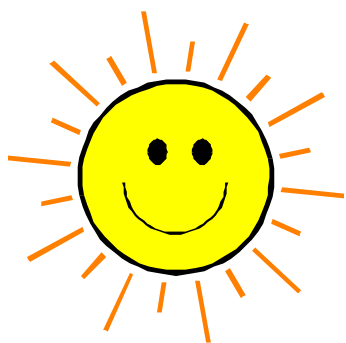


# SUCCESS CONNECTIONS

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



Have a enjoyable - and safe - summer! We look forward to seeing you at WSN's September 5 meeting!

Reminder - WSN dues are now annual. You'll be receiving an invoice in early August for the upcoming program year.



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[www.wsninc.org](http://www.wsninc.org)

## June 6 meeting Annual Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting

This year's June 6 Scholarship Program at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro will focus on WSN's scholarship program. We will have brief presentations from our 2006 and 2007 recipients to understand the benefit that our scholarship brings these individuals.

The network's Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund provides several scholarships each year to women who desire to advance or change their careers through education and training. Scholarships have been provided each year almost since the inception of WSN in 1985.

The fund is named after one of WSN's founding members, Elizabeth F. Wajer, who served on the Board for six years using her own business resources to help WSN keep its membership current and connected. Liz was more than just a member and Board member of WSN, she was 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.

Each year, through an application process, individuals are asked to demonstrate their need, define their goals, and explain how the money will be used when applying for the scholarship.

### Cash donations welcomed for the scholarship fund

Traditionally, the scholarship has been funded through the sale of

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**Networking at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45**  
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raffle tickets at our monthly meetings. Last year and again this year, several members have participated in the "Scholarship Challenge," where they offer to donate proceeds from their business activities to the scholarship fund.

The Board kicked off a special fund-raising initiative this year called "We Take Cash, Too!" Members making cash donations before June 1st will receive special recognition at the June program as follows:

**Platinum Level**  
(Donations Greater than \$500)  
**Gold Level**  
(Between \$200 and \$499)  
**Silver Level**  
(Between \$100 and \$199)  
**Bronze Level**  
(Less than \$100)

Several members have already gotten us off to a great start: **Jennifer McMahan**, Century 21 Commonwealth, has donated at the Bronze level. **Jane Curran** of Jane's Frames, **Roxanne E. Richard**, Attorney At Law, and **Candace Sallale** of Edward Jones have all made Gold donations.



I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by! As we prepare for our final meeting of the 2006-2007 program year, it's time to review the highlights of this successful and exciting year:

Membership has held steady at over 160 members, with an average of 80 – 90 attendees at each meeting.

We had two successful "8-Minute Networking" programs this year, and once again, we'll be offering this popular program twice next year – the first will be in October, which is Membership Month, and the second will be held in the spring. You won't want to miss either of these exciting networking opportunities.

Speakers and programs were exceptional this year, with a balance of topics that addressed issues relative to our members' professional and personal lives. In October, Carol Ann Small was on hand to help us learn how to handle stressful situations with humor and in November, Jackie Rose taught us how to become great presenters. We repeated the ever-popular Table Topics program in February, where we were treated to a variety of mini-workshops by our members. The topics ranged from "What Every Woman Should Know About the Law" to "Portraits are Family History." In March, our own Andrea Longo had us doing "Zumba" together as she showed us how to fit fitness into our busy lives. April brought us spring showers and our very successful Spring Fashion Show and Shopping Emporium, and in May, Toni Pinheiro advised us on how to break our spells - self-limiting beliefs that we've held onto all our lives.

We had a really fun Holiday Social at Incontro in Franklin, where we were treated to an eclectic mix of appetizers in a very upscale atmosphere. The martinis were quite notable, too. We also had a very successful Holiday Bazaar, which was held at Happy Tails Doggy Day Care in Franklin (thanks to owner Cathy Sutton). Over \$600 was raised for the WSN scholarship fund at this event.

Speaking of scholarships, this year will be the best ever for the Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund. With generous contributions from WSN members who have donated to the raffle throughout the year, bought raffle tickets, donated proceeds from book sales or home parties, or made straight cash donations, we will be able to grant our largest amount ever to scholarship recipients. Thanks to all of you who helped make this such a successful fund-raising year!

And finally, a note of thanks to our outgoing WSN Board members. We want to say thank you to Liz Scully, who has served as Secretary for two years, Carla Cataldo, who has completed her two-year term as Co-Chair of Programs, Wendy Juergens who served as Membership Chair for the past two years, Bonnie Barnett, our Member Reservations Co-Chair this year, and Teresa Rizzo, who has completed her term as Treasurer. Special thanks

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# How long have you been a WSN member?

