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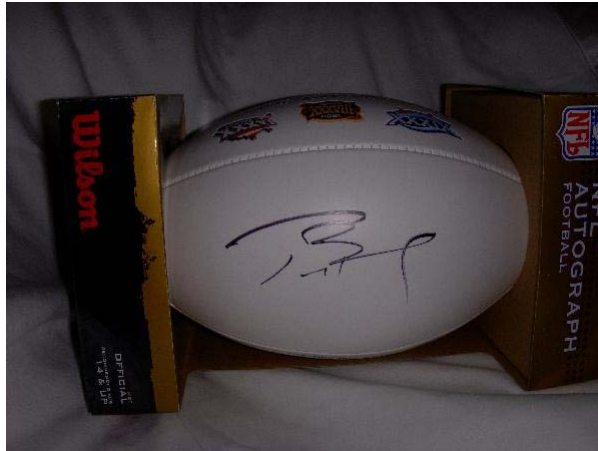
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www.wsninc.org

Women Helping Women - Professionally and Personally



An autographed football from the Patriot's Tom Brady - and an autographed photograph - are exciting additions to WSN's May 7 Time & Talent Auction.

Highland Country Club
104 Mechanic Street,
Attleboro, MA 02703
508-222-0569

Grilled chicken served on a bed of mesclun greens with balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Grilled salmon served on a bed of mesclun greens with balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Eggplant parmesan with pasta

Chef's Choice Springtime Dessert

Bread, butter and coffee or tea

Invite your friends, family and guests **Time, Talent & Treasures Auction has something for everyone!**

Members and area businesses have stepped up to support WSN's "Time, Talent & Treasures" Auction on Wednesday, May 7, at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro. To date, we have more than 50 items to auction off between the live and silent auctions (and the raffle). You and your guests can come for the entire evening (with dinner) for the \$22 and \$30 member and non-member prices. Or - you can invite people to attend for the auction only (beginning at 8:00) for \$10.00. Check out the reservation form on the website.

Prizes range from the Tom Brady football and photograph to week-long beach getaways to hand-knit baby blankets to fabulous gift baskets. In between there are gift certificates, memorabilia and an array of services.

We'll continue to take donations until April 15. Contact Amy Buliung at secretary@wsninc.org or Candace Sallale at chair@wsninc.org. However, the focus now is to get lots of people to come to this fun event.

Why you and your guests do not want to miss this event!

- **A GREAT TIME** - It's going to be a lot of fun!
- **GREAT DEALS** - You don't have to bid on anything but keep in mind that you may walk away with some amazing deals - for a fraction of their real

Scholarship Donors:

The April scholarship raffle brought in \$290. Thanks to the following donors: Judy Alfred (Traveling Vineyard), Rita Ausiejus (The Town Crier), Mary Beth Cantell (Forever Cantell), Nancy Cassano (Traveling Vineyard), Jeanne Holland (Forever Fine Photography), Barbara Owen (Center for Integrative Therapy), Joyce Parlapiano (High Note Realty), Patti Prevost (Touchstone Crystals), Cheryl Reed (Silpada Designs), Bev Rollins (The Blue Calla Lily), Lin Sherman (Alpice Bookkeeping), Deet Turnage (Assist 2 Sell)

price. For example, we are offering a week's stay in Newport. Normally that could cost you close to \$1,000; but at the auction, you might be able to buy this getaway for a fraction of its value. We also have a number of great gift baskets to auction. If bidding stays low - you might walk away with some real treasures for as little as \$20.

- **GREAT PUBLICITY** - for you and your business - Your donations will be recognized at the auction, and an auction booklet, listing all donors, will be published for this event.

- **A GREAT CAUSE** - This auction benefits our scholarship fund. If you attended last year's Scholarship Dinner, you realize how important this fund is to the women we support. WSN and its member can be proud of their support to this fund.

Remember:

- Every guest you bring will receive a \$5 Bidding Buck that can be used at the auction. You'll also receive a Bidding Buck for bringing a guest.
- You can pay for auction purchases by cash, check or credit card.
- All are welcome to attend, including men and older children.
- * Reserve a table for you and your guests! A table of 8 is only \$250! (please contact reservations@wsninc.org for more information on reserving your table).

