



**NETWORK OF  
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WOMEN INC.**

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*Women Helping Women Succeed*

May 2005

## From the President~

Our Scholarship Luncheon was a huge success, and all who attended experienced great pride in the best sense of the word! For the nine outstanding women who received awards, it was a day to reflect on their personal character, efforts, and achievements. For Network members, it was a time to reap the rewards of our fundraising efforts and to enjoy the satisfaction of "women helping women."

From my perspective, it was an occasion to recognize the tremendous growth and accomplishments of our wonderful organization. In doing so, I mentioned at the luncheon that Phyllis Holt must surely be looking down upon us with a big smile on her face! (*For our newer members:* Phyllis, who was a long time member of the Milford Chamber and a past President of the Chamber, was responsible for the creation of Network in 1979 when it began as a Committee of the Chamber.) That very afternoon, the Milford Chamber of Commerce Trust donated \$1,000 to the Network of Executive Women Scholarship Fund to be awarded next year as the "Milford Chamber of Commerce Trust Scholarship in memory of Phyllis Holt."

Thank you Milford Chamber of Commerce Trust! ...and thank you, Phyllis, for all of your efforts, past and present!

Our Open House at Al Dente's was also a success! Members and prospective members enjoyed the fine food and ambiance. All took advantage of the excellent opportunity for an evening of networking. Network is pleased to welcome five new members who submitted applications that evening and were approved for membership at our April Board meeting.

Keeping in the spirit of "women helping women," our May 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon features Virginia Griffin, Business Development Specialist for the Hartford District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Dorothy Bratchell, VP of the Women's Business Development Center. They will speak about various resources available for women in business, as well as the opening of a WBDC office in Milford.

As we near the end of Network's fiscal year, it's time for every one of us to renew our membership. (*The only exception is if you just joined us as part of our "Open House" special.*) Because we're a totally volunteer organization, we have no staff to track individual renewal dates, mail invoices, etc...nor do we want to spend dollars that could go to scholarship on printing and postage! Regardless of when we join, our membership expires in June. Renewal forms are attached and are also available online at [www.networkofexecutivewomen.net](http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.net). Mail yours in **TODAY!**

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## Luncheon Meeting

May 3, 2005

**Aldario's • 12:15 PM**

### Speakers:

**Virginia Griffin**, Business Development Specialist for the Hartford District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration

**Dorothy Bratchell**, V.P. of the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) in Stamford

### Topic:

#### "Resources Available for Women in Business"

They will inform us of the wide variety of supports available for entrepreneurs, from loans and training to government procurement assistance programs. This topic will appeal to members thinking about new ventures or looking to grow existing businesses—so that covers all of us! And, we'll hear about plans underway to open a WBDC office in Milford.

**\$15.00 per member if your registration is received before 5 PM, Friday, April 29, 2005.**

**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](http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.net)

or e-mail: [NEW\\_since1979@yahoo.com](mailto:NEW_since1979@yahoo.com)

No e-mail: call **Mary Jo Romano at 783-5782**

## Need a nametag?

Contact Ginnie Allen ([ginnieallen@aol.com](mailto: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.

## Weather Alert!

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

## Welcome New Members

*Please add to your NEW Directory.*

- Maxine John, Owner  
Professional Care Services  
35A Courtland Street  
Bridgeport, 06604  
Tel: 203-331-1255 Fax: 203-610-6937  
E-mail: m.john@procare-services.com  
Website: www.procare-services.com
- Mary Neschke, Owner  
MHN Photography  
1592 New Haven Avenue  
Milford, 06460  
Tel: 203-512-2565 (cell)  
E-mail: mhnphoto@aol.com
- Hollie Sutherland, Interior Designer  
Hollis Interiors  
738 Rowland Road  
Fairfield, 06824  
Tel: 203-255-0321 Fax: 203-255-0322  
E-mail: hs@hollisinteriors.net  
Website: www.hollisinteriors.net
- Teresa Van Dam, Vice President  
US Commercial Finance  
159 Cornfield Road  
Milford, 06460  
Tel: 203-878-7527 Fax: 203-878-2170  
E-mail: teresa@uscommercialfinance.com  
Website: www.uscommercialfinance.com
- Joanne Watkins, Owner/Operator  
A Fine Affair  
2 Broadway  
Milford, 06460  
Tel: 203-877-1516 Fax: 203-286-2144  
E-mail: afineaffair@optonline.net  
Website: www.afineaffair-catering.com



