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Congratulations to our President, Sharon Taylor!

2012 Soroptomist “Ruby” Women Helping Women Award

Given to a woman in the community who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of women and girls. This year’s recipient **Sharon Taylor**, is the Founder and Executive Director of Wolseley Family Place in Winnipeg, which serves pregnant women, single parents, and their young children, as well as immigrant newcomers to a very poor neighbourhood in the city.

Following are excerpts from her acceptance speech given at a luncheon at the Viscount Gort Hotel on Saturday, April 14th.



I am very honoured to receive the Ruby Award. It is a great pleasure to get an award where women are recognized for their volunteer and paid efforts to promote the cause of social justice.

I will begin by telling you a bit about Wolseley Family Place. WFP is a non-profit, community based family resource centre that serves families with children living in the inner city of Winnipeg. This neighbourhood is known for its violence and crime, alcohol and drug misuse, substandard housing and poverty.

Last year was a tough year for us as an organization. We had to deal with the rape of a nine year old girl, we dealt with a murder, and we dealt with a woman who had her arm shot off by her partner. Her two year old child saw it all. We dealt with two suicide attempts, along with the everyday occurrences of violence, addictions and poverty. The families we work with have to be resilient. They are survivors.

The overall goal of WFP is to provide a community-based continuum of education and service to families 'at risk'. WFP recognizes that the health of families is linked to the conditions of their lives and to their ability to influence these conditions. We work with families to assist them to develop the information, skills and confidence they need to care for themselves and their families.

My work at WFP has brought out the best in me. This is where I have had the privilege, for many years, to work in the community and on social justice issues. I asked a few women if it was appropriate to be political in my speech today. The response was that I was chosen for the award

because of who I am, therefore it was okay. Part of my responsibility, as a member of a Non Profit Organization, is to provide a constructive critical voice for the development of government policies. This is an added layer of accountability; NGO's are structures for critical analysis, innovation and realism (we know the people we represent and then position ourselves for engagement, teaching and learning).

Working in the community has given me the opportunity to celebrate diversity and to recognize that diversity goes beyond tolerance. It is about inclusion of all people, not just the elite. It is about recognizing our interdependence, and that we are one, but not the same. Working in the community is a celebration of our differences as well as our similarities. Through my work I have had the opportunity to fight against exclusion and to challenge racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism and classism. I have had the opportunity to develop programs and services for people that need support. It has strengthened my conviction that if one person is oppressed, we are all oppressed. It is the responsibility of all of us to make a better world.

I believe in women and women's work, and now, as the president and chair of the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, I can speak honestly as a social justice advocate. PCWM, a self- sustaining, non partisan organization that looks at issues affecting families through a gender equality lens has an important role to play in making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

As a leader in my community, it is my responsibility to act with integrity and to have a strong vision of the future. I must pursue a dream because it is the right thing to do, to dream of a Canada that all people are proud to live in and where all people have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Resolutions Committee Update – Margerit Roger, M.Ed.



Presentations to Manitoba Government

The PCWM Brief has now been presented to both NDP and Conservative Caucuses. About eight NDP and twenty PC MLAs attended the respective sessions, which consisted of brief updates on resolutions from PCWM members followed by discussion and feedback from the MLAs. The commentary from MLAs was thoughtful and engaged. A comment was made that PCWM is respected for the professional manner in which it has brought the issues of its many federates to government over the years. Kudos to the presenters!

New Resolutions

Two resolutions have been worked on over the past six months, but only one will come forward to the PCWM membership at the May Annual General Meeting. Elaine Stevenson has done an excellent job preparing a resolution to address the concept of “health at every size”. New information emerged that necessitates revision of the second resolution on gender, income and food security. This resolution will be updated and presented to PCWM federates at the Fall 2012 meeting. Many thanks to the Advisory Group for their expertise and endless help: Sally Thomas (Past Chair), Muriel Smith, Mary Scott, Marilyn McGonigal, Carolyn Garlich.

National Resolutions

A meeting was held on March 15 to review the national resolutions that will be presented at the national AGM in May. Topics included: youth suicide, Aboriginal youth suicide, murdered and missing Aboriginal women, youth unemployment, older women and discriminatory employment practices, housing strategy, national action plan for human trafficking, electricity from geothermal energy, regulation of exploration and exploitation of shale gas, criminalization of torture of non-state actors, and the acceptance of ecocide as an international crime. The review of resolutions could not be completed in the scheduled meeting, so a second meeting was set for March 29 to review the remaining resolutions and the policy updates.

