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"I learned in a few hours, what was never discussed during my entire four years at a major university."

**-Entrepreneurial Woman
Participant**



**The Center for Women
at the Alicia Spaulding Paolozzi House**
Dedicated to the memory of Countess Alicia Spaulding Paolozzi whose legacy gives voice to the belief that within every woman lives a heart of greatness and the soul of an adventurer.



Jennet Robinson Alterman, Executive Director, with Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Mayor of the City of Charleston at Dedication Ceremony

Center for Women Dedicates New Home



Nandini McCauley with daughter Lela, Dr. Sumita Debroy, Susan Master, Harriet Smartt and Alma Clymer at the Open House on September 30, 2007

On October 4, 2007, The Center for Women dedicated its new home at 129 Cannon Street to the memory of Countess Alicia Spaulding Paolozzi. A capital grant from the Spaulding Paolozzi Foundation made the move to larger space possible. The Countess Alicia Spaulding Paolozzi, who died in 2002, was an American married to an Italian Count. She was on the winning team of the Tour de France in 1958, an avid and early supporter of Spoleto USA and worked extensively with the United Nations Women's Development Program.

Joseph P. Riley, Mayor of the City of Charleston, who personally knew "the Countess" commented at the dedication ceremony, "The Center for Women is a gift to the community. It has done remarkable work these last years. The Countess Paolozzi would have been profoundly pleased with the Center. She was a vibrant, energetic women who recognized and gave unselfishly to women's and children's causes".

YOU CAN DO IT!

A new Series debuting in January!
See page 3 for details.

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The Center for Women (CFW) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to make personal and professional success an everyday occurrence for women in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

The CFW is privileged to have been the recipient of ... the 2007 Family Circle Cup's "Charity of Choice" for a 2nd year ... a \$25,000 grant from the Oprah's Angel Network in 2006 ... the 2005 Excellence in Non-profit Management Award from the SC Assc. of Non-profit Organizations.



Jennet Robinson Alterman, Center For Women Executive Director, at Board Meeting on November 8, 2007

"I haven't been to a class that was this informative and interactive in a long time. I felt relieved when the instructor said that building up a business is hard work and you can't do it alone. It helped me to learn from the experience of others who opened up and shared."

- Entrepreneurial Woman participant

A NOTE FROM JENNET

"The connections between and among women are the most feared, the most problematic and the most potentially transforming force upon the planet."

- Adriene Rich, American feminist and poet

2007 was a banner year for your Center for Women. We successfully moved to a beautiful house on the peninsula and still managed to conduct more than 50 programs that reached 5000 women in our community. As we finalize our programs for 2008, it is important to take note of what goes on within the events themselves beyond their educational value - namely the connections and synergies that are born of women talking to each other, finding common ground and mutual interest.

I read recently of research that was done at the University of Southern California (the other USC). When humans are threatened they were thought to have two basic responses, to fight or to flee. Well, it turns out that when the same research was conducted with women, there was a third response identified and that response was to bond and connect with other women. It doesn't surprise me at all. Think about who we turn to when things get rocky...our girlfriends. Too often we wait until something shattering occurs and then seek to create our support network of friends. I have learned that we are much better off doing that before we may need it. So I ask all of you to take that step if you haven't. Stay in touch with your friends and make time for them in your busy lives. Bring your friends to Center for Women events and give them the opportunity to experience the power of connection. It may be one of the most important things you do next year.

A Commemorative Brick purchase is a wonderful way to recognize a loved one or indicate your support for The Center for Women. These inscribed Commemorative Bricks will become part of a beautiful walkway at our entrance. Visit our website www.c4women.org/give.htm to learn more or to order a brick.



The Entrepreneurial Woman Series offers practical seminars and networking opportunities for women starting or running their own business.

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Now held at The Center for Women
 129 Cannon Street
 Free evening parking at 30 Bee St.

Registration Required:
 \$20 CFW Members/\$25 Non-Members

Branding

Shari Schleis, Splash Marketing
 Tuesday, January 22

Human Resource Issues

Tuesday, February 19

Real World Accounting

Andra Watkins, POSITUS Consulting
 Tuesday, March 19

Pricing Your Products & Services

Merideth Garrigan, A Spot in Time Photography
Sally Heineman, Heineman Design
 Tuesday, April 15

Women in the Business of Art

Tuesday, May 20

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Brown Bag Lunch Series

Thursdays at Noon. FREE.
 Information on topics affecting your emotional, physical and financial health. For women of all ages.

Getting Organized

Madeleine DeNitto, Stressed.Pressed.Messed
 Thursday, January 10

Hints from the Hat Lady from Head to Toe

Archie Burkel
 Thursday, January 17

Relationship Recovery

Jane Steele, MSW
 Thursday, February 7

How to Communicate with Men

Cary Weber, PhD
 Thursday, February 14

Balancing Work & Family

Thursday, March 13

Career Transitions

Thursday, March 20

Penny Pinchers

Thursday, April 2

Feng Shui for the Office

Thursday, April 9

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You Can Do It! is an empowering new series on subjects you want to learn more about.

