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March 2011

Letter from Liz

I am happy to report a lot of activity since my last column. Thanks to a very energized Membership Committee, chaired by Linda Ellis, we have a number of member recruitment events planned for the remainder of the fiscal year. Indicative of the increased interest in WIP, and the wonderful arrangements by the hosts, Jan Billingslea, Toni Bailey, Oleta Harden and Rose Money Clayton, we had over 40 people attend such an event at Hampton Hall on March 10th.

Special events for our members included the ever-popular Valentini Party at the home of Jean Henderson, and our first new members' orientation coffee at Helen Ryan's home. Our final member-only event for the year is our Annual Meeting. Mark your calendar for May 4th and come join us at Belfair for the luncheon. In addition to awarding this year's grants, our grantees from last year will be giving us a report on how our 2010 grant money was spent.

Thanks to Margaret Sanders, Communications Chair, our video on WIP has been completed. AND with the hard work of the Education Committee, chaired by Mary Briggs, we have our first WIP group project. I hope to see you either reading to children or shopping at Barnes and Noble on April 30th. Watch for an e-blast on how you can participate.

If you haven't made a membership contribution since July 1, 2010, remember to send in your annual gift before June 30th to be an active member for the 2011-12 membership directory.

Happy Spring!

Liz

Member Profile - Helen Ryan

Helen has been
an active
member of the





Hilton Head community ever since she became principal of Hilton Head High School in 2000. Since retiring in June 2007, Helen has been spending many hours

volunteering for several non-profits, including VIM Board of Directors and the Rotary Board. At present she is chairing a fundraising gala at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina to benefit Education and Outreach Programs. Helen is also active in pursuing her dream of the feasibility of a Lowcountry Catholic school for grades 7-12. It looks like this may become a reality very soon.

Over the years Helen has had a variety of careers; Naval Nurse Corps, hospital nursing from Connecticut to Kansas, research work at the National Institute of Health, realtor, teacher and administrator at the college and secondary school level in Montgomery County, Maryland, and principal of Hilton Head High School.

Born in Meriden, Connecticut, Helen graduated from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island with a BS in Nursing. She received an MSN Degree from Wichita State University and a PhD in Human Services from Walden University. Helen and Don, her husband of 43 years (he's CEO of CareCore National), live in Hilton Head Plantation. They have two adult children, Keri, an attorney, in New York, and Kevin, an Executive-VP of Operations with CareCore National. To complete the family, there are two golden retrievers, Blue and Hawk, who are Helen's therapy for health and sanity!

We are very fortunate to have Helen as a member of WIP with her experiences and enthusiasm for the non-profit sector of our community.

New Members

WIP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The appeal of Women in Philanthropy continues to grow as we welcome 13 new members:

Janet Bodoh - Bluffton
Kerry Brink - Sea Pines

Rebecca Cooper - Beaufort
June Davis - Hampton Hall
Margaret Day - Moss Creek
Betsy Goss - Windmill Harbour
Linda Halprin - Windmill Harbour
Deborah Hengemuhle - Windmill Harbour
Dorothea Kennedy - Hampton Hall
Lucille Lee - Windmill Harbour
Helen McCain - Colleton River
Ernestine Morris - Bluffton
Diane Neal - Hampton Hall

A warm welcome to you all!

Our momentum continues. Many thanks to Membership Chair Linda Ellis and her awesome committee for all they do to spread the good word about Women in Philanthropy.

Important Reminder

If you have not made a Membership contribution of \$250 or more in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011), please do so before June 30th to retain your active membership in Women In Philanthropy.

If you are not certain if you have paid, please contact Cindy Smith at the Community Foundation at 681-9100.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Margaret

Margaret Sanders
Women in Philanthropy Communications Chair

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when you are updating your will or trust.*

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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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