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# FCSW Connections

*Newsletter of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women*

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## Florida Women's Hall of Fame



Thank you to everyone who nominated outstanding Florida Women for the 2007-2008 Florida Women's Hall of Fame. More than 70 nominations were received. We are awaiting the announcement from Governor Charlie Crist the names of the three inductees for 2007/2008.

Since its inception in 1982, the Hall of Fame has recognized and honored Florida women who, through their lives and works, have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of the state.

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The Florida

Dear Kelly,

Welcome to the Fall 2007 edition of *FCSW Connections*, the e-newsletter of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. We sincerely hope that you will find this publication a useful and informative resource. Please share with us your thoughts and suggestions by e-mailing us at [info@fcsw.net](mailto:info@fcsw.net).

## 2007 - 2008 FCSW Chair Norma White, L.H.D.,

 Norma White

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women has had a busy 2007, and we look forward to a successful 2008 as we strive to fulfill our mission of empowering Florida women in achieving their fullest potential. Please be sure to join us for the 2007/2008 Florida Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 5:00 p.m. in the Capitol Courtyard. The Commission is eagerly awaiting the announcement of the three outstanding women selected by Governor Crist who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Be sure to check the FCSW website for the announcement of the three inductees!

We are also proud to be continuing our educational seminars with our next *Florida Women Mean Business* program on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at Hodges University in Ft. Myers, Florida. This seminar will provide important information, inspirational stories, and resources that are available to help women become successful entrepreneurs.

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## Thank You

by Commissioner Marie-Flore Lindor-Latortue

As 2007 comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our readers for a very successful year. This Commission has published four issues of FCSW Connections, educated numerous women about Osteoporosis,

 Commissioner Latortue

Commission on the Status of Women encourages women from across the state to become educated about the legislative process, bills and proposals that are being considered that affect Florida's families.

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and worked with numerous local commissions for women to empower the women of Florida as part of our public outreach efforts. We appreciate your continued support and hope that you will continue to find this newsletter a useful resource into 2008. The Florida Commission on the Status of Women wishes you peace this upcoming holiday season and a prosperous year.

### Preserving Their Stories

by Commissioner Carrie E. Lee



The Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) and the [FCSW Foundation Inc.](#), are pleased to announce an exciting project that, for the first time, will chronicle the important contributions of women to Florida, from the earliest Native American tribes, to today's pioneering

women.

The soon to be published book, created in partnership with [University Press of Florida](#) and renowned author and historian [Doris Weatherford](#), will be an invaluable resource and research tool for educators, students and the public. This project will bring a historical perspective to the role of women in the evolution and development of our State; one that will inspire and motivate future generations of Floridians.

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### Scherley Busch Art Exhibit Coming to Capitol March 2008



The Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Governor Crist have invited Scherley Busch, a renowned artist, to exhibit her work at the Florida Capitol's Cabinet Room Gallery, January through April 2008.

In collaboration with the Florida Commission on the Status of

Women, sponsors of this acclaimed exhibit invites you to experience the exhibition as it appears in the state capitol to highlight the celebration of Women's History Month, March 2008.

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### Commission Holds Quarterly Meeting, Honors Outstanding Women

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women met to conduct business during their 3rd Quarterly meeting on September 11, 2007 in St. Augustine, FL. The Commission was addressed by Dr. Pricilla Berry of Jacksonville University, Davis



College of Business and the Jacksonville Major's Commission on the Status of Women. Following the meeting, the Commission held a ceremony and reception to honor two outstanding women for their work in improving the lives of women and families in their Northwest Florida communities. Tanya Austin and Sandra Thompson were awarded the FCSW Florida Achievement Award from the Commission and received a congratulatory letter for their dedication to Florida's women and families from Governor Charlie Crist.

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women is a nonpartisan board, statutorily created in 1991 consisting of 22 appointed members, administratively housed in the Office of the Attorney General, Bill McCollum. The Commission is dedicated to empowering women in achieving their fullest potential, to eliminating barriers to that achievement, and to recognizing women's accomplishments.

