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WSN:
Women Helping Women
- Both Professionally
and Personally

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Annual Scholarship dinner

June 7 meeting on charitable giving

Capturing the joy and spirit of giving will be the theme of WSN's June 7 meeting at the Sapphire Manor in Sharon. Our guest speakers, Gail R. Shapiro and Rebekah Kaufman will discuss how to Make Philanthropy Part of Your Daily Life – all year round! Whether you make charitable gifts individually or as part of a group, learn how you can make a difference in your community and in the world.

WSN's June meeting is also our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. Join us in honoring the recipients of WSN's prestigious Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship.

Our speakers

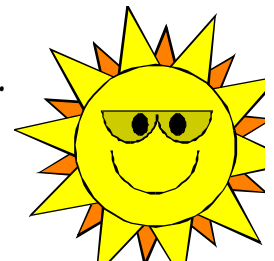
A Charitable Giving Consultant and author, **Gail R. Shapiro** helps individuals, families, and small business owners match their charitable gifts with their goals. She is finishing her newest book, *A Pocketful of Change: How Your Charitable Gifts Can Improve the World, Solve a Problem, or Transform a Life - Including Your Own*. Gail is the founder and President of Womankind Educational and Resource Center in Wayland, and is the co-creator of Womankind's Financial Literacy Project.

Rebekah Kaufman is a founding member and "Spokesmuse" of the Daily Muses Fund, a Giving Circle composed of philanthropically-focused professional women. Giving Circles are a way for like-minded individuals to learn about philanthropy in their community, leverage their resources, and increase the impact of their contributions. The Daily Muses Fund provides funding, involvement, and strategic-consulting services to not-for-profit groups that address the needs of underserved women and children in the greater Boston area.

The Women's Success Network does not meet in July and August. Our first meeting of the new program year will be on Wednesday, September 6.

During the summer you will receive a prorated invoice as part of WSN's conversion to an annual renewal (articles in April and May newsletters).

Have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.



From the Chair



This has been an exceptional year at WSN. We launched our program last September with "8-Minute Networking," an event that was so successful we intend to do it twice next year. Here are other highlights:

- Membership is up - we have over 165 members - from a September start of 130.
- The Board this year has been top notch. They've been committed and have worked hard. They deserve our thanks.
- We've expanded pre-dinner networking time by 15 minutes and ended our monthly program a bit earlier to provide more networking at the end of the meeting. Both changes have been very well received.
- We didn't get snowed out of a meeting this year.
- The Mohegan Sun trip was a great success, with more than 50 WSN members and friends attending. The bus ride was hilarious. Footprints on a car's inside windshield, a kiss from The Fonz and lunch with Hulk Hogan- who knew WSN members were so fascinating! One attendee came home \$400 richer - there were other smaller wins. No one admitted to how much they may have lost!
- The WSN Scholarship Program contributions soared late in the year thanks to a number of members offering matching gifts for home parties.
- I bought a whistle (actually two). We all learned that my twirling the whistle when someone goes over the allotted self-introduction time is just as effective as blowing the whistle!
- We started a new column in the newsletter - Getting to Know You - which has been popular. We'll feature it again next fall.
- We had a very successful Spring Fashion Show and Shopping Emporium, where members got to model and market their clothing, shoes, jewelry, and other fine products.
- One month, I learned how to diplomatically tell 35 hungry WSN members that they needed to switch from their fish or chicken to vegetarian dinner.
- We're launching a new ad hoc Social Committee to plan fun social and community events throughout the year.

A final note of thanks to our outgoing Board members. We want to say thank you to Nancy Cantor who has served two years as Programs Co-Chair, Mary Chaffee who served this year as Tables Coordinator, and to Marleen Wolfe who is completing her term as Advisory Chair. Thanks to Donna Goulart who has done a stellar job with Scholarships and who will now assume the role of Advisory Chair. And a special note of thanks to Jennifer Taddeo who served as Reservations co-chair until February when her new baby arrived and Deet Turnage took over the position. Thanks again to all of these ladies for a job well done!

Thanks to all WSN members for your participation and support - have a wonderful summer and see you again next fall.

Candace Sallale
Chair

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Election to be held at June meeting

There are a number of open board positions that will be voted on at the June 7 WSN meeting. In all cases, positions are uncontested. Terms are until June 2008 except for one of the Scholarship positions which expires in June 2007

To be voted on at the June meeting*

Chairperson:	Candace Sallale
Publicity:	Sharon Savage
Scholarship (co):	Cheryl Reed Barbara Manuelpillai (June 2007)
Advisory Co-chair:	Donna Goulart
Reservations (co):	Deet Turnage
Programs (co):	Roxanne Richard

* at the June meeting, members will vote only on the slate of names above.

Those remaining on the board with terms that expire in 2007 are:

Membership:	Wendy Juergens
Programs (co):	Carla Cataldo
Reservations (co):	Colette Stukas
Treasurer:	Teresa Rizzo
Advisory Co-chair::	Nancy Parchesky

The following adjunct positions are appointed by the Board

Ambassadors:	Michelle Raymond
Display Tables:	Betty Kushner
Newsletter/Database:	Linda Hilliard
Webmaster:	Jan Turner

There is also a new ad hoc Social Committee which will be co-chaired by Denise Foley and Joyce Parlapiano.

