



Executive Womens Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the following new EWC members:

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TELL US YOUR GOOD NEWS

Let us know your good news, please send an email to karenwm@comcast.net and we will be sure to include a mention in our next newsletter.

Professional Women's Collective Meeting

We are very pleased to report that EWC hosted the first collective meeting of women's professional organizations earlier in March and we are looking forward to continuing this endeavor with a second, larger meeting in June. Sixteen organizations were represented at the initial meeting, which was held at Chatham University. This program was sponsored through a \$5,000 grant we received earlier this year from the Sprout Fund as part of the Pittsburgh 250 anniversary commemoration. We pledged to use the grant to bring these organizations together to connect with one another informally and eventually to identify and achieve collective goals that might emerge from our conversations.

The organizations represented were the Alcoa Women's Network, American Association of University Women, the Association of Women in the Metal Industries, Carlow University, Chatham University, Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations, FISA Foundation, the International Women's Forum, the Jewish Women's Foundation, National Association of Women Business Owners, National Organization for Women, National Council of Jewish Women, Women and Girls Foundation, Women in Film and Media, and Zonta International. Expressing interest in the project but unable to attend were the Women in Leadership Program of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Women's Law Project, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, and Women in Communications.

More detailed information about this outstanding initiative will be coming soon. You will all be invited to our June follow-up meeting where you will have the chance to network with the members of all the other organizations. We look forward to a very rich discussion at that time. We will keep you well informed.

Special thanks to **Mary Frances Dean** for writing the Sprout Fund grant proposal and for serving as chair of this committee. Thanks also to co-chair **Cathy McCollom** and committee members **Kit Needham, B.J. Leber and Cameil Williams**.

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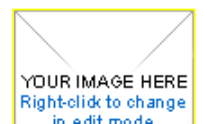
We hope you saw the interview in the Pittsburgh Business Times on March 7, "Five Minutes with **Petra Mitchell**," a new EWC member who is president of Catalyst Connections.

Congratulations to immediate past president **Joan Ellenbogen**, whose CPA firm Crawford Ellenbogen was named by Working Woman Magazine as one of the 25 **Best Woman-owned Businesses** in the Country. Outstanding!!!

Congratulations to **Laura Ellsworth**, partner-in-charge at Jones Day Pittsburgh, and **Linda Ruckert**, owner of Linda's Imprinted Products, for being named to this year's Best 50 Businesswomen in Pennsylvania list

Professional Opportunity

The Manchester Citizen's Corporation a CDC, is seeking a new executive director and intends to keep the position open until the ideal candidate has been identified. If you



know of someone who might be interested, please ask the person to send resume, cover letter and compensation requirements to edjob2008@gmail.com and reference Executive Director MCC. For additional information, contact Audrey Murrell at 412-648-1651.

We hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Karen Myres
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Executive Womens Council