**Mark your calendars!**

**JUNE 7, 2005 –  
Induction of Officers**

### *President cont'd*

Speaking of volunteers, we invite you to participate in one of our many committees that are being formed for next year. It's a great way to personally contribute to our community of "women helping women," while at the same time expanding your friendships and networking with other NEW members. If you're interested, please contact me: 377-3036 or [hbmoser@WebmasterWebsites.com](mailto:hbmoser@WebmasterWebsites.com).

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Aldario's on May 3<sup>rd</sup>,

~Helen

## Spotlight on



### **Maria Vodola** *The McCue Mortgage Company*



One of the things Maria Vodola finds most rewarding about being a mortgage officer is helping people with one of their biggest dreams in life. "Buying a home is a major milestone in life, and is probably the biggest financial transaction you'll ever make. You have to be prepared, and my job is to help you do that," says Maria, a mortgage officer with McCue Mortgage.

"In the past, homebuyers would go out and fall in love with a house only to be disappointed when they found out they didn't qualify financially to purchase the house. The homebuyer was disappointed, as was the Realtor who spent time showing homes to buyers who could not afford them. That doesn't happen with my homebuyers. I provide them with a true mortgage approval, allowing them to shop for a home with confidence."

Maria says there is a difference between a "pre-qualification" that most lenders provide and a mortgage approval. "Pre-qualifications are based on a quick credit check, and often times are not worth the paper they are printed on. However, there are mortgage lenders, like McCue, that will underwrite an applicant and provide them with an *approval* that is basically a commitment to finance the purchase," say Maria.

As a resident of Milford, Maria knows the people, businesses and culture of the shoreline towns. What does that mean to you as a homebuyer? When you're in need of a mortgage, you can rest assured you'll be working with someone who is looking out for you as a good neighbor would. If you need help with a mortgage call Maria at 800-942-5403.

**Attention Members:**

**If you haven't submitted your ballot yet,  
one is available on-line.**

### 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](mailto:mvodola@mccuemortgage.com). Please reference sunshine in the subject line.

**Visit us online at:  
[www.networkofexecutivewomen.net](http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.net)**

## For Members Only:

You could save hundreds on products and services simply because you are a Network member. The **Contact** will list the names of member companies offering this discount. To list your company, please contact Judy Gould at [judygould@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judygould@sbcglobal.net) or 203-876-2355.

The following members have agreed to offer a discount to members.

