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# INSPIRER

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## Many Shades, Common Struggles Revealed Over Soul Food in Harlem

Terrie M. Williams Moderates *My Life as a Black Woman* Panel Discussion

A diverse blend of women came out to enjoy authentic Soul Food and open conversation at **Amy Ruth's Restaurant** in Harlem. Though the panel's title, **My Life as a Black Woman**, seemingly put race at the forefront, the evening ultimately explored who we are as women, above and beyond race.

Moderator **Terrie M. Williams**, a well-known inspirational author, opened the evening by speaking from a frank and personal place about her own life experiences and struggles as a Black woman. "Everyone's always walking around wearing their game face - it's like when we come together, my rep is meeting your rep," she said. "I thought tonight, what an amazing opportunity for us to

come together and peel a layer of mask off that we all wear."

**Madeline McCray** performed a powerful excerpt from ***A Dream to Fly***, her one-woman show about Bessie Coleman, the first Black female pilot. Panelists then spoke about their individual experiences, offering thoughts on growing up, relationships, femininity, racism, mental health, personal achievement, the justice system, and life in general from their unique perspectives as women of African descent.

Their comments at times echoed each other in tone, despite their divergent life histories, which emphasized the common struggles we as women, and Black women in particular, share. At the same time, the panelists each spoke from a unique place

within the sisterhood of women, allowing participants to glimpse the diversity that exists among Black women.

"I wanted to be a part of this," panelist **Saundra Heath** said, "because I think stories are very important. I... really wanted to participate in the story of intimacy between white women and

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*My Life as a Black Woman* Back row: (left to right): Moderator **Terrie M. Williams**, **Madeline McCray**, Front row: (left to right): Panelists: **Tonya R. Miller**, **Yolanda Johnson-Peterkin**, **Saundra Alexis Heath**, **Tanya Wood**.

### TWM Testimonial

"Loved it! It's so important that women of all colors talk like we did tonight!"

**Christina Freund**

## Linking Faith and Femininity: Women Share Significance of Spirituality in Daily Life

Girls, God and Goddesses Event Kicks Off New TWM Panel Series

Continuing a TWM tradition of promoting interfaith understanding, the **Girls, God, and Goddesses! Women's Relationship to Religion and Spirituality** event aimed to open dialogue between religions in a new way. Rather than focusing on global issues or the differences between particular religions, this panel discussion encouraged women to reflect upon the importance of a "higher power" in their individual lives.

The event was held at **OneSpirit Interfaith Alliance**,

where panelists candidly shared their experiences of faith and the role of spirituality in their daily lives. The panelists represented diverse faith traditions, including Jewish, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, and Christian women as well as a Goddess expert. Guests from the Kabbalah Center shared information, as well.

It was a dynamic, uplifting discussion about the influence, personal impact and meaning that religion has had for these particular women that led to breakthroughs, changed perceptions and new

understanding, especially of traditional religion, by members of our audience. Thanks to the sharing and insights of our panelists, many attendees expressed their newfound recognition that religion is not always about extremes, that being part of

a religion and being spiritual can co-exist, and that you can express your religion or spirituality through your work or career.

TWM also provided a resource table with information gathered from more than 25 religious and spiritual groups in NYC for attendees to explore. This was the

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*Girls, Gods, and Goddesses* panelists (left to right): **Lani Santos** (Jewish); **Rev. Susanna Weiss** (Buddhist); **Sharón Joseph Spence** (Baptist/Power of Prayer); **Johanna Stamps** (Methodist/Daughter of Preacher); **Manbeena Kaur** (Sikh); **Moushumi Khan** (Muslim); Not pictured: **Rev. Laurie Sue Brockway** (Goddess Expert).

### TWM Testimonial

"Great experience! It's inspiring to see women embracing their religions without giving up their individuality."

**Keltoum Nahed**

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## Letter from TWM's Founder



Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters:

Welcome to the second edition of **INSPIRER**!

