

NEWH Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter

History 1990 to 2002

Fall 1990 – Chapter in Formation

NEWH Washington DC Chapter goes back to the fall of 1990, when Barbara Azzinaro explored an emerging organization. Her challenge was to market the mission of Network of Executive Women in Hospitality in Washington DC. There were guidelines and rules. Barbara's challenge was to spread the word of the mission and benefits of the organization. Immediately, she was tasked to find members to launch a chapter. She immediately reached out to Lynda Welte and Lydia Heitt to get going. Lydia invited Roberta Rosenbaum and Stephanie Greenberg and later Desiree Perkins and Elizabeth Grimsley. Lydia also reached out to Glenn Wilson. Barbara reached out to Linda Mansy who was already familiar with the organization due to her associations as a manufacturer's sales representative. These invitations happened in a matter of days.

First planning meetings were held in Bethesda, MD at the Air Rites building at the office of Roberta and Stephanie. Organizational meetings continued to take place as the word was spread about this new concept of education, philanthropy and networking for executive women in hospitality.

The first formal program and membership drive took place in the Brown Jordan Showroom at The Washington Design Center in October 1990. At that meeting, Elizabeth Grimsley became Chapter in Formation President. Guest speaker was Rebecca Jones, member of the NYC Chapter.

The organization continued to meet and organize. Judy Dobin, Valley Forge Fabrics was our mentor/advisor. She traveled far and wide to support us at our board meetings.

The formation period lasted almost two years. We were chartered as a chapter of the Executive Women in Hospitality on November 5, 1992. The event was held at the Marriott Key Bridge, Arlington, VA. Present from "National" to bestow the charter was Delegate, Helen Marcus and Elsie Dahlin, President of the overall organization. Washington DC chapter became the 11th chapter to be chartered.

Earliest members (alphabetic order)

Barbara Azzinaro
Paula DeMarco
Stephanie Greenberg
Elizabeth Grimsley
Lydia Heitt *
Linda Mansy *

Roberta Rosenbaum
Melanie Swisher
Desiree Perkins
Melanie Swisher
Lynda Welte
Glenn Wilson

**Deceased*

1991

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| President | Barbara Azzinaro Elizabeth Grimsley |
| VP/Programming | Desiree Perkins Lydia Heitt |
| Secretary, CFO | Lynda Welte Glenn (Abuzeid) Wilson Linda Mansy |

1992

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| President | Barbara Azzinaro |
| President | Elizabeth Grimsley (October 1992) |
| National Rep | Elizabeth Grimsley |
| VP/Programming | Desiree Perkins Lydia Heitt |
| Secretary, CFO | Lynda Welte Glenn (Abuzeid) Wilson |
| Programming | Linda Mansy |

Programs

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| Summer | Country Party at the Eastern Shore home of Julie _____, Design Tex |
| Date | |
| Fall 1991? | Speaker, Kathleen Matthews spoke on the new book, Megatrends for the 90's at the newly opened Red Sage, Washington, DC |
| Date ? | Reception and One Washington Circle Hotel and Tour of the Hotel Designed by Copeland Kreiger |
| Date ? | History of Ritz Carlton and Tour held at the Sheraton Carlton, 16 th and K Likely fall or winter |
| Date | Tour of the recently removed Highland Pullman Hotel, Connecticut Avenue, designed by Copeland Kreiger |
| Date | Presentation on the Great Auctions with guest speakers from Sotheby's Auction House |
| Date | M. J. Madigan, Editor of Hospitality Design spoke at _____ |
| Date | Panel Discussion on Hotel vs Independent Restaurants with moderator and Washington Post Food Critic, Phyliss Richman held at Citronelle at The Latham Hotel, Washington, DC |

Nov. 5, 1992 Chapter was chartered preceded by a cocktail party at the Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, VA. Chartering presented by NEWH President, Elsie Dahlin and Delegate, Helen Marcus

