Success Connection

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Wednesday, Feb. 4 Meeting Details

Highland Country Club
104 Mechanic Street
Attleboro, MA
See directions at bottom of newsletter

Agenda:

6:00p Networking
6:45p Dinner

Menu

Butternut Squash Soup
Rolls

Chicken Marsala
or
Eggplant Parmesan

Chef's Choice for Dessert

Networking for Success

February 4 WSN Meeting

Speed Networking

WSN's popular Speed Networking is back for the February 4 meeting, which will be held at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro.

During Speed Networking, members and guests rotate from table to table and network with other attendees. If you attended the October 2008 Speed Networking meeting, you'll be meeting those folks whom you did not get to meet at that event. This exceptional networking opportunity will allow you to meet many more WSN members!

- All attendees will have one minute per table to talk about themselves.
- You'll do your introduction multiple times as you move from table to table.
- Practice for this meeting so that you can include the important information about your business and yourself in the 60-second time allotment.
- Follow up with one-on-one meetings or catch up at a future WSN meeting.
- Although you may want to bring extra business cards, we'll also have detailed contact information for everyone who attends the meeting.
- Board members will be assigned to each table to keep the flow and conversation moving.

To register for this meeting, please go to the WSN website at www.wsninc.org//reservation.html. The registrations deadlines are January 23 for mail-in reservations and January 27 for online reservations.

From the Chair

While the WSN year is technically half-over, January 1st sparks the start of something in all of us and I couldn't think of a better way to be inspired than hearing Joanie Winberg

Don't forget old friends - they are a major part of your network and part of your history.

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speak at our January meeting. For me, I like to start the year off with a burst of energy for the future, as so many of us do. For example, I tackled some of those looming household organization tasks this holiday break and already feel a huge sense of accomplishment. However, an important step for me in starting off on the right foot is to spend time reflecting on the past year, acknowledging my accomplishments, admitting my failures and creating a plan to improve.

Although I could not be at the January meeting unexpectedly, I understand that Joanie taught us that "going green" can be accomplished in many ways. The underlying message - whether going green on the outside or on the inside - is the idea of going back to basics and concentrating on the most important aspects of our lives. Joanie reminded us that in our personal and business lives, we should focus on the positive rather than the negative, recognize the talents of those around us, and be generous with praise. She also taught us - through a series of fun exercises - that laughter has important health benefits and that we should all make laughter a part of each and every day.

The February meeting will be the return of Speed Networking. For those of you who were with us in the Fall, you'll have the opportunity to meet all the individuals you didn't get the chance to meet then. For those of you who were not able to join us in the Fall, it is not to late to have the opportunity to share your business with 30 or more of your fellow WSN members and guests for longer than our usual 10 second introductions. Thanks to Jan Turner for once again volunteering to lead the coordination of this program.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, all the best to you and yours for a wonderful and healthy 2009!

Fondly,
Roxanne

Weather worries?

It's a stormy day and dubious travel conditions on a WSN meeting day. What to do?

If an event is canceled due to weather, we will send an e-mail to those registered to attend - or you may call the restaurant to determine whether they are closing due to the weather.

Directions to Highland Country Club

Route 95 North: Take exit 3 (123 Attleboro). After exit there is a Shell station immediately on your left. Take a left at the Shell station (this is Lathrop Road). Follow for 1.5 miles until you come to Berwick Road on your right. Take a right on Berwick and follow .5 miles. On the right is the entrance to Highland Country Club.

Route 95 South: Take Exit 3A (123 Attleboro). Go under 95 to Shell station immediately on your left. Take a left at the Shell station (this is Lathrop Road). Follow for 1.5 miles until you come to Berwick Road on your right. Take a right on Berwick and follow .5 miles. On the right is the entrance to Highland Country Club

However, most restaurants do not close so the meeting will be held regardless of the weather. If the restaurant remains open - we are locked into the reservation count and cannot provide refunds.

Pick up your Connection at the February meeting

The *Connection* (WSN's roster of members) has been completed and distribution has already begun! If you were at the January meeting, you should have received your copy when you signed in. If you were unable to make the January meeting, the *Connection* will be distributed again in February. For anyone that requires their copy sooner, or is not able to attend January's or February's meeting, the *Connection* will be mailed out shortly after the February meeting.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or feedback on this year's *Connection*, please email operationschair@wsninc.org. We are always looking for feedback to make each year's version even better than the last!

January Raffle Update

The January Raffle brought in $208 for WSN's Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the following members who donated raffle items:

- **Judy Alfred**, Dean Bank
- **Nancy Dayian**, California Closets
- **Mary Anne Dean**, Classic Elegance Limo
- **Claudette Kokolski**, Made to Order
- **Joyce Parlapiano**, High Note Realty
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