Women Moving Forward® Graduates Newsletter November 2008

Since many of you from the US will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month I wanted to make this issue a special one with contributions from graduates and from Dr. Susan Love's **Army of Women** movement.

This Month's newsletter welcomes 9 more graduates from the October Women Moving Forward® in Colorado. Teresa Colucci was one of the graduates and she has contributed one of her writings to this month's newsletter. I thought it would be something you would want to see:

TERESA COLUCCI'S STRONG, PASSIONATE SPIRIT

I have a strong, passionate spirit within me.

My spirit lifts me and inspires me.

My spirit inspires others as well.

If you want to love me, you must love my strong, passionate spirit.

If you want to accept me, you must accept my spirit.

When I was young, my strong, passionate spirit was labeled "stubbornness" and was pushed back inside of me.

It was not accepted.

I must learn to love my strong, passionate spirit and accept it.

I must let it flow from me, to be heard in the world.

A Call To Serve in the Army of Women

In the last year four Women Moving Forward® Graduates have discovered they have breast cancer. As many of you know my mother and her mother had breast cancer. My grandmother died from a recurrence of it later in life my mother did not.

In my early 40's I joined a group of high-risk women in Colorado and had the BRCA1 & 2 genetic testing. Even though the testing confirmed what we thought, I am not genetically at risk at least for those two genetic markers, I have always been considered at risk for the disease.

In honor of the four women graduates who got the disease this year and the additional two that had the disease before they took WMF and my mother and her mother I am using this month's newsletter to ask you all to stand up and be counted in a special way.

We are asking all Women Moving Forward Graduates® who have not had breast cancer to join Dr. Susan Love's movement to eliminate breast cancer in our lifetime.

Dr. Love is one of the foremost breast cancer experts. She has been working and writing about this disease for years. She began to see that curing the disease was occurring at an increased rate. Breast cancers that killed women 20 years ago no longer do.

She started to talk with her colleagues & researchers about eliminating the disease completely so that no woman ever has to have this diagnosis again.

Her colleagues told her that to do that they needed to find thousands of women **without** the disease to study but they could never find enough breast cancer free women to start the research. Dr. Love said no problem I'll get them for you!

She started: <u>Army of Women</u> to find those of us without the disease who could volunteer when needed for studies the goal of which would be eliminating breast cancer completely.

I joined the <u>Army of Women</u> last month and I am inviting all graduates to follow me. You can connect to this movement at:

www.armyofwomen.org

Here is what this movement is all about:

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO GO BEYOND A CURE!

The Love/Avon Army of Women offers a revolutionary new opportunity for YOU to partner with research scientists to move us beyond a cure.

Breast cancer has been around for decades, but it does not have to be our future. We can be the generation that eliminates breast cancer by identifying what causes this disease and stopping it before it starts. This is your chance to be part of the research that will end breast cancer. Sign up for your sister, mother, daughter, granddaughter, best friend, and the woman you met last week.

Help us eradicate breast cancer once and for all. Join the Army of Women today!

Join me and other women in supporting the movement to end this disease if not in our lifetime in our daughters' & sons' lifetimes!

Let me know when you join so we can celebrate together!

Jill Boughton saw this and sent it to me this week. She thought it could be a powerful new motto for Women Moving Forward® Graduates:

Powerful Women's Motto: Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders & says...'Oh shit.... she's awake!'

Sandy Hackman found this link to an article she felt talked about what we say in WMF regarding the differences in men & women but applied to boys and girls & how they learn. We think those of you with children should definitely use the link below and take a look. It's pretty compelling.

http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/3613

MANAGING CHANGE WORKSHOP® COMES TO NEW JERSEY

On November 18-20 John will be leading a Managing Corporate Change© workshop at the Hyatt in Princeton, N. J. This workshop has helped major corporations deal with their changes for over 25 years. Results range from: Projects brought in early and under budget to employees rating their companies highly for the way they

were treated during stressful closures and layoffs. There is limited space available so if you want to attend or refer someone please let John know as soon as possible.

