

Southeastern Connecticut WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS



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Upcoming EVENTS

- December 1, Wednesday, 5:00-7:00 pm - **Free!** Business After Hours and Mini Expo at Service-Master by Mason in Westerly, RI
See flyer on page 3.
- December 13, Monday, 1:00-2:30 pm - Mastermind Group Virtual Meeting See page 1.
- December 15, Wednesday, 11:30 am -1:15 pm - **Holiday Party Social, at Filomena's.**
See info on pages 1 & 2.
- January 19, Wednesday, 11:30 am -1:15 pm - **Maximize Your Image for 2022 and Put a Pop of Color in It!** - Shirley Zaccheo -
See info on pages 1 & 2.

Descriptions in this newsletter. Click link below to read and register. www.sectwomensnetwork.org/events

Zoom Network Mastermind Meeting Monday, Dec. 13, at 1pm via Zoom

Visiting a Network Mastermind group is a great way to get to know Network members better and build relationships and connections. If you would like to attend the next meeting on **Monday, December 13 at 1-2:30pm.** Click to register. <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4586722>

December 15, Monthly Luncheon Meeting

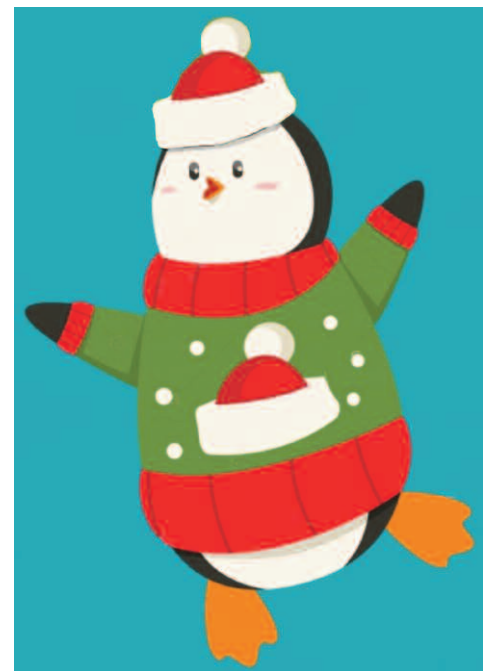
Holiday Party Social & Yankee Gift Swap

Join us Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11:30 am for our monthly luncheon meeting at Filomena's Restaurant in Waterford. \$20 members and non-members, includes gratuity and tax. Register online and pay online, or cash only at Filomena's.

Join the Fun at our Holiday Party Social & Yankee Gift Swap (suggested \$20 value). Wear an ugly sweater, spend time with friends, network for the New Year! Spark your holiday spirit!

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Click below to read more, add event to your calendar or register. <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4550141>



January 19, Monthly Luncheon - Be the CEO - Maximize Your Image for 2022! - Shirley Zaccheo - 11:30am

Join Us Wednesday, January 19, 2021 at 11:30 am for our monthly luncheon, \$20 for members, \$20 for non-members, includes gratuity and tax.

Shirley Zaccheo is the CEO of You & Improved. She is an Image Consultant and Colorholic closet expert on a mission to invite people to see and experience the color that exists in and around us. With over 18 years of

professional experience, Shirley works with clients to find their true colors and help them utilize color to reach their goals through image consultation, closet evaluation, shopping education, and color implementation.



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Upcoming Events

Holiday Party...from page 1

New! Biz card swap; bring plenty of biz cards, you'll be handing them out! This will be like speed networking. While we are doing the gift swap, you'll have time to exchange cards with someone you don't know, or someone you would like to get to know... Networking with a twist!

Shirley Zaccheo...from page 1

Shirley's goal is to help you Be the CEO and Maximize Your Image for 2022!

Click to read more or register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4586023>

October and November Drawings

Beth Markowski-Roop won a free luncheon and Pat Todd won the *Spotlight Article* at the October luncheon. Beth Markowski-Roop won the *Spotlight Article* at the November luncheon.

President's Message

Happy Holidays, the Network Moves Forward Through Change



I regret to inform you I am resigning as President of the SECT Women's Network. This has been a difficult decision. When I agreed to continue with a third term as the President, I had every intention of completing my last term, and I do not like quitting.

Unfortunately, my responsibilities with other organizations have increased and I have realized that I cannot continue to do everything effectively. As my boys are getting older, their homeschool requirements have increased. When I prioritize where I can make the most impact in all of the organizations in which I am involved, the youth organizations take priority. I finally have to face the fact that I cannot do it all. For the sake of my family

and my own well-being, I need to take a step back from the Network for a while.

I do not take this decision lightly, but I have complete confidence that the Network will continue to move forward with our Vice President and former President, Susan Dombrowski.

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past few years, and I thank you for all of your support. I love this organization and the amazing sisterhood. Our organization needs more volunteers to continue to thrive, so please consider volunteering for a SECTWN committee.

Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hannukah, and Wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,
Denise Howard

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INVITATION FOR YOU!

Unique Networking Opportunity & Expo!

In celebration of our 31st Anniversary, ServiceMaster By Mason is hosting a **joint Business After Hours event** with the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, and Southeastern CT Women's Network on **December 1st**, and wanted to invite you to join us!