- **Dr. Mary Battilocchi, naturopathic doctor**, specializing in herbal medicine and homeopathy – 15% discount towards either an office visit, or if you have Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Connecticut, Oxford, or Bluecare Husky Plan, then 15% for any supplements prescribed. Office visits include addressing your problem, physicals, and therapy. Call 301-0520.
- **Donna Daley – Precision Hearing** – \$400 off on a pair of hearing aids to members and their families – call 381-9555.
- **Pest-X, Inc.** – 10% discount on pest control services, for whatever's bugging you, including ants, bees & wasps, spiders, fleas, mice & rats, squirrels, and termites in commercial, residential, industrial or institutional properties – call 393-9608.
- **Judith Gould & Associates Desktop Publishing** – 10% discount on all typesetting – call 876-2355.
- **LifeVisions – Personal Coaching** – 10% discount, Organizational Coaching – 15% discount for coaching within your company including individual and group coaching, consulting, workshops and/or retreats. Workshops and Retreats – 10% discount for individuals attending an event. Call Carole Jacoby – 203-389-4191 or e-mail: [carole@lifevisionscoach.com](mailto:carole@lifevisionscoach.com)
- **Celebrate Your Light**, Maia Lynd Certified Hypnotherapist and a Reiki Master – \$10 off a one hour session of one of the following; Reiki, Hypnotherapy, Cellular Healing, Past Life regression. Call 203-543-5670
- **Reflexions for Health**, Pat Pere McCarthy, Certified Reflexologist – 10% discount on Reflexology services for members. Call 301-0600 (by appointment only).
- **Bianca Michetti – Tutor Time Child Care** will give free Registration for children of all ages. Savings of \$75.00
- **Helen Moser – A Certified Internet Webmaster** Discount: 10% discount on website design, re-design, or maintenance fees. Call 377-3036 or e-mail [hbmoser@WebmasterWebsites.com](mailto:hbmoser@WebmasterWebsites.com)
- **Fitness For Women and Not Just Yoga** will give a 10% discount for yearly memberships to the fitness circuit or 3-month memberships to yoga, pilates programs. Call Andrea Mullen 203-878-9642, visit the website for schedules [www.notjustyoga.com](http://www.notjustyoga.com) or e-mail [notjustyoga@usadatanet.net](mailto:notjustyoga@usadatanet.net)
- **Paula Murphy – Mary Kay Cosmetics** – \$20 free products for initial visit for complimentary Skin Care and Color Makeover with your photo in Women's Networking Book or \$100 off with 5 friends\*\* and \$25 to \$50 cash for referrals- please call 203-393-3938 or visit [www.marykay.com/pmurphy](http://www.marykay.com/pmurphy)
- **Jocelyn Murray – Marketing & Event Resources** 20% off press release writing and distribution package – call 377-9980.
- **Trish Stott Summers** – Smart Choice Mortgage Corporation – \$200.00 refund after closing on your mortgage. Call 203-876-4748.

## Please Help Our Network Historian

Mary Algiere, our Network historian, requests that any members who see an article – either on Network or about one of our members – clip and forward it to her for our Network Scrapbook.

## 2004-05 Network Directories Available

The NEW 2004-2005 Directories will be available at the luncheon or you can contact Wanda Carlson who will send one to you.

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Newsletter designed and edited by Judith Gould & Associates. Please send all Network newsletter information two weeks prior to the next meeting, to Judith Gould at (fax) 878-9613 or e-mail – [judygould@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judygould@sbcglobal.net)

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Renewal Form Attached  
Luncheon – May 3



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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION**

**P.O. Box 3171  
Milford, Connecticut 06460**

Your membership renewal form and dues of \$50.00 *must* be received by Network of Executive Women no later than *June 30th* in order for your profile to be included in the *Membership Directory and Website*. If your form is received after June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Directory will have gone to print, so it will not be possible to include you; and there will be a \$5.00 late charge if you wish your profile to be included on the Website.

NAME:	COMPANY NAME:
<sup>1</sup> HOME ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, .ZIP:	CITY, STATE, .ZIP:
	POSITION/TITLE:
TELEPHONE:	TELEPHONE
FAX:	E-MAIL:
WEBSITE:	

Please indicate one or more of the following committees on which you are willing to serve:

- Activities       Program       Publicity       Membership       Scholarship  
 Newsletter       Telephone       Historian       Sunshine

What would you hope to get out of your Network membership in the coming year?

Signature

Date

Please check a maximum of two of the following categories that best describe your profession and/or business. This information is used for indexing purposes on the Website and the Membership Directory.

<input type="checkbox"/> ACCOUNTANTS/CPAs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> BANKERS
<input type="checkbox"/> BEAUTY SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION
<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD DAY CARE	<input type="checkbox"/> DESKTOP PUBLISHING/GRAPHIC DESIGN	<input type="checkbox"/> CATERERS/EVENT PLANNERS/HOTEL
<input type="checkbox"/> FINANCIAL SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> IT/ COMPUTER SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> INSURANCE AGENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> HOME DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MORTGAGE BROKERS
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL COACHES	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS	<input type="checkbox"/> REAL ESTATE AGENTS/BROKERS
<input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> RETAIL CLOTHING SALES	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER SALES
		<input type="checkbox"/> SECURITY/RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Please mail this application with a check in the amount of **\$50**, payable to **Network of Executive Women**, to **Network of Executive Women, Post Office Box 3171, Milford, CT 06460**.

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<sup>1</sup> Home phone and address are only for internal purposes and will not be published in the membership directory