

Greater Washington Women's Network

An affiliate of the National Association for Female Executives



*A Celebration of Twenty-Two
Years of Service*

Looking Back:

GWWN Highlights

2016-2017 Program Year

Part I

GWWN Photo Gallery

Past Networking "Expressions"

Learn-Fun-Share-Connect

Separate Publications

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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

We are excited to share with you “*A Celebration of 22 Years of Service, Looking Back: GWWN Highlights: 2016-2017 Program Year*”. **GWWN’s** success is craved from dedicated members, volunteers, donors and partners. Some of our impact and accomplishments are below.

Many women:

- Gainfully employed.
- Received academic scholarship for college education (**10 awarded to women and men**).
- Changed careers, obtained higher salaries in their profession.
- Returned to college for higher education.
- Started businesses.
- Grown professionally and enhanced their self-development.

Our overall accomplishments for 2016-2017 program year include:

1. ***Speaking Engagement*** with The Washington Center.
How delightful to receive a second-year invitation to speak as a panelist to 100 business and professional women from Sonora, Mexico.
2. ***New Partnerships*** established with the (1) DC Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, DC and (2) The Training Source, Inc., Seat Pleasant, Maryland.
View our meet & greet site visit.
3. ***Workshop: “See Me-Hear Me-Respect Me!”*** to boost youth confidence.
The youth attendees were boys-unbelievable. Adults were also inspired by the workshop.
4. ***Community Enhancement: Clothes Closet Drive (CCD)*** to benefit applicants for interviews and careers. The CCD was hosted on behalf of The Training Source Inc.
5. ***Education Information Center:*** Strengthening-Learning-Inspiring-Sharing-Leading, continue to serve as a powerhouse to publish **NAFE** and **GWWN** newsletters, information newscasts and provide resources and assistance to empower women.
6. ***Volunteer Recruitment:*** Opened and conducted interviews to fill the following positions: website developer/manager, social media and historian.
7. ***Benevolent:*** Supported via charitable gifts to various nonprofit organizations
8. ***And more...***

GWWN stepping stones for business/personal development and assisting others are driven by teamwork, purpose, dedication, affirmations, and positive thoughts. We are thrilled to pay tributes to others for recognitions and accomplishments. Greater use of talents and skills promotes global success. The teambuilding quotes below that we've used to help motive us to grow, glow and go.

- *"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." -- Helen Keller*
- *"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." -- Michael Jordan*
- *"Individually we are one drop but together we are an ocean. "—unknown*
- *"We can be small in numbers, but great in power." -- Mary Greene*

On behalf of **GWWN** Executive Board, thank you for your support, membership and donations over the years. Your investment will yield a great return. During these challenging times, our traditional networking events were not facilitated. However, **GWWN's** community service component plays a pivot role assisting others, while networking. We solicit your involvement to assist us to strengthen and grow **GWWN**. Thus, making a greater impact to empower women and youth in the future. Membership, volunteer and donor opportunities are always welcome. Contact us at gwwenet@gwwn.org to learn more. Join Us Now! *Yes, we need you to make a difference!*

A Timeless Connection,

Mary Greene

Executive Director

"I believe success is not measured by the number of people, but what people bring to the table to make an event or organization successful."



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Mission and Vision

MISSION

To advance and promote our members, business and professional women, through education, networking, community services, resources and youth development.

VISION

To transform and empower business and professional women to reach their greatest potential and help others to succeed.

It Happens Like This

PARTNERSHIPS –VOLUNTEERISM – DONATIONS

Partnerships

- Community Crisis Center
- Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Public Library, DC
- Idealist
- Office of Partnerships and Grant Services
- The Training Source, Inc.
- Volunteer Match
- Working Mother Media

Volunteerism

GWWN is an organization operated by members and volunteers. It was founded in 1995. There is no salaried staff. Our team has a passion to serve others. **GWWN**'s membership consists of women from various backgrounds. **GWWN** is an affiliate of the National Association for Female Executives, (NAFE), one of the largest renowned women's professional associations in the United States, founded in 1972.

GWWN promotes volunteerism. A few benefits are... (1) limitless opportunities to achieve careers and professional goals, (2) networking, (3) learning new skills, (4) building relationships with other dynamic professional and business women, and (5) making a positive impact in the community. Internships are available for academic credit and professional development. **GWWN** cannot emphasize enough how important volunteers are to the success of our program. Sometimes their service is for a project, or for a few hours. It all adds up to help us reach our goals. The volunteer recruitment program was opened for the following positions: social media, web development/management and historian.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Greene.....Executive Director
Cheryl Blount..... Secretary
Jenifer Golson.....Treasurer
Cheryl Blount..... Director of Membership

HONOREE VOLUNTEERS:

- Victor Adams*
- L'Tange Alexander
- Gloria Blackwell**
- Oliver Caceres*
- Stacie Cotto*
- Marilyn Dawson
- Novella Gumbs **
- Frederick Isler **
- Tanetta Isler
- Julie Och
- Donna Platon*
- Alysee Weilmuenster*
- Samuel Whitfield**

Frances Simpson, Community Service Chair

New Recruits*

Boosters**

Donations

GWWN is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. We operate on donations, monetary and in-kind gifts. All monetary gifts are used for the organization’s services. We accept any donations on-line through our website, or via our post office box.

SPIRIT OF GRATUITY

GWWN appreciates all the volunteer services, information, assistance, and monetary gifts everyone provided to the organization. You have made a difference!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- GWWN.....\$40.00
 - NAFE..... \$39.00
 - Both Organizations.....\$79.00
- Join [both organizations](#) for greater benefits.

