

- ❖ **The Conference brochures are here! The conference brochures are here!** Yes, we mention this twice because, truth be told, we erroneously sent it to some of you twice. We could bluff and claim it as part of a sophisticated marketing campaign, but it's not our nature. We're sure you'll agree, the brochure is beautiful and the conference agenda is full of great stuff, much of it incorporating feedback from last year's attendees. This includes the request that there be more unstructured, networking time. To this end, we cut loose a bit, adding to our program a Scholarship "Fun" Walk. Being master multi-taskers (aren't all women?) we figured we'd 1) raise scholarship funds (the fee to participate is \$15, but you also get a cool WIN t-shirt if you sign-up); 2) put a little focus on "balance" and taking care of ourselves through some gentle exercise; and 3) create a fun forum for networking while wearing sweatpants. So what to do with your extra conference brochure? You give it to a friend, of course!
- ❖ **Can you spare some time?** Every now and again a WIN member laments the fact that she'd like to get more involved but doesn't have the time. If you're one of those people, and you plan to be at the conference, please contact margaret.knell@i-car.com -- she'll have a job for you. Last year, we had nice friendly people stand at the door and welcome attendees, give out registration materials; 15 minutes here, 30 minutes there. Every little bit helps.
- ❖ **Have you ever been a go-go dancer, held a land speed record, or maybe you just got your braces off?** If you are willing to share one *interesting little known fact* about yourself at our conference welcome reception on April 13th, please contact marcy.tieger@symphonyadvisorsllc.com. We need 10 of you. We know you're out there!
- ❖ **Non-commercial, a-political and fat free.** We love our sponsors, but we want to be mindful of commercialism seeping into our conference. As such, we have integrated better checks and balances into speaker content and presentations. If you wish to share information about your company (WIN sponsor or not), we ask that you limit it to 8½ x 11 documents or brochures that can be left on a communal, un-staffed table at the back of our meeting room. If you wish to donate small gifts or branded trinkets, please contact Kim White at whitek@finishmaster.com. These items will be given out to participants in our Scholarship Walk [Note: Any costs associated with shipment of items to the hotel shall be paid by the shipper.]
- ❖ **And now a word from our sponsors.** Did we say that we love our sponsors? *We do*, and we're pleased to introduce a few more since last time: *New*: SceneGenesis, Carstar, Norton, CCC; *Second Year*: ASE, Hertz, Allstate, 3M, General Motors. Thanks for your support.
- ❖ **On the mend.** Margaret Ray informs us that she still has a lot of rehabilitation ahead but, "the old gray mare" [her words not ours] still has "some good days left"; Collette Bruce's son Adam was fitted for his prosthesis last month and is "coming along well."
- ❖ **Condolences** to board member Jeanne Silver on the death of her father, Joe Cogliandro.

"You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself." *Ethel Barrymore*