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The
President's
Pencil.....
By Brenda Hagar

I am especially honored that you have elected me for a 2nd term to serve as your president. This is a big responsibility and I can only hope at the end of my term, GOKC Chapter of FEW will be as an exciting organization as when I took office. Our outgoing officers did an outstanding job of meeting new challenges and bringing excitement to our chapter.

Several board members have just returned from the 35th National Training Program (NTP) held in Nashville. The training was great and the fellowship sweet. Naomi Judd kicked off the excitement at the opening session. She talked as if each one of us were the only one in the room. She gave us challenges and inspirations.

Congratulations to our new officers. I look forward to our next 2 years working together to make GOKC the chapter to belong to. Awesome things will happen if we all do our part. There are openings to work on committees. If you are interested please feel free to contact me. This chapter needs you to make the difference!



Three members of the GOKC Chapter were the only nominees for FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Office of Acquisition's *Employee of the Year*. The nominees were Marilyn Hampton, Darlene Reed, and Judy Queen. The *Employee of the Year* is an annual event in offices at the Aeronautical Center. Just being nominated for this award is an honor, as your peers are the nominators. The winner of this award receives a "Time Off Award" in the amount of 40 hours annual leave. This year's winner was Marilyn Hampton, Nominations Chair.





September 6,
2004

Labor Day occurs on the first Monday in September every year and was first celebrated in the United States on September 5, 1882. It is no coincidence the day falls between Independence Day and Thanksgiving, as this was done on purpose. The holiday was suggested by Peter J. McGuire, a New York City carpenter and a founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and by Matthew Maguire, a Paterson, New Jersey machinist. They strongly believed that American workers should have a holiday similar to those of other countries. The first celebration was observed only in New York City with a parade of about 10,000 workers. The idea spread quickly and in 1894, President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day a national holiday.

The association of the holiday with trade and labor unions has declined over the years. Labor Day for most people means the end of summer and the vacation season as well as the beginning of school for many students. The day is often celebrated with picnics, sporting events, reunions, and, in an election year, political rallies.?

August 26 - **Women's Equality Day** Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote.

September 1 - **Emma M. Nutt Day**, the first woman telephone operator, 1878

Food for thought....

"Some people cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go!"

Women's Health-Related Legislation in the United States Congress

H.R. 4354

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY)
Energy and Commerce

A bill to improve the health of women through the permanent establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services

S. Res. 348

Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)
Judiciary

A resolution to protect, promote, and celebrate motherhood

S. Con. Res. 103

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A concurrent resolution honoring the contribution of the women, symbolized by "Rosie the Riveter," who served on the home front during World War II

H.R. 4154

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY)
Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce

A bill to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for qualified individuals for bone mass measurement to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis

NTP 2004

NASHVILLE

NTP Notes... By Debbie Miller

Leadership Effectiveness Inventory (LEI) Mr. Gary Dzurec, Speaker

LEI consists of 105 leadership tasks, attitudes and behaviors. The importance of LEI is its linkage to one of the 27 Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs) identified as critical requirements for higher-grade positions. Mr. Dzurec identified and discussed various leadership competencies. The seminar attendees were requested to complete a self-assessment test and relate their final analyses to critical objectives. Successful objectives, along with those needing improvement, assisted the attendees and helped distinguish the necessary steps to a successful career path in the Federal sector. Overall, this course was informative and Mr. Dzurec conveyed several strategies for career growth enhancement. I would highly recommend this training be offered at future NTPs, especially for conference attendees interested in achieving Senior Executive Service (SES) positions.

Strategies for Career Enhancement/Career Development Tools

Ms. Lenore Peters Gant, Speaker

This training session was energetic due to the efforts of the trainer. Class participants learned about the importance of navigating the unwritten rules in the workplace to achieve career success and advancement. Techniques and methods to negotiate professional growth and presence were shared by the speaker and several FEW members in the classroom. Team-building skills, through various activities, tracked accomplishments of personal dynamic efforts. Overall, the course was informative and provided various aspects of networking and career development tools and strategies for professional enhancement.



Greater Oklahoma City Chapter Wins National Awards!!!