**The Women's Mosaic** recently celebrated our fifth anniversary. Looking back on TWM's work, I am inspired by the diverse, dynamic women who have helped make this organization what it is today,

and the **unique, quality programs we have offered to bring them together.**

A snapshot taken of our world would reflect many diverse cultures and traditions. TWM celebrates the ways our differences intersect. No matter our background, we strive for growth, connection and compassion, and we all have the power to achieve the unexpected. **Individually and collectively, we can work towards peace, prosperity and understanding in every area of our lives.**

TWM believes that social transformation is a result of personal transformation – we start by strengthening ourselves, building relationships and creating experiences that bring us new perspectives on life. Connecting with women different from ourselves opens our eyes to new possibilities. **These connections touch all areas of our lives, and extend out into our communities, both locally and beyond.**

This edition of **INSPIRER** is a snapshot in the life of TWM. We were delighted to learn, through our recent survey, that people come away from our events feeling **inspired, informed and enlightened.**

Thank you to our members, volunteers and supporters for the enthusiasm and dedication that allow us to provide such opportunities. I am so thrilled to be surrounded by this vibrant community of women and I know that **together, we can rise up and rock the world!**

P.S. TWM needs your participation and support, so don't forget to check out page 6 for the top 5 easy and fun ways to get involved!

## Five Chinese New Years Strong, and Growing

TWM Remembers Founding Event with Feng Shui

TWM celebrated its fifth anniversary with an event that honored the organization's auspicious beginnings back in January 2001. A Chinese New Year celebration, held at the aptly named **Grand Harmony Palace** in Chinatown, gave TWM members a chance to reflect on how far the organization has come in its first five years.

Many long-time participants attended and viewed photo albums of past TWM events, laughing over pictures of themselves and marveling at the diversity of the more than 75 events held to date.

Feng Shui consultants **Julie Anna Alvarez** and **Jenny Parra** offered tips and advice to novices in the art of Feng Shui – a Chinese art of the relationship of one's life to their environment. The

presentations focused on clearing clutter from one's life to make room for positive change to enter. Participants looked up their Chinese horoscopes for 2006 and ate a traditional Chinese New Year meal, including bowls of "long life" noodles and lotus cakes to ring in the new Lunar year with good fortune.

Five women who attended had also been present at TWM's original gathering – one for each year so far!



Founding members reunite at TWM's Fifth Anniversary: (left to right) **Ronni Funk, Kristina Leonardi, Maryanne Latanyshyn, Jenny Parra, Sharón Joseph Spence.**

## Revlon Run/Walk Team Raises More Money

TWM Walks for Women's Cancer Education and Research

Soggy weather couldn't prevent TWM members from turning out to support the **2005 Revlon Run/Walk for Women**, a non-competitive 5K race that promotes awareness and raises funds for women's cancers research and education. Clad in ponchos and rain jackets over their "Chicks Rock!" t-shirts, 22 TWM team members completed the race and together raised over \$5,000 for the cause.



For the second year in a row, Team Captain **Tina Marie Greene** organized the group with great success as a way to honor loved ones who have experienced cancer. Her enthusiasm for the event spread easily to the other participants, making the event all the more meaningful and fun.



TWM's 2005 Revlon Run/Walk Team.

A smaller but just as enthusiastic team, led by Team Captain **Mary Simmons**, participated in the 2006 Run/Walk, raising just over \$2000. Both years, after the race, volunteers staffed a booth at the Health Expo in Central Park, promoting information about TWM, signing people up for our mailing list and displaying our CHICKS ROCK! logo.





## Culture Connection: Struggles of Sri Lankan Women Pre- and Post-Tsunami

TWM's "Spotlight on Sri Lanka" Event Promotes Culture, Cuisine and Caring

When the tsunami swept through Southern Asia, uprooting the lives of tens of thousands, the world responded. TWM believes strongly in reaching across the globe, not only to support those in need with our dollars, but also to build connections with other world cultures – in this case by seeking to understand of the people whose lives the tsunami disrupted.

In this spirit, TWM members gathered at jungle-themed **BOA** restaurant in the East Village to enjoy conversation and to learn more about Sri Lanka – one of the countries devastated

by the natural disaster – while supporting the ongoing relief efforts there.