Meet Ocean Community, Charlestown Chamber & SECTWN members as well as other Southern Rhode Island and Southeastern Connecticut professionals! Enjoy delicious refreshments, cake & champagne toast, fantastic raffle & giveaway items, and a mini-expo showcasing a variety of businesses, including:

- Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery
- Mystic Sweet Shop
- Whalers Brewing Company
- Wood River Health Services
- Remy's Cycle & Ray Willis Toys
- Washington Trust
- Lathrop Insurance
- KNEAD Donuts
- Cartridge World Rhode Island
- Susan Napiany/Pampered Chef
- Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- Arrowhead Dental Associates
- The Granny Squibb Co. & more!

Buff-up your Bling! ServiceMaster By Mason will be providing FREE jewelry cleaning!

Bring plenty of business cards! Great networking opportunities!

Where: ServiceMaster By Mason, 12 Gavitt Avenue, Westerly RI

When: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

To provide support to the Jonnycake Center of Westerly and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, we are asking all attendees to **please bring a nonperishable food item** to benefit their food pantries, and those in need in our communities. ServiceMaster By Mason will be matching all food donations.

Join us as we celebrate our 31st Anniversary, a hopeful holiday season, and more importantly, our community strength and resolve!

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4553810>



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To RSVP:

Please register on the Events Page at:

www.sectwomensnetwork.org

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Members on the Move

Harriet Goodman Grayson and **Judy Ricketts-White** will be signing books at the BAH and 31st Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, December 1, from 5-7pm, at ServiceMaster by Mason in Westerly, RI. Harriet will be signing her new book "Rockaway Riptides" about high school teens during the turbulent 1960s and her Sasha Perlov mystery series books.

Judy will be signing her "Slater Mountain" books, adventures about a girl, her horses, family and friends, and "Count Me Never Lost," poetry by Elizabeth M. Ricketts. Contact: jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net or harriet@oceanbreezypress.net

Member Benefits

The SECT Women's Network provides great value to its members!

As a Network member you may:

- **Attend and enjoy** a deliciously prepared lunch at monthly meetings in an uplifting atmosphere for a very reasonable luncheon fee.
- **Take advantage** of the dynamic speaker program at the monthly lunch-

eons that provides valuable information, networking and entertainment.

- **Choose** to attend Network Mastermind Group meetings – be mentored and mentor others.
- **Display** marketing materials on the member marketing table at the monthly luncheons.
- **Enter** our monthly luncheon drawings to win free advertising.
- **Receive** our monthly newsletter.
- **Be listed** in the Network Directory and gain "Featured Member" exposure.
- **Increase** business with affordable advertising and marketing opportunities.
- **Connect** with others on a personal and business level and form mentoring relationships.
- **Gain** professional skills and leadership experience.
- **Give back** to the community through supporting Safe Futures with donations of food and gifts for use by residents of both the Genesis House Women's Shelter and Phoenix House transitional housing.
- **Support** our student scholarship program. The Network awards annual scholarships to students needing financial assistance to continue their education and has helped students from each of the three local public colleges/universities: The University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Three Rivers Community College, and Eastern Connecticut State University.
- **Get involved** by volunteering on a committee and help to create the

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Website advertising: \$275 small side ad or a bottom banner; \$550 for a large side ad.

Package deals are offered when purchasing multi-media ads (i.e. newsletter & website) = 20% off.

All ads and package deals must be prepaid. **Members can login to view and/or purchase ads:**

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We Need Your Help!

Please join a committee! Committees are a great way to finally “put a name with the face!” Committees and positions include Videographer, Public Relations, Social Media, Programming, Sales and Marketing, Membership, Community Outreach, Master Class Series, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. Will you accept the challenge? Please reach out to any board member if you would like to join a committee. Committees are meeting virtually and we want to be ready now that we are having luncheon meetings again in person. Thank you!



Email information to Judy Ricketts-White to be included in the upcoming newsletter, jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net.

Copy Deadline is the 20th of the month to appear in the next month's issue. Email copy to Editor Judy Ricketts-White at jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net. The SECT Women's Network reserves the right to edit copy submitted (for any reason) for inclusion in the newsletter.

For more Network information and articles see our website: www.sectwomensnetwork.org

Keep Safe Futures in Mind

Please go online to see if you can help Safe Futures and their residents. Please donate cleaning supplies...or any item listed on their wish list. Click on link to view their entire wish list. <https://safefuturesct.org/item-donations/>

Thank you for your generosity!

**Important Network Notice!*

The updated printable online membership directory with business categories is now available.

Please check out and use this fabulous membership benefit!



[Like us on Facebook](#)

Join and Post to the Network's Facebook Group Page

One fairly untapped member benefit is the Network Facebook Group page. We encourage you to share your business and personal news on the Network Group page. Members must post their event or information on the Network Facebook Group page themselves. If you have questions about how to post, contact Denise Howard, Publicity Chair bestwellness4you@gmail.com.

Network Board Meeting Friday, December 10

The next Network Board Meeting is Friday, December 10, 8 am, via Zoom.com. All members are welcome to attend.

In Person – Monthly Luncheon Holiday Party Social & Yankee Gift Swap

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at Filomena's, 11:30am,**

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