November 6 Charter Breakfast with Elsie Dahlin and Helen Marcus

1993

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| President | Desiree Perkins-Worsley (took office in Early spring of 1993) |
| VP | Desiree Perkins-Worsley (?) |
| Treasurer | Mary Arnold |
| Recording Sec | Jean Bowker |
| Corresponding Sec. | Linda M. Mansy |
| National Rep | B. Elizabeth Grimsley |
| S&E | Paula DeMarco and Melanie Swisher |
| Membership | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Publications | Jackie Steward |
| Community Service | Brenda Krieger |
| Fundraising | Lynda Welte and Peggy Hart |
| Job Forum | Carol Deffinbaugh |

Programs

September – Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Poolesville Golf Course, Poolesville, MD.
Special Guests, The Redskins Hoggettes

December – Board of Directors Christmas Party at the home of Melanie and Joe Swisher

1994

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| President | Brenda Krieger |
| VP | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Recording Secretary | Elizabeth (Whipple) Riley |
| Corresponding Sec | Ann Lambeth |
| Treasurer | Mary Arnold |
| Membership | Dixie Eng |
| National Delegate | Desiree Perkins-Worsley |
| S&E | Vicki Bohlman |
| Programming | Jan Huss |
| Executive Advisor | Nancy Landino |
| Fundraising | Marthe McGrath and Debbie Lawrence |
| Public Relations | |
| Community Service | |
| Publications | Lynda Welte |

Programs

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| March | Stress Management |
| April | MJ Madigan spoke on Design Trends in the Past, present and Future, Four Seasons, newly renovated hotel |
| June | Markjot Amelia for ad agency that created ad campaign for Choice Hotel |
| September | Fundraiser, Golf Tournament at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA |
| October | Wine Tasting at a local rest |

1995

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| President | Brenda Krieger |
| VP | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth (Whipple) Riley |
| Secretary | Patricia Vitkovic |
| National Delegate | Brenda Krieger |
| S&E | Vicki Bohlman |
| Membership | Dixie Eng |
| Programming | Ann Lambeth and Nancy Landino |
| Fundraising | Marthe McGrath |
| Publications | Jan Huss |
| Job Forum | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Membership | Marjorie McCormick |
| Executive Advisor | Mary Arnold |
| Past President | Desiree Perkins |

Programs

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| January | Polish Your Business Look for 1995 at Nordstrom, speaker Terri Wall of the Personal Touch Department |
| February | Hitting and Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling at the Latham Hotel, Panel discussion Susan Kary, VP Marriott, Gail Smith Howard, GM, Hyatt Fairlakes, Desiree Perkins, East District Manager for Milliken and Company |
| March 2 | Power Networking Luncheon at Citronelle |
| March 22 | What's Hot to Eat in the Federal City at Coco Loco Restaurant, Washington, DC, Judith, Editor for the Washington Times, Olga Boikess, Washington Baltimore Editor of Zagats Survey, Ann Cashion former Exec |

Chef at Jaleo and Austin Grille, now with Cashion's Eat Place in Adams Morgan

- Date Tour of The McCormick Paint Plant, Frederick, MD. Tour with member, Marjorie McCormick
- April 5 Networking Luncheon at Citronelle
- April 25 Crime Prevention Seminar, the three A's of Living Safe, Mr. Arnold Passman, Live Safe America held at Choice Hotels Headquarters
- Date Networking Luncheon at Citronelle, Washington, DC
- April Networking luncheon at Citronelle, Washington, DC
- May 17 Summer Self Improvement Series: Dealing with Difficult People
- June 7 Power Networking Luncheon at Citronelle, Washington, DC
- June 21 Summer Self Improvement Series: Are You as Successful as You Want to Be?
- July 19 Summer Self Improvement Series: How to Make Better Decisions
- October 23 Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Westwood CC, Vienna, VA
- November 30 Holiday Business Mixer at Morrison House, Alexandria, VA