Time Management for Moms

Mary Caroline Walker
 Author of "Managing Life with Kids: Simple Solutions to Organize Your Family and Home"

Tuesday, January 29 6 - 8pm
 Registration includes book:
 \$20 CFW members; \$25 non-members

Travel Writing

Sharon Spence
 Great Escapes Publishing
 Saturday, February 16 10am - 3pm
 Registration Required:
 \$85 CFW Members/\$90 Non-Members

Using Your Dreams as Guides

Justina Lasley, M.A.
 Thursday, March 27 6 - 8pm
 Registration Required:
 \$35 CFW Members/\$45 Non-Members

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SAVE THESE DATES!



Saturday, March 29
 3rd ANNUAL
 WOMEN IN BUSINESS
 CONFERENCE in conjunction with the
 Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, April 24
 7th ANNUAL
 "It's in the Bag"
 PURSE AUCTION



Giving Back to the Community



Panelists (left to right): Madeleine McGee, Community Volunteer; Nancye Starnes, Kite Foundation; Anita Zucker, Civic Leader; Dorothy Harrison, Teacher's Closet

"Men like to be involved in the institutions they support; women demand it. Men and women approach philanthropic decisions differently."

Trish Jackson
Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

Philanthropy Week Panel Discussion

One of the highlights of November 2007's Philanthropy Week was an all-women panel discussion moderated by Jennet Robinson Alterman, Executive Director of the Center for Women.

Four prominent, local female philanthropists who boldly embrace giving their time, talents and treasures discussed their personal philosophy of philanthropy and the key events in their lives that have drawn them into action.

"Why I Give to The Center for Women"

Doretha Walker



Doretha Walker is production planner at DAK Americas and lives in Mt. Pleasant. She is currently on the Board of Directors at the Center for Women and is working on her PhD at Walden University. Doretha has served in the military and has a long record of supporting local non-profit organizations.

"My parents taught me that blessings come with responsibility. My dad invited soldiers without families to share holiday meals at our house. He performs minor repairs for the neighbors and the women in the church. My mother was the cookie mom for my Girl Scout troop and was named Volunteer of the Year. She retired from H&R Block and volunteers preparing tax refunds. I grew up giving. I never saw it as a burden; it was our way of life. I have been active giving back usually through my time and talents. I also donated to Trident United Way and other agencies; but I always felt compelled to do more. The deaths of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King caused me to re-evaluate my life. I questioned my purpose and my legacy. I wanted to make a bigger impact in the lives of people around me. Instead of buying 'stuff' with my bonus, I made a donation that started The Walker Phenomenal Spirit Award to help women 35 and older to fulfill their dreams."

Virginia Hinnant is the President and Founder of Vivid2 + Co., a successful marketing and sales consultancy. She is an engaging presenter and teaches a Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce FastTrac class. Virginia is raising a teenage son and serves on the Center for Women's Board of Directors.

Virginia Hinnant



"Who gives? It isn't just Bill Gates; we all give. The universal need to help others crosses all cultural and economic boundaries. It's as simple as volunteering at a fundraiser, buying candy bars from your neighbor's child, or donating your professional expertise. And why we do it, because it feels so good!

I can be classified as an impoverished philanthropist. Giving was in response to a call that changed my life. During my rush from one commitment to another, Jennet called to invite me to the Zonta Rosa writers' program hosted by the Center. That Saturday I discovered I was not alone. Most writers are insecure about their work; they'd rather talk about it than write it. I thought about my mother, an accomplished journalist, who never completed her novel. Free at last, I have been writing ever since!

In appreciation, I'm helping the Center continue to support fledgling writers. With only \$150 a month, I thought, "Give what you can now; when you're published you can give more." I'm hoping to fund a library.

Think about it like writing, don't talk about it; start doing it. I can never repay the Center for Women for their gift. This holiday season consider saying thank you to a program, organization or person that has helped you. A little bit makes a big difference."

Cathleen Heim - Volunteer of the Year

There could be no doubt who would be the Center for Women's 2007 Volunteer of the year - Cathleen Heim!

Cathleen is a real estate agent with Prudential specializing in low to moderate income and first-time homebuyers. Cathleen is always willing to lend a hand at CFW's events, whether it's staffing our tent at Family Circle Cup or selling commemorative bricks at our Open House.

Not only is Cathleen a dependable and reliable volunteer, but her perseverance and "can-do" attitude is an inspiration to all of us.



Legal Clinics

Attorneys from the SC Bar Pro Bono Program discuss what you need to know about your rights and options. FREE

Real Estate Issues

Tuesday, February 12 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Employment Law

Tuesday, March 11 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bankruptcy Law

Tuesday, May 13 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Counseling

Our counselors meet one-on-one to develop problem solving strategies for difficult times.

Fees are based on a sliding scale and range from \$15 to \$65.

Call to schedule an appointment.

Support Groups

Women share and learn from one another. Our 7-week Support Groups are facilitated by licensed counselors.

New groups form in February.

