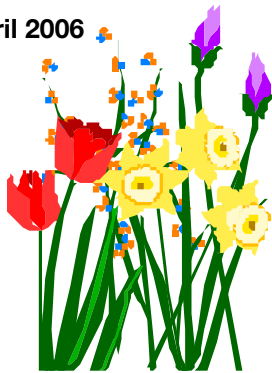


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**WSN:
Women Helping Women
- Both Professionally
and Personally**

The 2006 *Connection*, WSN's membership directory, is available at monthly meetings. To have a directory mailed to you, contact Membership Chair Wendy Juergens at membership@wsninc.org. There is a \$2.00 fee.



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See latest fashions at April 5 meeting

You won't want to miss WSN's Annual Fashion Show and Shopping Emporium to be held on Wednesday, April 5 at the Glen Ellen Country Club in Millis. This year's event is also our mother/daughter evening and there will be fun for women of all ages including wedding and prom dresses.

Fresh, new spring fashions will be presented by Weekenders and Carol Anderson by Invitation (CABi) and special surprises will be provided by fashion designers Karen Raker and Ildia Debrito. Outfits will be accessorized with shoes, bags, jewelry, and make-up provided by WSN members specializing in those areas. A shopping area will be set up so that guests can shop while they network.

As a thank you to those who volunteer to model, models will be offered special discounts on clothes, shoes, jewelry, etc. at the special try-on event on Monday, March 20. This is our thank you to you for taking a spin down the runway. If you are interested in modeling, call Liz Scully at 617-277-7135.

The committee planning this event include Liz Scully (Weekenders), Patti Nameishi (CABi), Cheryl Reed (Silpada Designs and Schu La La) and Sheila Rinaldi (Mary Kay).

Minimal increase

Dues payments schedule to change

After extensive discussion, the WSN Board has decided to set annual membership dues at \$75, effective September 1, 2006. Also, membership renewal dates will be standardized in order make all renewals effective in September, versus the anniversary month in which a member joined.

Membership Dues Increase

With many business organizations having dues of several hundred dollars, WSN's membership has long been a bargain. The Board has decided that a \$10 increase to \$75 annually is necessary due to continually rising operating expenses such as database maintenance, printing, and postage.

Still unquestionably one of the best deals going, your \$75 gets you

your monthly WSN newsletter, lower dinner costs, and listings in the two member directories (*The Connection* and the on-line website directory). Your membership also affords you programs that are designed to enrich, enlighten, and educate and, most important, provides exceptional monthly networking opportunities.

Corporate membership will increase from \$100 to \$115 and corporate sponsorship membership goes from \$500 to \$575.

This dues increase will be effective for the 2006/2007 program year.

Annual Renewal

The Board has also voted to make all membership renewals are due September 1 of each year, begin-

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Daffodils at Stop & Shop, robins on the lawn, and the ultimate clue - the Red Sox training in Fort Myers - can only mean one thing: Spring is quickly approaching. (Of course, watch it be the "March Blizzard of 06" as you read this newsletter). New England winters aside, there is no better harbinger of spring than WSN's annual Fashion Show.

You won't want to miss this year's event at Glen Ellen Country Club on April 5. Special thanks to Liz Scully, this year's Coordinator. Liz tells us that the show will feature clothing, accessories and makeup from many of our members' businesses. And as a special treat, we'll have fabulous models parading our runway - all WSN members, of course!

Spring means it's also scholarship application time. All those months of selling and buying raffle tickets (and occasionally going home with a prize) now pay off. If you know a woman who could use some financial support going back to school or training for a new career, please tell her about WSN's Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Program. See the article below for more information. Applications are available on the WSN website at www.wsninc.org.

This is also the time of year when Board positions open up (see page 4). I took over as Chair last year to fill out Marleen Wolfe's term. (See what happens when you miss a Board meeting?) Since then, I'm mastering the twirling of my "sit down - you're talking too long" referee whistle and serving as lead flight attendant asking members to switch chicken for fish meals. I'd like to stay on as Chair for another term. Please consider joining me and stepping up to one of the opening Board positions, or serving as a volunteer on the Ambassador or Scholarship teams.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fashion show.

Candace Sallale, Chair

Time to submit applications for WSN Scholaship

It is that time of year when all of our work collecting donations for the raffle and promoting it at each of our meetings pays off. We will be starting the process of obtaining applications for our Elizabeth F Wajer Scholarship.

If you - or anyone you know - is dedicated to improving her/your career through education, please have them apply on line for this scholarship. Our committee will be interviewing and selecting those deserving candidates. We will be presenting the scholarships at our June meeting.

The Elizabeth F Wajer scholarship is primarily for nontraditional women learners who are obtaining or advancing skills through college or professional development. Applicants must live in Eastern MA or Northern RI.

How do I apply?

Apply at www.wsninc.org or contact the scholarship chair, Donna Goulart at scholarship@wsninc.org.

Applications must be received by April 30. Scholarships are awarded at the June meeting.

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Getting to Know You . . .

• **Bonnie Barnett:** The most important people I enjoy are, of course, my husband, our children and grandchildren. I have five very beautiful and smart grandchildren: Jack, Daniel, Sadie, Sophia and Shane, ranging in age 8 mos., 13 mos., 4 years, 7 years and almost 13. They all contribute to my enjoyment of life immensely. My list of things I enjoy the most include cooking, gardening and spending time with nature and reading. I also enjoy spending time with our friends.

