offers an internship this summer, we hope you will consider one of the young ladies that we are mentoring from the Fulfillment Fund.

Community Outreach lunch with the Fulfillment Fund - January 26th



Katherine Cabrel, Nancy Cabrel, Latricia Rogers, Sandy Davila, Beatriz Lopez, Andrea Cockrum and Veronica Lopez



Jill Cossman, Anna Ouroumian, Martha De Laurentiis



We had 30 attendees at the annual kickoff luncheon for WLC's Community Outreach Program with the Fulfillment Fund, and our annual corporation membership meeting. Our guest speaker was Anna Ouroumian, President and CEO of the Academy of Business Leadership (ABL), a cutting edge social entrepreneurial venture for underserved youth in Southern California and now Zambia and China. Under her tenure, over 62,000 kids from across Southern California have gone through ABL's workshops and presentations. Anna was raised in orphanages in Lebanon and came alone to the US as a teenager with only \$160 in her pocket with English as her fourth language. Through her fresh outlook, creativity, strategic forward-thinking leadership style, and her personal message of triumph over adversity, Anna shifted the focus of ABL. Anna shared her stories and was truly an inspiration to us all.

Women and Wine Dinner featuring Bonnie Graves– November 10th



Jill Cossman, Sherry Cefali, Margaret Karren, Dawn Olsen



Carol Mauch Amir, Bonnie Graves, Jill Cossman



Dawn Anaiscourt, Diane Quan, Jane Peebles

Our guest speaker for the annual wine and food dinner at The Wine House was Bonnie Graves, Sommelier. Bonnie is the author of the popular ["Girl Meets Grape" blog](#) for Yahoo's digital food channel, is a featured correspondent for WineTasteTV, a broadband channel dedicated to video wine content and is the Food and Wine Editor for the Luxury Life & Style family of magazines. Bonnie was the sommelier for legendary restaurants such as Jean-Georges, Union Square Café and Spago Beverly Hills. This was a wonderful and informative evening for our members.

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming WLC events

Thursday, May 6th - Dine-around at the home of Jill Cossman. 254 S. Muirfield Road, Hancock Park. 6:30 pm. First 10 members to RSVP to mayleewitham@hotmail.com can attend.

Thursday, May 20th – *Professional Savvy - how to get it to make an impact in your career.* **Kay Hunter** is a personal image coach and corporate trainer. Kay conducts image and business etiquette seminars and has the expertise to put people at ease while dealing with sensitive issues, ultimately motivating people to be their best. *The Regency Club, 11:30 a.m. \$75 per person. Invitations will be emailed.*

Tuesday, July 20th – The Summer Alfresco dinner, at the home of Martha De Laurentiis. Members only. 6:30 p.m.

Other Events:

SAVE THE DATE! For the Fulfillment Fund:

The Songs of Our Lives, Volume III concert benefiting the Fulfillment Fund is taking place on **Monday, June 14th at the Wadsworth Theatre**. This amazing one night only show will feature some of the great award-winning songwriters performing their own songs. **Last year's show was sold out!** This year promises to be another great evening you won't want to miss. To purchase tickets, please call (310) 201-5033. For more information, visit www.fulfillment.org/concert

Kidsave Rocks the House of Blues on June 5th

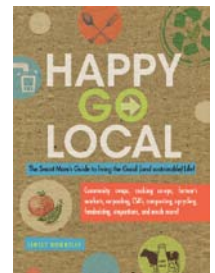
"We Will Rock You" and "We are the Champions!" Come listen to a **Tribute to the Music of Queen**, with the proceeds to benefit Kidsave. **Saturday, June 5th at the House of Blues on Sunset**. For reservations, please email Jennifer Conroy at Jennifer@kidsave.org. You can also register at www.kidsave.org

Members in the News

LINSLY DONNELLY's new book, *Happy Go Local- the Smart Mom's Guide to Living the Good and (Sustainable) Life!* is now available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble:

http://www.amazon.com/Happy-Go-Local-Smart-Guide-Living-sustainable/dp/1440500088/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1267227564&sr=8-1

Linsly is "Mission Control" of Red Digital Camera, yogini, and writer. In her most recent job of "Mom," Donnelly awoke to the importance of living locally and sustainability. She is the cofounder of a successful yoga studio and a happy-go-local mom to two children.



DR. LAURA TRICE, Founder and CEO of Laura's Wholesome Junk Food and the author of the forthcoming *The Wholesome Junk Food Cook Book*, due out in May 2010. Never mind the low fat, low carbohydrate trend, come on into Laura's Wholesome Junk Food's kitchen for your favorite desserts and snacks. You can purchase your copy at:

<http://www.lauraswholesomejunkfood.com>. Laura is now featured on Huffington Post.com.

Check out her RRS Feed at

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/index.php?author=laura-trice>.

