**Toward Better Government**

*New Ideas and Technology for the People of Michigan*

The Women Officials’ Network is pleased to present Michigan’s Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land as speaker at our Annual Meeting breakfast in June. This will be a wonderful meeting to bring women who won new school board seats this month or are running for local office this fall! Preceding Sec. Land’s talk, there will be a very brief business meeting to elect officers and directors to the board and adopt next year’s budget (see page 3 for both).

Join us on Friday, June 9, at 7:30 a.m. The sit-down breakfast will be held at the Radisson-Bloomfield Hills (formerly the Kingsley), 39475 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. It is immediately south of Dittrich Furs and across from the Fox & Hounds.

There is plenty of free parking in the rear. Once you enter the building, go to the lower level where the banquet rooms are located; check their directory for which room we’re in.

The cost of the full breakfast: members $20, non-members $25. A reservation form can be found on page 4. Please reserve by Tuesday, June 6.

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**International Women Leaders**

**Bachelet Inaugurated**

Michelle Bachelet was inaugurated as Chile’s first woman president on March 11. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice represented the United States at the ceremony. Bachelet named a cabinet of equal numbers of men and women, another first in Chile. Women will head the following: the general secretariat of the presidency, the national women’s service, and the ministries of defense, economy, planning, culture, health, housing and urban planning, mining, and national assets. Note: Chilean women did not gain the right to vote until 1949.

**Sirleaf Visits the US**

Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf made her first official state visit to the United States in mid-March. She spoke before a joint session of Congress and was interrupted by applause 33 times, including a dozen standing

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Improve Your Leadership Skills and Knowledge of Public Policy

The Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) provides public policy and leadership training for select individuals who are committed to community service. It was founded in 1992 and is under the auspices of Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. Twenty-four people are selected for each class. The participants meet for one weekend (Friday night, Saturday) a month for ten months (February through November). They learn about practical politics, public policy analysis and process, personal leadership development, and effective governance. The $12,000 cost of the program is covered by fellowships and includes room, board and course material. At least ten current and former WON members have graduated from the program. Applications for the Class of 2007 are now available and are due in September. For further information, visit the MPLP website at www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/Recruitment.htm or call (517) 355-6672.

School Board Election Results

All but one of the Oakland County school districts held their election on May 2. Congratulations to the winners!

Newly Elected:
Debby Brauer, Farmington
Carol Frederick, Ferndale
Margaret Hall, Southfield
April Hernandez, Pontiac
Susan Hill, Birmingham
Alicia Jones, Oak Park
Mary Pittman, Madison
Katie Raean, Novi
Sue Tombrella, Oxford
Diane Wiley, Brandon

Re-elected:
Deborah Anderson, Royal Oak
Jennifer Beam, Huron Valley
Barbara Cenko, Rochester
Barbara DeMarco, West Bloomfield
Carol Pochodylo, Troy
Debbie Roberts, Birmingham ‡
Colleen Schultz, Oxford
Cynthia Von Oeyen, Bl. Hills ‡
Janet Wolverton, Lake Orion

Elected to fill the last year of a four-year term:
Melanie Tolbert, West Bloomfield

‡ WON member

And Then There Were 12

Gretchen Whitmer Elected to MI Senate

State Rep. Gretchen Whitmer won a March special election to fill the Michigan Senate seat vacated by Sen. Virg Bernero, who was elected Mayor of Lansing last fall. So, for at least a short while, there are a record twelve women serving in the Senate!

International Women Leaders (Continued from page 1)

The longest ovation occurred when Sirleaf said: "I stand before you today as the first woman elected to lead an African nation.” She was the fourth African head-of-state and the eighth women to address Congress.

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Judge Nanci Grant Honored

“Oakland County Circuit Judge Nanci Grant was recently named the recipient of the Headliner Award by the Women of Wayne, the women’s alumni association of Wayne State University. She was recognized last month at McGregor Hall as a woman who is making her mark in society.” Detroit Free Press, May 5, 2006

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The following have been nominated for two-year terms:
- President: Judge Linda Hallmark, Oakland Co. Probate Court
- 2nd Vice-President: Virginia Poehlman, Waterford Bd. of Educ. (Membership)
- Treasurer: Elizabeth Bauer, State Board of Education
- Director: Jan Roncelli, Bloomfield Township Clerk
- Director: Judge Joan Young, Oakland County Circuit Court

At its July board meeting, the WON Board is expected to appoint the following to one-year terms as directors:
- Mary Kerwin, retired Troy School Board member;
- Debbie Macon, West Bloomfield Township trustee;
- Eileen Pulker, Franklin Village Clerk;
- Cynthia von Oeyen, Bloomfield Hills Board of Education; and
- Judge Cynthia Walker, 50th District Court.