The large number and quality of resolutions was discussed during the meetings. Concern was voiced that some of the national resolutions had not been adequately researched, and that weak resolutions negatively affected the image of NCWC and, by association, the provincial counterparts. Several resolutions were defeated, not because the issues were not seen as critical, but because the resolution itself was not written in a way that could be supported.

As a result, it was recommended that guidelines be drawn up by NCWC to help federates prepare strong, effective resolutions that can guide governmental work and decision-making. Two motions were drafted to this effect.

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Congratulations

to **Sally Thomas** on receiving the Lieutenant Governor’s Make a Difference Community Award (Winnipeg) at the Volunteer Manitoba’s 29th Volunteer Awards Dinner on April 17th.

Sally was also nominated for a YMCA-YWCA “Woman of Distinction Award” in the Voluntarism, Advocacy & Community Enhancement category. The winners will be announced May 2nd, 2012.



PCWM Roundtable Report – Lorri Apps and Barb Toews

On February 17th PCWM federate members, joined by individual members, participated in a forum on “How mental health issues affect the people they serve; what are staff concerns and issues on mental health; and how are their organizations affected by mental health”. Women and Mental Health is the National Council of Women of Canada Common Program that PCWM has been focusing on at our meetings this year.

President, Sharon Taylor, provided introductory remarks where she noted that PCWM is an organization that is “able to advocate as we are not a charitable organization” and “this allows for a strong voice to influence government policy”.

The annual Round Table provided an excellent opportunity for individual and federate members to come together to network and to share concerns about the state of mental health in their lives, their organizations and their workplaces. The individual table discussions resulted in some common themes and conclusions on topics of self care, challenges, prevention and positive action. The complete notes (point form) taken at the Round Table meeting are available, but for the purposes of this newsletter a summary of common themes and conclusions follows:

Self care

- stay positive
- care for self
- connect with others
- balance needed (leave work at work and leave home at home)

Challenges

- Indigenous women may have less support and often lack safe housing

- safe places are needed for people to go to share issues
- few jobs with enough supports
- elder abuse
- workplace health and safety is vital (women working alone is a concern)
- funding isn't reliable for helping organizations (wages are low and don't reflect knowledge level)
- mental health issues seen as a taboo (doesn't fit medical model)
- immediate help for mental health issues needed, but costly
- psychologists not covered by Manitoba Health
- medications are often disabling
- parents can't speak for, or assist, adult children
- concern for disabled with no driver's licence or bank account

Prevention

- volunteer work needs to be valued the same as paid work (would enhance self-esteem)
- confidentiality is a priority
- acceptance is needed to understand it is “normal” to be depressed
- support needs to be empathic, not sympathetic
- assistance for families with young children to help children grow in a healthy, balanced way
- invest in Healthy Start program

Positive Action

- Manitoba Hydro has a program to support staff with mental health issues (could be an example for other employers)
- review Charter of Rights to improve understanding
- review standards and values in workplace (sexual harassment is coming to the forefront in unionized workplaces)

Congratulations

to **Mary Scott**, this year's recipient of the Eira “Babs” Friesen Lifetime Achievement Award. The Award will be presented to Mary at the YMCA-YWCA 2012 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on May 2nd at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Check the website:
www.ywinnipeg.ca/wodtickets.html
 for ticket information.



Save the Date!

5th Celebrating Women Gala
 and Fundraiser
 Wednesday, July 11th | 7:30 pm
 The Viscount Gort Hotel
 1670 Portage Avenue

High Tea Celebration – Maxine Balbon

The High Tea in celebration of International Women's Day held on March 4th at the Fort Garry Hotel was fun, elegant, and a financial success with around 70 people in attendance. Chrissy Troy of Hot 103 FM Radio was the emcee who delightfully guided the afternoon. Delicious refreshments of scones, fancy sandwiches, dainties and tea were served at the tables. A special guest, "The Queen" (a.k.a. Jane Burpee) arrived wearing a yellow gown, tiara and white gloves. She brought the audience to laughter with her amusing stories of the royal family and current events. Julian Vanderput complemented the atmosphere with music at the piano. At the tables everyone received a favor bag of two delicious imperial cookies as well as two bags of Red Rose tea. The hats and fascinators worn by the guests were spectacular and many shared among those at their table the stories of where, when and from whom their hats originated. Prizes went to two hats picked for their ornateness and outlandishness. To add to the fun, four door prizes were given to the lucky ticket holders. Peggy Barker closed the ceremonies with a thank you to all.