To register for this meeting - and to make your menu selection, click on this link www.wsninc.org/reservation/reservation.html. You may register online using PayPal - or print out a copy of the form and send it to the post office box (address above). **The deadline to register is April 25 for mail registrations and April 29 for online reservations.**

This and that

From **Stephanie Hay**, Tastefully Simply: I would like to thank **Martha Whyte** for inviting me in to hold a taste-testing at her office in Cambridge. Her coworkers had a great time and Martha received kudos from her office manager for bringing the staff together.

Thanks also to **Suzu Ferrantino** for inviting me to her home. I got to meet some of her friends and family and we had a good time!!



From the Chair

Spring is finally here! This fact was proven by our wonderful Spring Fashion Show held on April 2nd at the Highland Country Club.

Special thanks to Sue Haley of CAbi for the excellent job she did in putting on this event. Another thank you to Cheryl Reed for coordinating the jewelry vendors for this event.

Only two more meetings remain in this program year, and they promise to be truly amazing. Our first annual Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction, to benefit the Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund, will be held on May 7. This fun event is coming together quite nicely. Check out the article above for more details.

Our June meeting combines two very important events: the annual Scholarship Awards, and the Annual Meeting for WSN. A couple of important items need to be voted on at the Annual Meeting: Proposed changes to the bylaws and the election of officers for the 2008 - 2009 program year. Information on these two topics will be distributed in advance of the June meeting.

Thanks to all fellow WSN members who are my clients. I appreciate all of your support!!

From Martha Whyte

Martha would like to thank **Roxanne Richard**, who purchased gift catalogs around the holidays for her clients. One of clients on the receiving end in turn ordered catalogs for his clients, and referred someone else in his office who's now placed an order.

Thanks also to **Nancy Cassano** for ordering catalogs to reward her top team leaders, and for passing information on to one of those leaders who has also placed an order.

Thanks also to **Wendy Juergens**, whose husband responded ASAP to a septic related call from one of Whyte & Son's customers - it's great to be able to make a referral to someone who's ready to go!

From Kathryn McGlynn:

I am looking for a house-share or apartment-share or house-sit or in-law apartment situation in the south central MA area between Rte 495 and Rte 84.
ybglum@juno.com
877-217-3560 tollfree

The Scholarship Awards portion of the June meeting is not to be missed. We will meet our award recipients and hear their compelling and heart-warming stories. We will also hear from past recipients about how the Wajer Scholarship helped them achieve their goals and change their lives. It is a very emotional evening, but an event which truly highlights what the Women's Success Network is all about - women helping women, professionally and personally.

We still need your help. We are changing the leadership structure of WSN so that more members can be involved. We will have fewer Board positions, and more committee positions. This way, some members who decide to step up and help can do so without a huge time commitment. As the end of my term nears, I realize that although we have accomplished a lot, we still have so much more to do. Please see the article below for more information on how you can help this great organization.

Happy Spring!

Candace Sallale
WSN Chair

Board and Committees for 2008-2009 Season to Be Voted Upon in June

By Roxanne Richard

You might remember my We Want You article in last month's newsletter. We are pleased to report that many members have expressed their interest in participating either at the board or committee level for the 2008-2009 season. As reminder of the new structure, below is a copy of the proposed organization chart which will be presented for vote at our June meeting along with the candidates for each board position (highlighted in yellow).

At this time, we do not have anyone that expressed a clear interest in the Operations Chair position. This position is key to our overall success in the many tasks that get completed behind the scenes by a team comprised of both paid and unpaid roles. One of the key elements of this position is to ensure that our communications to our members and the public, are consistent and effective as possible. Interested individuals should be detail oriented, organized and able to multitask - do you know a women who isn't able to do it all?

If you are interested, please contact either Roxanne at vicechairperson@wsninc.org or Candace Sallale at chairperson@wsninc.org by April 15.

If you have some news or a thank you to share, please let us know.