Productive Relationships Chicago Dec. 2-4, 2008

John is bringing Productive relationships to the Intercontinental Hotel O'Hare Airport, Chicago.

It is over half full so if you plan to attend or refer someone have him or her call the office in the next few weeks.

Women Moving Forward® Workshops 2009

January 13-15 in Lone Tree, CO SVVCI Offices

April 14-16 in Cincinnati, OH Hyatt Hotel

June 16-18 in Princeton, NJ Hyatt Hotel

October 21-23 Dallas, TX

December 2-4 Lone Tree, CO SVVCI Offices

Registrations are now open for all 2009 Women Moving Forward Workshops.

If you have someone to refer let us know. If you plan to **Observe** please contact us, as Observer space is limited in each city. There is a \$250 fee to Observe so when you contact us we will need your credit card to reserve a space. We already have several observers with reserved space in each one of the workshops in 2009.

We already have several observers in each location so contact us if you plan to observe.

Women Moving Forward® 30th Anniversary Dinner Celebrations

If you would like to celebrate with your fellow WMF® Graduates here are the dates for the celebration dinners around the US:

April 16, 2009 Thursday Hyatt Hotel Cincinnati June 18, 2009 Thursday Hyatt Hotel Princeton October 23, 2009 Friday Dallas, TX December 4, 2009 Friday Lone Tree, Colorado

The dinners are <u>FREE</u> to anyone who is a Women Moving Forward® Graduate and still on our e-mail mailing list. People who have not attended Women Moving Forward® can attend the dinners but there is a \$50 pp fee for them to attend.

Women's Leadership Retreat© May 5-7, 2009 (Make-up day May 4)

For those of you interested in attending the 2009 Retreat Please let Susan know as we now have 10 spaces filled and only 2 remaining.

****NOTE: If you do not see a course scheduled that you would like to take please let us know. Often we can build a workshop around you and your location.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (10/16/08)

All prices are in US Dollars

2008 Courses			
ADVANCED MEN'S COURSE©	October 28-30	Vail, CO	\$4,500
MANAGING CORPORATE CHANGE®	November 18-20	Hyatt Hotel Princeton, NJ	\$3500
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS©	December 2-4	Chicago, IL	\$3,500
2009 Courses			
LEADING PROJECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, COMMITMENT & PURPOSE©	January 12-16*	Lone Tree, CO	\$5,000
LEADING PROJECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIP, COMMITMENT & PURPOSE©	January 14-16**	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	January 13-15	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS©	February 24-26	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
SMART PEOPLE:			
MANAGING & RETAINING GIFTED EMPLOYEES©	March 10-12	Lone Tree, CO	\$4,000
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	April 14-16	Cincinnati, OH	\$3,500
WMF® 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER	April 16	Cincinnati, OH	N/C for grads
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT	May 5-7		
-Make-Up Day	May 4	Beaver Creek, CO	\$4,500
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS©	June 23-25	Lone Tree, CO	\$3,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	June 16-18	Princeton, NJ	\$3,500
WMF® 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER	June 18	Princeton, NJ	N/C for grads
ADVANCED MEN'S COURSE	October 13-15	Vail, CO	\$4,500
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	October 21-23	Dallas, TX	\$3,500
TRAINING FOR CHANGE AGENTS	November 3-6	Lone Tree, CO	\$5,000
WOMEN MOVING FORWARD®	Dec. 2-4	Lone Tree CO	\$3,500
WMF® 30 th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER	December 4	Lone Tree, CO	N/C for grads

^{*}TO INCLUDE A REQUIRED 2-DAY PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

Spouses and Partners of Course Graduates can attend the Course for half price (This offer does not include the Advanced Men's Course or WLR).

To register for any course, retreat, or conference, contact our office.

We accept MasterCard, Visa & American Express

There is a \$500 discount when two or more people attend the same \$3,500+ workshop from the same company and location. You must register together and attend together

All prices are subject to change. No refunds are given

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^{**}FOR THOSE THAT HAVE MET THE PREREQUISITE ATTENDANCE OF PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS