

Success Connection

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www.wsninc.org

Women Helping Women - Professionally and Personally

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

Tossed Salad
Rolls and butter

Chicken Wellington
(chicken breast with mushrooms in puffed pastry laced with Madeira sauce)
rice pilaf and vegetable medley

Stuffed Sole
rice pilaf and vegetable medley

Vegetable Lasagna

Vanilla ice cream with strawberry sauce

Coffee and tea

Our mother/daughter event

WSN's Fashion Show is April 2

Tired of everything in your closet? Need a fresh new look? Don't miss WSN's April 2 fashion show meeting - coupled with our mother/daughter event - at the Highland Country Club.

This year's fashion show will feature Sue Haley from CAbi focusing on spring fashions and how to dress for your body type and incorporate color for your own personal style.

By utilizing all different body types along with CAbi fashions she will show you how to accentuate the positives while utilizing color to bring out your best features.

CAbi fashions fit size 0-16 so Sue will utilize various sized models to create outfits to build a stunning spring wardrobe. The collection has fresh boutique skirts, fun capris and shorts, jackets and pants for work and play, timeless sweaters, tops and dresses.

Models and Assistants needed for the April Fashion Show

If you would like to be a model at the fashion show, contact Joyce Parlapiano by March 15.

Also - a request for assistance is extended to our members who sell jewelry, makeup, or accessories and would be willing to participate in the evening. Lastly, we would like to have a photographer to capture the fun.

If you can help in any capacity, contact Joyce at programs@wsninc.org

Shopping Emporium

Again this year, we will have a shopping emporium. Members are welcome to set up table to sell jewelry, cosmetics and other gift merchandise. Contact Betty Kushner at 508-520-3295 to reserve a space.

To register for this meeting - and to make your menu selection, click on this link

www.wsninc.org/reservation/reservation.html. You

Special: Chicken Fingers for our guests ages 12 and under

Scholarship Donors:

The March scholarship raffle brought in \$225. Thanks to the following donors: Judith Alfred, Bonnie Barnett, Nancy Dayian, Barbara Manuelpillai, Kathryn McGlynn, Susie Neal, Diane Newcomb, Joyce Parlapiano, Bev Rollins, Martha Whyte.

This and that

Kathleen McDonald reminds us that the Mansfield Air Race Classic 2008-terminates in Mansfield, MA will be on in June 27. There will be a family festival at the airport on the 28th and 29th of June following the landings of these historical ladies. It will be a drive-in and fly-in.

The field will be opened up to have vendors for crafts, business, non-profit organizations and food. Space will be limited.

Check out the website at www.mansfieldairraceclassic2008.org or - for more general or vendor information, contact Kathy at 508-269-8051

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

WSN Board

Chair:
Candace Sallale:
chairperson@wsninc.org

Vice Chair:
Roxanne Richard:

may register on line 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 March 21 for mail registrations and March 25 for online reservations.](#)

Excellent donations coming in Time, Talent & Treasures Auction is May 7



A week-long getaway at a luxury beach-front home (with swimming pool). One hour of color and design services for your home or office. Red Sox and Patriot's pillows and blankets. An iPod docking station. Restaurant gift certificates. A hand-made baby blanket.

WSN first annual "Time, Talent & Treasures" Auction is coming together beautifully with some great donations coming in from members, friends and businesses. The auction, to benefit the Elizabeth F. Wajer Scholarship Fund, will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro. There will be networking before and during dinner; the auction will be in place of the speaker.

Our Chair, Candace Sallale will serve as our auctioneer, which means we'll have a lot of laughs while raising money for a good cause, promoting our businesses and snagging some amazing prizes at great prices.

A flier went out recently encouraging members (and others) to consider donating something that represents their business. This Auction is an effective way to promote your business, products, and services to WSN members, guests, and visitors. If you don't have a specific talent or service to offer, consider creating a gift basket, offering a service, or even donating merchandise.

Of course you don't have to be an auction donor to come to this meeting. All are welcome including family, friends and neighbors. Men are welcome (especially if they all bring their wallets!) Bring a gang and you may want to reserve an entire table!