Registration required:

\$35 CFW members; \$45 non-members

Depression and Anxiety

Sonya Easterling, MA, LPC

Mondays Feb 4 - Mar 17 5:30 - 7pm

Daughters Grief - Loss of Mother

Amanda Johnson-Latham, LISW-CP

Tuesdays Feb 5 - March 18 Noon - 1:30pm

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Information and Referral

The CFW provides information and referrals through a database of community organizations and agencies that offer support services for women and their families.

Upcoming 2008 Special Programs

Registration required. Fees vary.

Giving Workshop

You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference. Learn how to give effectively and have a bigger impact on the causes you care about. Different financial instruments will be discussed. No charge.

Thursday, January 24 6 to 8pm

Book Sale & Signing

"Rules of Work: An Irreverent Look at Advancing Your Career"

Author, Kelly Love Johnson

You've read Kelly's articles in Skirt! Now read her newly published book about what young women should know about finding success in "real" jobs. Kelly is dead serious about her rules, but writes with great wit and humor. No charge.

Thursday, January 31 5 - 7pm



Home Buying 101

Conducted by Family Services

A must for every new home buyer.

Learn how to navigate the complex process of buying your first home.

Saturday, February 9 10am to 4pm

Registration required: \$20 CFW members; \$25 non-members; Lunch included.

Women's History Month Art Exhibit & Reception

Thursday, March 6

Building Your Dream Home

Sponsored by Summerville Homes

Building a home may not be as intimidating as you think. Learn about new construction options and what you can expect. No charge.

Saturday, March 8 10:00am - 12:00

CHIX WITH STIX TEAL TOUR Break the Silence



If you're a pool player or love to watch the action, you're in for a treat! The world's best women pool players will be in Charleston January 18 - 19, 2008 at the Francis Marion Hotel. The Teal Tour Pro and Celebrity Challenge is a benefit for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and the Center for Women.

Tournament events include trick shot exhibitions and private clinics with the Pros, live and silent auctions, and educational sessions. You can even bid to play against your favorite Pro or celebrity player!

Organizer and host of the Teal Tour is Summerville's Shari Stauch who was recently inducted into the Women's Professional Billiard Association Hall of Fame. Working with Shari as co-organizer is Veronica Walsh from Planning the Globe, a local event planning company.

Eva LaRue, best known for her role of Maria on All My Children, is the National Ovarian Cancer spokeswoman and will be hosting the Luncheon on Saturday, Jan 19th.

Don't wait for the Teal Tour Pro and Celebrity Challenge to sell out. Order your tickets online today.

**Find out more or
register to attend
www.chixwithstix.net**

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Women’s Equality Day Panel Addresses, “Women’s Issues: Why Do We Still Have Them?”



Panelists (Left to Right): Niki Ross, Planned Parenthood; Lynne Ford, PhD, Chair, Political Science Dept., College of Charleston; Dot Scott, President, NAACP; Jennet Robinson Alterman, Executive Director, Center for Women

In recognition of Women’s Equality Day and passage of the 19th Amendment on August 26th, 1920 some 87 years ago, over 80 women attended a lively and fascinating panel discussion at the Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston. The topic was “Women’s Issues: Why Do We Still Have Them?” Four prominent local women took a hand at looking at this issue from four different perspectives: health-care access, political participation, racial equality and economic status.

A topic that arose repetitively throughout the discussion was women’s access to safe, affordable childcare. Without it, family economic self-sufficiency is jeopardized. In Charleston, more and better childcare facilities are needed.

The panel discussion was sponsored by The Center for Women, The League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area, The Women’s and Gender Studies Program of the College of Charleston.

1st Annual Lowcountry Women Authors Holiday Book Signing

Over 150 book lovers turned out for the first annual Lowcountry Women Authors Holiday Book Signing! On Sunday, December 2, shoppers got to meet their favorite authors, enjoy an afternoon coffee and cookie, and attend to their holiday gift buying. Sponsored by BARNES & NOBLE of Mt. Pleasant and The Center for Women, the event was the largest, in-person congregation of local, published authors ever! Thirty of Charleston’s most talented women authors were there to talk to readers and sign copies of their books.

An astonishing 1,000 books were purchased that afternoon! A percentage of sales will benefit the Center for Women.



Authors Josephine Humpreys, Marjory Wentworth and Dottie Benton Frank



Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of Charleston; Jill Abramson, Managing Editor New York Times; Shari Schleis, Splash Marketing; Laura Bright, Maverick Southern Kitchens

“Managing the News in Turbulent Times”

Jill Abramson, the Managing Editor of the New York Times and a woman who has reached the highest levels of US journalism, spoke to 140 women attending the year-end 2007 Entrepreneurial Woman Networking event at the Citadel Holliday Alumni House on November 12. One participant described Jill in this way, “Her demeanor is authentic. She’s humble and tough.”

Jill discussed her love of reporting and her deep seated belief in defending the public’s right to know when facing a decision on whether or not to print a developing story. She also touched on how even a prestigious publication like the New York Times has had to create an online news strategy and now gives as much attention to their website as hard copy newspaper.

Wachovia was the Corporate Sponsor of this networking event.