The high tea was made possible with the support of the PCWM Board and the hard work of the Celebrating Women Committee consisting of Bonnie Warkentine, Shirley Walker, Peggy Barker, Arlene Draffin Jones, and Maxine Balbon. Many thanks go to volunteers Barb Toews, Sally Thomas, and Rany Jayaratnan for their assistance.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the efforts of women who give so much to their community. The fundraising part of the celebration enables PCWM to continue their advocacy and research in areas of childcare, pay equity, the economy, homelessness, safety, mental health, issues of water and energy and many other concerns.

THANK YOU to the DONORS:

The Fort Garry Hotel – Gift Certificate to 10 SPA
 Sonja Rockall from Sonya's Flowers – donation of a Scarf and Purse
 Grower Direct at 939 Portage – roses for the tables
 Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters – tea bags
 Wolseley Family Place – donation of \$250
 Mary Scott – donation of \$200
 Shirley Walker – donation of \$65
 Bonnie Warkentine – donation of a book

Special thanks to:

High Tea Bakery – discount on Imperial Cookies
 Hotel Fort Garry and Staff for the delicious food and room setup
 McNally Robinson for selling tickets at their Grant Park store.





Manitoba Status of Women has been holding public consultations on domestic violence across the province. The purpose is to hear the ideas and opinions of a range of stakeholders and individuals on how to reduce violence and improve services for people affected by domestic violence.

To take part in the consultation, please contact Manitoba Status of Women to register (contact information below).

For more details on the public consultations, or to view the *Moving On: Safer Today, Stronger Tomorrow Public Consultation Paper*, go to: www.gov.mb.ca/msw/domestic_violence.html

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Council of Women of Winnipeg – Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 730 - 830pm
Royal Canadian St. James Legion - 1755 Portage Ave

Guest Speaker - Ms Carolyn Strutt
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority – Director Mental Health

Canada's first stand-alone, mental-health crisis-response centre is opening this fall 2012 located on the Health Sciences Centre campus where it will provide centralized services .

Ms Strutt's presentation will highlight how the centre will offer around-the clock mental-health crisis services, providing much-needed specialized services.

Come and join us and learn more about this new "**Mental Health ER**"

Everyone welcome to attend - a suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door.
 Dessert and coffee will be provided.

Council of Women of Winnipeg

The Council is a nonpartisan, non-sectarian network of organizations and individuals of diverse interests networking to pursue work of common interest where the stability of the family and the welfare of the community are concerned.
<http://councilofwomen-winnipeg.webs.com/>

If you have any questions please contact
 Program Chairperson Kelly-Ann Stevenson 204-997-9632



Council of Women of Winnipeg (CWW) - Update

Arlene Draffin Jones, President

In keeping with the common program "Women and Mental Health," the Council of Women of Winnipeg has held two programs.

On January 25th, Guest Speaker Ms Sharon Kuropatwa, the WRHA Project Lead, spoke about The Bell Hotel Supportive Housing Project. The Bell Hotel reopened in 2011 as an independent living supportive housing complex, housing forty-two formerly homeless individuals. The Bell is

managed using a "Housing First" and harm reduction approach, offering access to permanent housing for individuals who primarily struggle with mental health and or addictions issues and who may have not been able to access housing in traditional unsupported environments.

On February 22nd, we had an excellent presentation by Tina Holland from the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba. Tina shared her story of living with Bi-Polar illness.

On March 28th, CWW held their Resolutions Meeting. All NCWC resolutions were discussed along with two CWW ones. They are:

1. Inadequate Numbering on Buildings and Structures within the City of Winnipeg
2. Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008, part 7 – Visibility of Building Numbers and Street Signage

The CWW resolutions will be voted on at the AGM.

The Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 9th will feature Carolyn Strutt, WRHA Director of Mental Health presenting the new "Mental Health ER". Opening this fall, this is the first stand-alone mental health crisis-response centre in Canada.

On February 14th, the Council of Women of Winnipeg along with nineteen other groups and individuals had registered to speak at the Property and Development Committee regarding concerns about City Council's call for proposals for the potential sale and development of seven of the city's golf courses and green space. However, once the proceedings began, Councillor Wyatt moved to not hear the delegations and we along with the other presenters and many citizens were ceremoniously escorted out of city hall.

