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18 million cracks in the glass ceiling!  
We've come a long way!



**Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State**



**Barack Obama, President**

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## Message from the Chair:

As we write this issue, we are in the midst of the great enthusiasm being shown in the press, TV, and radio about the inauguration! On a personal level, I must admit that I was very disappointed that we don't have Hillary Clinton as our next President! However, we must recognize that the presidency of Barack Obama is one that has excited our country and it seems the whole world. We are encouraged that he appears to be committed to the issues we care about.

We are also comforted that Hillary Clinton will be in the powerful position of Secretary of State and can be a powerful force to help women in our country but also for women around the world who are suffering unspeakable crimes every day.

We congratulate the new President and thank him for his good-natured posing for the picture on our cover announcing he is a feminist! We thank him for that. He can be a powerful role model for many good things in our society and we wish him well for his sake and for the country!

The November elections brought new hope to women hoping to get their long-awaited changes in legislation passed. The defeat of a number of legislators who were opposed to women's reproductive rights and other issues of equity in the US Congress and in New York State make us hopeful that our longstanding grievances can be addressed.

We are encouraged that the Lily Ledbetter Act and the Fair Pay Act have already passed the Assembly of the new Congress. We have to hope the Senate will follow suit and remedy the past inequities women have suffered in their workplace all these years. We have the responsibility to keep abreast of the issues and keep our legislators informed on the issues.

We will keep you advised of the most important legislation and be the Voice for the women we represent. Be sure to keep your membership up-to-date. If you haven't sent in your membership, use the coupon in the newsletter and do it today! A single person who joins with others to make change can be very powerful. Be a part of the change and join us in our work.

~ Ann Juliano Jawin

## Thank you, Cheryl Wills from NewsChannel NY1

When we had the honor of having anchorwoman, Cheryl Wills, be our Mistress of Ceremonies at our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner last September, she learned of our difficulties over the funding of our restoration for our building at Ft. Totten.

She graciously agreed to visit Ft. Totten and filmed our story! She came with her staff and filmed us at the location. Excerpts from that visit appeared on Channel 1 and it was also put on *YouTube*. You can see a summary of the film by going to our website, [www.cwny.org](http://www.cwny.org).

We believe that the story and exposure helped because we have received very positive response to the story. We are moving closer to the actual time when the bidding process for the construction will begin.

### **WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY:**

*We cannot always anticipate weather conditions. If you are scheduled to attend a Membership Program, or appointment for any one of our services, please call ahead when the weather is threatening. We must insure the safety of our staff. We will try to call you if we have your telephone number. However, if it is a public meeting, it is impossible for us to advise people individually.*

*Call the office at 718-793-0672 when you know the weather is severe.*

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## CWNY IS GOING GREEN!

*THE REALITY OF THE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCE THE NEED FOR PAPER HAS FORCED US TO MAKE CHANGES.*

We are updating our use of technology to help us get our message out and continue our services. Our website is easily accessed, ***cwny.org***, and you can send us your membership dues, donations, registration fees, etc. directly on the web.

We have been increasing our email list and have been adapting to the new technology by sending many of our announcements and correspondence by email.

The increasing cost of postage has caused us to make adjustments and we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that we cannot afford to continue to send our newsletters to all of our readers through the traditional means of mail. After this issue, you will receive our newsletters only if you join as a member.

We make it very easy to become a member because we link our membership fees to your income. We also make a distinction between salaried members and professional and business women and men and commercial companies and nonprofits.

For nonworking people, you can be a member, continue to receive a printed copy of our newsletter, avail yourself of our free services of Job Club, Legal Referral Clinic, Support Group and Financial Clinic as well as our monthly programs, for as little as \$15 per year! We depend upon our working members to help us with their dues and donations. These dues keep us functioning and we urge you to please check your mailing label for your latest payment.

The new membership period started September 1<sup>st</sup> of 2008 and goes through August 31<sup>st</sup> of 2009. Please send us your check and if possible, a donation. We are tax deductible! Remember, we are a unique organization that exists to help women. Volunteer if you can, but if you can't give your time, help us to continue our services with your donation and membership dues.

You will feel gratified that you are doing your share. Remember to include your email, so we can send you emergency information.

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

QUEENSBOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213

7:15 TO 9:30 PM

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IS HERE AND AT CWNY WE ARE EMPHASIZING THE ECONOMY. OUR FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH AT CWNY IS ON JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

THIS MONTH WE FEATURE OUR CAREER COACH, ANNE MARIE DITTA, WHO WILL PRESENT A TALK ON RESUME WRITING.

