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**A Letter from the President**

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Greetings to all CWC Members,

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

First, let me thank Pat Racz 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. Pat, thank you from all of us!

In addition, I would like to thank Laura Grondin who is leaving our Board this year after years of tireless service to CWC. Laura was President during 1999 and 2002 and was the architect of our Strategic Plan created in 2006. Laura, we send our thanks to you!

As we begin 2009, we are already off to a great start. Our Member Relations Committee chaired by Paddi LeShane and Jackie Mandycyk is creating a member survey to get input from you, our members, on your interests. You will receive the survey within the next few weeks. Please feel free to use the survey to inform our Board if you would like to become more involved in CWC on one of our committees.

Our Program Committee, headed by Katherine Kane is well underway creating Capital Happenings, our annual event featuring women legislative leaders in our state. We will send out the "Save the Date" notice as soon as the date is confirmed. It could be as early as the first week in February. Other programs are in the works and we hope to get a full schedule out to you by the end of February. We will also have two member only events.

Our Website Committee is in the final stages of developing our new and improved website. We are excited to continue to use this format to communicate our programs, new member updates, and we welcome your feedback.

Brenda Larkin, one of three new board members for 2009, chairs our Member Recruitment Committee. Caren Kittredge also joins us this year, as does Lisa Casey who is already hard at work on the member survey. We welcome our new Board Members!

With Connecticut, the nation and the world in the most challenging time in our lifetime, we, your CWC Board of Directors, are cognizant of the need to contain costs. We have decided to maintain our dues structure at the 2007 level again this year. In addition, we intend to present more events at a lower cost to you, especially our very popular member only events.

We are excited about the year ahead. With best wishes for a prosperous 2009.

  
Sheila S. Moses