The evening featured traditional dishes from Staten Island's **New Asha Sri Lanka Restaurant**, and focused on issues facing Sri Lankan women – problems that have arisen in the wake of the recent tsunami, as well as their long-term struggles and past achievements.

Guest speakers Pauline Nguyen of **Sri Lanka Care Foundation**, Yasoja Gunasekera from the **Sri Lanka Mission to the UN**, and Ravi Corea of **Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society** shared information about their work and specific areas of need within the country. They also presented details about the

status and history of Sri Lankan women, and ways to help support the country through exploring its vast biodiversity and beautiful beaches through the emerging industry of ecotourism.

A portion of the event's proceeds supported Sri Lanka Care Foundation's work to provide homes and assistance for Sri Lankan women affected by the tsunami.



Left to right: **Pauline Nguyen** of Sri Lanka Care Foundation; **Yasoja Gunasekera** from the Sri Lanka Mission to the UN; TWM Volunteer Event Coordinator **Randi Zuckerberg**; and **Ravi Corea** of Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society.

## Bridging the Divide: One Woman's Search for Identity, Home and Family

Another Road Home Screening Makes Israeli/Palestinian Conflict Personal

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict has always captured international attention. Even living halfway across the world, we are affected by stories of these nations, religions and cultures existing in turmoil. By looking beyond the larger political characteristics of the struggle, however, we can recognize the impact that regional tensions have on communities, families and individuals.

TWM hosted filmmaker **Danae Elon**, a Jewish



Filmmaker **Danae Elon** speaks about her memories of life in Israel.

Israeli woman who was raised in part by a Palestinian male caregiver, for a screening of her documentary **Another Road Home**. The film captures her experience of trying to reunite with this man after 15 years – a story which offers a subtle, personal look at the Israeli/Palestinian conflict's effect on one family. The film is moving in a quiet but extremely human way, offering a tangible connection with the conflict even to those in the audience who had only experienced it from afar.

The **Cozy Cafe** hookah lounge was crowded with TWM members and friends sampling Middle Eastern snacks after viewing a portion of the film. We

were delighted to have Danae Elon join us for this event. After the screening, she spoke about making the film and about her experiences growing up in Israel. Her candid discussion of her life and her quest to define her personal history, home, and family was both powerful and inspiring.



## TWM Discovers Nine Parts of Desire

One-Woman Show Puts Female Faces on Iraqi Conflict

TWM's outing to the critically acclaimed play **Nine Parts of Desire** both inspired and moved those who attended. The show, written and performed by **Heather Raffo**, and directed by **Joanna Settle**, highlights the varying faces and perspectives of a mosaic of Iraqi women – giving us an intimate understanding of their struggles, as well as the universal struggle of all women who live or have lived under similar circumstances.

"The ability to attend this play as a group at a discounted price was very attractive," commented TWM member Michelle French. "The topic of the play

is very relevant to *The Women's Mosaic* – deepening our understanding of the female experience in other cultures. The show was thought-provoking and moving."

Heather's talent and words were filled with profound compassion and heartbreaking truth, to the point of rendering many in the audience speechless. The women who attended found themselves transformed by the performance, their views on Iraqi women and the people of the Middle East profoundly changed by the ability of one performer to recreate a life experience so vividly onstage.

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TWM members and friends gather after watching *Nine Parts of Desire*.

## A Taste of Chocolat Benefit for TWM

Just in time for Valentine's Day, TWM supporters visited the quaint shop **Marie Belle** in SoHo to indulge in a spread of decadent chocolates. In addition to serving a variety of delectable chocolate pairings with wine, tea and coffee, the elegant chocolate boutique and café shared a comprehensive history of the mysterious treat with attendees. The event was a hit with singles and couples alike, and a great way to get in the spirit of the romantic season.

In addition to their attendance raising funds for TWM, guests were extended a 10% discount on purchases made at the shop that evening.



TWM guests learn about the history and art of chocolate making at Marie Belle.