This action caused a group of us to decide to band together and find a way for those with concerns to have an opportunity



to speak on the issue. And so the group OURS (Outdoor Urban Recreational Spaces) approached CWW to help plan a public forum: OURS – Keep Winnipeg Greenspace.

Along with OURS and The Manitoba Eco-Network, the CWW co-hosted the forum. More than 300 people attended the forum, held on March 19th at St Mary's Road United Church. It is clear there are countless good reasons to protect our greenspace from commercial and residential development. We must keep this issue in the spotlight. It is important to gather support all over the City in order to best get this message to the Mayor and City Councillors.

A second Forum is planned for 7 pm Wednesday, May 2nd at the Unitarian Church, corner of Wellington Crescent and Academy Road. Everyone is welcome to participate. Check out the website: www.ours-winnipeg.com

Women's Voices Project

CWW was approached by the West Central Women's Resource Centre to participate in a new program funded by the Status of Women. The project – a new blueprint program with the goal of increasing the number of women in positions of leadership and enhance their opportunities to be involved in decision-making capacity on boards, coalitions and committees by pairing them with female mentors in community organizations. We are delighted to welcome Phyllis Anderson as our placement. Phyllis attends our board meetings, general meetings and other events such International Women's Day at the Legislature, the presentations at City Hall, and assists in some of the council administration work such as the newsletter. The project is scheduled to run for some time.

An Invitation to Members to Subscribe to Council Currents

The Manitoba Women's Advisory Council (Status of Women) produces a unique calendar of events and items of interest to women, entitled Council Currents. The calendar is distributed twice a month (on or around the 7th and 21st) via e-mail and mail to a growing list of over 1,000 women's organizations, programs/services, government employees, individuals and media. Information for the events calendar and the Did You Know section is gathered on an on-going basis from local equality-seeking women's organizations, and a variety of other sources including council members. If you are interested in receiving Council Currents, please send an e-mail to mawc@gov.mb.ca with your request.

The following letter was sent by Mary Scott, NCWC representative to the United Nations, to Suzanne Clement, Director General for Status of Women Canada, at the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, March 2012. The Theme of CSW 56 was "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges" and Mary wanted to ensure some of the concerns raised by PCWM members were brought forward.



March 5, 2012

To Suzanne Clement, Director General, Status of Women Canada,

Thank you Suzanne for taking the time to meet with me at the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women). I wanted to follow up and share the input I had received from National Council of Women of Canada members, and in particular members from Manitoba, re the theme of the CSW, ie. Rural Women.

Best wishes to you and the great staff you have! I enjoyed working with them in New York.

1. The Government of Canada should seriously look at raising aid, and especially restoring aid to Africa.
2. The Government of Canada should require women and girls to be recipients or partners.
3. The Government of Canada must address environmental issues in Canada to improve conditions however minimally for women and girls in Africa.
4. The Government of Canada must ensure full reproductive rights for women and girls through all means available.
5. The Government of Canada must ensure Canada can send less expensive generic HIV/AIDS drugs to Africa and other places they are required
6. The Government of Canada must use whatever means are available to assist rural women everywhere to get access to land, credit, technology and markets – for starters.
7. The Government of Canada must stop selling military weapons to southern countries and ensure women are included in peace negotiations.
8. SWC and other departments should ensure that Immigrant, and Refugee women, especially those living in rural and northern Canada receive necessary supports.
9. The Government of Canada needs to appreciate the increasing onslaught on women's equality, and growing rates of poverty for women in Canada and worldwide. Feminization of poverty has escalated in Canada. Organizations supporting women's issues have been defunded.
10. It is very important to have women in the Parliament, and Legislatures. We had a rural MLA here in Manitoba, Rosanne Wowchuk, and she did an excellent job of keeping the issues of rural women front and center.
11. Many rural women will be badly affected by any changes to OAS as often they worked hard on the farm, raising children and volunteering hundreds of hours to their communities but didn't work for a wage and thus didn't pay into CPP. They only have OAS to rely on, if it is decreased/delayed or whatever it will have a larger impact in rural communities. We already see increasing numbers of "older" women seeking services at food banks, mostly unheard of in the past.
12. The services that the majority of people (read urban as that is where they are) take for granted, don't exist for rural women and men and boys and girls. All the controversy about rapid transit means little to us. Our bus services have been cut drastically. Where we could take the bus daily to Winnipeg for work, education etc. we now need to drive. We don't have any choice of bus, rapid transit, bike or anything else.