We all need to know how to make the best presentation of our skills and our experience. Even if you are not looking for a job now, this is a good time to dust off the old resume and update it. If you are job hunting, this is a great opportunity to make sure your job profile enhances your chances to stand out in the crowd.

### *Refreshments*

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We are using a link with the Workforce I Career Center of the NYS Dept of Labor. We will post those job openings on our Website where they will be available to our members.

CWNY BOOK & CULTURE  
CLUB NEWS

The Book Club selection is THE  
FRIDAY NIGHT KNI TTING CLUB  
by Kate Jacobs.

Date: Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2009.

Place: Barnes & Noble Bookstore  
26<sup>th</sup> Ave & Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY

This book is a very interesting treat-  
ment of how the hobby of knitting  
brings together a very diverse group  
of women. Each woman is struggling  
with her own unique issues and finds in  
her shared enjoyment of a traditional  
craft, a common bond of understand-  
ing, sharing and sisterhood.

The February selection, RUNNI NG  
WI TH WOLVES, was on the "Times  
Best Seller List" and tells the story of  
remarkable women who face chal-  
lenges with great courage. I t will  
meet on Wednesday, February 18,  
2009.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every  
month.

Did you know that you can give \$\$\$  
to CWNY just by searching the  
Internet?

Center for Women of NY can earn a donation  
every time you search the Internet and shop  
online! Use Yahoo-powered Goodsearch.com  
and they'll donate a penny to our cause each  
time you search. Choose Goodsearch.com as  
your homepage and enter Center for the  
Women of New York as your chosen charity.

Remember to use Goodsearch.com for CWNY!

Save these dates for these future  
CWNY program nights:

*Our January program was cancelled due to an ice storm.  
We are fortunate to be able to offer it at our March Meeting.*

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**  
QUEENSBOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213  
7:15 TO 9:30 PM

Program will feature wellness and techniques to keep up our  
energy and effectiveness with:

Carmela Bernacchio, M.S. CCC-SLP:  
"Practicing Wellness in Our Daily Routines"

Barbara Scheiner, Treasurer of CWNY, is a Counselor certified  
in macrobiotic counseling and mediation techniques. She will show  
us how to maintain balance and eliminate stress by guiding us in  
effective mediation techniques.

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 7th , 2009**  
QUEENSBOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213  
7:15 p.m. TO 9:30 PM

*Program:* Roundtable of Views on the  
Economy and How To Meet the Challenge  
Participants include: Sandra Delson, Public Relations, and  
Richard Rapp, Newsletter Commentator and Editor

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009**  
QUEENSBOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213  
7:15 p.m. TO 9:30 PM

Program to be announced

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 2 , 2009**  
QUEENSBOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213  
7:15 TO 9:30 PM

*Program:* Focus on issues that will dominate the political discus-  
sions during the run-up to Elections for our City Government.



Family Day Care Training Class Students  
with Andrea Royal, instructor (standing)

## Family Day Care Training Program

Our popular **Family Day Care Training Class** will continue on Tuesday, January 20th and January 27th at our Queensborough office. The two-day session is offered throughout the year at scheduled times.

The program is designed to train and certify providers to care for children in their own homes. It is given under the supervision of the NYS Office of Child Services and provides professional early childhood development training. The 15-hour Health & Safety Training Competency Program is for new and existing family childcare providers. There is a severe need for affordable family daycare in this city.

Registration fee will be \$25 and the cost of the training program will be \$200. Opportunities are provided for reimbursement for applicants who complete the program. CWNYS is also offering the 30-hour course required for professional development for current family daycare providers to maintain their license.

For detailed information about this program, call Katherine at 718-793-0672.

## Queens Health Network - Queens Hospital Center

*An Affiliate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
82-68 164<sup>th</sup> Street, Jamaica, New York 11432*

*As employees of QHC, a learning organization promoting health and wellness, the QHC Women's Concerns Sub-Committee of the Joint Labor Management Caucus is honored to promote the*

**" Cancer Center of Excellence "**

*to the Queens community. The newly established Comprehensive Cancer Center provides a full complement of diagnostic and therapeutic services for cancer patients in a state-of-the-art facility with the latest technologically advanced equipment.*

*At Queens Hospital Center we are committed to high quality cancer care that is delivered with compassion and attention to the dignity of our patients and their loved ones.*

*For additional information call: 718-883-HOPE (4673).*

*Antonio D. Martin, Executive Director*

## JOB CLUB NEWS

We congratulate our Career Coach, Anne Marie Ditta, for the success of her weekly meetings with women seeking job opportunities. They have developed a powerful support group discussing the many issues that impact on their job-hunting activities.

They have become a dynamic force, giving each other support and excellent suggestions for their campaigns to find the next step on their career ladder.