## Cuban Party Heats Up the Summer

"One Hot Havana Night!" TWM Fundraiser Sizzles with Salsa

Mojitos, mambo and maduros ruled the evening at TWM's Cuban-themed 2005 summer fundraiser, held at **Plan B** in the East Village, where more than 80 people gathered to have a great night out while supporting TWM.

A live Cuban salsa band got the crowd up and dancing, and any folks who weren't sure what to do with their feet quickly learned. A salsa lesson by **Ahmed Selim** of **Starlight Ballroom Dance Studio** offered an introduction to the basic steps, enabling those new to Cuban music to enjoy the party alongside more seasoned dancers. His group then demonstrated the Cuban-style group salsa called Rueda, mesmerizing all who watched with their fancy twists and turns.

Silent auction items, which included Mets and Yankee tickets, restaurant and massage gift certificates, and a one-year membership to the exclusive **CLAY Fitness & Spa**, helped raise even more funds for TWM. All told, the copious amounts of authentic Latin fare donated by a variety of Cuban restaurants, exotic drinks, energetic live music and fascinating, fun company made this a party no one wanted to end!



Dance instructor **Ahmed Selim** demonstrates smooth salsa steps for the crowd.

## TWM Spotlight: Pam Kavalam

### TWM Intern Turns Event Planning Pro

In summer 2004, **Pamela Kavalam** worked as TWM's Special Events Intern, helping to organize several successful events and supporting the organization's administrative work.

*like A Night in Bollywood laid the groundwork for what I do now: planning social and cultural events."*



"Interning at TWM helped me choose the career I have now," says Pam, a former women studies major at Rutgers' Douglass College, who is now a Graduate Assistant at NYU's Office for International Students and Scholars. "Meeting a TWM member who worked at NYU inspired me to look into Student Affairs, and helping coordinate programs

Inspired by her involvement in TWM special events and by the interaction with diverse women that working with TWM has afforded her, Pam looks forward to remaining part of TWM, "no longer as a student intern, but as a professional woman in NYC looking to connect with dynamic women, learn about different cultures, and have fun!"



Guest enjoy cocktails and conversation while supporting TWM at the Summer Soiree Fundraiser.

## Summer Soiree Sensation

### Fundraiser Builds TWM Community, Draws New Supporters

TWM supporters basked in the swanky ambiance of NoLita's new lounge, **Obivia**, while enjoying an open bar and delicious appetizers provided by **Mexican Radio**, **Village Crown** and **Mitchell London Catering**. The comfy SoHo lounge was packed with over 50 TWM members and friends who turned out for our 2006 summer fundraiser.

Throughout the evening, television screens featured a video history of TWM and a festive slide show of photos from past events. Members enjoyed watching for their pictures to appear and reminiscing together, while folks new to TWM got a visual history of the organization's work.

**Dennis Kyriakos** of **MiracleMagic** entertained and mystified our guests with sleight of hand card tricks, a fun highlight to the gathering.

The evening also featured TWM's most successful silent auction to date. Auction items included a six month membership to **CLAY Fitness & Spa**, tickets to **Sandra Bernhard's** show on Broadway, an autographed **Duran Duran** photograph, spa treatments and massage sessions, salsa dance lessons, and more. Event silent auction donors also included: **ABC's The View**, **Shiseido**, **Shining Star Holistic Healing**, **SoHo Dance Studio**, **Starlight Ballroom Dance Studio**, and **The Place Restaurant**.





## Sunset Discussion Dishes About All Things Body Image at CLAY

Summer Roofdeck Gathering Marks TWM's First Members-Only Event

TWM's first members-only event was held at New York City's exclusive **CLAY Fitness & Spa**. As the sun set over the city, 30 women gathered on CLAY's roof deck, snacking on healthy appetizers and beverages provided by **Naked Juice** and **SmartWater**, as they listened to guest panelists speak about body image. **Tanya Wood**, Director of Membership, Marketing and Media at Clay, fitness expert **Lisa Wheeler**, and fitness professional/author **Deborah Quilter** served as the panel members.



TWM member **Larie Hwang** shares thoughts about body image.

