

"Let him that would move the world, first move himself." Socrates

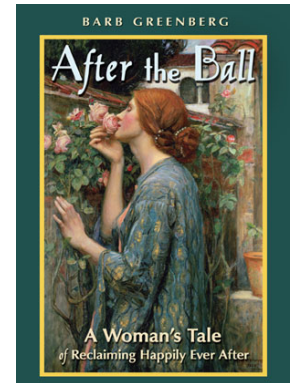
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Our Family / Our New Daughter-in-Law In June 2009, Ken's son Kenny Holman was married to Jenny Verfaillie in Michigan. Jenny is a French teacher and Kenny is an accountant and they live in the greater Detroit metro area. Ken and I traveled to Michigan for the wedding. This photo was taken at Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis when Kenny and Jenny came to visit us. Our daughter Rachel works at 3M as an accountant and is also attending the Carlson School of Management where she will be receiving her Master of Accountancy degree next spring.

from left to right: Rachel Holman, Jenny Holman, Kenny Holman, Joan Holman, Ken Holman

"After the Ball" / My NEW BOOK with Barb Greenberg -- This past year author Barb Greenberg and I became business partners in the development and publication of an inspiring new book for women. I had the pleasure of working with gifted writer Barb on the story development of her modern day fairy tale "After the Ball: A Woman's Tale of Reclaiming Happily Ever After" featuring Snow White and Cinderella, who seek the secret to living happily ever after when life with Prince Charming is not turning out exactly as they had hoped it would. I packaged the book as a lovely little hardcover gift book, and I designed the book cover and the book interior. I also researched, selected and licensed beautiful classic works of art that are featured in the book. The web site I created for the book at www.rosepathpress.com shares many rave reviews, more detailed info about the book, a "Look Inside The Book" feature, and information about the special partnerships we have developed with organizations to donate multiple copies of the book to women's shelters and organizations that support women. "After the Ball" costs \$16.95 and can be purchased on the web site or by calling Barb at 952-974-3704 and at select gift shops.



Get Joan Holman & Barb Greenberg's New Book at www.RosePathPress.com

Joan Joins Ordway Circle of Stars -- In 2009 I joined the Board of Directors of the Ordway Circle of Stars (OCOS). As the fundraising board for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, among other things, OCOS puts on the annual Ordway Gala and this year's Gala held on December 13 marked the 25 year Anniversary of the Ordway. It included the dress rehearsal of the Ordway's production of Disney's Beauty & the Beast and I highly recommend going to this magnificent production, which is one of the best shows I have ever seen! It ends January 3, 2010, so get your tickets now!

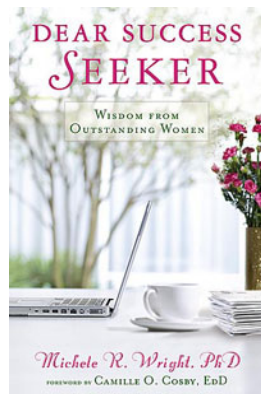
Joan's "Acting" Debut on the Ordway Stage -- The play on the small stage at the Ordway this holiday season is "Sister's Christmas Catechism." Actress Kim Richards creates a living nativity using audience members dressed as the Holy Family, magi, sheep, cattle, etc. Audience members audition for parts and guess what, I got the part of the Virgin Mary. Yes, that is me costumed in a white nightgown and bedsheet in the photo on the right. Needless to say, it is a comedy and the laughs are plentiful. The show runs through December 27, so go to it and have some fun!



Joan Holman as the Virgin Mary in Sister's Christmas Catechism on the Ordway Stage -- November 2009

Joan's Business -- I continue with my marketing, communications and public relations consulting, and this year my new clients included the Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota, KIS Fashions (a designer and manufacturer of gorgeous handbags), and authors, entrepreneurs and small business owners. In addition to designing new web sites for several clients, I also re-designed my web site at www.holman.com. I now tweet on Twitter at www.twitter.com/joanholmanmn. My blogs include "Book Marketing Diva" at <http://bookmarketingdiva.wordpress.com> and "Quiet Time" at <http://joanholman.blogspot.com>. I am also active on Facebook.

NEW BOOK Features Joan Holman --In 2009 "Dear Success Seeker: Wisdom from Outstanding Women" by Michele Wright was published by Simon and Schuster. I was instrumental in the development and publication of this book and I secured the involvement of a large number of the women featured in the book, including actress Della Reese, Gayle King (Oprah & Friends radio personality and Editor at Large for O, The Oprah Magazine), restaurant entrepreneur Leeann Chin, Dr. Deborah Kolb (America's top authority on gender and negotiation), and many others. I am also honored to be featured in the book. The foreword is written by Camille Cosby (wife of Bill Cosby), and includes 85 original letters from some of the world's most extraordinary women.



www.dearsuccessseeker.com

Ken Joins Schumm Real Estate Group/Keller Williams Realty as Real Estate Agent -- In 2009 Ken joined Schumm Real Estate Group as a real estate agent and in addition to managing his own rental properties, he is helping residential home buyers and sellers as well as those interested in buying and selling investment properties. I have designed a new web site for Ken at www.kenholmanrealestate.com as well as a new web site for Schumm Real Estate Group at www.stpaulapartmentguys.com. Ken continues to serve on the Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA) Board of Directors and is Co-Chair of the Independent Owners Group. This fall, Ken made a guest appearance on KYCR Radio's "How We Live", a show about real estate, and was interviewed about investing in multi-housing properties.