1996

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| President | Nancy Landino |
| Vice President | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Secretary | Melanie Swisher |
| Treasurer | Beth Whipple (Riley) |
| National Delegate | Brenda Krieger |
| Past President | Brenda Krieger |
| S&E | Marthe McGrath |
| Membership | Dixie Eng, Kelley Osborne |
| Programming | Anne Lambeth, Stacey Skigen |
| Fundraising | Jan Huss |
| Publications | Lynda Welte |
| Community Service | Tina Parks (Hobbs) |
| Past President/ Parliamentarian | Brenda Krieger |
| Job Forum | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Public Relations | Sherry Silber, Marcia Raffig |

Programs

- February 29 at Bethesda Suites Hotel, Bethesda, MD
Speakers Cheryl Ahearn, President of the Maryland Hotel Association and James Gaffigan, President of Governmental Affairs with AHMA shared their experiences at the White House Counsel on Travel and Tourism in the fall of 1995.
- May 22 The Internet and How It Will Affect the Hospitality Industry. Speaker Gail Houck with Houck and Associates, Tysons Corner Marriott Hotel, Tysons Corner, VA
- May 22/July 23 Community Service Effort: NEWH collected donations for Suited for Change
- June 15 Community Service Effort: NEWH participated in Race for the Cure
- July 23 New Hotel Brands for the Millennium, Clarion Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Panel Discussion Karen Blair, VP and Brand Manager for Choice Hotels, Carol Wagner, VP of Development Planning and Feasibility for Marriott International, John Plunket, VP of Finance and Development for Capstar Hotels
- August 15 Day at the Park: Prince Williams "Cannons" vs Kinston Indians at G. Richard Pfitzner Stadium, Woodbridge, VA courtesy of Cannon's owner Arthur Silber and NEWH member Sherry Silber.
- September 26 Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Westwood Country Club, Vienna VA.
- November 21 Evening at The Warner Theatre: A Tuna Christmas, Washington, DC
Preceded by dinner at West End Café, One Washington Circle Hotel, Washington, DC

1997

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| President | Jan Huss |
| Past President | Nancy Landino |
| Vice President | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Secretary | Kathryn Burgess |
| Job Forum | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Treasurer | Jeanne Varney |
| Programming | Leslie (Bixler) Flynn Marichu Valencia |
| S&E | Marthe McGrath |
| Fundraising | Lynda Welte |
| Membership | Kelley Osborne |
| Publications | Lynda Welte, Cheryl Ahearn, Margaret Bailey |

Public Relations Sherry Silber, Marcia Rafig
National Delegate Brenda Krieger
Executive Advisor Dixie Eng
Community Service Christine Rowe

Programs

- January 13 An Evening of Networking and Education at The Nations Capital Foodservice Expo, sponsored by NEWH, DC and Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington, The Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC
- March 11 Network Cocktail Gathering at B. Smith's with a tour of historic Union Station, Washington, DC
- May 3 fundraiser at The Virginia Gold Cup, The Plainses, VA.
- June 4 Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Silent Auction and dinner at Bristow Manor Country Club, Bristow, VA
- June 5 Chicago – The Benefit for Whitman-Walker Clinic of Washington, DC Allocating finds for AIDS research and patient care – Community Service Effort produced by ASID, IFDA, IIDA, and NEWH, WASHINGTON Chapters
- June 25 Understanding the Laws of Accessibility – ADA –Americans with Disabilities Act with Speaker James James A. DiLuigi, AIA at Quality Suites, Shady Grove, Rockville, MD
- September 5 First Wednesday Luncheon at Hamburger Hamlet, Bethesda, MD and Citronelle Restaurant, Washington, DC
- September 20 Cooking Demonstration, Luncheon, Discussion and Book Signing for “Michel Richard’s Home Cooking with a French Accent” with renowned chef and author Michel Richard, Citronelle Restaurant, Washington, DC
- October 17 Community Service Effort: The American Heart Walk
- October 23 Restaurant Franchising by speaker Dan Rowe, President of Franchise Development Company, McLean, VA held at Hard Times Café, Alexandria, VA
- November Color Predictions by Mark Woodman of Color Marketing Group held at The Washington Design Center Washington DC
- December 11 Holiday Season Party gathering at the Corcoran Gallery, Washington, DC