Members who attended appreciated the opportunity to reflect on the deep concerns about body image that seem to be felt by all women in one form or another. The panelists shared their individual perspectives on the causes and effects of body image stress, offering insight from both their personal and professional experience dealing with issues of beauty and fitness.

The event flowed naturally from the panel presentation into an open discussion forum, engaging a diverse crowd of women into the

### TWM Testimonial

**"It was intimate and friendly, open and enlightening. Everyone had very intelligent, intriguing stories to share—I am so inspired to effect change within our culture!"**

**Jenna Goguen**

conversation. People shared stories and thoughts openly, trying to challenge the status quo of being unsatisfied with one's appearance. Women suggested root causes ranging from media images to relationship expectations, family upbringing, peer behavior and social pressures, and explored ways to think beyond these experiences.

Each participant received a goodie bag which included a special issue of **SELF Magazine** and a free one-week guest membership to CLAY.

## My Hair, My Style, My Self

TWM's "Hair Party" Explores Beauty and Identity

Thirty women gathered to let down their hair, literally and figuratively, as they explored the relationship of hair to identity and attempted to un"lock" their deeply-held beliefs about beauty. At our **Hair Party**, held at **Interfaith Center** (co-sponsor of the event), women of varying hair types, lengths and styles found a common link in their struggles to achieve self-esteem, confidence and beauty through their hair.

**Urban Bush Women**, a renowned Brooklyn-based dance performance ensemble whose art draws on women's experiences and African cultural influences, shared excerpts from their performance piece, "HairStories," and led the group through hair-themed activities and conversation.

Participants shared hair stories, hair histories, and discussed the emotions tied into the hair choices each woman had made in her life. Everyone was amazed by all the social, political and cultural issues that arose around a topic as seemingly simple as hair. It was both fun and freeing to speak about these issues, which many present had not considered so deeply before.



Comparing hair stories: TWM members share what led them to choose the hairstyles they wear.

## TWM Spotlight: Ana Djordjevic

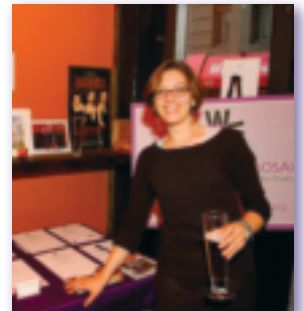
TWM Intern Cultivates Community Connections

**A**na Djordjevic came to New York from Belgrade, Serbia in December 2000, attracted by the energy and diversity of the city. Upon joining TWM as an intern in 2006, she was still busy exploring all of NYC's opportunities. "I was all over the place, trying out new things. TWM helped me focus my attention on events that I am genuinely interested in, but don't always hear about."

After starting with office work, Ana eagerly accepted additional program planning responsibilities. "I jumped at the

opportunity to organize an event," she says. Reaching out to diverse women proved to be a rich and meaningful experience.

Now working at Human Rights Watch, Ana particularly appreciates how TWM helped her develop contacts with other female professionals. "TWM connected me with women who are not in my everyday life. It is really inspiring to interact with successful, energetic women who have so much to offer."



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TWM surveyed our members in August 2006. Selected results are shown here and on page 7.

## Who is TWM?

### My Age Is:

**Under 21 2%**

**21-29 21%**

**30-40 48%**

**41-50 18%**

**51-65 11%**

### My Job Is:

**Administrative/Associate 17%**

**Consultant/Freelancer 13%**

**Entrepreneur/Small Business Owner 12%**

**Executive/Manager 20%**

**Performer 1%**

**Professional 22%**

**Retail/Hospitality 2%**

**Student 6%**

**Other 1%**

### My Faith Tradition Is:

**Agnostic 2%**

**Buddhist 1%**

**Catholic 17%**

**Hindu 1%**

**Jewish 6%**

**Muslim 1%**

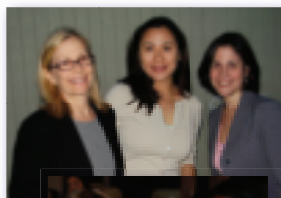
**Pagan/Earth-based 1%**

**Protestant 7%**

**Unitarian Universalist 3%**

**Spiritual but not associated with a religion 43%**

**Other 14%**



## Many Shades, Common Struggles

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*Black women. There are commonalities that we have but my experience as an African-American woman is so totally different - we're always living on the edge."*

