



**CITY OF GLENDALE CALIFORNIA  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Devine.

**PRESENT:** Devine, Goodman Pillsbury, Lemelle, Malakian, Manasserian, Marucut, Sowby, Walker

**ABSENT:** Ketefian

**STAFF:** Baboomian, Cordova, Varpetian

The Agenda for the September 14, 2009 meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before September 11, 2009.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dr. Iona Bina, Glendale Adventist Medical Center: Fatty Liver Disease and Obesity  
Dr. Bina shared a power point presentation on Fatty Liver Disease and Obesity with the Commission and audience.

B. Glendale Public Library: One Book/One Glendale  
Glendale Public Library staff members Pat Zeider and Mary Alice Wollam introduced the books *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See, and *Poison Ivy* by Amy Goldman Koss. Author Lisa See will appear in person at the Central Library on October 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Author Goldman Koss will appear in person at the Central Library on November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**3. ORAL COMMENT:**

- Ramella Markarian
- Lorie Lieberman
- Carol Ann Burton
- Liza Boubari
- Elizabeth Sadlon

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Commission meeting held on August 10, 2009.  
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting of August 10, 2009.

Motion – Manasserian  
Unanimous Consensus

Second – Sowby

**5. BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Action Items

1. Commission on the Status of Women's Master Calendar of Events 2009

Calendar was amended to correct a typographical error. There were no additions, deletions or revisions to the Master Calendar.

No motion

2. Consideration and Discussion of the 31 Days of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM ) Activities

Motion to mail the "Cut It Out" literature to beauty salons in Glendale, and to co-sponsor the Glendale YWCA's Candlelight Vigil on October 16, 2009.

Motion – Lemelle

Second – Walker

Unanimous Consensus

Motion directing staff to locate a co-sponsor to operate the Commission table at the Unity Fest on October 11, 2009; the Chair will authorize the co-sponsorship.

Motion – Manasserian

Second – Sowby

Unanimous Consensus

3. Consideration and Approval of Co-sponsorship of Verdugo Hills Hospital's Physician Lecture Series: "Men's and Women's Preventative Care and Osteoporosis"

Motion that the Commission co-sponsor the event by providing two gift baskets and having an informational table at the lecture.

Motion – Walker

Second – Lemelle

Unanimous Consensus

4. Consideration and Approval of Co-sponsorship of Glendale Memorial's Breast Cancer and Melanoma Seminars

Motion to approve co-sponsorship of Glendale Memorial's Breast Cancer & Melanoma Seminars, with an expenditure of \$125 for gift bags.

Motion – Sowby

Second – Manasserian

Unanimous Consensus

B. Reports—Information Only

1. None

**6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Lemelle thanked the speakers at the Commission meeting. She reiterated that teenage girls should attend Liza Boubari's InnerSite Healing Center on the first Wednesday of October. She also looks forward to the upcoming events, especially those at the local hospitals.

Manasserian spoke about the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event that has been organized by Glendale Healthy Kids on September 19 and 20; those interested can call (818) 548-7931. The Stroke Informational Luncheon will take place at Glendale Adventist Hospital on Thursday, September 17; please call (818) 409-8100 for more information.

Goodman Pillsbury participated in the PATH Achieve fundraiser this past Saturday evening. She explained that there are many opportunities for the community to volunteer their help to this worthy organization. She also noticed during Oral Comments that there are many events coming up in the future month that the community is invited to attend and she encourages the community to participate.

Sowby informed the audience that on Wednesday, September 15, Massage Envy will be having a special price for a full massage; \$10 from each massage will be donated to the Susan G. Komen cancer fund for women's cancer. She also encouraged the community to read *Shanghai Girls* during the Glendale Library's One Book/One Glendale event going on now.

Walker thanked Glendale Fire Department and all surrounding fire departments for their heroism during the Station Fire. She also noted that Fashion Week is held in October, and everyone is invited to attend the "Fashion Revealed" event, which is a fusion of art, music and fashion; those interested can call Ms. Baboomian for information. Also, October 27 is the Women's Conference by First Lady Shriver; speakers include Caroline Kennedy and Alicia Keyes.

Malakian is looking forward to reading *Shanghai Girls*, and feels that the Girls on the Run program should be brought to the high schools.

Maracut is interested in attending the program by Liza Boubari at InnerSite Healing Center along with Malakian. She also spoke about the seminar that she attended about the book *The Trouble with the Alphabet* by Karen West.

Baboomian watched the NACW Live Stream conference on August 20, which was led by Rachel Scott from the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Baboomian was happy to report that the Glendale Commission was very much in line with the suggestions that Ms. Scott gave to have a successful commission in place. She reminded Commissioners about the PAVE fundraising event in Los Angeles on September 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. She also mentioned that the Student Ex Officio search is now open; those interested can go online to the Commission's website or contact her.

Devine is very proud that the Commission is in line with the suggestions by Ms. Scott from the NACW Live Stream Conference. Chair Devine congratulated the Glendale Police Department on being the recipient of the "Verizon Hopeline Award" and receiving \$2,500.00. She also encouraged the community to take part in the different upcoming events regarding health and preventive medicine; interested parties can call Ms. Baboomian at (818) 548-4844 for more information.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.