



President's Column

Dear WID Colleagues:

The first newsletter of the year often is devoted to an overview of what lies ahead. But at the moment I feel much more inclined to reflect on the past, albeit the very recent past. I'm thinking about the summer of 2003.

"How I spent my summer" is a favorite topic for grammar school compositions, but please don't be alarmed—that's not what I'm thinking of doing here. Rather, I'd like to share some of the things I did, in no particular order, to maximize personally and professionally, the precious months of summer.

- *Get a puppy.* I can tell you that nothing is as giddy, as charming, as destructive or as adorable as a ten-week old cockapoo (substitute whatever your favorite breed is). It's a lot of work, but it is as life-affirming as anything you can do, short of having a child.
- *Redo your files.* Another life-affirming activity, allowing you to organize based on what you've learned in the last year and on what you anticipate your priorities will be for the coming year. Color-coding and printed labels are always a plus.
- *Spend a day/weekend in New York.* I know I'm not the first to suggest this, but it really is a great season to be in NYC. The city really is "empty" (only a few million or so people around—most of them tourists) and it's a perfect time to reconnect with all the reasons you live here/near in the first place. Museums ... restaurants (try new ones—I discovered Asia de Cuba and loved it) ... movies ... theater ... concerts ... need I continue?
- *Hold an off-site, one-day office retreat.* We did and it was fabulous. We spent a day in a conference room of our Board chairman's office, had breakfast and lunch brought in and then went out for drinks afterwards. We covered tons of topics—each person reporting on their accomplishments in their areas over the past year and discussing upcoming projects. We also brainstormed on how to deal with issues affecting us as a whole (including how to keep the refrigerator clean). A day like this helps everyone feel good about what they have done, focus on what they need to do, and most of all, reaffirms our strengths and connection as a team.
- *Renew your WID membership.* Talk about life-affirming! This is a great way to stay connected with your colleagues, to network, to share information and to mentor others. You'll feel so virtuous. And you'll make me so happy!

I hope, whatever you did this summer, you had fun and spent a lot of time doing things you love with those you love.

Sincerely,

Barbara I. Leshinsky, President



"Working with Philanthropic Advisors"

FEATURING

Lisa Philp

*Vice President, Global Foundations Group
JPMORGAN PRIVATE BANK*

Monday, September 29, 2003

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Princeton Club

15 West 43rd Street

*Members: \$40 in advance/\$65 at the door
Non-Members: \$50 in advance/\$65 at the door
Cancellations not accepted after
Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Lisa Philp is vice president and head of the Global Foundations Group at the JPMorgan Private Bank. She oversees the grantmaking of 45 foundations for which JPMorgan Chase Bank serves as a trustee or for which it has other fiduciary and advisory roles. In 2002, the combined giving for these foundations exceeded \$130 million. Ms. Philp joined the firm's Community Relations and Philanthropic Services department in 1998.

Prior to JPMorgan, she served as a program officer for youth development and education at The Robin Hood Foundation and as director of communications and government relations at the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers. Ms. Philp's additional nonprofit experi-

ence includes positions at several Washington, DC-based organizations including the American Film Institute at the Kennedy Center, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Public Technology, Inc. She currently serves as chair of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, vice president of the board of The New York Women's Foundation, and as a board member of Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families.

Ms. Philp earned an M.B.A. in marketing and nonprofit management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and received her B.A. in Asian studies and economics from the University of Michigan.

Reminder – WID's Fall Networking Reception

There's still time to register, but don't delay!

Monday, September 15, 2003

5:30 - 6:00 New Members

6:00 - 8:00 All Members

Helen and Martin Kimmel Center for University Life
New York University
60 Washington Square South, 9th Floor
(Between LaGuardia Place and Thompson Street)

\$10 per member

\$20 per non-member

\$25 at the door (members and non-members)

Register online at www.widny.org

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Get Involved!

WID is a volunteer-run organization, which thrives on the active involvement of our members. In addition to the satisfaction of helping an organization you believe in, volunteering can help members develop skills and gain valuable experience while expanding their professional—and personal—network. In this issue, we're pleased to highlight the Career Advancement Committee.

The **Career Advancement Committee** matches volunteer advisors with WID members seeking career guidance and information. This committee is a natural outgrowth of WID's mission of assisting our colleagues in their professional growth and development. Mentoring others can be very rich and rewarding experience for both the mentor and the person being mentored. Due to steadily increasing demand, we are always in need of volunteer advisors. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Debbie Niederhoffer at dniederh@stern.nyu.edu or Poonam Prasad at prasadc@aol.com.

Please visit the WID web site—www.widny.org—for a complete list of committees, descriptions and contacts.

Mark Your Calendar! WID Luncheon Schedule & Speakers for 2003–2004

It should be noted that, due to the timing of various holidays this year, we are varying somewhat from our usual luncheon schedule of the first Monday of the month. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

November 3, 2003

Debby Hirshman, Executive Director,
The Jewish Community Center in Manhattan

December 8, 2003

Naomi Levine, Founding Chair/Executive Director
New York University Center for Philanthropy and Fundraising
Plus a Guest Speaker to be announced

February 2, 2004

Gena Davis Watkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer
National Urban League

March 1, 2004

Julia A. Erickson, Executive Director
CityHarvest

April 12, 2004

Speaker to be announced

May 3, 2004

Woman of Achievement Award Luncheon

Moving On and Up . . .

Our congratulations go to these WID, New York members who made career moves during the spring and summer:

- Jill Berger, Manager of Philanthropic Development, Sesame Workshop
- Laurie Berger, Director of Special Events, The Fresh Air Fund
- Sara Bieber, Assistant Alumni Director, The Collegiate School
- Melissa Cohen, Associate Director of Development, American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science
- Jaime Greenberg, Vice President, Philanthropic Development, Sesame Workshop
- Erika Ineson, Senior Gift Planning Officer, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- Tao Moran, Executive Recruiter, The Fry Group
- Lauri Novick, Executive Director, Friends of Sheba Medical Center—Tel Hashomer
- Barbara D. Paxton, Director of Major Gifts, YWCA-NYC
- Susan Reeves, Senior Manager of Corporate & Foundation Relations, New York Restoration Project
- Elyse Reissman, Vice President for Marketing and Development, Brooklyn Historical Society
- Mary Ann Routledge, Director, Major Gifts, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Melissa Sandor, Fundraising/Research Consultant
- Virginia Strull, Fundraising and Management Consultant

Please notify the WID, New York office (www.widny.org) if you change jobs. We will publish additional listings in future issues of the newsletter.



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