"When you share your story with someone, you find out that you're not standing on the edge alone," Terrie said. When she invited each woman in the audience to speak to her passion in life, the discussion took on new depth. The evening became quite emotional for many participants, as the identifying and claiming of one's passions proved to be intensely personal. Women from all races and backgrounds were touched by the event, in true TWM style. The discussion highlighted our common struggles to achieve satisfaction, security and self-confidence, and to sustain the courage to pursue our passions without apology.



TWM member **Sharón Joseph Spence** shares her passions with the group.

One participant said, "[It was] a wonderful way to break barriers, very comfortable and inviting." And Brenda Pearson came away recognizing that "we all have issues to deal with."

Co-sponsored by **Stay Strong Foundation** and the **Red Tent Women's Project**, part of the event proceeds went to support **In This Together**, a grassroots New Orleans charity that benefits Katrina survivors who are women of color.

## Top 5 Ways to Get Involved!

### 1 Sign Up for TWM's eNewsletter

This lively monthly email newsletter is the best way to get news, reviews and previews of TWM programs. Visit [www.thewomensmosaic.org](http://www.thewomensmosaic.org) to get on the list!

### 2 Attend TWM Events and Workshops

Discover for yourself why the most common description of TWM events is "inspiring!" Check out our Upcoming Events page at [www.thewomensmosaic.org](http://www.thewomensmosaic.org) for the latest listings.

### 3 Make TWM Stronger!

Support an organization that believes in the unity of women and celebrates the diversity within and around us. Membership levels are flexible and tax deductible - see back page for details. Volunteers are welcomed!

### 4 Share Your Perspective

Share your unique ideas, insights and experiences with the TWM community. Plan an event celebrating your culture, ethnicity, religion or other passion. Let your voice be heard!

### 5 Tell Your Friends

Spread the word! Invite your friends and family to attend TWM events and expand our dynamic community.

## Girls, God and Goddesses

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first in a series of events that TWM will offer on the same topic. Attendee Kara Madden summed up the event by commenting, "It was so wonderful to hear such well-spoken representatives

### TWM Testimonial

"Wow. Excellent program. I feel deeply moved and inspired to develop more of a prayer practice in my own life."

**Jill Sarah Moskowitz**

*of the various religions speak about their personal experience with religion. It was also very satisfying that they were all so open about religion and spirituality without rules, restrictions and exclusive boundaries. It re-activated my faith in women and in people in general, and made me so thankful to be part of a world that is so full of loving and open people and ideas. I feel so lucky to have experienced this - thank you!"*



## Women Unite to Support One Another, Create Visions of the Future

Personal Growth Events Inspire Women to Seek Their Better Selves

**T**oo often women downplay our successes and focus our energy on self-improvement. That's why TWM focuses on personal empowerment – enabling women to unite in celebration of their strengths, skills and successes.

TWM's annual **ESP Conference** gives women a space to Empower, Support and Promote each other and ourselves by hearing from dynamic, inspiring women. The floor is opened to any TWM member who has something

positive to communicate – an idea or service that in some way celebrates us as women, or themselves as individuals.

Women speak on topics like their small businesses, entrepreneurial projects and personal achievements. Participants leave feeling inspired and encouraged to pursue their own goals, and to celebrate their successes wholeheartedly.

### TWM Testimonials

*"Great! The workshop helped me to clarify what success looks like to me."*

**Sheraun Britton-Parris**

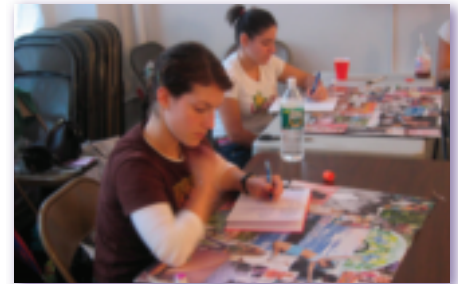
*"The ESP event was awesome – it was great being in the presence of such inspiring women."*

**Jessica Cary**

Similarly, our semi-annual **Visioning Workshop** lets women take time out to consider their deepest desires, needs and aspirations. Guided meditations and a powerful collaging activity help women step out of the hustle and bustle of city life long enough get in touch with their innermost wants.

