

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.



NEW Luncheon

January 6, 2009

12:15PM at Aldario's Restaurant

**Topic: Networking: Turn Small-Talk
into Positive Business-Talk**

**Speaker: Mary Jane Paris, Founder and
President of Positive Impact Consulting
Services, LLC**

Go to: www.networkofexecutivewomen.org

or call Donna Marino at 203-430-6702 to register today.

\$17.00 per member or guest if you register by
5 PM on Friday, January 2, 2009.

Late registrations, and walk-ins are welcome – \$22 per person.

(Cash or check– please have your check ready to make
registration easy!)

From the President~

We are all in the midst of the Holiday hustle and bustle and as women we remember at this time of year that we are definitely the Home Makers. Work doesn't stop but somehow we are all still in charge of the shopping, the cooking, the entertaining, the wrapping of gifts (Thank the Lord for gift bags), decorating the house and making the Holidays a wonderful memory for our families. But as women we also know that we love doing it for our families. So ladies take a little time out and say "I am the Best", because you all are and you all do so much for your family, your friends and your community.

This time of year is also the time we reflect on the past year and make all our goals and resolutions for the New Year to come. We are facing 2009 with a little trepidation but also

with some hope that there will be change for the good. My hope for the New Year is that as a group of fabulous women we can help each other stay positive and upbeat when others try to fill us with negativity. Just being around positive, creative and forward thinking women will help all of us to continue to grow, learn and know that we will succeed.

We start this year off right with our luncheon on January 6th. Ronnie Ryan has arranged for a speaker who specializes in Positive Energy. Mary Jane Paris who is the President of Positive Impact Consulting Services, LLC will help us with positive networking skills. So please join us and start making 2009 your best year ever.

See President on next page

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Do you struggle with networking events? Successful networking involves more than just making contacts and collecting business cards. Learn how to polish your people-to-people networking skills, build your business, improve sales, and discover new career opportunities.

Mary Jane Paris, Founder and President of Positive Impact Consulting Services, LLC in Shelton, CT, brings a broad base of experience to her practice gained from 25+ years in people management, sales, retail banking, training, recruiting, coaching, project management, event planning and community leadership. Learn more at www.posimpact.net.

Advanced Luncheon Head Count Needed!

Please remember to register online at www.networkofexecutivewomen.org so we can give Aldario's an accurate head count for lunch. Pay \$17 if you (and your guests) register by 5 PM Friday, January 2nd. Important Note: late registrations or walk-ins will be charged \$22 per person.

Business Tip of the Month

How to Protect Your Small Business in a Recession

Cut Unnecessary Costs – Look for ways to trim down and optimize. You'd be surprised at how small cuts add up to big savings.

Work Your Niche – Try to generate more business within your niche. Your focused efforts can make you more profitable while doing less work.

Don't Lay Low – Maintain or ramp up your marketing efforts. While your competitors are slashing ad budgets, you'll continue to build your brand to maintain or gain new business.

Source: inventorspot.com

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President cont'd

We also will be starting up our Girls After Hours again in January, so stay tuned for some fun activities coming up. It is important that we have some fun too and it provides an opportunity to Network in a more personal way.

I also want to thank all of you who gave to the gift of warmth drive for the local nursing homes. Thank you Ronnie for arranging that and I am sure the recipients of everyone's generosity were very pleased.

May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season and be surrounded by all the good things in life. Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year to you all and remember "You are the Best."

Maria

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 our Sunshine Chair Wanda Carlson at wanda@wandacarlson.com.



Weather Alert!

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