Admittedly, the economic crisis presents a daunting challenge. However, a number of the women are using their time to do volunteer work for CWNY practicing their skills and learning new ones while they continue the job search.

The group meets from 10 to 12 noon on Friday mornings at the Center. Call Katherine at 718-793-0672 to get details and join the group.

## DO YOU HAVE A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND WANT TO WORK?

An important resource for anyone who wants to research for employers who can hire individuals with developmental disabilities is the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Employment Training Program. This program will pay wages and give other benefits to employers who are willing to train and hire qualified candidates.

Call Bernard Fineson of Developmental Disabilities Service Office at 718-217-4242 or 718-641-8295.

## To Our Members: Job Club Information:

The Workforce I Career Center put CWNY on their list to receive information on current job openings.

Our latest list includes job openings for the following positions:

Service Managers, Payroll Supervisor,  
ITS Sales Consultant, Residential Housekeepers,  
Marketing Assistants, Financial Service Associates  
Customer Service Rep, UPS/Package Handlers,  
Cashiers/Overnight Stock, LPNs, Security Guards,  
Home Health Aides

We have information which gives us the name of the company, a brief description of duties and salary range.

*This information will be available every Friday morning to members of our JOB CLUB. Paid up members of CWNY may call Katherine @ 718-793-0672 for the company names and job descriptions.*

Please be aware that arrangements for interviews must be made by the applicant and WorkForce I Career Center.

## U.S. CENSUS JOBS are AVAILABLE for 2008/2009/2010

The U.S. Census Bureau needs local residents for a variety of exciting opportunities, including interviewing, office administration, and supervision. A large part of these jobs involve dealing with the public. Most of the jobs are in the field, requiring you to locate and interview households.

P/T and F/T POSITIONS INCLUDE:  
Recruiting Assistant – Crew Leaders – Field Staff  
SALARY: \$18 PER HOUR AND UP

### QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible all applicants must:

- be at least 18 years old and
- pass the required written test

To apply, call 1-866-861-2010 toll-free to schedule an appointment to take the employment test.

For more information, go to [www.census.gov/2010censusjobs](http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs).

## APPEAL FROM SAVI

(Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program)

CWNY is proud to report that we have had two women who have been volunteering for this program from the earliest years of our organization. If you are interested in talking with them, call us and we will get you connected. The following is a message from SAVI:

*Dear Friend,*

*I am writing to you on behalf of the Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program (SAVI) hoping that you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Volunteer Emergency Department Advocate for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The Advocate is on call once a month in Manhattan or Queens to accompany people who have been recently sexually assaulted or domestically abused so that they don't have to face the difficult decisions, emotions and follow-up procedures alone.*

*Please help us spread the word and pass this information along to anyone that you know! The work the Advocate does is invaluable, and SAVI Advocates alone helped more than 500 survivors in New York City Emergency Rooms last year—that's almost 2 survivors a day!*

*New York still needs your help! Rape and Domestic Violence are still a huge problem in our communities—but through SAVI, it is possible to make a difference. Also, by completing the training, you will be certified by the Department of Health as a crisis counselor.*

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Emergency Department Advocate, please call the SAVI office at **(212) 423-2140 or (718) 736-1288**.

To get more information about SAVI you can visit the website at [www.mssm.edu/SAVI](http://www.mssm.edu/SAVI). Our organization can provide free and confidential counseling services to survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence as well as design and implement workshops and trainings for you, your staff, and other members of your community.

## NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER OPENS

The Family Justice Center at 126-02 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Kew Gardens, Queens (opposite Queens Borough Hall) is a wonderful addition to services for victims of domestic violence.

The Family Justice Center will allow the victims of domestic violence and their families to find all of the help that they need at this one central location. It allows them to seek counseling support and legal resources at the location. Children who accompany their parents to the center have a place to play and receive counseling.

The service is free and anyone can walk in for help anytime Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm. No appointment is necessary.

## HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

511 is the new number for New York State's official and free, traffic, transit and travel information. This new system is part of a nationwide approach. Calling 511 provides access to traffic information.

## US Department of Labor

**Women's Bureau, Region 2**

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### **Mission:**

To promote the well being of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment.

### **Vision Statement:**

Better Jobs! Better Earnings! Better Living! The Women's Bureau promotes 21st Century solutions to improve the status of working women and their families.

# Center for the Women of New York

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**Thursdays:** Home Health Aide Class –  
(call for schedule)  
Support Group – 6PM

**Fridays:** Job Club – 10AM

Call to register for all CWNY programs:  
(718) 793-0672

*Please call for updates as schedules are  
subject to change, and weather conditions!*

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