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## Recognize a Remarkable Woman

What do Constance Eve, Mary Lou Rath, Anucha Browne-Sanders, Joan Bozer, Linda Witte and Gabrielle Burton have in common? The answer might surprise you: They are all past recipients of EWOC's Award of Excellence. These women, and dozens of others, have been recognized by Everywoman Opportunity Center for their contributions to the women of Western New York.

Before any of these extraordinary women accepted their award, something else had to happen. A friend, a neighbor, or a colleague had to notice their trailblazing, their willingness to be leaders in their fields and in their community, and then nominate them for this recognition.

Each year since 1985, Everywoman has honored extraordinary women who have provided inspiration as path finders, risk takers and role models for women throughout Western New York with our Award of Excellence. As we

celebrate our 35th year serving Western New York women in transition, Everywoman Opportunity Center will present this year's Awards of Excellence at our 28th Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

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### **In Memoriam:**

#### **Dorothy Carey Mattar**

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Dorothy Carey Mattar.

In her over 30 years of service at Everywoman, Dorothy was instrumental in making Everywoman the organization that it is today, fighting tirelessly to ensure our services would be available to women in transition throughout Western New York. Even after her retirement, she continued to support the work of EWOC and to encourage program participants to achieve their long-held dreams.

We miss her terribly.



## EWOC Olean Receives Renodin Foundation Grant

Everywoman's Olean Center was the recipient of a generous grant from the Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, affiliated with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York this past year. This grant made it possible for individuals, who don't qualify for services under our larger funding sources, to access the full range of employment related services offered by the agency.

The Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, attentive to the religious tradition and pastoral mission of the Franciscan sisters of Allegany, New York, is committed to the Gospel stance of social justice which

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 17 Ladies of the Vine at Papaya \*
- Feb 7 Ladies of the Vine at Saturn Club \*
- Mar 6 Ladies of the Vine at Tabree \*
- Mar 16 2012 Handbag Happy Hour  
*Note new date! Details on page 3*
- May 3 EWOC's 28th Annual Awards Dinner  
*Details above*

\* Get more information at [www.ladiesofthevine.net](http://www.ladiesofthevine.net)

## Volunteer Opportunity: First Impressions Coordinator

The Professional Clothes Closet is one of the most important and valuable services that we provide our participants. We are very fortunate to be known as a place that puts gently used professional clothing back to work and, as a result, receive a continuous flow of donations. For a participant who is preparing for a job interview, the Clothes Closet is a wonderful place of transformation where women truly begin to see themselves differently and build the confidence they need to make a strong first impression.

We are currently in need of a Volunteer First Impressions Coordinator to manage



closet operations. Responsibilities would include donation intake and sorting, preparing clothing for the Professional Clothing Boutique and assisting

participants with clothing and accessory selections.

Qualifications include the desire to make a strong positive impact on the lives of women in transition, 4 hours per week to be scheduled during regular business hours, experience working in retail or fashion is helpful as well as the ability and willingness to provide advice and counsel on professional clothing selections.

If this sounds like the right opportunity at the right time, please contact Marsha Koelmel, (Volunteer) Director of Volunteer Services at [mkoelmel@everywoman.org](mailto:mkoelmel@everywoman.org) or call the Buffalo office at 847-1120.

## Everywoman Board Elections Held



**Board President  
Sheri L. Mooney**

A new roster of officers was elected at the Everywoman Opportunity Center 2011 Annual Meeting, including **Sheri L. Mooney**, Senior Vice President and Senior Program Manager at First Niagara Financial Group, who was re-elected President of the

Board of Directors. Other officers elected were:

- **Heidi Raphael**, Vice President of Corporate Communication, Greater Media, Inc. was elected Vice-President
- **Margaret P. King**, CFO, Buffalo Hospital Supply was re-elected Treasurer

- **Michael Henry**, retired Chief of Mental Health Treatment Service, Buffalo Psychiatric Center was re-elected Secretary.

Everywoman is also pleased to welcome **Jacque Taylor**, Executive Vice President, Stovroff & Taylor Realtors and Stovroff & Taylor Travel, Ltd. to our Board of Directors.

Continuing Board members are: **Audrey J. Czesak**, CEO/President, Trinity Title & Abstract Corp., **Patricia Shelly**, Associate Director, Gender Institute of the University at Buffalo, **Helen Tederous**, Corporate Affairs Manager for First Niagara Bank, and **Sharon Thomas**, Chief Clerk, Buffalo City Court.

## 2012 Award of Excellence Nominations

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Now is your chance to nominate an outstanding woman who you believe has gone above and beyond in her work to change the lives of women for the better. Nomination forms—and a list of all of our past Award of Excellence winners—are available for download at our website, [www.everywoman.org](http://www.everywoman.org). Nominations must be received by Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the dinner, please contact Elizabeth Eisenhower at 716-847-1120.

## Olean Center Receives Renodin Foundation Grant

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is lived out in a spirit of love, healing and compassion.

The Foundation focuses its energy and resources primarily in the Twin Tier Region and strives to improve the quality of life of the poor and marginalized. Since 2002, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling

over \$500,000 to worthy organizations. Foundation funding has allowed more than 45 local agencies to strengthen families, promote literacy, and provide financial assistance, food and shelter to the needy, among many other charitable efforts.

“Funding from the Renodin Foundation helps assure that no one

falls through the cracks. Thanks to the Foundation, many individuals who need our services, and would otherwise not qualify, receive them” states Olean Center Director Heather E. Schultz. “We are very grateful for the support shown to us by the Foundation, especially during such a financially difficult time for us.”

## The 2012 Handbag Happy Hour Approaches

Following up on the success of last year's event, the 2012 Handbag Happy Hour, a great party, shopping event and benefit will be held on Friday, March 16 (*note the new date!*) at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

This event showcases premier designer, celebrity, distinctive and 'previously loved' purses for live and silent auction. This unique cocktail event attracts trendy divas

throughout Western New York who hope to walk away with a fabulous designer purse or a celebrity 'previously loved' handbag for only a fraction of the price. And it is a fun and fashionable way to raise funds to help WNY women in transition.

Community support is very important to the success of the Handbag Happy Hour, and there are numerous ways to get involved.

Sponsorships are still available, and we are also accepting a variety of donations—from handbags to desserts and beyond. Buy your tickets, stay up-to-date on developments and find out more at [www.2012HandbagHappyHour.com](http://www.2012HandbagHappyHour.com)

For more information about how you can get involved, call Kristin at 716-380-8565 or email [kscholz@everywoman.org](mailto:kscholz@everywoman.org).



## Thank You.

Beginning with our 2011 Annual Campaign, EWOC will publish the names of recent donors in our newsletter and at our website. We thank the following individuals and entities for their generous financial gifts. Your support helps us to serve women in Western New York, and we appreciate your involvement in our mission.

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Special thanks to Margot Glick, who honored us on her recent birthday by asking friends to make donations to EWOC. Happy Birthday, Margot!

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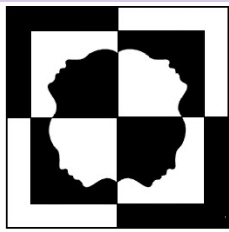
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