



Network Notes

From Women In Defense, A National Security Organization
September 2009

**WID members are invited to the Annual Meeting of Women In Defense, A National Security Organization.
Sep. 29, 2009, 4:15 p.m., Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314**

**Registration for the 2009 National Fall Conference is closed, but sponsorships are available.
Details below.**

Conference Features Prominent Dignitaries

The Honorable Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces, will lead the line-up of speakers at the 2009 WID National Fall Conference. Dinner speaker will be Senator Kay R. Hagan of North Carolina.

Martha Karlovic, DATAubiquity LLC, and **Leslie Smith**, Lockheed Martin, are conference co-chairs. Moderators are: **Ella Schiralli**, 3M Company; **Bonney Adams**, Winvale Group; **Danette M. Smith**, Lockheed Martin; and **Kelly Woods Vaughn**, SAIC. Committee members include: **Ann Elise Sauer**, Lockheed Martin; **Rachel McElroy**, EG&G, A URS Co.; and **Deanna Pleskach**, Lockheed Martin Corp.

The WID Annual Meeting will follow the conference.

Conference registration is closed. Sponsorships are still available, such as floral arrangements and more. Contact **Jane Casey** (jcasey@ndia.org). Conference details: www.ndia.org/meetings/9WDO

New Program Year Brings Anniversary, New Look

During the coming program year, WID will celebrate its 25th anniversary. It was incorporated Dec. 19, 1985. Since then, it has become part of the National Defense Industrial Association. The Sep. 29 National Fall Conference begins the count down to the 25th anniversary.

In conjunction with the anniversary, WID will unveil at the annual meeting a new logo described as a graphic representation of the organization's growing momentum and service to the national security workforce.

WID National will host the sixth series of its Executive Breakfasts. "At the November 10 Executive Breakfast, attorney **Susan Ebner** will address the key elements business leaders should understand about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," said **Eileen Giglio**, Executive Breakfast Series coordinator.

Message from the President

As my term as President comes to a close, I am proud to see how very far we have traveled in the past two years. Our membership has grown from approximately 1,400 in 2007 to more than 1,900 as FY 2009 ends. We have 14 chapters. Three new chapters—Central Florida, Belvoir (Virginia), and Palmetto (the Carolinas)—came on board in 2008-2009. All of our chapters are actively engaged in activities benefiting Women In Defense. Other potential chapters, including Hawaii and New England Shoreline, are in the works!

Chapters are reaching out and making a difference at the local level—providing training, scholarships, networking and community service—to promote WID's mission. At the national level, WID has reached across the public and private sectors to highlight significant issues affecting our entire community, and provided increased training, networking and scholarship opportunities as well. At both levels, we have continued to support those just starting out or seeking to continue their academic development in national security-related matters through scholarships. Well done!

Before I end this letter, let me take this opportunity to say thank you for the chance to serve Women In Defense. I have truly enjoying meeting and working with so many of you, across the country, to help improve our organization and carry out our mission. My personal thanks go to the people who have lent me their assistance in support of WID. So much could not have been accomplished during my term without the able assistance of fellow board members, Margaret DiVirgilio, Ann Elise Sauer, Brenda McKinney, Eileen Giglio, Past President Jane Walter, and Staff Director, Jane Casey. Thank you for all your help.

I hope to see you at this year's National Fall Conference and at other WID events around the country.

Best wishes,

Susan Warshaw Ebner

Election Results Announced

During recent elections, WID members elected new board members. Their terms will be 2009-2011.

- President: Margaret DiVirgilio, Concurrent Technologies Corp.
- Vice President: Patricia Ward, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Secretary: Leslie Smith, Lockheed Martin Corp.
- Treasurer: Eileen Giglio, Loch Harbour Group
- Immediate Past President: Susan Warshaw Ebner, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
- HORIZONS Scholarship Director: Brenda McKinney, Kelly Government Solutions. Ms. McKinney continues a two-year term.

Carole Sue Coupland, Coupland Consulting Services, is also a board member, serving as Historian.

Past President Jane Walter chaired the Election Committee. Members were Cristina Hinkle, CohesionForce; Barbara Machak, ARDEC Picatinny Arsenal; Brenda McKinney, Kelly Government Solutions; and Vickie Plunkett, U.S. House of Representatives.

Central Florida Chapter Established

Defense professionals in Florida have organized the fourteenth WID chapter—the Central Florida Chapter. **Debbie Berry**, Lockheed Martin, is president.

HORIZONS Scholarships Awarded; Total Passes 100

HORIZONS Scholarships were recently awarded to three students pursuing national-security related degrees, reported **Brenda McKinney**, HORIZONS Scholarship Chair.

Jessica Howland is pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management (Security Policy) from Carnegie Mellon University.

Sarah Wappett-Kendall is pursuing a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School.

Christina Lucas is majoring in mechanical engineering at Florida Institute of Technology

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage women to pursue careers related to U.S. national security and defense and to provide development opportunities to women already working in these fields.

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act: Some Key Things You Really Need to Know

**WID Executive Breakfast, Nov. 10, 2009
Arlington, VA**

Featuring **Ms. Susan Warshaw Ebner, Esq.**,
Special Counsel, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
Watch for details.

“After having reviewed the scholarship applications, I can say that there are some amazing women poised to make a difference,” Ms. McKinney said. “It is especially significant that Women In Defense has presented more than 100 scholarships to women whose professional endeavors will help strengthen our national security.” Since 1990, HORIZONS has made 101 awards of more than \$94,000.

A committee of four WID members selected the finalists: Ms. McKinney; **Marie Danco**, Robbins-Gioia; **Deanna Pleskach**, Lockheed Martin; and **Ann Elise Sauer**, Lockheed Martin.

“This year has been an exciting one for HORIZONS with the awarding of the 100th scholarship and the caliber of the applicants. Donations exceeded our expectations and brought more than \$9,600,” Ms. McKinney said.

HORIZONS Donors, 2008-2009

- Acutronic, Dominique Schinabeck
- The Honorable Carolyn Becraft
- Beacon Interactive Systems, M.L. Mackey
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- Lockheed Martin Corporation, Ann Elise Sauer
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- Research and Engineering Development, Karen Garner
- Software Synergy, Inc., Rose Oxley
- San Diego Chapter, WID, Mary Gmitruk President
- Annette Wiechert

Learn more about the scholarship and how to make a tax-deductible donation by visiting <http://wid.ndia.org/horizon>.

—Jane Patrick Casey