

# Have You Heard?

Twenty-Third Academic Year of The Women's College of the University of Denver

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## UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS WITH TWCAA UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Women's Bean Project

When the Community Involvement Committee looked for a fall volunteer opportunity in place of the heavily-supported 9 Cares Colorado Shares, the Women's Bean Project seemed to be a great fit for TWCAA. It's more than just beans! Since 1989, this non-profit business has been helping women break the cycle of poverty and unemployment by teaching job readiness and life skills for entry-level jobs through the Women's Bean Project gourmet food production business. So on December 12<sup>th</sup>, seven alumnae skated across Denver streets to a converted firehouse packed almost to the ceiling with beans, spices, products ready for sale prepared by the program's participants, and volunteers in every nook and cranny.



While Ruth Glenn, Karen Mauler, Marguerite Purchio and Janet St. John were working in the kitchen putting together packages of "6 Bean Organic Bean Soup", Kathy Hoover, Penny Mastin and Dena Miller were working with the other volunteers in packaging spices for the soups and preparing holiday gift packages full of Women's Bean Project gourmet fare. Here's what your fellow alumnae shared about their experience:

*I really enjoyed our time there, reconnecting with other alums, and knowing that we are supporting such a worthy organization. I feel strongly that we must support other women in ways that extend outside of the walls of TWC and our professional worlds. (Ruth Glenn)*

*It is amazing to know this program exists and is helping so many women. I can't wait for the next time we get together for The Women's Bean Project. (Penny Mastin)*

*I had a lot of fun! We put together 192 bags of organic 6-bean soup! Quite the accomplishment for beginners. However, I'm sure we can beat this number next time. (Karen Mauler)*

*This is why I volunteered to be the new chair of the Community Involvement Committee. Watching my fellow Alumna and the other wonderful volunteers work hard for a great cause was one of the best presents of the season. I look forward to helping the Women's Bean Project and other great causes throughout the coming years. (Dena Miller)*

If you would like to help with a future community project, please contact **Dena Miller**.

## CAST YOUR VOTE NOW FOR TWCAA ALUMNAE AWARDS!

Get the **Outstanding Alumnae Award Nomination Form** now and email **Karen Mauler**:

- *The Community Award – For dedication and commitment to the community-at-large*
- *The Women's College Award – For involvement in, and support of, The Women's College, its students and prospective students*
- *The Alumnae Association Award – for dedication and on-going commitment to the efforts and overall success of The Alumnae Association*

**Submission Deadline for this year is 3/14/2008 to [twcoaa@aol.com](mailto:twcoaa@aol.com)**



The Women's College  
Alumnae Association

**JAN**

26 12:15pm ~ Lunch with TWC students

1:30pm-3pm ~  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**

Garden Room of the Chambers Center

(**RSVP** for one or both luncheon and meeting)

**APR**

tba **Project Homeless Connect**

17 12:15pm ~ Lunch with TWC students

1:30pm-3pm ~  
Quarterly Business Meeting

Garden Room of the Chambers Center

(**RSVP** for one or both lunch and meeting)

26 **Spring Reunion Event**

**MAY**

17 12:15pm ~ Lunch with TWC students

1:30pm-3pm ~  
Quarterly Business Meeting

Garden Room of the Chambers Center

(**RSVP** for one or both lunch and meeting)

**JUNE**

7 TWC Graduation

Check future **e-Newsletters** or [website](#) for calendar updates.

## *The Last Quarterly Business Meeting was held - January 26 at 1:30pm*

The new TWCAA Board was announced at the Fall Induction Brunch, and in December new Board Chair Janet St. John gathered other Board and TWCAA members to participate in a training/strategic planning meeting facilitated by Dianne Calhoun, TWCAA's Board Chair who ended her term at the end of 2007.

Janet will be sharing the product of this meeting at TWCAA's upcoming Quarterly Business Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join TWC students for lunch at 12:15pm.

*If you plan to attend the student lunch and or this Business Meeting, please RSVP as soon as possible to [Janet St. John](#).*

## *Support Your New Board -Get Involved!*

As Board Chair [Janet St. John](#) recruits volunteers for the coming year, the following opportunities are still open. Please contact Janet to get involved.

- Photo Archive Committee – Need volunteers to take pictures at TWCAA events
- Alumnae Awards Committee – Need volunteers to facilitate award selection
- If you would like to volunteer on any of the following committees, please contact the chair of the committee on which you would like to participate.

**Board Chair:** [Janet St. John](#)

**Board Co-Chair:** [Kathy Hoover](#)

**Board Secretary:** [Betsy Clark](#)

**Co- Secretary:** [Penny Mastin](#)

**Alumnae/Student Relations & Recruitment:** [Michelle Herd-Fitch](#)

**Budget Oversight:** [Pauline Van Buckley](#)

**Colorado Booklovers:** [Kristene Elmore](#) & [Dana Conroy](#)

**Communications:** [B. Dianne Calhoun](#)

**Community Involvement:** [Dena Miller](#) & [Sonia Ruvin](#)

**Event Planning:** [Cindi Remley](#) & [Millie Wilson](#)

**Mentoring Program:** [Judith Brown](#), [Marguerite Purchio](#) & [Cate Sawyer](#)

**Scholarship:** [Nancy Butterfield](#) & [Anita Pollock](#)

## *TWCAA Scholarships*

Every year the Scholarship Committee participates in a selection process and awards to TWC students scholarships from the contributions you make to The Women's College. Please take a moment to consider giving back to this great program. Also, you now have the opportunity to *contribute online!*