

SUCCESS CONNECTIONS

A publication of the Women's Success Network

March 2007

WSN:
Women Helping Women
- Professionally
and Personally

Coming up

April 4
Fashion Show

May 2
Tony Pinheiro
"Wake Up From Your Spells"

June 6
Scholarship Event

If the decision is made to cancel a WSN meeting due to a snow storm, we will send an e-mail to those registered - or you may call the restaurant to determine whether they are closing.

However, if the restaurant remains open - we are locked into the reservation count and cannot provide refunds.



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March 7 meeting

Fitting Fitness Into Your Busy Life

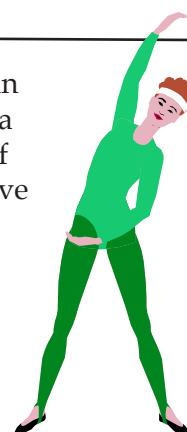


"Fitting Fitness Into Your Busy Life" will be the topic of WSN's March 7 meeting at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro. Andrea Longo, of Fitness a la Carte, will share some of

the secrets on her fitness "menu"! We all know exercise is good for us, but finding the time to do it is the obstacle that keeps many of us from optimizing our energy and productivity. Wouldn't you like

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Networking at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45
Program at 8:00
Menu on page four

to know how you can maximize results in a minimum amount of time? Feel better? Live longer? Then join us for this informative and interactive talk with fitness consultant Andrea Longo.



Success Connection to go electronic

This is WSN's final paper version of the *Success Connection*, our monthly newsletter. Starting next month, newsletters and meeting reservation forms will be sent out electronically to members' e-mail accounts. The only exception will be the handful of members who are not on e-mail (they will continue to receive their newsletter via the mail).

There are several reasons for the switch to an electronic newsletter. Primarily it is efficiency. The production of the newsletter is a volunteer board position.

With an electronic newsletter, delivery time will be much faster. Instead of waiting for several days for printing and mailing, the newsletter will be sent as soon as it is completed. Members will have more time to read their newsletter (with upcoming program information) and will have extra days to get their reservation forms in for the next month's meeting.

Members will continue to have access to current - and past - issues on the WSN website.

Database coordinator Linda Hilliard has a list of members who are not on e-mail and will coordinate mailing the paper versions. If in doubt, contact Linda to confirm that you will receive your publication in a paper format.



Even though it is bitterly cold outside as I write this article, this is the time of year that things really start heating up for the Women's Success Network. Not only are preparations underway for our annual spring fashion show, but another important time in the WSN program year is quickly approaching. We are starting to accept applications for the Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship program. Details on the scholarship appear on page three. However, I'd like to take a little space to talk about the importance of this unique program.

Obviously, the non-traditional women who have received our scholarships in the past have appreciated our help. Over the years, we have played a small, but significant role in helping dozens of women (and their families) change their lives through advanced education and training. Recently, I've been pleased to note an increased interest in supporting the scholarship program. We've always had the monthly raffle, which is the basis for raising scholarship funds each year. Now our members are becoming even more creative - and generous. The Holiday Bazaar in December brought in over \$600, while the Holiday Social raised over \$300. That's almost \$1,000 added to our scholarship fund in the month of December alone! Last year, many members who do home parties donated a percentage of their sales to the scholarship fund, and this year, Joanie Winberg is generously donating a portion of the sales from her book to the fund.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could grow our scholarship fund so that we can give more to each recipient or expand the number of recipients? I challenge you all - in the months left of this program year - to "Think Scholarship." Consider ways to expand our scholarship fund.

Several WSN Board members will be stepping down when their terms expire in June. We are looking for volunteers not only for Board positions, but a number of adjunct Board positions as well. Check out our Talent Bank form on the website (see article below) and let us know what your talent is and how you can help WSN. Taking a more active role in WSN is extremely rewarding - and fun.

Next month is our annual Fashion Show and Shopping Emporium - see the box on page three. This year's show promises to once again be a memorable event. And don't forget to bring your daughters along to the fashion show. Because April is designated as Mother-Daughter Month at WSN, your daughter can be your guest for the evening at the member price. I look forward to seeing you all at this fun and stylish event!

Candace Sallale, Chair

Talent Bank Form

Are you interested in serving a more active role within WSN? Several Board positions will be opening up. Check out our website at www.wsninc.org for our new Talent Bank form (there's a link on the home page). This is an opportunity for you to share your talents and skills - and have fun - while helping WSN.

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About Us

Jennifer Taddeo's last day at Gilmore Rees was February 1. On February 26th she will join Doherty, Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon, P.C., a general practice law firm in Franklin where Michelle Raymond is an associate in domestic relations. Jenn will continue to focus her practice in estate planning, probate and tax.

WSN Chair, **Candace Sallale**, of Edward Jones in Attleboro, has accepted a limited partnership offering in The Jones Financial Cos., Inc., the holding company for the St. Louis -based financial-services firm.

James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner, stated: "Edward Jones is owned entirely by its associates. We believe one of the best ways to reward outstanding associates is to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the company. I'm pleased to say that Candace has most definitely earned this limited partnership offering."

Do you know a heroine?

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is sponsoring the 2007 Massachusetts Unsung Heroines initiative which identifies and honors an extraordinary woman from each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns.

Women perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities and towns better places to live. They are the Unsung Heroines who use their time, talent, spirit and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others.

Any Massachusetts resident may nominate one or more women to be considered for selection as a 2007 Massachusetts Community Unsung Heroine. All nominations must be received by March 1, 2007. All 2007 Massachusetts Unsung Heroine awardees will be contacted and invited to attend a ceremony in their honor at the Massachusetts Statehouse on May 16, 2007.