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Protect Yourself from Fraudulent Emails

Many WSN members use PayPal to pay for monthly meeting reservations as well as other expenses. Recently, PayPal members have reported suspicious-looking emails and fake websites. These are not from PayPal and responding to them may put your account at risk.

Use the following tips to stay safe with PayPal:

- **Safe Log In:** To log in to your PayPal account or access the website, open a new web browser (e.g., Internet Explorer or Netscape) and type in: <https://www.paypal.com>

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- **Email Attachments:** PayPal emails never ask you to download an attachment or a software program. Fraudulent emails often contain viruses.

- **Request for Personal Information:** If PayPal requires information, we will request that you enter the information only after you have safely and securely logged in to your PayPal account.

Often, fraudulent emails will request details such as your full name, account password, credit card number, bank account, PIN number, Social Security Number, or mother's maiden name. If you think that you have received a fraudulent email (or fake website), forward the email (or URL address) to spoof@paypal.com and then delete the email from your mailbox.

How Well Do You Know WSN?

1. Who twirls a whistle at meetings?

- a. Jacque, the maitre'd
- b. Candace, the WSN chair
- c. Paulo, parking lot attendant

2. What is WSN's most asked for dessert?

- a. Baked Alaska
- b. Triple layer chocolate cake
- c. Apple crisp

3. What time does networking end at WSN?

- a. 6:45 - when we sit down for dinner
- b. 10:00 - when the restaurant throws us out
- c. Never. Networking is ongoing

4. How long has WSN existed?

- a. 21 years
- b. 15 years
- c. 6 years

5. What is the WSN Mission Statement?

- a. Women Working Together, Playing Together
- b. Women Helping Women, both Professionally and Personally
- c. Women Succeeding and Flourishing

6. The Connection is

- a. A monthly WSN mixer in Franklin
- b. The WSN membership directory
- c. A Boston rock group that several WSN members formed in 1997

7. The WSN website is:

- a. www.wsninc.org
- b. www.womenrock.org
- c. www.womensucceeding.org

8. You should send in your monthly dinner reservation by:

- a. the assigned date
- b. 3 days before the meeting
- c. don't send it in - just show up

9. The resource table is for:

- a. the restaurant to display menus
- b. members to display their marketing materials
- c. the monthly recipe exchange

10. The Mohegan trip was designed to:

- a. Investigate foliage and fauna in the Connecticut woods
- b. An opportunity to network on the bus trip
- c. Have fun and laugh a lot

11. This fall, WSN dues will increase annually to

- a. \$75
- b. \$125
- c. Dues? What dues?

12. The recommended networking technique at WSN is to:

- a. Stand and talk to people
- b. Hand out your business cards
- c. Call people after a meeting

The answers:

1. Who twirls a whistle at meetings?

b. Candace, the WSN chair, keeps us to our time schedule by threatening to blow a whistle if we run over on self introductions (it's yet to happen).

2. What is WSN's most asked for dessert?

b. Triple layer chocolate cake - forget the calories. WSNers adore chocolate cake!

3. What time does networking end at WSN?

c. Never. Networking is ongoing. You should always follow up with members.

4. How long has WSN existed?

a. 21 years. We celebrated our anniversary last year with a cake (not double chocolate, but still fabulous)

5. What is the WSN Mission Statement?

b. Women Helping Women, both Professionally and Personally

6. The Connection is

b. The WSN membership directory, distributed in January.

7. The WSN website is:

a. www.wsninc.org - check it out - there's a lot of good information!

8. You should send in your monthly dinner reservation by:

a. The assigned date. Reservations needs to contact the restaurant as much as 10 days ahead of time with the count.

9. The monthly resource table is for:

b. members to display their promotional materials - this is another great marketing opportunity.

10. The Mohegan trip was designed to:

b. Be an opportunity to network on the bus trip c. Have fun and laugh a lot. Two correct answers on this one.

11. This fall, WSN dues will increase annually to

a. \$75 - it's still a bargain.

12. The recommended networking technique at WSN is to:

All correct answers! a. Stand and talk to people; b. Hand out your business cards; c. Call people after a meeting

**Sapphire Manor
Sharon, MA**

Wild baby greens with tear drop tomatoes and blueberries salad with orange vinaigrette

Warm rolls and butter

Selection of:

Pan seared chicken Oscar with asparagus and hollandaise
Wood grilled salmon with pineapple chutney
Farfarelli with wood grilled vegetables

Flourless chocolate cake served warm with French vanilla ice cream

Coffee or Tea

Financial program for young women

The Young Women's Financial Network, a nonprofit organization, is holding a summer program for young women ages 14-17 for one week from July 17 - 21 from 9am to 4pm. The cost is \$195.

The organization's mission is to empower and educate young women to understand the need for financial independence and to provide them with specific tools to realize their financial potential. The program will include workshops that will teach students the importance of budgeting and spending wisely; the benefits and "costs" of banking, including the difference between credit unions and banks; the significance of managing credit cards effectively; how to protect themselves from Identity theft and the purpose of the different types of insurance and their necessity. For information, please contact Attiya Chaudary at 508-695-7899.