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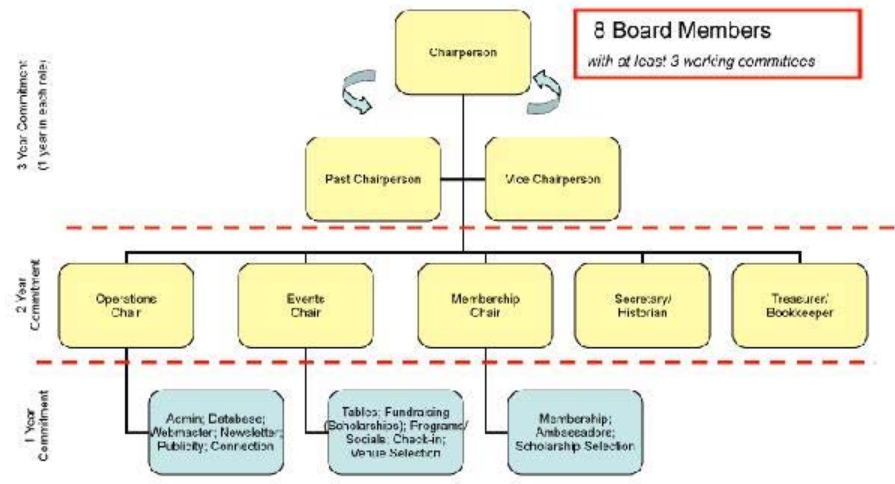
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WSN Board Proposed Structure



Major Julie Winston Returns to WSN

For those of you at the March meeting, you know that we had a very special guest that evening. For those of you that were not there, we are pleased to let you know that Major Julie Winston (WSN member since 2005) has returned from Afghanistan where she served our country in Operation Enduring Freedom VIII as the Battalion Executive Officer and Operations Office for the United States Army for the past year.



Julie was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Her accomplishment list is much too long for this article, but a few of the highlights are below.

- Julie ran the day to day finance operations in a very challenging operational and logistical environment. She ensured that everyone got paid - soldiers, vendors, contractors and the like, and managed more than \$50 million dollars per month to do so.
- Julie spearheaded the transition to the "Afghani First" initiative that entailed converting all payments to local vendors, contractors and agents to Afghani currency. This created a more stable Afghan currency resulted in a savings of \$1.2M for the US.
- Julie spearheaded the new Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Bank of Afghanistan and Bagram Airfield, which was designed to save the U.S. Government millions of dollars a year in banking fees and stabilize the entire banking system in Afghanistan.

Overall, Julie's impact was significant. Julie, on behalf of the entire WSN membership, thank you! We are thrilled to have you back.

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Display Tables:
Betty Kushner:
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April 30 deadline for Scholarship applications

We are now accepting applications for the Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship. These scholarships are primarily for "non-traditional" woman learners who are obtaining or advancing skills through college or professional development courses. If you, or someone you know is interested in applying for the scholarship, please go to our website www.wsninc.org, and click on Scholarships on the main page. We will award the scholarships at our June meeting, where we will hear inspirational stories from this year's and last year's recipients.

Reminder:

Dean College School of Professional and Continuing Studies proposes to supplement the WSN Elizabeth Wajer Scholarship Fund with a donation of two 3-credit Dean College SPCS course tuition scholarships. This donation will provide two adult female students the opportunity to register for a three-credit course in either the Fall or Spring academic semester in the coming academic year without paying tuition or a registration fee. Applicants interested in this special offer must follow the same process outlined above but should indicate on their application that they are interested in attending Dean College.

Applications must be received by April 30. You do not have to be a WSN member to apply.

We Take Cash, Too!

There are four different levels of support in the "We Take Cash, Too!" program:

- Platinum (\$500 and up)
- Gold (\$200-\$499)
- Silver (\$100-\$199)
- Bronze (up to \$99)

As a cash donor, you'll receive special recognition for your support, including being introduced at the annual June scholarship awards dinner, and having your name, business, and donation listed on a special page in "the Connection," WSN's annual member directory.

Go to the scholarship section of the website and you'll find a button to make a donation as a platinum, gold, silver or bronze supporter of the fund.

New Members: Welcome!

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Notice to Attorneys

The Women's Success Network has a long history of being a place where women help women personally and professionally. Our non-profit organization has never required our members to provide referrals to one another, rather, we strive to create an environment where strong relationships of mutual respect can develop and flourish. The natural result of those relationships is often referrals. As we do not mandate members to cross-refer potential clients to one another, we do not believe that we are the type of networking organization discussed in the MBA Committee on Professional Ethics Opinion 2008-01.