## Some can boast 20+ years!

The Women's Success Network was organized more than 20 years ago. A number of members have been with us from the start. Many have joined in the last

few years. Here is a list of our current membership - and their join dates. It's also interesting to see who joined the same year you did.

### 1985 Total 6

Ellen Albanese  
Suzanne Beattie  
Pat Daddario  
Jo Frongillo  
Vilma Pascucci  
Susan Russo

### 1988 Total 1

Betty Kushner

### 1992 Total 2

Attiya M. Chaudary  
Rose Fidel

### 1993 Total 1

Cheryl Coni

### 1994 Total 2

Bonnie K. Barnett  
Jane F. Curran

### 1997 Total 2

Karen E. Calvert  
Chris Lowey

### 1998 Total 4

Joan M. Gagnon  
Claudette Kokolski  
Barbara L. Owen  
Deet Turnage

### 1999 Total 2

Nancy Parchesky  
Joyce M. Parlapiano

### 2000 Total 6

Carla C. Cataldo  
Donna L. Goulart, CISR  
Linda M. Hilliard  
Wendy Juergens  
Rhonda L. Kale  
Martha J.B. Whyte

### 2001 Total 4

Deborah K. Blum-Shore  
Carol Brown  
Priscilla Mantos  
Sharon A. Savage

### 2002 Total 5

Nancy Cassano  
Carol O'Connor  
Pamela Ringrose  
Teresa Rizzo  
Roberta Saphire

### 2003 Total 10

Barbara A Cappadonna  
Gail Leinen  
Cyndi Rich  
Margot Rivelis  
Lori Rudd  
Candace Sallale

Colette Stukas  
Judy D. Switzer  
Jennifer D. Taddeo  
Jan Turner

### 2004 Total 22

Nancy Cantor  
Lori Doustou  
Jean Erickson  
Victoria Evans  
Mónica Fernandes  
Denise R. Foley  
Lisa Jane Hardin  
Stephanie Hay  
Jeanne Holland  
Dionne Katinas  
Chris A. Keller  
Kathy Kennedy  
Sharyn Y. Kirsner  
Valerie Larsen  
Tammy Martell  
Maureen Meyer  
Janice M. Nolan, EA  
Michelle M. Raymond  
Marilyn Scallon  
Cathy Sutton  
Donna Waugh  
Joanie Winberg

### 2005 Total 33

Heidi P. Benson  
Karyn Bilezerian  
Lisa Burlone  
Cheryl Bush  
Heidi Caron-Guay  
Mary Chaffee  
Ineke Crispijn  
Ellen Cronin  
Renee Vachon Danho  
Mary Anne Dean  
Susan Dunbar  
Shelley B. Dyer  
Susanne Ferrantino  
Karen Folger  
Patricia Glennon  
Susan Kelliher  
Caroline Lockhart  
Andrea Longo  
Dr. JoAnne Many  
Kathy McKenna  
Monica Meyerhoff  
Patty Nagle  
Cindy O'Rourke  
Karen Raker  
Cheryl Reed  
Roxanne E. Richard  
Eleanor Rockwood  
Beverly Rollins  
Kathleen Ronzio  
Liz Scully  
Beth Simon  
Catherine Wesalowski

Julie L. Winston

### 2006 Total 46

Tammy Addeche  
Judith Alfred  
Kim Averill  
Lyndi Baker-Toxavidis  
Sandra Balfe  
Lu-Anne Beers  
Stacie Berglund  
Amy M. Buliung  
Sherri G. Bunick  
Phyllis CereI  
Melissa Cota  
Elaine Cyr  
Nancy Dayian  
Cheryl E. Follett  
Heather Furfari  
Carolyn Gayton  
Debra Guerrini  
Susan Hafner  
Laura C. Hathaway  
Carol Hendsbee  
Ann M. Irons, CPA  
Kris Jepsen  
Laura Kenerson  
Jamila Khalil  
Pat Kuehne  
Barbara Manuepillai  
Mary McCamphill  
Kathleen McDonald  
Jennifer McMahan  
Suzanne McMillen  
Leslie Mills  
Ellen Murphy

Donna Neely-Walsh  
Debbie Nichols  
Patti Prevost  
Jacki Rose  
Judy Ross  
Jessica Reagan Salzman  
Diane Scheinman  
Lin Sherman  
Lynda D. Slotnick  
Debbie Smith  
Christina Taddei  
Cheryl Warren-Powers  
Linda K Waters  
Marie Zorn

### 2007 Total 17

Charlene A. Antonellis  
Kathryn Clapp  
Sira D'Arpino  
Anne Foley  
Laurie A. Frizzell  
Sharon Galvin  
Anne M. Holzinger  
Claire Layman  
Mariah Littauer  
Susan Murphy  
Jennifer Nodelman  
Ruby Olson  
Lori Patel  
Colleen Peterson  
Laureen Pickering  
Christine Schreiberstein  
Lisa Shestack

### Grand Total 163

## From the Chair

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to Jan Turner, who has served as our Webmaster for the past three years, and has been instrumental in bringing many enhancements to WSN, including developing the model for "8 Minute Networking" and giving us the ability to pay our meeting registration and membership fees online through Paypal. Thanks again to all of these ladies for a job well done!

