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Dear CWC Members,

Happy Budding Spring! As your new President, I look forward to serving you and welcome any suggestions you have to make CWC an even greater organization.

First, I'd like to thank Sheila Moses for her outstanding leadership over the last two years. She has implemented many goals from our Strategic Plan and has helped grow and strengthen our organization. Sheila, thank you from all of us!

In addition, I would like to thank Lisa Moody who left our Board at the end of 2010 after years of wonderful service to CWC. Lisa was extremely helpful in many arenas, not the least of which was helping us schedule Governor Jodi Rell to speak at some of our events, and helping us host the wonderful wine tasting events at the Governor's Mansion. Lisa, we send our thanks and best to you!

With Lisa's departure, we welcome Diane Smith. Diane has been a fabulous friend to CWC over the years, and we are thrilled that she has agreed to join our Board.

As we begin 2011, we are already off to a great start. Our Programs Committee is already putting together a fun and exciting roster of programs for the year. For 2011, you will notice that the majority of our programs will be "Members Only." We believe this is important, so that you can get to know one another on a more personal level and we believe it provides more value for your membership. This Committee is co-chaired by Lisa Casey, Linda Stamm and Barbara Taylor.

Our Membership Committee is broken down into two subgroups. New member recruitment is headed by Sandra Johnson and Sheila Moses. Member Retention is led by Paddi LeShane. We are excited that 2011 has started off with several new members, and we trust this momentum will continue throughout the year. We will also be looking to recognize our members who hit special milestones for years of loyal membership – stay tuned for some exciting ideas on this topic.

The Members Communications Committee is headed by Liz Gagne and Pat Racz. They were able to complete the upgrades to our website last year. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to upload your photo and list hobbies and interests so other members can learn more about you and connect on similar areas of interest.

I also welcome Kate Kowalyszyn as our new Vice President. Kate will be working with our Board as we revise our new strategic plan for the next three years.

We encourage you to get involved on our various committees, and we always welcome your feedback to make CWC a more valuable association. One of our key goals for 2011 is to also broaden our efforts to recruit more women of color as members. If you have suggestions of other groups we can partner with on specific events, or collaborate with on this regards, we would love to hear your suggestions.

We are excited about the year ahead. With best wishes for a prosperous and successful 2011!

Nancy A Scirocco  
President