• **Suzy Ferrantino:** I work full time, am married and have three kids under 5. Being in sales gives me a lot of flexibility to keep my life balanced and organized! I am a mortgage originator with American Home. I love my job because of the opportunity to meet many people and help them accomplish one of the biggest purchases in their life. It isn't that difficult, it is just busy.

• **Martha Whyte:** Mother of two adorable children - Robert 3 1/2 and Katherine 2. My mother was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. I am the former associate dean at a Boston

area graduate school and I travelled around the world recruiting international students. I am an avid (former) dart player - that's how I met my husband, the plumber. I am a collector of demitasse spoons, cobalt glass, antique/vintage tortoise shell hair combs. I am a piano player and Broadway music fan, but only for private audiences

• **Bev Rollins:** In addition to buying and selling antiques for The Blue Calla Lily, I have a variety of hobbies/interests. I have wonderful children and grandchildren who are the light in my life. I also have a great-grandchild (born on my birthday in December 2005). I am an avid golfer. I broke 100 for the first time last August when I shot a 93 at Rehoboth CC. I am in the process of publishing a book, titled *Journey--The Mending Of A Heart*. It chronicles my journey through grief after the death of my husband

• **Deb Raymond** - I was an L-Street Brownie last New Year's Day. That means jumping into freezing Boston Harbor (it was

even snowing!). I agreed to do this with some friends; I don't think I'd do it again!

• **Dionne Katinas:** I live in Franklin with my husband, Stephan, and our 3 children, Alexis 9, Michael 7 and Demi 4. Demi will be entering kindergarten this September. My other children go to the Benjamin Franklin Charter School, where I volunteer. Stephan and I are very involved in our church. I am the first grade Sunday School teacher, youth advisor for the elementary ages and 3 years ago started a Vacation Bible School at the church. Also, I produce all the graphic design materials that the church needs such as: newsletters, stationary, and brochures. Four years ago, I had a business designing and painting silk scarfs and handbags. This business was put on the side when I was pregnant with Demi. I love to create and make things and almost always have a project. I enjoy taking fitness classes and playing different sports with my family. My children bring me such joy!

Annual renewal *Continued from page one*

ning this fall. For this first year - while we get everyone on the same payment schedule - dues will be prorated. For example, if you paid your annual dues in February 2006, your September payment would be only \$42.50 (taking your membership through September 2007).

Over the summer, current members will receive an invoice for a prorated amount for their 2006/2007 membership. If a

renewal is coming up between now and June 2006, members will be billed as they have in the past (\$65 annual dues), however you will also receive a prorated 2006/2007 annual bill over the summer months.

New members who join between now and June will fall under the same 2005/2006 schedule. New members joining after the September launch of this program will be prorated

for the program year in which they are joining. Existing members who are late renewing are expected to pay the full annual rate.

There are several reason for this decision to go to annual renewals, including simplifying bookkeeping and database management. Of course all members who join during the month of September will be included in *The Connection*.

Board positions opening up

Several Board positions are opening up: Scholarship Chair and Programs Co-Chair. We are also creating a new adjunct Board position of Social Chair. Board positions are two year terms; beginning this September.

- The Scholarship Chair is responsible for coordinating the scholarship raffle at each meeting and the selection of scholarship recipients.
- The Programs Co-Chair is responsible for coordinating the programs for the monthly dinner meetings.
- The new Social Chair (adjunct) will be responsible for planning two to three social events during the year, and also for identifying and communicating any community events (Relay for Life teams, etc.) in which the WSN membership may want to participate.

Anyone interested in these positions should contact Candace Sallale, or the current Board member in that position for more information.

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Glen Ellen Country Club
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Choice of:

- Chicken Stir Fry
- Southwestern Red Snapper
- Farfalle pasta with vegetables

For guests age 12 and under
Chicken Fingers and fries

Garden salad
Homemade dinner rolls

Cheesecake, Coffee, tea

About Us/ Connectively Speaking

- **Donna Goulart** was named Producer of the Year for her company (William Palumbo Insurance).
- **Joan Gagnon** received The President's Award for Outstanding Contribution from the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce at their annual meeting.
- **Suzy Ferrantino** says thank you to **Deb Raymond**, Angel Foods, for doing an outstanding job on a catered function. Very professional, food was great and many compliments. She recommends the Thanksgiving Calzone!
- **Dionne Katinas** of Designs by Dionne thanks **Cecilia Shipley** of Landscape Solutions for hiring her to create a Connection ad for her new business. She also thanks **Nancy Cassano**, Traveling Vineyard, for having her design two oversized trade signs. It was a pleasure to work with both!
- **Deb Raymond** would like to thank **Monica Meyerhoff & Jan Turner** of Rickes Assoc. and **Suzy Ferrantino** of American Home Mortgage for allowing Angel Foods to cater their events. Also thank you to the following for providing services: **Martha Whyte** of the Whyte Knight for a gift catalogue, **Rose Fidel** of the Pantry for yummy blueberry jam and **Cheryl Coni** of Different Frames of Mind for her rave referral

Scholarship raffle

Thanks to the following members who donated to the March raffle: Bonnie Barnett, Carol Brown, Nancy Cantor, Wendy Juergens, Claudette Kokolski, Valerie Larsen, Ineke Middeldorp, Michelle Raymond, Cheryl Reed, Teresa Rizzo, Candace Sallale, Liz Scully, Colette Stukas,