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Women Helping Women Succeed

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Network of Executive Women addresses the common business interests and issues of women in executive, professional and entrepreneurial roles through the exchange of ideas, information, and experience.

From the President~

March 16, 2007

Last month I started this letter with a mention of spring, and the beautiful hyacinth I was enjoying in my office. As I write today, the hyacinth blooms are spent and we are in the midst of what is predicted to be the biggest storm of the season. Go figure!

I think there's an analogy here for all of us in Network: change and progress is not always linear. More often than not like the weather pattern's movement toward spring, sometimes it's a situation of two steps forward, one step back.

Our Board work on a Strategic Plan for Network has involved a great deal of healthy discussion and reflection about things that have worked well for us in the past and areas where we have an opportunity to grow stronger. Clearly Network has many strengths, among them: the membership, an active committed Board and a wonderful Scholarship Program. In just two years we will be celebrating our **30-year anniversary!**

Areas that the Board agreed needed strengthening were both Board and member related. On the Board side was succession planning and clarification about some committee responsibilities in general and with respect to our major scholarship fundraising event, Girls Nite Out. On the member side is member engagement in the various committees and Girls Nite Out.

Speaking of Girls Nite Out, I'm very pleased to announce that Michele Kelly has agreed to chair our 2007 event. Michele's appointment to the Board will be effective in April (another result of our Strategic Plan discussions) so that she will have the benefit of additional lead-time for planning the October GNO. Anyone with interest or ideas about GNO is invited to contact Michele or me—we want to continue building on past successes and keep the event fresh and fun.

May will be membership month. Carol Faruolo and Maria Vodola are taking the lead on planning for our annual New Member Open House: details to follow, but **I promise it will be FUN!** Various venues are being scoped out right now, so start thinking about potential new members you can invite to join us some evening in May. In addition to new members, our intent is to get member renewals completed in May and June along with committee assignments.

Our Marketing Chair, Suzanne Manning is developing a brief member survey related to branding Network. We are thinking about logo redesign and the survey will be step one in that process.

Luncheon Meeting

April 3, 2007

Aldario's • 12:15 PM

Scholarship Luncheon

with guest speaker

**Heidi Voight,
Miss Connecticut**

\$15.00 per member if your registration is received before 5 PM, Friday, March 30, 2007.

Late registrations, non-members (guests), and walk-ins are welcome at the cost of \$20.

(Please have check written out before coming to meeting. If you are paying cash, please have the exact amount. Thank you.)

Members with e-mail: Please RSVP to our website: www.networkofexecutivewomen.net

or e-mail: NEW_since1979@yahoo.com

No e-mail: call Mary Jo Romano at 257-9208

Also, I want to thank the Nominating Committee for its work over the past month in developing the Slate of Officers for 2007-2008. Their report went out March 15th, so hopefully you have all had a chance to read it. I want to reiterate the fact that I am very interested to hear from any members interested in chairing one of our committees. I will be looking for chairs for: Program and Marketing & Publicity Committees, along with someone to handle Sunshine and a Historian. Anyone that would like to explore any of these opportunities—please contact me: jwalsh@vnascc.org or 203/777-5521.

That's all for now: **THINK SPRING!**

Joanne Walsh

Voting Ballot

The following is a list of proposed officers for 2007-2008. To vote these individuals into office, please return this ballot immediately. If you wish to vote in a different manner, write the member's name under the corresponding office and return this ballot.

PRESIDENT

Joanne Walsh

Other: _____

VICE PRESIDENT

Maria Vodola

Other: _____

TREASURER:

Phoebe Donehoo

Other: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jocelyn Murray

Other: _____

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Suzanne Manning

Other: _____

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Weather Alert!

In the event of severe weather conditions, meeting cancellations will be announced via e-mail.

Membership Update

The Board has updated the Membership Application Form and the Renewal Form which can be downloaded from the website under Membership. Please note several changes and the addition of an Application Cover Sheet.

The Renewal Form needs to be returned by all members of Network by July 1st to keep membership privileges and to be included in the new Directory. Renewals received after July 1 will need to re-apply for membership.

Welcome New Members

Please add to your NEW Directory.

- Pat Pere McCarthy, Owner
Reflexions for Health
2068 Bridgeport Avenue
Milford, CT 06460
Tel: 203-301-0600
E-mail: pat@reflexforhealth.com

Need a nametag?

Contact Virginia Allen (ginnieallen@aol.com or 203-795-0305) and give her your Name, Company Name and Title. She will have it ready for the next meeting.

Sunshine News

If you know of a happy or sad event in a member's life and feel that the Network should acknowledge it, please send the information to the Sunshine Chairman, Maria Vodola. You can e-mail her at mvodola@mccuemortgage.com. Please reference sunshine in the subject line.

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**Scholarship Luncheon
April 3-Register Now
Don't forget to vote!**