- December 6 Community Service effort for the House of Ruth Party
- December 9 Wine Tasting and Holiday Party Gathering held at LaBon Café,
Alexandria, VA

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| President | Jan Huss |
| Exec VP | Marthe McGrath |
| Secretary | Kathryn B. Burgess |
| Treasurer | Jeanne M. Varney |
| Past President | Nancy Landino |
| Exec Advisor | Dixie Eng |
| S&E | Marthe McGrath |
| Membership | Kelley Osborne |
| Fundraising | Suzanne Sparkman Springer |
| Publications | Kathryn Burgess |
| Job Forum | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Historian | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Public Relations | Beth Offenbacher then Lee Braun |
| Community Service | Marichu Valencia |
| Parliamentarian | Dixie Eng |
| Hospitality/ Communications | Christine Rowe |
| Programming | Lee Braun |
| National Rep | Jan Huss |
| Past President | Nancy Landino |

Programs

- March 11 Union Station Historic Tour followed by cocktails at B. Smith's
- April Color Predications for the Design Industry and Hotel Renovation
Discussion, Sponsor and speaker: Milliken Carpet, in the Auditorium at
Marriott International
- Date How is your Profile? Marketing, Public Relations and Web Sites, Speakers
Include Beth Offenbacher, Owner of Waterford Public Relations firm and
others
- Date Looking your Personal Best Fashion Show at Nordstrom, Bethesda, MD
- August 22 Member Appreciation Day and Country Picnic held at the Long Level
Farm, Haymarket, VA home Jan and John Huss
- Date Velocity Grill at the MCI Center with guest speaker from Totan, the

Construction company that built the MCI Center speaking about the Challenges of the project

December – International Wine tasting, LeBon Café, Alexandria, VA

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| President | Lynda Welte |
| Exec VP | Christine Rowe |
| Treasurer | Jeanne Varney |
| Secretary | Martha Tillim |
| Past President | Jan Huss |
| Exec. Advisor | Dixie Eng |
| National Rep | Jan Huss |
| Past President | Jan Huss |
| Parliamentarian | Jan Huss |
| S&E | Marthe McGrath |
| Membership | Christine Rowe |
| Programming | Lee Braun |
| Fundraising | Julie Kaufmann Eileen Madigan |
| Publications | Angie Geistel |
| Community Service | Peggy Hart |
| Job Forum | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Parliamentarian | Dixie Eng |
| Ad Hoc | Bonnie Kogod Linda McGreen MariAnn Seybold |

Programs

January 21, 2004 Lighting Program sponsored by Alger at the Latham Hotel, speakers Steven Fulwider, architect from BBGM and Michael Klein from Cosentini Associates, LLP

February 6-7 NEWH National Leadership Training held in Los Angeles, CA

February 18 Trends and Predictions for Senior Living Services in the New Millennium, Panel discussion moderated by Deborah Higgins, The Higgins Group with Keynote speakers, Arnold Eppel, Deputy Director for the Department on Aging for Baltimore County, MD, Steve Gurney, Publisher of The Guide To Retirement Living, Vienna, VA. Panelists: Joe Kelly, Director of Asset Management Senior Living Services, Crestline Capital Corporation, Bethesda, MD, Deborah Lelko, Vice President of Facilities Management

And Design Services, MCR Healthcare, McLean, VA, Peg Arbaugh, Interior Design Manager for “Maple Ridge”, Marriott International’s Senior Design Services, Washington, DC, Ron Traupane, Interior Design Director, HCR Manor Healthcare, Gaithersburg, MD and Donald Feltman, Senior Vice President, Chesapeake Healthcare Corporation, Gaithersburg, MD