Continuing on for the remainder of their two-year terms are 1st Vice-President Robin Beltramini, Secretary Sharon Tischler, and Directors Judge Martha Anderson and Debbie Squires.

We would like to thank Sen. Gilda Jacobs for her many years of service on our board and Judge Susan Moiseev for serving as our treasurer for the last two years, preceded by several years as a director.

### WON Proposed Budget

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Photos courtesy of WON member and Madison Heights Councilmember Margene Scott
RESERVATION FORM
Women Officials’ Network Breakfast
Friday, June 9, 7:30 a.m.

Name _____________________________ Phone _____________________________

Street _____________________________ City _____________________________

Elected Office ___________________________ Jurisdiction ___________________________

Please make your check payable to Women Officials’ Network ($20 for members, $25 for non-members & guests). Mail this form and your check to Women Officials’ Network, PO Box 404, Birmingham, MI 48012-0404. Deadline for reservations is TUESDAY, June 6, 2006. If you are bringing a guest, please indicate their name, address and phone on the back of this form. Questions, call Barbara Moorhouse, 248.885.1034.

2006-2007 WON Membership Form

Name _____________________________

Street Address ___________________________ City _____________________________ Zip _____________________________

(______) Phone (Home) (______) Phone (Office)

Preferred Method of Contact (check one) □ MAIL □ FAX □ E-MAIL

(______) FAX No. ___________________________ E-mail Address ___________________________

Elected Office ___________________________ Jurisdiction ___________________________

Employer ___________________________ Position ___________________________

Topics of Interest for breakfasts and/or workshops (check as many as you want):

Campaign-related: □ Running a campaign □ Fund-raising □ Database development □ Handling the media □ Other

Issues: □ Legislative such as □ Local such as

ANNUAL DUES $35 ______ Lapel Pin $35 ______
(If retired from office) $25 ______ Total Enclosed $_______

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Time to Renew Your WON Membership

WON dues cover the period July 1 through June 30. We do not send out separate dues notices and rely on this newsletter to remind people to pay their dues. Since our next newsletter will not be out until September, help us out by paying your dues now. Use the form below. Thank you!

Celebrate!
Women’s Equality Day – August 26
Eighty-six Years Since Women Got the Vote
2005-2006 Women Officials’ Network Board

President The Hon. Linda Hallmark, Oakland Co. Probate Court (Bloomfield Twp.)
Secretary Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk
Treasurer The Hon. Susan Moiseev, 46th District Court (Southfield)
1st Vice-Pres. Robin Beltranini, Troy City Council (Program)
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Director The Hon. Martha Anderson, Oakland County Circuit Court (Troy)
Director Elizabeth Bauer, State Board of Education (Birmingham)
Director Sen. Gilda Jacobs, State Senate (Huntington Woods)
Director Sen. Shirley Johnson, State Senate (Troy)
Director Debbie Macon, West Bloomfield Township Board
Director Jan Roncelli, Bloomfield Township Clerk
Director Debbie Squires, Huron Valley School Board (Commerce Twp.)
Director The Hon. Cynthia Walker, 50th District Court (Pontiac)
Director The Hon. Joan Young, Oakland County Circuit Court (Bloomfield Twp.)
Founder Pan Godchaux, Oakland ISD (Birmingham)

Administrator Barbara R. Moorhouse

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Radisson-Bloomfield Hills
39475 Woodward Ave.
Bloomfield Hills

JOIN US!

Dues for WON are just $35/year ($25, if retired from office) and cover July 1 to June 30. By joining WON you will be assured of being notified of all our events. Plus, you will receive the Membership Directory and this newsletter. Finally, your dues help support our outreach activities in the community.

WHY WON?

The Women Officials’ Network was founded in 1997 to provide opportunities for women elected officials to network with other women officials who hold positions similar to their current one, women in positions they might aspire to someday, and other women officials from their area. WON also presents speakers on timely topics every quarter.

Leading Women