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Hello All,

Sending virtual hugs to everyone. If there is one thing, I miss the most during these challenging times it is hugging my WOVI



"Create the highest
grandest vision
possible for your
life, because you
become what you
believe."
Oprah Winfrey



friends. I think that when this is over and we return to some semblance of normal, we should have a giant hug-fest.

I'm grateful for Zoom and that we see each other through that medium. The MentoRing exercise is just as powerful on Zoom and I look forward to the Zoom meetings with much excitement. So, there is some semblance of normal.

WOVI keeps getting better. We now have a virtual Chapter that is attracting women from around the country. This is really exciting. Under the superb leadership of President Danni Babik, WOVI VC Prime is moving along beautifully with all the other members of the Leadership Team brand new members of WOVI.

The recent LeadersRing was outstanding showcasing a panel of powerful women. Zoom works beautifully for that as well. Our thanks to Management Council President, Kelsel Thompson and the members of the Management Council for their outstanding efforts. WOVI is alive and well in the midst of this pandemic bringing members together on a regular basis. Announced at that event was a membership contest. The brainchild of Janet Wilemon, WOVI Founding Board Member and Vice President Membership on the Management Council, the details are in this newsletter and were also sent out recently. You and your chapters will want to take advantage of this.

Over the past months, the Board approved important succession planning steps voting to incorporate new positions more in alignment with the Chapters. Those new positions are President, First, and Second Vice President. The Board then approved appointments filling those new positions as follows: Monnica Rose, President, Charlene Burroughs, First Vice President, and Danni Babik. Second Vice President. These three WOVI women bring a wide range of talent, dedication, and a strong commitment to all the members of WOVI.

Responsibilities of each of these roles were also addressed as well as their fit in the line of succession. This move on the part of the Board puts WOVl in a solid position for the future.

On another note: Who have you called lately? One day I received two phone calls from friends I had not heard from in a while. These calls brightened my day and made me think about how important they are and that we all should be making those calls so with that in mind, I challenge each of you to all two friends you have not talked with lately. You will feel better for it and you will have made an impact on their lives. That is what WOVl women do!

More hugs and much love,

Pauline Shirley
*Founding Chairman of the Board
Women of Visionary influence*

Greetings from the Board President



Greetings in our first Vision of 2021...

This will be one exciting year! The Board and Management council have laid out our schedule for the year! Get ready, get ready, get ready!

I'm excited to announce that VC Prime, our exclusive online chapter, has continually had successful meetings. Congratulations on their success. Our future is bright for the growth of additional chapters online as well as locally in the Dallas area.

All chapters, please take advantage of the incentive from the membership drive hosted by the Board and Management council. New members allow for new leadership and growth in our mentoring capacity.

Our meetings are going well on Zoom. I don't know about you, but I can't wait for that time when we are able to return to our face-to-face meetings. However, we anticipate the need to plan ahead in allowing members to continue attending online, as necessary.

Look for updates on our WOVl website that will include a link to the revised WOVl Leadership Resource Book.

Thank you for your commitment to Mentor Today, Lead Tomorrow!

Monnica Rose
Board President

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A Message from the First Vice President



Greetings Councils

As we move further into this new year of 2021, we will encounter new adventures and overcome new challenges. Through WOVl we have a group of like-minded women with whom we can celebrate when the adventures take us to new places. And these same women will be there so we can lean on them when challenges present themselves and need to be overcome.

In WOVl we gain a circle of supporters and new friends with whom we grow and learn. But there is much more we get from being WOVl Women. Each month when we attend our chapter meetings, we are treated to two things that are my focus as First Vice President—programs and the wonderful women who comprise the membership.

Our programs are phenomenal and a testament to the work of each chapter's Vice President Programs. Because of their work we have varied and interesting learning opportunities at each meeting. Over the months, various chapters have had speakers discuss the value of weight training for women of all ages or how to manage stress. We have learned to use Fung Shei to optimize the environment in our homes and our lives. And then we have had speakers who have taught us the value of estate and financial planning.

