

January 2015

Dear Women Writing for (a) Change Community,

Winter brings us low-light, shortened days, cold temperatures. I find myself more resistant than usual to activity of any kind. It seems my only craving is to sit quietly with a book and a cup of tea. Look out the window. Sit still, and listen. Wait.

Paradoxically, year-end requires some unavoidable busyness. Along with record-keeping and accountability, it is a time of reflection and setting intentions; a time of saying thank you and welcoming the new.



LEADERSHIP

I extend sincere gratitude to departing board trustees Christine Zimmer and Christy Schmidt for their service as board trustees since 2012. Christine has served as Board President for the past 2 years, and Vice President in 2011. Christy served on our fundraising committee, and completed the CFLA during her tenure. Many thanks for their dedication and many contributions to WWf(a)C!

I am pleased to welcome Lisa M. Hess and Dana Johnson, our two newest trustees. Lisa is 2013 CFLA graduate, owner of our Dayton affiliate, and a regular Wednesday night writer. Dana has attended our classes and is parent to Jaye Johnson (YWFLA 2013, YW class participant, and teen assistant) and Lillian Johnson (YW class participant).

Our 2015 board officers are as follows: Mary Wood-Constable, President; Nike Mendenhall, Vice President; Janie Baer, Treasurer, and Dana Johnson, Secretary. In addition, Laurie Fitzgerald Althaus, Barbra Druffel, Claudia Kasvin, Jane Pugliano, and Lauren Young will continue serving on our board. Congratulations to all!

REFLECTIONS

2014 brought us many gifts: a beautiful new website, waiting lists for classes, Author Appreciation Day, meeting and exceeding many of our goals, and great feedback from our community.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2015 we will be offering the Conscious Feminine Leadership Academy once again, which will be led by Beth Lodge-Rigal. The Young Women's Feminist Leadership Academy for high school girls will be led by Avery Smith. Our summer camp program is expanding, with an additional half-day camp option for girls grades 4-6 in July.

We hope to bring back many of the popular offerings from 2014, including poetry offerings, the summer retreat and other specialty classes of interest. We will continue our outreach efforts in local schools and with other community groups.

Thank you to everyone for your role in our many successes: your continued and growing interest in our work fuels our passion and keeps us inspired to work on your behalf.

As always, I love to hear from you. My door is open.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Debevec".

Diane Debevec
Executive Director