



SHARING & CARING March/April 2007

“Balancing Act and Global Thinking”

We as single working mothers of color could make extra money by the balancing act we perform on a daily basis. Balancing our professional and personal lives is not anything to sneeze at – and the price may be too high for someone that would like to walk in our shoes for a day.

Our 3rd Financial Stewardship & Empowerment Conference is upcoming on **Saturday, April 14th, 8:30 am until 1:30 pm, Daniels Fund, 101 Monroe Street.** It will be an exciting and inspirational day. Over lunch, we will have a panel discussion on the topic - “*Women in Transition – Going through the Change*” focusing on personal and professional growth and gaining insight on how to handle it all.

If you had an opportunity to watch *The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy South Africa* documentary which originally aired February 26th — it is truly a testimony to Oprah Winfrey. Many doors will be opened for the girls who attend her institution. Criticism is already abound, but I believe us SMOC members can learn from Oprah and others who are working towards bringing global issues and concerns to the forefront. These global lessons will be invaluable to our children. This will be something new to many of us – but crucial for our children and their children.

If your unfamiliar with other parts of our world start by reading a magazine or newspaper targeting international affairs; listen more at the world news and to what is happening elsewhere outside the United States; take a course at a local community school or university on international affairs or another culture; speak to a financial advisor about allocating a small portion of your portfolio for international funds that are high performers; visit a local congregation with an emphasis on religions from afar – and make a journal or report about it to share with your children and family.

Remember, what we do now is just not for our children; it is for our grandchildren and their children. “The human heart is such a mystery.” (*Talladega Nights, 2006 Movie*)

Many Blessings,

Stephanie
SMOC Director