By Jennifer Yoder
Awards Chair

The Greater Oklahoma City Chapter of FEW was recently honored at the closing session of NTP in Nashville. We won the following awards:

Special Emphasis	2 nd place
Membership	2 nd place
Newsletter	3 rd place

Chapters compete with other chapters throughout the country for these awards. The awards are given each year at the NTP.



National President, Pat Wolfe, presenting Membership Chair, Debbie Miller, our 2nd Place Award.

NTP Notes

by Carolyn Delong

Once again, many members of the GOKC Chapter attended the NTP. This year there were 14 members of the chapter in attendance. What's even more exciting, while there, we recruited 2 new members!

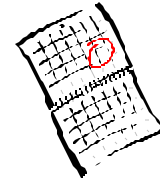
As for my personal training experience, I attended two computer classes. Since I am no longer in the workplace, I thought it would be an opportunity for me to keep my computer skills current, and I wasn't disappointed. Both sessions were very beneficial and informative.

I am looking forward to the 2005 NTP in Reno, Nevada!

More NTP Pics at
<http://www.gokcfew.org/>

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2004-2006**

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Board meetings are open to all members. The meetings are *generally* held the 2nd Monday of the month @ the Holiday Inn on S. Meridian. The meetings begin at 6:00 pm.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the hotel, the September board meeting will be Monday, September 20. Hope to see you there.

GET INVOLVED!!!

At the GOKC Chapter's annual membership meeting was held on Monday, June 21, 2004.

During the meeting, the new officers for 2004-2006 were installed by Marion Stevens, outgoing National Vice President, Membership and Chapter Organization.

What an honor to have a National Officer install our officers!

Marion did an excellent job of inspiring members and officers. It was obvious she is a believer in FEW's goals and mission.

Ms Stevens said, "as VP for Membership and Chapter Organization I have many responsibilities but one of the things I have always wanted to do was an installation ceremony. My term ends next month and I thought I might not have the chance, so I am so pleased to be here and to have the opportunity to perform your ceremony. Thanks so much for inviting me."



Marion Steven speaks to members

Elected Officers

Lynn Carroll, Peggy O'Neal, Wendy Morgan, Debbie Miller, Marilyn Hampton & Brenda Hagar



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National Officer visits
Oklahoma City Memorial

By Marion Stevens

During my visit in June 2004 to the Greater Oklahoma City Chapter FEW for their installation of officers I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial. I shared with a friend of mine that I would be visiting Oklahoma City for the first time and she stressed to me that I should be sure to make this stop.

Thanks to my tour guides Ellen McKenzie and Carolyn Delong; the visit would not have been the same without them. For those of us who live somewhere else it is easy to miss the impact of such a tragedy. We hear it on the news and read about it in the paper but it is still "over there", "it happened to someone else". The papers and news are filled with violence everyday so unfortunately you get used to it. But when you see the memorial, walk the grounds, see the photos and hear the sounds it becomes very, very real. One of things that struck me is the level of detail in planning the memorial. There are the two walls marked 9:01 and 9:03 with the chairs sitting between them, marking the explosion

From the

US Census Bureau

63%.....

Chances are your taxes will be prepared by a woman as this is the percentage of tax preparers who are women.

83%.....

The likelihood of a woman helping you plan your next vacation also is great, as this is the percentage of travel agents who are female.



A little bit of history.....

Nellie Bly

Nellie Bly was a famous journalist who wrote about life in America at the end of the last century. She often disguised herself in order to get information for her writing. Once, when she wanted to write an article about what life was like inside a prison, she had herself arrested for stealing.

At that time a book called "Around the World in Eighty Days", by Jules Verne, was very popular. Nellie made a bet that she could travel around the world in less than eighty days. Few people believed it was possible. Nellie left New York on November 14, 1889.

After crossing the Atlantic, she stopped in France to talk to Jules Verne. Then she traveled through the Suez Canal in Egypt and on to India, Singapore and Japan. From Japan Nellie crossed the Pacific Ocean to San Francisco in the United States, from where she made a mad dash to New York. Nellie traveled by boat, train and horse across the United States. She arrived back in New York 72 days from the time she had left. The people in New York held a big parade in her honor.