More Members in the News



MARTHA DE LAURENTIIS is being honored by the Spiral Foundation for her humanitarian work on May 23rd. The Spiral Foundation (Spinning Potential Into Resources And Love) is a non-profit humanitarian organization doing work in Nepal and Vietnam. The event is will be held at Via Alloro Restaurant, 301 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, 12:30 p.m. If you want to attend this event, email Marichia Simcik Arese: msimcik@sprynet.com. Martha was also the co-chair of the Brit Week Gala Dinner benefiting Save the Children and Virgin Unite on April 22nd at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

LEJLA HADZIMURATOVIC, Founder of Bunnyworld Foundation, was featured in a Los Angeles Times article about the illegal animal sales in Downtown Los Angeles. Bunny World Foundation has been fighting this problem, alongside the LAPD with the cooperation of the LA Fashion District. For more information on the recent illegal animal sales arrests in downtown Los Angeles:



"A rabbit rescue in downtown L.A." by Carla Hall - LA Times - March 28,2010

The complete article can be viewed at:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-santee-animals28-2010mar28,0,1931710.story>

"Rabbits, Turtles, Iguanas Rescued from L.A. Street Corner"KTLA News - 11:50 AM PDT, March 18, 2010

The complete article can be viewed here:

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-animals-seized,0,4271509.story>



GAYLA KRAETCH HARTSOUGH, President of KH Consulting Group, moderated a panel of experts from Johnson & Johnson/Global, Hitachi Foundation, Sumitomo, and Prudential/Japan on "Diversity/Inclusion and Corporate Social Responsibility" at the Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD) Symposium. GOLD focuses on building executive women leadership across the Pacific. More than 30 executives from Japan joined another 100 executives in Los Angeles -- mostly women -- for the

GOLD Symposium.

Let's Welcome our new WLC Members...



KATHY ADAMS, CFP. Kathy is a certified financial planner and insurance specialist with Fraser Financial Group in Beverly Hills since 1989. She has expertise in business succession issues, executive retention, buy-sell agreement funding and wealth preservation for estate planning. Kathy authored "The Complete Estate Planning Guide" with over 2 million copies sold. Kathy is a graduate of University of Riverside and received her MA from Loyola Marymount University. Kathy was sponsored by Jane Peebles.

RANLYN TILLEY HILL is President and Founder of Benevolent Vision, a fundraising, consulting and management company for nonprofits. Ranlyn is the Founder and Advisor of This Little Light in Support of Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Gift Acceptance Committee at Children's Hospital; Co-Chaired the Chukkers for Children Polo Tournament; Provisors, Association of Fundraising Professionals; Women's Veteran's Committee and LA County Department of Veteran Affairs. Ranlyn is a graduate of UCLA and received her J.D. from Loyola Law School. She is currently continuing her education in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Strauss Institute, Pepperdine University. Ranlyn was sponsored by Tomilee Tilley Gill.



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MAURIA MCPOLAND is the Volunteer Resources Officer at the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles, and serves on the executive management team. Previously, she was the VP-Marketing of Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters. Mauria was the Board Chair of the YWCA of Los Angeles and served on the boards of Association of Junior Leagues International; American Lung Association; American Diabetes Association and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. Mauria graduated from University of Pittsburgh, where she received her BS and Masters in Public Administration. She is also a graduate of Leadership Los Angeles, the So Cal Leadership Network/LA Chamber of Commerce program to strengthen the LA community by training and empowering leaders.

ANNA OUROUMIAN, is the President and CEO of Academy of Business Leadership. Previously, Anna was a Fellow for the State of California Governor's Executive Fellowship Program and a speechwriter for the California Attorney General. Anna received her Economics degree from UCLA. She is a member of The Trusteeship; The Belizean Grove/TARA; Women's Leadership Board, JFK School of Government, Harvard University. She is a board member of the LA Women's Foundation; So Cal Edison Consumer Advisory Panel and Merrill Lynch's Women's Advisory Board. Anna was sponsored by Martha De Laurentiis and Maylee Witham.



DIANE QUAN, is an attorney/partner at Hawkins Delafield & Wood since 2002. Diane specializes in municipal finance law. Diane received her BA from Yale University and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law, where she was the Chief Articles Editor of the UCLA Women's Law Journal. She currently is a board member of the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley, and the founding member of the Association of Asian American Yale Alumni, Southern California. Diane was sponsored by Dawn Anaiscourt and Clara Martin.

REBECCA TORREY is an attorney/partner at Manatt, Phelps, Phillips since 1991. She graduated from Emporia State University with a BA in Physics and French; University of Kansas with an MA in History and received a JD, LLM in International and Foreign Law from Duke University School of Law. Rebecca has authored *National Employment Law Institute's* Affirmative Action Workbook, 2005-2009; and several articles for the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and *California CEO*. Rebecca was sponsored by Barbara Barschak.



TRACY OLMSTEAD WILLIAMS is the President and CEO of Olmstead Williams Communications, a public relations firm in West Los Angeles. Previously, Tracy was the President and Principal of Casey, Sayre & Williams, a public relations firm. She graduated from George Washington University with a degree in Public and International Affairs. Tracy is currently a Board Member of Downtown Women's Center; LA Economic Development Corporation; Broads Circle; Advertising Club of Los Angeles. Tracy was sponsored by Robbin Itkin.

Membership in WLC

Have you ever wondered about the membership process for WLC? The Women's Leadership Council is an exclusive group of successful professional women who are recognized as leaders in their fields. We welcome women from diverse ethnic backgrounds, cultures and professions. We are women who demonstrate integrity and support each other's professional and personal growth. Membership is by invitation only. If you know of anyone that would be a potential member for WLC, consider bringing her as your guest to one of our events. Contact Hope Neiman at hneiman@productpartners.com for more information.

www.womensleadershipcouncil.org - Website

Don't forget to check our website! Mentoring opportunities, program details, membership information and more are available at the click of your computer! You can even sign up and pay for the events on the website.

Any news?

To keep this Newsletter as informative as possible, we need your news! Any recognition, awards, contact info update, promotions, new jobs, marriage, babies?

Want to get involved with WLC? We would love to have your participation in our various committees such as Programs and Membership. Contact Maylee at mayleewitham@hotmail.com for more details.

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