- March 18 Industry Leaders Speak about Trends and Expectations for the Hospitality Industry in the New Millennium. Speakers: Cheryl Ahearn, Jack Conner, Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs, AHMA, Emily Vetter, Director of Washington Hotel Association, Dixie Eng, Chair for Washington Hotel Association and General Manager of The Latham Hotel and Georgetown Inn Hotel, Washington, DC and Sandy LaBlanc, General Manager of Marriott Metro, Washington, DC held at Marriott Metro, Washington, DC
- May 1 Fundraiser at The Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, VA (7th Annual)
- May 6 Expansion of NEWH to Richmond Virginia: Speakers are the newly appointed Executive Vice President of Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association, Andrea Falzarano, Mary Huffard, Director of Government Relations, VHTA held at Virginia Embassy Suites Hotel, Richmond, VA
- June 5 Community Service Effort: Race for The Cure, Washington, DC
- October 14 Tour of Mezza 9 at Hyatt Arlington, Arlington, VA with Speaker on Design Concepts by Kathryn Mickel, Brennan Beer Gorman Monk Interiors, Washington, DC
- October 16 Community Service Effort: The American Heartwalk
- November 2 Hospitality Spaces: A Standard and Rational Approach with guest speaker W. Cesar Ruiz, designer and faculty of Toulouse Lautrec Institute, Lima, Peru presented by the Interior Design Department of Virginia Commonwealth University for NEWH expansion to Richmond VA.
- December 3 First Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala at the Seward –Belmont House, Home of the National Women’s Party. Washington, DC
- First time the Woman of Excellence Award is presented. Presented by chapter President, Lynda Welte to recipients Dixie Eng and Barbara Azzinaro

2000

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| President | Jeanne Varney |
| VP | None Listed |
| Treasurer | Lindsay Flower |
| Secretary | Martha Tillim |
| Programming | Cliff Tuttle |
| Publications | Theresa Carroll |
| Exec Advisor | Dixie Eng |
| PR/Marketing | Lynda Welte, Joan Savage |
| Parliamentarian | Lynda Welte |
| S&E | Marichu Valencia |
| Membership | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Fundraising | Julie Kaufmann |
| Community Service | Peggy Hart |
| National Rep | Jan Huss |
| Job Forum | Heather McCarty |
| Historian | Bonnie Kogod |
| Ad Hoc: | Cheryl Ahearn, Anne Shaheen |

Programs

- February 22 Personal Financial Planning, Hints and Tips for Planning the Future
Sponsored by Merrill Lynch, Washington Golf and Country Club,
Arlington, VA
- April Panel Discussion about the new project Washington Marriott Marriott
Wardman Park Hotel, Co-sponsored by CSI (Construction Specifications
Institute) held in Baltimore, Panel included:
- April 24 Cooking Demonstration and Dinner at L'Academie de Cuisine with Chef,
Francois Delanoit, Bethesda, MD
- Program: Tour of the Willard Hotel
- May 5 Fundraiser at The Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, VA
- June 2 Community Service Effort: Race for the Cure
- June Sundowners Event
- October Heart Walk
- October 26 Hotel Asset Management, the Owners' Perspective at The Pooks Hill
Marriott, Bethesda, MD. Speakers: Bruce Stemerman, Senior VP Asset
Management Host Marriott and Pamela Scholl Parsons, Director Design
and Construction for Host Marriott

- November 16 Everything You Always Wanted to Ask the Executive Housekeeper,
But Were Afraid to Ask
- December 6 Holiday Scholarship and Awards Gala, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th
Street, Washington, DC
- December 2 Community Service Effort: House of Ruth

