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Dear Kelly,

Welcome to the Fall 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).

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### Governor Selects Three for Induction into Florida Women's Hall of Fame

*by FCSW Chair, Kathleen Passidomo, Esq.*



*Florida Governor Charlie Crist will induct three outstanding Florida women into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Capitol Rotunda in Tallahassee. The three women being honored are [Maryly VanLeer Peck](#),*

*[Kathy Herrmann Catino](#) and [Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince](#).*

Governor Crist chose the three women from a list of [10 distinguished nominees selected by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women](#) for making significant contributions to the improvement of life for women and all citizens of Florida.

The Governor has chosen three outstanding women. Their impact on all citizens of Florida provides evidence of the critical role that women have played in shaping our state.

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### **FCSW Honors Florida Congresswoman Carrie Meek** *by Commissioner Thelma V. Crump*

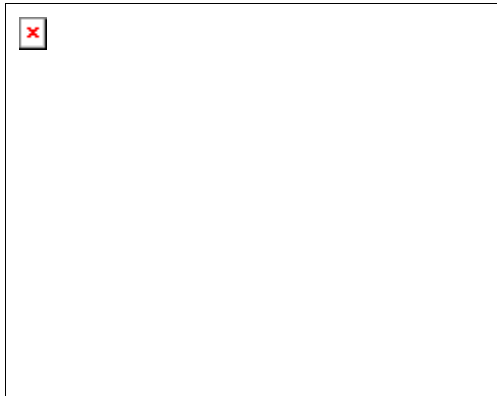
On behalf of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW), FCSW Commissioner Thelma V. Crump presented former Florida U.S. Congresswoman and FCSW Hall of Fame Member Carrie P. Meek with a proclamation for her outstanding service to the State of Florida during Florida A&M University's "4th Annual Roast and Toast Gala" held on November 10 at the Leon County Civic Center. Congresswoman Meek, a FAMU graduate, was this year's honoree, and the FCSW presented a \$300 donation in her honor at the event.



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### **Laying the Foundation for the Future of Women in Florida**

*by Commissioner Carrie Estevez Lee*



It was a distinct honor and personal pleasure to have the opportunity of spending a few hours with a truly historic figure in Florida Women's history, Mrs. Aleene Kidd MacKenzie, the first chair of the Florida Commission

on the Status of Women.

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women was established by executive order in 1964 by Governor Farris Bryant and later reappointed by Governor Hayden Burns. This commission was comprised of 27 women leaders in women's clubs, civic organizations and in the professional sector. The Commission's objective is to explore the economic, social political and legal areas affecting women within the state of Florida. They were charged to study

and report on the status of women in the state in 1964. The report was submitted to Governor Burns on October 1, 1965 after a year and a half of research and study.

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### **New Years Resolution**

*by Commissioner Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue, Public Outreach Committee Chair*

2006 has been a very productive year for the Commission, and the public outreach committee. The newsletter, website, and general outreach on behalf of the Commission have been very successful, and we thank you for your continuous suggestions and support. If you haven't visited our website lately, I encourage you to visit [www.fcsw.net](http://www.fcsw.net). Be sure to visit often, as it is always being updated with the latest Commission news and information.

In 2007 we are committed to enhance the public outreach mission by being more involved with the media locally and at the state level. We want to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Carl Fombrum from ***Carl's Show*** on Island TV Haitian TV station in Miami, FL for inviting Commissioner Blanca Bichara and myself to appear on the show on January 31, 2007 and share information about the Commission, it's projects, and the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

Again, Happy New Year! Make a resolution to learn how to better manage your money or even start and manage your own business. We hope that you will attend one of our educational seminars held throughout the state, with Lake Worth, Gainesville, and Ft. Myers dates already on the calendar. Visit [www.fcsw.net](http://www.fcsw.net) for the latest dates and to register. This year, ladies, let's plan, prepare, and save for our futures!

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### **Promotions**

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#### **Florida Women Mean Business! Seminar**



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, February 24, 2007 **TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth Campus, James L Wattenbarger Conference Center  
[Register Now!](#)

Our Price: \$FREE

[Learn More](#)

For the latest on other Commission activities, including:  
[Preventing Bone Loss](#)  
[Commission Honors Outstanding Women; Holds Quarterly Meeting](#)  
visit the [FCSW website](#).

Sincerely,

Kelly Sciba  
Florida Commission on the Status of Women

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Southern  
Women in  
Public Service  
Conference  
Coming to  
Tampa!

[The Southern Women in Public Service: Coming Together to Make a Difference](#) conference began in 1991 as an effort to promote women in government leadership in the South. This conference is unique because it brings together women leaders from both political parties, all levels and branches of government, along with women leaders in business and academia. They are united behind the idea that women are making a difference in the quality and character of government and that more women need to be involved as leaders in American politics.

[Carrie Meek](#), the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction and member of the [Florida Women's Hall of Fame](#), will receive the [Lindy Boggs Award](#) at the

conference on May 20-21, 2007 in Tampa, Florida. Judy Genshaft, president of the University of South Florida, will open the conference and Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio will welcome participants. Invited speakers include newly elected CFO of Florida, Alex Sink, and three members of Congress: Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Kathy Castor (D-FL) and Virginia Foxx (R-NC).

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