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# FCSW Connections

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

*Summer 2007*

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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. The Commission will announce the ten finalists for consideration by the Governor for induction this Fall.

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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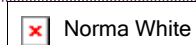
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Dear Kelly,

Welcome to the Summer 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

Just as the summer Florida heat has set in, the work of the FCSW has reached full steam! On June 25, 2007, I had the privilege of addressing the members of the [Jacksonville Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women](#). The Mayor's Commission's purpose is to develop a public consciousness of the talents of women, regardless of race, color or creed, as equal partners in the private, business and civic community; to encourage women to become actively involved in matters pertaining to the community; to work toward utilization of capable women in roles of leadership; and to serve as a source of information for women on legal and human rights, economic equality, health, and discrimination.

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## Commission Continues Outreach Initiative

by Commissioner Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Women's Health was held on May 14-16, 2007 in Tampa, FL. Commissioners Mona Jain, M.D., Ph.D., and Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue attended the conference along with 200 other women and men supporting the common goal of promoting women's good health in Florida.

Florida Commission on the Status of Women is proud to present the [2007 Summary of Florida Laws Affecting Women and Families](#). The 2007 Florida Legislative Session featured 2538 filed bills, of which 345 passed both chambers. This summary highlights those bills that passed and became law that impact Florida women and their families.

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The Commission partnered with the Hillsborough Commission on the Status of Women and St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa to conduct an osteoporosis screening event available to conference attendees as part of the National Association of Commission's for Women Healthy Bones Initiative. Many of the attendees participated in the bone density screening as a step toward an informed and healthy lifestyle.

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### Commission Holds Quarterly Meeting, Honors Outstanding Women

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women held a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus in Sarasota, FL. Following the meeting, the Commission held a ceremony and reception to honor six outstanding



women for their work in improving the lives of women and families in their South Central Florida communities. Dr. LeClair Bissell, Jamil Collins, Dr. Kay Glasser, Fay Murphy, Mariamma Thomas, and Ngoc M. Du 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 Commission was graciously welcomed to the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus by Dr. Arthur Guilford, Vice President and CEO of USF Sarasota-Manatee and Dr. Anila Jain of the USF National Alumni Board of Directors. Also, the Commission was honored to receive keys to the City of Sarasota, presented by Vice Mayor Kelly Kirschner, and keys to the City of Bradenton, presented by Councilman Patrick Roff. June 9, 2007 was declared "Florida Commission on the Status of Women Day" in both cities.

The 2007 3rd Quarterly meeting of the Commission and next FCSW Florida Achievement Awards ceremony will be held in St. Augustine, FL on September 11, 2007. All meetings of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women are open to the public.

### Commission Welcomes New Commissioner Deborah Jallad

Commissioner Deborah Jallad was appointed to the Commission by Attorney General Bill McCollum. She is the President/Chairman of Accredited Holding Corporation and Accredited Surety and Casualty Company., Inc. - a Florida-based insurance company holding system specializing in the underwriting of non-contract surety bonds. Accredited Holding Corporation was founded in 1959. Under her leadership, Accredited Surety and Casualty Company, Inc. has earned an "A"



rating from A.M. Best for excellence. Accredited Surety is licensed in 50 states and the District of Columbia. It was founded in 1971. The company underwrites non-contract commercial surety and bail.

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## Southern Women in Public Service

by Commissioner Thelma V. Crump

The future of public leadership in America never appeared brighter than during the [Stennis Center for Public Service Annual Southern Women in Public Service Conference \(SWIPS\)](#) held May 20-21, 2007 at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza in Tampa, Florida.



Several members of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) attended the event, including FCSW Chairman Norma S. White and Commissioner Kathleen Passidomo who both chaired Plenary Sessions during the conference. Commissioners Thelma V. Crump and Anne B. Voss lead workshops on managing responsibilities and daily stress and how to present issues and field questions when giving a speech as a candidate.

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## Commission Participates in National Conference

by Commissioner Thelma V. Crump

Commissioner Thelma V. Crump and FCSW staff member Michele Manning represented the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) during its 38th Annual Convention held July 11-14, 2007 at the historic Camberly Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Hosted by the Kentucky Commission for Women and the Kentucky Commission for Women Foundation, Inc., the convention theme was "Major Issues, Special Exhibits, Exceptional Women."

Several sessions to conduct the business of the association were combined with informative workshops on commission operations to provide valuable skill-building for those working on women's commissions. Keynote speakers included Shinae Chun, Director of the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau; the Honorable Betty Ireland, Secretary of State for West Virginia; and Patricia J. Cooksey, former race horse jockey and Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Horse Racing Authority. A presentation on NACW's national project, Healthy Bones, was given with speakers Toby Keith and Dr. Kim Templeton of the U.S. Bone and Joint Decade.

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## Charitable Chicks in the Community (C3)

by Commissioner Claudia Kirk Barto

Lesley Shriberg, of the Community Relations Unit with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office read an article in the newspaper about a group of friends who got together each month for lunch or dinner and made a donation to a charity of someone's choice. She thought that she knew some women who would be interested and could afford to make a minimum donation of \$25 to a different charity/organization each month. She also thought it was a fun way to have lunch with friends, network and gossip - all of which we do with great finesse!

It is really simple to organize. Each month there is a different Chair that chooses a charity, excluding religious or political organizations. We have a very diversified group with several religions represented and varying political opinions but it works because we have fun and we are giving back, even if in small doses, what we have all been fortunate to earn, inherit or win!

Our members are from the fields of law, politics, law enforcement, business, non-profits, real estate and journalism. We are fortunate to have new friends join us each month and **C3** has grown from 6 to 25 members in little over six months.

I hope this inspires other women to do the same in their communities.

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

Sincerely,

Kelly Sciba  
Florida Commission on the Status of Women



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, October 20, 2007

**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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