2001

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| President | Cliff Tuttle |
| VP | Martha Tillim |
| Treasurer | Lindsay Flower |
| Secretary | Heather McCarty |
| Past President/ Parliamentarian | Jeanne Varney |
| National Rep | Jeanne Varney |
| Exec Advisor | Dixie Eng |
| S&E | Sonia Montes de Oca |
| Membership | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Programming | Marissa Scinto |
| Fundraising | Beth Reymer |
| Fundraising | Whitney Tredwell |
| Marketing | Joan Savage |
| Publications | Theresa Carroll |
| Public Relations | Lynda Welte |
| Marketing | Joan Savage |
| Community Service | B. Lynn Chambers and Yvonne Nicholson |
| Job Forum | Laurie Miller |
| Historian | Bonnie Kogod |

Auxiliary Board member: Emily Heath

Programs

- April Program: Managing Your Business, How to Become a Millionaire
- April 25 Cooking Demonstration and Dinner at L'Academie de Cuisine with Chef,
Francois Delanoit, Bethesda, MD
- May Fundraiser: The Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, VA
- September Healthcare and Senior Living Design, Brighten Gardens and Marriott
Suites, speaker: Monica Meade
- October Design, Concept, Purchase Panel Discussion at the Baltimore Marriott,

Inner Harbor, Speakers: Kay Stephenson, Navan Carpet, Kathleen Jones, Marriott International, Malinda Zimmerman, Marriott International, Lynda Sullivan, JLF Furnishings, Cliff Tuttle, Forrest Perkins LLC

November Tour Behind the Scenes

December 1 Community Service Effort: House of Ruth

December Holiday Scholarship and Awards Gala and Presentation of Woman of Excellence Award by Chapter President, Cliff Tuttle to Lynda Welte

2002

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| President | Cliff Tuttle |
| Vice President | Sonia Montes de Oca |
| CFO | Kristin Smith |
| Secretary | Heather McCarty |
| Executive Advisor | Lynda Welte |
| Past President/Parliamentarian/ NEWH Delegate | Jeanne Varney |
| S&E | Paula DeMarco |
| | Sandy Saulpaugh |
| Membership | Monica Meade |
| Programming | Tina Hobbs |
| | Linda Merrill |
| | Marisa Scinto |
| Fundraising | Beth Reyer |
| | Whitney Tredwell |
| Publications | Theresa Carroll |
| Public Relations | Barbara Azzinaro |
| Hospitality/ Communications | Martha Tillim |
| Community Service | B. Lynn Chambers |
| | Yvonne Nicholson |
| Job Forum | Laurie S. Miller |

Programs

February State of the Industry, Panel Discussion with Industry Leaders. Speakers: Barbara Moraz, Choice Hotels International, Alan Margolius, Mardeck, LTD, Rob Koger, Molinaro Koger, Sonia Montes de Oca, SMDO Associates, Michael Sutton, Sutton Hospitality Resources, Harold Scheffler, Meristar Hotel & Resorts. Held in VA

March 26 A "Hard Hat Tour" and Design Presentation at The Park Terrace Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, DC with speakers from Brennan Beer Gorman Monk Interiors, Stroud Purchasing and the Park

Terrace Hotel Management

- April Cooking Demonstration and Dinner at L'Academie de Cuisine with Chef, Francois Delanoit, Bethesda, MD
- June 1 Community Service Effort: Race for the Cure, Washington, DC
- June 2 Fundraiser at The Kemper Open, Avenal, Bethesda, MD
- Sept, 26 Technical Specifications Required for Interior Design (Life Safety Codes and ADA Requirements), Holiday Inn Select, Location? Speaker: Warren Feldman, Nehmer and Associates.
- October 19 Community Service Effort: Heath Walk, Washington, DC
- October 22 Hotel Operations Perspective on Interior Design and Renovation at The Hotel George, Washington, DC
- Dec. 6 Annual Holiday and Scholarship Awards Gala, Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD. Jeanne Varney is presented with the prestigious Recognition of Excellence Award.
- Dec. Community Service Effort: House of Ruth