

Celebrating our
20th year

SUCCESS CONNECTIONS

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Extra special this year

Our annual Fashion Show



Wednesday, April 6
Networking: 6:00;
Dinner: 6:30
Glen Ellen Country
Club
Menu appears on
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WSN's Annual Fashion Show - *Personal Fashion Savvy- Put Your Best Foot Forward* - is on Wednesday, April 6, at the Glen Ellen Country Club.

Maureen O'Connor, image and fashion consultant, will show you how to create an exciting new look. Working in partnership with Patricia Nameishi of CABI, Elizabeth Scully of Weekenders, Duck Feathers & Fine Feathers in Medway, WSN jewelry designers and make-up artists, she will demonstrate how to take an outfit from morning 'til night by adding and changing accessories.

In addition, you will get an overview of the new spring fashions as the Board and other WSN members take a turn down the runway. One person, from the audience, will be selected for a makeover at the beginning and will become our final model.



Scholarship applications being accepted

Upcoming meetings
May 4 - Sapphire Manor
June 1 - Sapphire Manor



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For on-line information about
Women's Success Network,
check our website:
www.wsninc.org

Applications are now being accepted for WSN's annual Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships each year to women who desire 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. As there are many other financial aid options available to the traditional student, students attending college directly from high school are not eligible for this scholarship.

Our scholarships are funded

entirely by members. The proceeds from our monthly meeting raffle support the scholarship fund. Members donate the products and services for the raffle.

- The range of scholarships are from \$250 to \$1,500 and are awarded at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
- 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 a personal

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From Your Chair

As I write this column for the April Newsletter they are predicting another major snowstorm with 4-8" of snow expected. I know Spring is only 21 days away, but it seems like this winter will never end. It just keeps going on and on. I think we are all ready to shed out winter parkas, boots, gloves and hats for spring clothes. It seems like we have been wearing winter clothes forever. But there is a light at the end of March.

As I walk by the shops on Newbury Street in Boston, the windows are decorated with clothes in pretty pastel colors of green, yellow, blue and pink. This has to be a sure sign that Spring cannot be far away. WSN's annual fashion show that takes place on April 6th will be a great opportunity for attendees to think about how they want to look in the new styles and colors for Spring. What kinds of fabrics are in for the season? What colors go well with certain skin tones? What kinds of styles look good on certain figures? What kinds of accessories go well with what looks?

This year in particular we will be highlighting clothes and accessories from our own members' businesses. Here is a chance to learn directly from them. I am expecting that at the May meeting we will all be sporting new clothes and looks for Spring. See everyone there.

I wanted to remind everyone that we are actively seeking applicants for our scholarship that will be awarded to women looking to enhance their career through education. If you know someone who would be a candidate for our scholarship, please encourage them to complete an application. Details are available on our Web site at www.wsninc.org and click on "Scholarship."



Marleen Wolfe, Chair, WSN Board

From the editor

All contributions to our newsletter are welcome. Let us know of your personal and professional changes, calendar events, and general items of interest.

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Dream Year 2005 Woman's Conference is Saturday, May 21

WSN member Nancy Cantor is sponsoring a women's conference on Saturday, May 21: Dream Year 2005 Women's Conference: Purpose, Passion and Power - Finding Your Dreams. This event will be from 9am to 8pm at the UCC Conference Center in Framingham.

The topics include:

- Clarifying Purpose: Ramsay Raymond, spiritual psychologist.
- Trusting Yourself: Gail Harris, author
- Tapping in to Your Body's Wisdom: MariePatrice Masse, empathic healer
- The Power of Leadership: Senator Karen Spilka

The afternoon sessions will include small group workshops and a healing center (Reiki, Massage, Polarity and so on).

The registration fee of \$199 includes the speakers and activities, breakfast, lunch, snacks and the keynote dinner. (A group of three or more is \$179 per person)

You may register on line at www.cantorconsulting.com or refer questions to Cantor Consulting 508-231-0791

Advertising opportunity

This Dream Year 2005 Conference will include a full-size program book with advertisements. This is a great opportunity for WSN members to advertise to a large group of women. Ad rates are between \$50 and \$125. If you wish to advertise, contact Cat Colson 508-523-9546 or catcolson@comcast.net

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interview, and be willing and able to attend the Scholarship Award dinner on the first Wednesday in June.

- The Scholarship Committee makes its decision and notifies applicants by the end of May.

Scholarship history

Women's Success Network was started in 1985 and shortly thereafter established a scholarship for women who wished to continue their education. Applicants are asked to demonstrate need, define goals, and explain how the money would be used when applying for the scholarship. A scholarship committee is formed each year to review all applications and vote on who the recipients will be. This year's committee is made up of Donna Goulart, Bonnie Barnett and Linda Miller-Foster.