For more information and an application, go to www.mass.gov/women.

Scholarship applications being sought

Applications are now being accepted for WSN's annual Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund, which provides annual scholarships to women who want to advance or change their careers through education and training.

The scholarships are primarily for "non-traditional" woman learners who are obtaining or advancing skills through college or professional development courses. Those attending college directly from high school are not eligible.

- Scholarships are funded by members, including proceeds from our monthly raffle.
- Scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,500.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a specific course or program, have well-defined and obtainable goals, and demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants must live in Eastern Massachusetts or Northern Rhode Island, be available for an interview, and able to attend the Award dinner in June.

- The Scholarship Committee notifies winners in late May.

An original member of WSN, Elizabeth F. Wajer, served on the WSN board for six years. Diagnosed with ALS in 1996, she passed away in February 1998. The board felt that Liz had given so much of her time and business acumen to WSN, it was fitting to name the Scholarship in her honor.

How do I apply?

Fill out an application found on our website at www.wsninc.org (there's a link on the home page) or contact the scholarship chairs, Barbara Manuelpillai or Cheryl Reed at scholarship@wsninc.org.

Applications must be received by April 30. If you – or anyone you know – is dedicated to improving her / your career through education, please apply on line for this scholarship.

Fashion Show Update:

Our own Linda K. Waters, who sells Etcetera Clothing, has volunteered to be our Fashion Show Coordinator for April. Models are needed in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 who will model clothing the meeting of April 4 at Highland Country Club. Models will need to attend one fitting in Franklin during the first week of March. If interested, call or e-mail Linda at: 508-520-4100, Iris.designs@comcast.net.

If you sell fashion-related items and would like a table for the evening, contact Betty Kushner at 508-520-3295 as soon as possible. Also don't forget that our April meeting is Mother-Daughter night, if you would like to bring your child or teen for the member price!

An interview with Nancy Parchesky

Nancy Parchesky believes that attending college allows a student a 'buffet' of opportunities, experiences and passions. As a college advisor, Nancy comes with 26 years experience in higher education, with 22 of those years in admissions work. She spends 20 percent of her time visiting colleges and universities in order to have first-hand knowledge to pass on to clients. Nancy also belongs to a national association

February raffle

Thanks to WSN members who donated to the February raffle. We brought in \$309 from ticket sales, and another \$25 from Joanie Winberg, who is donating \$5 from the sale of her new book. **Donors:** Heidi Caron-Guay, Rose Fidel, Laurie Frizzell, Patricia Glennon, Barbara Owen, Joyce Parlapiano, Cheryl Reed, Roxanne Richard, Eleanor Rockwood, Beverly Rollins, Catherine Wesalowski and Martha Whyte.

Highland Country Club

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Caesar salad

Roasted Pork Loin w/pan gravy
- garlic mashed potatoes-green
beans almondine

Baked scrod with garlic
mashed potatoes - green beans
almondine

Pasta primavera (homemade
sauce)

Mocha Ice Cream pie

of admissions counselors and attends local college fairs in order to meet and discuss current admissions practices.

"I am very passionate about the college experience, because mine was a joy, and I hope all students have the chance to have a positive, life-changing, mind-opening experience."

With a master's degree in counseling and a concentration in school counseling, Nancy begins with a two to three-hour consultation session with a student and parents.

"My ideal student would start the consultation at the end of freshman year in high school. This gives me the chance to counsel them on appropriate high school courses. We would move on to an initial search for colleges, where I would provide an in-depth timeline of the admission process for the final chosen schools. I maintain contact with families on the details of the admissions process, including when to call and how to

deal with situations that may arise during the application process or after."

Besides her admissions work, Nancy works with The Pampered Chef via catalog parties. Although she spends most of her time with Personal College Advising, Nancy says she thoroughly enjoys working with her party hosts and individual customers.

Nancy and husband Stephen have been married almost 25 years and have two sons, Jeremy, a sophomore at Ohio State University, and Jared, who will graduate from Tri-County Regional Vocational Tech in June and attend New England Culinary Institute in the fall.

A member of WSN since 1999, Nancy claims that the group is a "wonderful vehicle for networking, and I've met some amazing, dynamic women who have proved to be friends, business associates and people I respect."

Susan Hafner

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WSN March 7, 2007 Meeting

Fitting Fitness Into Your Busy Life

Networking 6:00 • Dinner 6:45

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From Rte 95 North or South

Take 95 to Exit 3 toward Rte 123E (Attleboro). Bear right onto South Avenue (Rte 123). Immediately get into left lane. Turn left after the Shell station onto Lathrop. Drive for 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Berwick Road and follow .5 miles. Highland entrance is on the right.

Highland Country Club Menu

Caesar salad

Roasted Pork Loin w/pan gravy
garlic mashed potatoes-green beans almondine

Baked Scrod with garlic mashed potatoes
green beans almondine

Pasta primavera (homemade sauce)

Mocha Ice Cream pie

Coffee or tea

Reservations must be postmarked by Friday, February 23, 2007
Due to reservation restrictions, no walk-ins will be permitted the night of the event.
You may also register on line at www.wsninc.org using PayPal.
Please make your reservation today.

Reservation Form - March 7, 2007

Name _____ Member (\$22.00) Non-Member (\$30.00)

Company _____ Address _____

City, St, Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Choice of Meal: Pork Scrod Pasta

Guest name _____ Non-Member (\$30.00)

Company _____ Address _____

City, St, Zip _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Choice of Meal: Pork Scrod Pasta

Please list any additional guests on the reverse side.

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