13. Rural families can't access the income tax benefits of many activities for our children as the activities don't exist; pools, gymnastics etc.
14. In rural communities, there is always extra strain for social services to do more, provide more, stretch their limits to meet the demand. We need volunteers more but have less people to draw from.
15. In preparing for the Federal Status on Women call for proposals that focussed on "Women Living in Rural and Remote Communities and Small Urban Centres", there are groups in several rural MB communities who have submitted joint applications. The need is huge. There were two streams, one on violence and safety and the second on women's economic security; in both the CFP asked for demonstrated community planning and an integrated community project. This integrated community based approach works WITH local women as equal partners is key to empowering women to make improvements in their economic and social situation. The minister can be affirmed on that point, and on recognizing that solutions are different in rural communities.
16. Accessible educational opportunities for at risk women, especially for women living on First Nations Communities, and for First Nations Women who have relocated to other rural communities must be provided.
17. It must be recognized by SWC, that abuse and violence is faced by rural women and there are added challenges of accessing supports in rural communities. These services are lacking in many of the rural and remote communities.
18. There is a large ongoing issue for rural women that is enmeshed with the global industrialization of agriculture. This is observed by the:
 - i. ever growing number of corporate farms,
 - ii. decrease in number of rural residents
 - iii. the move to corporately-owned seed that farmers have to buy each year vs. the traditional open source seed
 - iv. stresses on the sustainable base of Canada's farm land by these corporate farming practises.

These all threaten the ongoing health and wellness of rural women. Women and girls are the 'canaries in the rural community' who are first affected by reduced income, by lack of employment, by lack of affordable food.
19. Supports and funding for early education and child care, and for elder care are both major challenges for rural women. Again the more isolated the community, the larger the problem. First Nations communities are part of our rural mosaic and are horribly under supported in these areas. The labour needs assessment show clearly that the labour force is rural Manitoba is not growing (*Portage la Prairie Labour Needs Assessment, Kelly and Associates, in process*), and there is a need for aboriginal women to be increasing involved in the workforce.
20. The Government of Canada must recognize that Education and Training, child care, and family care are significant barriers rural women face.
21. A comment was received about the benefits of the SWC funded project, delivered by UNPAC - *UNPAC led Pathmakers program for rural women, which I'm part of, is going really well. One of the common concerns (there are 14 women) is that we feel we lack the opportunity to network. We are a diverse group of women - Included in our group are an immigration officer from Emerson, a member of Morden town council, two young mothers from Altona and the executive director of Genesis House, the women's shelter in our region. All of us are appreciating this program immensely.*
22. Finally, from UNPAC comes the following report on their consultation with Rural Communities: **The number one issue in every single one of the 17 communities we visited during our gender budget workshops was lack of affordable housing. Bad in Winnipeg, way worse outside Winnipeg. We heard of women staying in abusive relationships because they couldn't find housing. Second issue raised was lack of child care options. Public transportation also a big issue raised.**
23. In general, the shrinking rural economy (smaller farms and the removal of the cooperative CWB) and the continuing difficulties in bringing economic justice and opportunity to our northern and Indigenous population - entirely different than 'rural' issues alone - are major economic issues for women in Manitoba.
24. It is noted that there will be a direct impact on Northern Communities with the Crime Bill C-10. The effect on women who will be separated from their children for longer periods as a result of minimum sentencing and the lack of local community alternatives should be significant.

These are the issues I would have brought to the attention of the Minister, and if you can relay them to her, I would appreciate it very much.

Best wishes,
Mary Scott

UN Representative, National Council of Women of Canada

119th Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada – We Can Change Minds! – Mary Scott (mary_scott@shaw.ca)

Many of you helped organize and participated in the NCWC Annual Meeting, held here in Winnipeg last June. Well, you have another chance to join in the Annual Meeting to be held May 31st to June 3rd in Ottawa. The hotel, Extended Stay Deluxe, is close to all amenities downtown. There will be a tour of the Parliament Buildings, and tours planned of the National Gallery, and even a boat tour on the Rideau Canal. Of course there are the Resolutions, and Reports to process, and plans for the future to be made. The Theme of the Annual Meeting is “We Can Change Minds!”. If interested, please check out the NCWC web site at http://ncwc.ca/whatsNew_agm.html. The registration package, and the agenda are both there. You will note there is a solid program on Mental Health on the Saturday afternoon, so it will be an interesting session. All are welcome.