One of the original members of WSN, Elizabeth F. Wajer, served on the board of WSN for six years. Liz committed to

making WSN the outstanding organization it has become. She was a caring person and made newcomers feel welcome and offered support and encouragement to all. Liz was diagnosed with ALS in 1996. The WSN board felt that Liz had given so much of her time and business acumen to WSN it was only fitting to name the WSN Scholarship in her honor. She passed away in February 1998.

Applications are available at the monthly meeting or by contacting Scholarship Chair Donna Goulart.

Applications should be sent to
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Donna may be reached at 508-520-1755 or via e-mail at scholarship@wsninc.org. Applications may also be completed on line at www.wsninc.org. The deadline is April 30.

Candidates being sought for Board position

Four Board positions are opening up this year. Terms are two years.

- **Programs (co-chairs-2) - plan the programs for 10 meetings a year. Working with the Board, find speakers, coordinate contracts, introduce presenters at the meetings.**
- **Communications - serves as Board secretary; keeps record of all meetings and handles all correspondence.**
- **Ambassador (ad hoc position) - coordinate the ambassadors team who meet and greet visitors at the monthly meetings.**

The names of candidates should be sent to Chair Marleen Wolfe no later than March 25. A ballot will be included in the next newsletter and on the website.

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Interested in joining WSN? There's
an application on the website at
www.wsninc.org or contact
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About Us

• **Bonnie Barnett**, together with her daughter, Lisa Fosdick of First Impressions, announces that for the year 2004 they reached \$1 million in sales. Bonnie owes a lot of her success to the support and business WSN members have given her over the last 11 years. Thank you all!

• **Susan Russo's** Northeastern Publishing has received an award for outstanding service from the United Chamber of Commerce.

Note: The Success Connection welcomes information about you, our members. If you have received an award, have a promotion, are active in some organization, or have an upcoming activity that would interest members - send the information to the About Us feature to newsletter@wsninc.org.

Connectively Speaking



Connectively Speaking is an opportunity for members to publicly thank one another for any support and help. Whether it's a business referral, a kindness, or other type of reaching out, this is a chance to acknowledge that person.

• **Sharon Savage** says thank you to **Candace Sallale** for all her referrals and thank you to **Betty Kushner** and **Terri Rizzo** for their recent bookings.

• **Arlene Lowney** sends sincere thanks to **Jan Turner** of Sunrise Computer Services for an excellent ACT! Contact database consulting project at Forge Hill Senior Living, in Franklin, and the Mass. Compassionate Care Coalition.

• **Linda Hilliard** would like to thank **Linda Miller-Foster** for her referral to the United Chamber of Commerce.

• **Deb Raymond** says thanks to the following WSN women: **Bonnie Barnett** of First Impressions for business cards; **Donna Goulart** of Palumbo Insurance for quote assistance and for using Angel Foods catering; and to **Martha Whyte** of the White Knight, **Jennifer Taddeo**, attorney, and **Cheryl Coni** of Different Frames of Minds.

• **Rose Fidel** thanks **Olympia Caswell** for inviting her to participate in the Cornerstone Christians Academy's February bazaar

April 6 Meeting
Glen Ellen Country Club
84 Orchard Street, Millis, MA
508-376-2978*
www.glenellenc.com

Garden Tomato and Mozzarella
Salad served with Basil Vinaigrette

Fresh Rolls & Butter

Choice of:

- Southwestern Red Snapper
- Chicken Stir Fry
- Roasted Vegetables over Pasta

Coffee or Tea
Double Chocolate Cake

*Concerned about the preparation of any of the food items? Please contact the facility directly.

Raffle donations

Thanks to the following members who donated to our March raffle. We brought in \$283.

Karen Calvert, For Profit Consulting Services; **Nancy Cassano**, The Traveling Vineyard; **Tracy Constantin**, Sapphire Manor; **Tammy Costa**, Professional Organizer; **Claudette Kokolski**, Made to Order; **Victoria Evans**, Arbonne; **Valerie Larsen**, Photography; **Nancy Parchesky**, The Pampered Chef; **Ellen Perlin**, Attorney; **Teresa Rizzo**, Officebees; **Cathy Sutton**, Happy Tails Doggy Day Care; **Deet Turnage**, Assist2Sell; **Vilma Pascucci** (Feb. donation).

If you would like to have a display table at a monthly meeting, speak to **Betty Kushner**. If you are signed up for a table - and can't make it, please let **Betty** know; she sometimes has a waiting list.