Things you need to know about the auction:

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Newsletter:
Linda Hilliard:
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Display Tables:
Betty Kushner:
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- For every guest you bring, you and that guest with receive a \$5 bidding buck that can be used at the auction.
- This will be a combination live auction and silent auction.
- Non-members/businesses are also encouraged to donate. Please ask anyone you know for a donation.
- Donor sheets were distributed in the recent mailing.
- There will be no member display tables at the May meeting in order to display the silent auction items.
- The deadline for submitting your donation is March 28. However, items may be brought to the April Fashion Show - or other drop off arrangement can be made with the auction committee.
- Tax letters will be available for donors.
- An auction book will be published prior to the May 7 meeting.

There's only a few weeks left to donate to the auction (March 28 deadline). Consider two things: What you can donate - and who you would like to bring to this fun event.

We also need volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Candace Sallale at chairperson@wsninc.org or send donation forms to Amy Buliung at secretary@wsninc.org



From the Chair

Another successful Speed Networking event was held on March 5th at the Highland Country Club. More than 80 members and guests had a chance to meet each other and talk about their businesses. As I said in my "WSN Web" presentation, consider the networking that you do at WSN meetings and other networking events as the first step in building relationships. You need to decide with whom you want to do business and set up one-on-one meeting. Then do your best to support others in their businesses. This will help you ultimately reap the benefits of those relationships!

Spring will officially arrive soon, which means we only have three more events scheduled for this WSN program year. In April, we have our annual Fashion Show - more details above. Remember that the Fashion Show is our annual mother/daughter event, so be sure to bring your mothers, daughters, other family members and friends to this special evening of fashion and fun.

In May, we'll be holding our first ever Time, Talent, & Treasurer's Auction to benefit the scholarship fund. See the article above to learn more about the AWESOME items that will be auctioned off that evening. We're also encouraging you to bring friends, family members, neighbors, and business associates to this event. Even husbands, boyfriends, brothers, whatever - everyone is welcome, and we could sure use the help with the heavy lifting!! You can even book an entire table for the evening for you and your guests.

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.

See you all this spring!

Candace Sallale
WSN Chair

We Want YOU!

by Roxanne Richard

Well, it is hard to believe that planning is already underway for our 2008-2009 year. As you may be aware, our June meeting is special in many ways. It is our scholarship event as well as our annual meeting. Each June we vote on our board of directors for the next year and for any changes to the by-laws which require membership approval.

This year, will prove to be an exciting year as the board has decided to reorganize. Our primary goal in reorganizing is to create a structure which increases the level of membership participation in what traditionally have been board type activities. We will reduce the number of board positions to eight (Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Operations Chairs, Events Chair and Membership Chair) and will add committees. The operations chair, events chair and membership chair will oversee the committees. The operations team will be dedicated to our administration and communication activities

(website and database, public relations, newsletters, the Connection, etc.). The events team will be dedicated to all the details that go into planning our monthly and special events (reservations, venue and menu selection, programming, fundraising, etc.). Last, the membership team will be dedicated to the membership (ambassador team, membership drives, membership satisfaction, etc.).

You may be asking, what does this all mean. It is simple, as the saying goes on those military recruiting posters "We Want YOU." If you have interest in participating at the board or committee level, please contact either me or Candace no later than April 15th so we can review the opportunities with you in more detail.

I look forward to having the many voices of the membership help us to have another great season in 2008-2009.

Best regards,
Roxanne

If you are interested, please contact either Roxanne at vicechairperson@wsninc.org or Candace Sallale at chairperson@wsninc.org before March 30th.

April 30 deadline for Scholarship applications

Applications are now being accepted 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.

An original member of WSN, Elizabeth F. Wajer, served on the WSN board for six years. Diagnosed with ALS in 1996, she passed away in February 1998. The board felt that Liz had given so much of her time and business acumen to WSN, it was fitting to name the Scholarship in her honor.

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
- Scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,500.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a specific course or

program (except for people interested in the Dean College scholarship explained below), and must have well-defined attainable goals. Applicants must also demonstrate financial need.

- Applicants must be available for an interview, and be able to attend the Award dinner the first Wednesday in June.
- The Scholarship Committee notifies winners in late May.

New this year!!!!

Dean College SPCS 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.

How do I apply?

Fill out an application found on our website at www.wsninc.org (there's a link on the home page) and submit to the scholarship chairs, Barbara Manuelpillai or Cheryl Reed at scholarship@wsninc.org

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