Benevolent

- American Red Cross
(Re: Hurricane Victims)
- Dedicated Workers for the Homeless
- Community Crisis Center
- Suited for Change

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Network Connections

Speaking Engagement

Marilyn Dawson
GWWN
Business Advisory
Chair
A Panelist

The Washington Center for Internship and Academic Seminars

Women's Empowerment in the 21st Century
Seminar, May 2017

*Module Title: Building a Professional Network:
Power of Connections*

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Time: 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Location: TWC Residential and Academic
Facility, 1005 3rd Street NE, Washington, DC

Second Invitation for GWWN to Participate

Marilyn's Presentation: *Networking and Mentorship*

This panel examined how and why professional networks exist and assess the role and importance of mentorship and building a trust-based network. Participants explored different mentorship mechanisms and techniques to connect with people professionally and identified ways to utilize them.

Participants: Governor Claudia Pavlovich in the state of Sonora, Mexico, invested in 100 business and professional women to participate in the seminar to strengthen and inspire them to be empowered for economic and professional success.



A Few Comments:



“Marilyn, I was touched by your presentation.”

“You inspired me to achieve more.”



“This has been a life-changing experience. My confidence has soared. I am ready to move forward with my goals. Thank you so much for your personal touches.

Let’s keep in touch. Please come to visit us.”

Marilyn said: *“The women’s personalities and spirits were beautiful. I was honored to be with them. Business and professional development education and information was their quest. **GWWN** enhanced my life and my testimony about networking and mentorship uplifted them. When you have a good thing going on, it must be shared. I am so grateful to The Washington Center and **GWWN** for the opportunity to be a panelist. This was a fabulous experience that I will never forget!” You inspired me to achieve more.*

Workshop

Empowerment for Young People

SEE ME-HEAR ME-RESPECT ME!
SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Presented by
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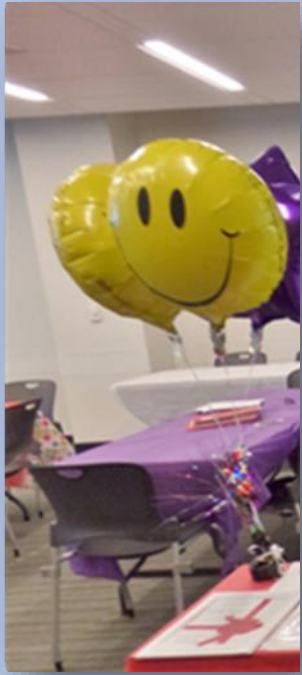
In Partnership with the
Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library
1630 7th St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Monday, June 12, 2017
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The facilitators were Mary Greene, Executive Director and L'Tange Alexander, **GWWN** Education Program Advisory Chair, Southampton, New Jersey. There were 17 participants (6 young boys and 11 adults).







What They Said.

“I wanted to learn more about how to boost my confidence. This workshop has been great.”

“You did a wonderful job planning and facilitating this workshop. The creative handouts are powerful. I plan to use this information daily.”

“You are an awesome teacher!”

“I enjoyed sharing what I liked about me!”

“The PowerPoint slides from past events matched the workshop objectives. I am visible person. GWWN has achieved remarkable accomplishments.”



What They Said.

“Although this workshop was designed for youth, it helped me with my confidence.”

“The workshop was too short. It should be longer.”

“The snacks were an enhancement.”

“Thanks for decorating this room. This is the first time the room has been decorated for a workshop. The students feel special.”

Community Enrichment

Clothes Closet Drive

GWWN sponsored a clothes closet drive in the spring for interviews and careers. The drive was on behalf of The Training Source, Inc., to benefit women who are entering or returning to the workforce.



E. Kim Rhim, Executive Director, Training Source, Inc.

The Training Source, Inc.

59 Yost Place
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743
GWWN Meet and Greet
Clothes Drop off







Classrooms Tour



Thank You
Y'all Come Back Now!



Achievements

Caring: Obama's Volunteer Service Award

THE PRESIDENT'S [OBAMA] LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mary Greene, Executive Director, Greater Washington Women's Network, **GWWN** received top honors from President Obama for the 2017 President's Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is for individuals who have completed 4,000 or more of service hours. Robbie Motter, NAFE, Global Coordinator presented the award.



Celebrating Those Who Donated Their Time. The President's [Obama] Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. Various levels of service earn different awards. This is the second year Mary received this award.

Honor and Internship

GWWN MENTEE ERICA RIDDICK

Erica Riddick, a **GWWN** mentee was accepted into two summer internship programs: (1) Harvard Orthopedic Trauma Research Internship Program in Boston, Massachusetts, and (2) the seven-week Travelers Summer Research Fellowship Program (T-SRF) for Premedical Students beginning June 19, 2017, at Weill Cornell Medical College, Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City, New York. She is planning to attend the T-SRF Program.



Erica is a member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society and a raising senior at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia. She is from Starkville, Mississippi. Erica job shadowed a few years ago, **GWWN's** Executive Director Position with Mary Greene including education and business tips from Frederick Isler, a retiree from Senior Executive Service Federal Government. Erica enjoys spending time with family and friends. **GWWN** is so proud of her achievements.

Education Information Center

Strengthening-Learning-Inspiring-Sharing-Leading

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NAFE News and Notes
No. 351 – March 30, 2017
No. 353 – April 27, 2017
No. 355 – May 25, 2017
No. 364 – September 28, 2017
GWWN Newsletter
N. 14 – March 2017
N. 15 – May 2017
GWWN Community Resources Information Newscast
No. 7 – September 2016
No. 8 – March 2017
No. 9 – April 2017
No. 10 – August 2017
Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment and Resumes• Resources and Referrals Assistance• Mentoring and Coaching

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Reflection: Past Networking Expressions

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