The day-long workshop is a favorite among long-time TWM members, many of whom return to the workshop every

six months without fail. *"Taking time for personal reflection is more important than we give it credit for,"* says one member. *"Visioning reminds me of who I want to be."*



**Amanda Mittman** and **Amy Siegel** spend quality time uncovering their goals and desires at TWM's semi-annual Visioning Workshop.

## Notes from INSPIRER Readers

**We love to hear from you!** TWM succeeds only if our members feel engaged in and empowered by our events, and we can't know whether our work positively affects people unless they tell us. At every event, we ask participants to complete evaluation forms to let us know what we are doing well, what you want more of, and what you would like to see change.

**So, what exactly are people saying about The Women's Mosaic?** Here are some notes and feedback we have received from members, friends, participants, and readers of the first edition of INSPIRER, published in December 2004:

*"The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for having sent to him the most recent issue of INSPIRER. You know the importance which he attaches to efforts undertaken by inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations alike, as well as by individuals, to promote inter-cultural understanding. He has read with interest, therefore, the account of the recent activities of The Women's Mosaic in this field."*

— Special Assistant to **Kofi Annan**,  
Secretary-General of the UN

*"....so happy to have a report on your work – it is such important work – you are inspiring and result-producing."*

— **Helen Gurley Brown**

Founder of Cosmopolitan Magazine

*"TWM brings women together to connect in deep and profound ways – offering transformative experiences that touch and empower the soul. Opportunities like these allow the healing process to begin from a place which recognizes that we are all universal beings."*

— **Terrie M. Williams**

Inspirational author, *The Personal Touch*  
and the forthcoming *Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting*  
(Scribner 2007)

## TWM Survey Results

Most important qualities members say they get from TWM:

**Feeling connected to a community of diverse women 45%**

**Having new experiences 42%**

**Personal growth 41%**

**Learning about different cultures 38%**

**Motivation to create my best life 36%**

**Different perspectives and viewpoints I might not get elsewhere 33%**

Types of events members say they prefer to attend:

**Personal growth workshops 56%**

**Lectures/Seminars 54%**

**Multicultural events 53%**

**Film screenings 47%**

**Events highlighting women's human rights issues 43%**

**Panel discussions 43%**

**Ethnic dinners 41%**

How members say they feel after a TWM event:

**Inspired 45%**

**Informed 41%**

**Enlightened 40%**

**Connected 25%**

**Motivated 24%**

**All of the above 18%**

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What does it mean to be a woman today?

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**Offering your financial support through membership will enable us to sustain and enhance our programs!**

Below please find the various membership levels and benefits - please join at the highest level possible, as every penny counts! And if you prefer not to join, or are already a member, please consider making a donation in any amount. Just fill out and mail in the form below with your check, or you can donate online now by going to [www.thewomensmosaic.org/membership.asp](http://www.thewomensmosaic.org/membership.asp).

**Thank you for enabling us to continue with our work!**

**MOSAIC MEMBER - \$35**

\$5 voucher good toward one event\* + TWM key chain  
(fully tax-deductible)

**LAVENDER LADY - \$50**

\$5 off on all events\* + TWM key chain  
(fully tax-deductible)

**VIOLET VISIONARY - \$100**

Free admission to one event\* + 10% discount on all other events\* + TWM tote bag (\$65 is tax-deductible)

**STERLING SUPPORTER - \$250**

Free admission to 3 events\* + 10% discount on all other events\* + TWM tote bag (\$200 is tax-deductible)

**GOLDEN GAL - More than \$250**

Free admission to all events\* + TWM tote bag (tax-deductibility determined by amount given)

\*Events do not include The Women's Mosaic fundraisers.

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**Membership Level:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Other Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

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