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**Letter from the President**

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Dear CWC Members,

I trust your New Year is off to a great start! I have enjoyed my first year as your president, and look forward to 2012 and the wonderful programs we have in store.

I'd like to start by thanking Katherine Kane for her wonderful dedication as a member of the Board of Directors for the past six years. She has decided that's it's time to step down, but will remain an active member of CWC. In her place, we welcome Denise Zamore, who is Associate General Counsel of UnitedHealthcare, as our new board member.

I also want to thank each of you personally for your wonderful support of our great programs in 2011. We started the year at the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, with an in-depth "Behind the Scenes" conversation with Maestro Edward Cumming. In March, we hosted the annual Capitol Happenings and were delighted to have Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman as part of the program. And our April "Royal Wedding" lunch was a huge hit. We loved seeing all the fabulous hats and tiaras!

We kicked off the summer with a wine tasting at the Hill-stead, followed by a golf outing in July, pairing more experienced golfers with those who wanted to better learn the game. I know my game improved by the pointers was given – we heard from all that we should repeat this event in 2012.

Our fall programs included the annual *Women in Leadership Series* with former NPR Senior Foreign Correspondent Anne Garrels. We heard many wonderful comments on how much our members really enjoyed her. And in November, CWC board member Linda Stamm hosted an intimate gathering to discuss, "Keep It, Gift It, Toss It? What Your Mother's Vase is Worth." We all learned so much and came away with a greater appreciation of Linda's wonderful talents.

As we begin 2012, 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. In addition, we are also starting something new this year - affinity groups. The idea behind these is to offer our members the chance to get to know one another based on special interests. The first two we are going to start are the CWC Wine Group (February 1<sup>st</sup>) and the CWC Book Club (February 28<sup>th</sup>).

2012 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Connecticut Women's Council, which we are very excited about. You will be receiving a gift in the mail from the Board of Directors – we hope you enjoy using it!

We will also be sending out a member survey next week, and we encourage you to give us your feedback. We truly appreciate your input and base a lot of our activities from the information we receive from you.

We are excited about the year ahead. Best wishes for a prosperous and successful 2012!

