

Success Connection

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www.wsninc.org

Wednesday, May 6th
Meeting Details

3 Restaurant
461 West Central Street
Franklin
Directions below

Agenda:

6:00p Networking
6:45p Dinner

Menu:

Buffet featuring:

- Caesar and mixed green salads
- Chicken Piccata
- Pasta Primavera
- Grilled vegetables
- Roasted potatoes

Dessert and coffee

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Come join the Women's Success Network for a special meeting on May 6th celebrating professional women and their families. Our guest speaker will be Gail Huff from WCVB-TV Channel 5. Gail will speak on being a professional woman and a mom and how to balance work and family. Invite your mothers, daughters, and friends to this meeting in celebration of Mother's Day!

Gail Huff has been a general assignment news reporter for WCVB-TV Channel 5 since August 1993. She currently works as NewsCenter 5's EyeOpener reporter. Her broadcast journalism career began in Greenville, N.C., where she anchored the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts at WNCT-TV. Later, she joined WLNE-TV in Providence, R.I., as a general assignment reporter; then to WFSB-TV in Hartford, Conn. Gail hosted a half-hour parenting series on Lifetime Television.

She is married to State Sen. Scott Brown and lives in Wrentham. She has two daughters, Ayla, a well-known singer since her participation on the popular television program "American Idol," and Arianna, an accomplished equestrian. For more information about Gail, visit www.thebostonchannel.com/community/1761103/detail.html.

To register for this meeting, please go to

Networking for Success

Relationships don't happen overnight. Set accurate expectations and be consistent, professional and never over promise. Then the referrals will be rolling in.

WSN Wants You!

By Michelle M. Raymond

I am formulating my plans for WSN's 2009-2010 year. As with any organization, we face a lot of challenges in the coming year and your feedback and enthusiasm would really help me shape those plans. What direction, as an organization, do we want to take in the coming years? What aspects of WSN do you like, want to strengthen, or modify? Are there events that you want to see more or less of? What type of networking are you looking for? Overall how can WSN help you with your business? Please send your thoughts, comments and suggestions to

vicechairperson@wsninc.org

I am also looking for women who want to help me shape WSN's future. Please let me know if you are interested in helping and what your interests and talents (even hidden talents) are so that I

www.wsninc.org/reservation/reservation.html. The registrations deadlines are April 14 for mail-in reservations and April 18 for online reservations.

Special Mother's Day Shopping Emporium - Display Table Offer

All WSN members are invited to reserve a display table at the May meeting for our special Mother's Day Shopping Emporium. There is no charge to reserve a table (as always!) and it will NOT count towards your one free display table a year. This is a great opportunity to promote your business and sell your products and services - just in time for Mother's Day! Reserve your table today by contacting Patti Prevost at displaytables@wsninc.org by April 28. Hurry, space is limited!

From the Chair



More than \$10,000 raised at the April 1st Auction

Last week's auction was a GREAT success on so many fronts. The evening went wonderfully thanks to so many people. First, special kudos to the committee that handled every last detail of the evening: Candace Sallale (co-chair), Bev Rollins (co-chair), Karyn Bilezerian, Amy Buliung, Linda Hilliard, Joyce Parlapiano, Michelle Raymond, Cheryl Reed and Deet Turnage. Next, I want to thank the donors and all the attendees. Finally, another thank you to Candace Sallale who won \$290 in the Heads and Tails game and donated her entire winnings back to the scholarship fund.

We appreciated the high percentage of participation from our membership and its recognition that despite the state of the economy, our scholarship fund is still a worthwhile and meaningful cause to donate our time, talent and resources to. This was a true honor to the spirit of Elizabeth F. Wajer, for whom the scholarship is named.

Our next important step is to find worthwhile candidates to receive scholarships this year. Don't forget to tell your family, friends, colleagues and all your other networks about this

can include you in the plans. We are looking to build the WSN Board and committees for the coming years so even if you do not have time now, please let us know your interest. We will have varying levels of involvement both behind the scenes and at meetings. This is the best opportunity for you to have a voice in WSN's future. I hope to hear from you all.