The 2007 4th Quarterly meeting of the Commission and next FCSW Florida Achievement Awards ceremony will be held in Tallahassee, FL on November 16, 2007. All meetings of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women are open to the public.

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## Commission Celebrates Women's Equality Day

by Ladine Sivatore, FCSW Intern



Being the women we are today, could you imagine existing in a society where your voting opinion is not counted for? The women's suffrage issues began change when a group of brave women decided to stand up for their rights and the rights of other women.

In 1848 women such as Elizabeth Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Charlotte Woodward made a special appearance at the Seneca Falls Convention to give the women of this country a voice to be heard. These women wrote lectures, marched and lobbied to achieve what many stated to be a radical change in our constitution. Shortly after their pivotal meeting in Seneca Falls, organizations were formed such as; The American Women Suffrage Association and The National Women's Suffrage Association, which later merged together to form the National American Women Suffrage Association. These association encouraged women to be active leaders in other movements and organizations.

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## Powerstories Theater Empowers Women

by Jancie Nepon-Sixt

Powerstories Theatre of Tampa Bay, Inc. is a women's theatre company that shares inspiring personal stories with audiences, as well as teaching workshops to women and girls. Our mission is staging true stories of women and girls to open minds and hearts. At its core, Powerstories is about empowering women. Working for Powerstories Theatre, I see over and over that storytelling is vital to EVERYONE. Our stories help connect us to

each other, give shape and meaning to our life's experiences and empower us in many ways.

No one knows this better than Powerstories founder and director, Fran Taylor Powers. In an amazing "practice what you preach" risk-taking example, she left her influential position as an agency director to begin this non-profit women's theatre devoted to cultivating women's voices from within using their own true-life, powerful stories.

Powerstories Theatre celebrated its five year anniversary in 2005 with a moving selection of stories by successful women who had all faced challenges on their path of self-discovery. The evening culminated in an "everyone on their feet", joyous sing along with Irene Cara performing, "What a Feeling!" "take your passion and make it happen," that is just what Fran did when she created Powerstories. And because of her vision, many other women are inspired to do the same.

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### **A Day in the Life of an FCSW Intern**

by Lindsey Interlandi, FCSW Intern

I never imagined I would have a great experience with my first internship. Sure, most would be excited for a new opportunity. After a year of the same internship however, many would not say the same. I work for the FCSW staff, who are responsible for all "behind the scenes action."

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### **News From the Sarasota Commission**

by Gini Hyman, Chair, SCSW

The Commission on the Status of Women-Sarasota County (SCSW) has reformed as an independent CSW. The Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, renamed SOWS, voted to dissolve itself in 2005 due to the stringent limitations placed on it by a new Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Several of the former Commission members continued to work on women's issues with other organizations at the community and state level. We met informally and supported each other's efforts. However, there was no single group to give advice on public policy and propose viable solutions from a woman's perspective to our governmental entities.

At the MCSW Women's Equity Day celebration in August, we decided to act. Within a week, we met and filed our non-profit corporation papers and received our Certificate of Incorporation. Our purpose is to Empower women through Education, Research and Advocacy. (ERA)

We look forward to working with the FCSW and networking with the other local commissions on projects that will enhance the status of women in Florida.

For the latest on other Commission activities, visit the [FCSW website](#).

Sincerely,

Kelly Sciba  
Florida Commission on the Status of Women



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South Florida women will have the unique opportunity to learn how to successfully start and manage their own business at *Florida Women Mean Business!*, a **FREE** conference presented by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women that will provide skills and training specifically geared toward the special needs of female entrepreneurs as they plan and start businesses. Featured topics include building a business plan, legal issues involved with starting a business, managing risk, finding financial resources, and balancing family and business.

**DATE:** Saturday, May 17, 2008

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Hodges Universtiy  
4501 Colonial Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Price: \$FREE

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