DisAbled Women’s Network (DAWN) Manitoba

is pleased to announce that we are hosting a

“Wellness and Women with Disabilities Forum”

This Forum is a participatory and information gathering event for women from all walks of life who live with physical, mental, intellectual and invisible disabilities, as well as chronic illness.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, goals and to identify the kinds of barriers that prohibit you from fully engaging in your day to day life.

Upon the conclusion of the forum, **DAWN Manitoba** will follow-up by presenting three exciting workshops on topics such as; Leisure/Exercise, Nutrition, Self/Body Image, Spirituality, Healthcare and more to be held in the early Fall!

When: Saturday, May 26, 2012

Time: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Registration begins at 10:30 am sharp

Where: Society for Manitobans with Disabilities

Room 203- 825 Sherbrook St.

Winnipeg, Manitoba

RSVP: by Friday, May 11, 2012

Contact: DAWN office

Phone: 204-975-3275

E-mail: dawnmb@mts.ne

**** If you require any accommodations and/or sign language/ TTY please let us know by No Later Than May 11th****

Refreshments and lunch will be served

PCWM Calendar of Events

Annual General Meeting | Saturday, May 12th

Selkirk United Church | 202 McLean Avenue, Selkirk | Registration 9:30 am | Program 10:00 am
"Women and Mental Health: On Our Minds and in Our Hands"

Prepare to be challenged, informed and inspired. | Panelists include Tracy Booth (EFRY), Fran Schellenberg (Manitoba Government) and ARTBEAT Studio | Lunchtime entertainment

NOTE: Board Members and Committee Chairs – come prepared to have your picture taken

Annual Report Deadline | April 28th

Annual reports of the Federate members and the Board officers and committees should be forwarded to pcwm@mts.net by April 28th. The report should be approximately one page and include a picture or two if you have some.

Board Meetings | May 3rd, June 7th

Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD), 825 Sherbrook Street, Room 212, 5:00 pm

Newsletter Submission Deadline | June 10th

Editor: Sherrie Steiner (*June*)

Renewal of PCWM 2012/2013 memberships are due. Please fill in the membership form when renewing your membership so that our records are up-to-date.

Community Information

LEAF

April 25th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm | Talor McCaffrey Lounge | 11th Floor, 400 St. Mary Avenue

Let's celebrate Equality | Tickets – \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members | Contact 453-1379 or leafmb@mts.net

Silent Witness

April 27th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm | West End Cultural Centre

The Family Violence Consortium of Manitoba invites you to the 2012 Silent Witness Project Memorial

Everyone welcome | Call Kelly at 284-4170 for more information

YMCA/YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Gala

May 2nd | Winnipeg Convention Centre | Tickets almost sold out

Tickets available at www.ymcaywca.mb.ca or call 204.831.2975 for more information

Provincial Eating Disorders Conference

June 7 (evening) and June 8 | The Viscount Gort Hotel | Early Bird Pricing \$200 | Regular rate \$250

Keynote Speakers – Jenni Schaefer and Tracey Gold | "Setting the Table for Recovery"

Contact Erin Dowling 204.953.2358 | Events page: www.cmhamanitoba.ca | Email edconference@cmhamanitoba.ca



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Thank you for your interest in the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc. It is now time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. This membership year runs from April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. To renew your membership, please follow the steps outlined below:

- 1) Fill out the form below.
- 2) Send the completed form, along with a cheque payable to **The Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc.** to:
 PCWM – Membership Chair
 204 – 825 Sherbrook Street
 Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5

Membership Form – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please indicate whether you are applying to be an **Individual** or **Federate** member:

Individual member - Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Federate member – Name of Organization: _____
 Name of Contact Person: _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email: _____
 Federate Phone # and E-mail (if applicable): _____

May we send newsletters, articles and notices by e-mail? Yes No

May we share your contact information with the PCWM membership? Yes No

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Please check applicable amount:

- Federate Members (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013): \$40.00
- Individual Members (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013): \$20.00

Would you like a receipt for this payment? Yes No

*****Please make your cheque payable to the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc and send it along with your membership form.**

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