"Whatever community organization, whether it's a women's organization, or fighting for racial justice ... you will get satisfaction out of doing something to give back to the community that you never get in any other way." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dear FWA Members, Sponsors and Friends,

For those who read these letters regularly, you probably gave up on seeing a September issue. Honestly, I almost gave up on writing it! Yes, I will be writing another one in about 2 weeks, but there are a few things I want to highlight before the end of the month.

In the past six months, we have learned to be experts in formulating and implementing Plan B. Many are doing this now as school is getting underway, restaurants are starting to open and many employers are tentatively encouraging workers back to the office. This improvisation is a critical skill we have been building. We have become experts in Plan B!

My own Plan B came with a surprise: in switching vacation location from New England to New York to stay within COVID guidelines, I inadvertently stayed at the house of Alice Ethelwyn Crawford, the first woman to be elected to the board of a major bank, in 1951! Coincidence??

1) The World

This week, the UN General Assembly is convening, but this year, without the gridlock in New York City. Even the UN went virtual! Market volatility continues with all three indexes down more than 6% from their peaks in early September. The Fed has stated that rates will remain unchanged until 2023, giving the economy time to recover.

What was that crashing sound you heard? The glass ceiling on Wall Street shattering! Jane Fraser has been named the new CEO of Citigroup – the first woman to head a Wall Street bank. She takes the reins in 2021, 70 years after Alice made the first dent. There is something about the 70's: it took 70 years from the...
Declaration of Independence for the Suffragettes to convene in Seneca Falls and another 70+ years for the 19th Amendment to be passed.

The energy markets and geopolitics will also impact our economy, and I can think of no better way to learn more than by attending our fireside chat with Dan Yergin, Pulitzer Prize winner, moderated by and our own Patti Domm, Markets Editor at CNBC, this Thursday, September 24th. I encourage each of you to register to attend. As an added bonus for attending, Dan Yergin’s book, “The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations, will be delivered to your home!

2) The FWA

Over the summer and to date, the FWA has been providing terrific content to support our members stay abreast of the markets and improve their technical and career development skills. This is continuing over the coming months. Over the next few weeks, we have some terrific programming to learn, connect, and advance in our careers:

- **September 24th**: Fireside Chat with Dan Yergin on *The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations*
- **September 30th**: Relaunching Your Career, During COVID and Beyond
- **October 1st**: Fireside Chat with Shellye Archambeau: *Unapologetically Ambitious*
- **October 6th**: Leading Through Times of Stress (*Second Workshop in a series offered by Jacquelyn Wieland*)
- **October 19th**: Make Work WORK For You! Featuring Carson Tate

3.) You

To paraphrase the phenomenal Ruth Bader Ginsburg, getting involved and contributing to the FWA is a gift that you are giving to yourself in addition to this fantastic organization. In the next two weeks, invest in yourself and participate in our upcoming events!

I hope to see you Thursday night and at our other events.

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