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December 2010

Holiday Party

More than 60 Women in Philanthropy members joined in celebrating the holidays at a recent party.



A special thank you to Opal Abbink, who, for the second year in a row hosted this warm and welcoming event!

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Letter from Liz



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE! I hope this message finds you and yours enjoying this wonderful giving time of year. The spirit of the season was certainly alive at our Annual Holiday Party, once again graciously hosted by Opal Abbink. One of our members commented that she loved being a part of WIP because it was truly special as "my organization" and that she did this

on her own.

Our grant from the Community Foundation, which matches every new member, is in place until June 2011. Let's each make a commitment to bring in one new member in 2011, so we can take advantage of the grant and see our membership continue to grow.

Recently, I was struck by the fact that we have matured to the point that we now have annual membership events throughout the year, beginning with the October grant theme announcement luncheon, our December Holiday party, February's Valentini party and our annual meeting in May. We're truly fulfilling the fellowship part of our mission.

See you in February!

Liz

Thought You'd Like to Know...

Women in Philanthropy has been having a very good year. Feel proud of yourselves that:

- **Our endowment fund now totals more than \$565,000.**
- **This gives us \$18,000 to spend on grants this year.**
- **Our membership has grown from 95 last year to 170 this year!**

This is wonderful news in these tough economic times.

Congratulations to all who made it happen by joining, hosting a membership event, serving on a committee, or just spreading the word. Cheers!

In Memoriam

As we enjoy the blessings of this holiday season, we also mourn the passing of two of our members this year:

**Martha Schymik
Gini von Hoffman**

Our thoughts go out to their family and friends.

May this holiday be magical for you and your family. We hope to see you all in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Margaret

Margaret Sanders
Women in Philanthropy Communications Chair

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when you are updating your will or trust.*

Our Mission:

Through a woman's unique lens:

- *Promote the power of collective giving*
- *Explore new approaches to address community needs*
- *Embrace fellowship*
- *Engage and inspire women along their philanthropic path*



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