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opportunity for non-traditional women to obtain scholarships. The application deadline is April 30th.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May event, where our featured speaker, Gail Huff, WCVB-TV Channel 5, will speak as a professional woman and a mom on how to balance it all. I hope many of you will take this opportunity to invite and honor your mothers, daughters, and friends to this meeting in celebration of Mother's Day!

Best,
Roxanne
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Chair, Womens' Success Network 2008-2009

We did it - \$10,000! Thanks for all the hard work

WSN's second annual Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction, held on April 1st, was a great success.

It was an evening of fund-raising, networking, and fun! Not only did we raise more than \$10,000 for the scholarship fund, but we all enjoyed catching up with fellow WSN members and their guests. We took part in fun games (the Heads and Tails game was a hoot, and raised \$550!), but we were also treated to the music and entertainment of Dave Valerio dvalerio2@cox.net. In fact, during a surprise power outage, Dave helped us pass the time in the dark by taking requests and serenading us with his great singing voice.

We would like to thank everyone who served on the Auction Committee, and all who served as volunteers before, during, and after the auction. We would also like to thank all of our donors for their generous donations as well as our winning bidders for their outstanding support. This event is a wonderful example of WSN members working together to help others in support of our mission statement: Women helping women, professionally and personally.

Candace Sallale and Beverly Rollins
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North. Take Exit 17 - Route
140 - right off ramp towards
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mile - the restaurant will be
on your left.

FROM PROVIDENCE: Route 95
North to Route 495 North.
Follow directions as from
Boston.

FROM WORCESTER: Route 495
South. Exit 17 - Route 140 -
left off ramp towards
Franklin. Travel about one
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April 30 is Deadline for Scholarship Applications

The April 30 deadline is fast approaching 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 through raffles, donations and various fund raisers
- Applicants must be enrolled in a specific course or program, have well defined attainable goals and demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants must be available for an interview, and be able to attend the Scholarship Awards dinner June 3, 2009.
- The Scholarship Committee notifies winners in late May.

Dean College School of Professional and Continuing Studies proposes to supplement the WSN Elizabeth Wajer Scholarship Fund with a donation of two Dean College SPCS 3 credit courses. 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.

Application details

- Applications must be received by April 30th. They may be completed online at www.wsninc.org (there's a link on the home page)
- Scholarships are available for WSN members and non-WSN members.
- If you have any questions, contact Suzy Ferrantino at membershipchair@wsninc.org

About Us

· Congratulations to WSN member **Julie Winston** who gave birth to a daughter (Olivia Rose Loonie) on March 9

· From WSN member **Deborah Blum-Shore**: The Arc of Northern Bristol County will celebrate 50 RemARCable years with an event on Thursday, June 25th, at 6PM at Lake View Pavilion, Foxboro. Located at 141 Park Street, Attleboro, the Arc is a grass roots, non-profit association serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. There are a number of sponsorship opportunities for the 50th anniversary, including a program book. If you would like more information about becoming a sponsor or attending this special event, contact Sammi Robertson at 508-226-1445, ext. 3333. Their website is www.arcnbc.org.

· Congratulations to WSN member **Linda K. Waters** who has been named the 2009 ATHENA Award recipient through The United Regional Chamber of Commerce. The International ATHENA Award is presented annually to individuals who have achieved a high degree of professional excellence, have assisted women to develop their full potential by opening up leadership opportunities, and whose body of work has made a national or international impact.

After 20 years working in a corporate environment, Waters transformed her career and her life by creating Back to Business LLC, a Franklin, MA firm dedicated to helping moms return to the world of work. Her business has since grown to provide career direction and effective job search strategies to college-aged students as well. An accomplished business leader and presenter, she co-hosts a local TV show called "You're Hired," and speaks regularly to academic, professional and corporate audiences on career-related topics. Back to Business hosts many local events designed to help people build their confidence and further their careers.

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