Each month we learn things we may have never thought we needed until the presentation was over. Then in conversations weeks later, we repeat something we have learned at a WOVl meeting and realize how much has been at the meetings that have enriched our lives.

Last, there are the members. All chapters have a Membership Committee that endeavors to recruit new members and retain current members in the organization. How is that mission playing out in your chapter? Are you growing? Do people stay?

Reflect on these questions and then ask yourself if you have friends who would benefit from becoming WOVl members? If so, tell them about us and have them join. Mentoring is the heartbeat of WOVl. We mentor, we learn, and we experience personal growth.

Charlene Burroughs
First Vice President

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A Message from the Second Vice President



Greetings Councils

New year, new challenges, new opportunities! The one thing that's constant is change, and we've experienced more than enough of that lately, haven't we?!?!

Changes mean new opportunities for growth, such as learning how to stay connected virtually. I have dearly loved how many WOV women I've been able to reconnect with, and newly connect with, through Zoom. That's why we launched the very first WOV Virtual Chapter, WOV VC Prime. VC Prime meets the second Friday each month, 6:30-8:30 PM CST, and our membership extends from Utah, through Texas, to Virginia and New Jersey. If you have friends who you know would flourish in WOV, but haven't been able to get them to attend one of our DFW-area chapters, let them know about WOV VC Prime - and feel free to visit, as well!

Technology is part of my responsibility as Second Vice President of the WOV Board. That means I can help with Zoom questions. It also means I'll be overseeing a thorough updating of our WOV website. If you have a brilliant idea about how we can more effectively use our web site to promote our chapters and successes; if you are familiar with WordPress; if you're just a techie woman who would be interested in learning more about our site; then I would love to have you as part of our Web Site Support Team! Contact me at dcbabik@gmail.com to contribute. And watch for exciting changes we want to bring to the website that will help you and your chapters bloom, including PDF versions of the WOV Member Handbook and Leadership Resource book; editable forms and documents; and more.

Another area I am here to serve with is Mentoring. Are you paired with a fellow WOV woman as a mentor/mentee? Are you meeting regularly? Have you capitalized on this essential element of your WOV membership? What brilliant idea has a mentor shared with you that has moved you forward on your latest endeavor? What amazing accomplishment has your mentee achieved with your advice? These are the delights we can share in WOV Moments in our chapter meetings - the successes that remind us why Mentoring is the Heartbeat of WOV. Contact your chapter's VP Mentoring if you don't know who your mentor/mentee is.

And please, let me know what I can do to help you change challenges into opportunities!

Stay warm, stay safe, stay wonderful!

Danni Babik
Second Vice President

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A Word from the Editor



Greetings WOVl Councils

My name is Dr. Felicia N. Shepherd (affectionately known as Doc Shep). As a 2020 Women of Visionary Influence (WOVI) Mentor of the Year Finalist, I am honored to serve the WOVl organization as your new Vice President, Communication.

About Me:

I am the Founder/C.E.O. of FiNeSse Enterprises LLC. The soul of the company is FiNeSse Consulting, a firm specializing in the educational and emotional advancement of children, teens, and adults. I am a proud graduate of Texas Southern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. My educational journey led me to Texas A & M University-Commerce where I earned a Master of Education in both Elementary Education and School Counseling along with a Doctor of Education in Higher Education.

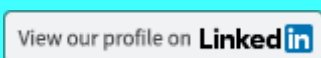
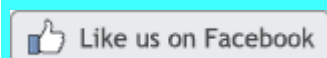
I have worked in K-12 & Higher Education teaching, counseling, and mentoring for over 25 years. Being a mentor to so many allows me to pour into extraordinary individuals of all ages. Helping others reach their education, career, and personal goals is my defined purpose in life.

During these challenging times, it is our unique gifts and talents that we have to tap into in order to strive and be of service to others. When you feel like your tank is empty, take a deep breath and remember how extraordinary you are.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you all.

Dr. Felicia N. Shepherd
VISION Editor
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