Thanks to all WSN members for your participation and support this year. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

*Candace Sallale, Chair*

## 2007/2008 Slate of Officers

To be ratified at the June 6 annual meeting of the Women's Success Network. Note: The Board has voted to add a vice chair position. This allows for a three-year succession plan - vice chair to chair to advisor.

Chair:		
	Candace Sallale	2008
Vice Chair:		
	Roxanne Richard	2008*
Secretary:		
	Amy Buliung	2009*
Membership:		
	Michelle Raymond	2009*
Programs:		
	Joyce Parlapiano	2009*
	Joanie Winberg	2008*
Publicity:		
	Sharon Savage	2008
Reservations		
(member):	Bev Rollins	2009*
(venue):	Deet Turnage	2008
Scholarship:		
	Cheryl Reed	2008
	Barbara Manuelpillai	2009
Treasurer:		
	Heather Johnson	2009*
<i>Non voting and adjunct:</i>		
Advisory Chairs		
	Nancy Parchesky	2009
	Donna Goulart	2008
Ambassadors		
	Donna Waugh	2008
Newsletter		
	Linda Hilliard	2008
Display Tables		
	Betty Kushner	2008

\* to be voted on at June 6 meeting

### Highland Country Club Menu

- Grilled chicken served on a bed of mesclune greens with balsamic vinagrette dressing OR
- Grilled salmon served on a bed of mesclune greens with balsamic vinagrette dressing

Fresh sliced strawberries served on a fresh buttermilk biscuit with whipped cream

## For Your Information

Here are some updates and clarifications to some questions that have been raised recently at monthly meetings:

• **Member speakers:** The Program chairs are already starting to develop the 2007 fall/winter schedule. If you are a WSN member who would like to speak before our organization, you need to fill out a speakers' form. Go to [www.wsninc.org/speaker\\_overview.htm](http://www.wsninc.org/speaker_overview.htm) Note: Programs adheres to specific guidelines regarding speakers.

## May raffle

Thanks to WSN members who donated to the May raffle. We raised \$336. Jane Curran (Jane's Frames), Lori Dousteau (Dousteau Massage Therapy), Monica Fernandes (Lisbon Style), Laurie Frizzell (AVON), Jeanne Holland (Forever Fine Photography), Wendy Juergens (ReLiv), Mariah Littauer and Sira D'Arpino (City Chic), Cindy O'Rourke (Home Interiors), Cheryl Reed (Silpada Jewelry), Roxanne Richard (Attorney), Bev Rollins (Blue Calla Lily), Liz Scully (Scully Websites), Deet Turnage (Assist to Sell), Martha Whyte (The Whyte Knight)

## About Us

**Dionne Katinas** of Designs by Dionne would like to thank:  
**-Donna Waugh** of Mary Kay for introducing her husband David Waugh from Design Ideas. David is a web designer looking to work with a graphic designer to assist him with additional work that he receives from his clients.  
**-Nancy Cassano** of The Traveling Vineyard, for introducing her to Susie Neal from Art House Greetings. Dionne is designing the illustrated cards and marketing pieces for Susie.

Sometimes they have to say "no" to a speaking request.

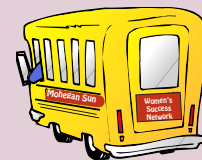
• **Taking home food:** Members sometimes ask if they can take home their leftover dinners. Unfortunately, the answer is "no" according to Board of Health guidelines.

• **Restaurant issues?** Do you have a concern about the restaurant? Please speak to Reservations Co-Chair Deet Turnage. Please do not approach the restaurant management.

## New Member

Interested in joining WSN? There's an application on the website at [www.wsninc.org](http://www.wsninc.org) or contact [membership@wsninc.org](mailto:membership@wsninc.org)

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## Mohegan trip postponed

April proved to be too busy a month for WSN members and we could not rally enough passengers for the Mohegan Sun Casino trip. The trip has been rescheduled to August 3.

The trip is open to members and guests. Send your check for \$25 - made out to Women's Success Network - to

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