

# Southeastern Connecticut WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS



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## June 2021 EVENTS LIST

- June 10, 7-8:30 pm - Virtual Panel Discussion Series – Unconscious Bias See pgs 1 & 4.
- June 14, Monday, 1-2:30 pm – Mastermind Group Virtual Meeting See pg 1.
- June 16, Wednesday, 11:30 am -1:30 pm - Monthly Luncheon! – In-Person Networking Social at Filomena's Restaurant in Waterford. See info on pg 1.
- June 24, 6pm - N@N - Linda Mariani - Forget What Lawyers Tell You! See info on pg 2.
- ★ September 26, Sunday, 11-2 pm 45th Anniversary Celebration! – See info on page 3.

Descriptions in this newsletter. Click link below to read and register. [www.sectwomensnetwork.org/events](http://www.sectwomensnetwork.org/events)

## UNCONSCIOUS BIAS Unveiling Racism

### Panel Discussion Virtual Series – Equity and Inclusion in the Corporate World

June 10, 2021... The Southeastern CT Women's Network is sponsoring a virtual panel discussion "Equity and Inclusion in the Corporate World" as part of the Unconscious Bias – Unveiling Racism" series - a free Zoom

## June 16, Monthly Luncheon Meeting Networking Social – In-Person

Join Us Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 11:30 am for our monthly Luncheon meeting at Filomena's Restaurant in Waterford, \$15 members and non-members.

Networking Social — we will have fun doing what we do best — Networking! A super chance to boost your business contacts and make new friendships!

Meet your Officers and Board members for the coming year.

There will be a choice of several entrees.

Please register early so we can have a head count, but pay at Filomena's. This will help us all get back in the swing of dining out.



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event on Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. The panel will be moderated by Clarissa Beyah, Chief Communications Officer at Union Pacific Railroad, Professor of Professional Practice at the University of Southern California, and Founder and President of Writer's Block Ink.

Clarissa Beyah is a communications executive, educator, and non-profit founder. Currently, she is the Chief Communications Officer for Union Pacific Railroad and a Pro-

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Click to read more or register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4329797>

## Zoom Network Mastermind Meeting Monday, June 14, 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, June 14 at 1pm**. Click and please register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4321368>

## June 24, 2021, 6pm, N@N - Linda Mariani - Forget What Lawyers Tell You!

Network @ Night, June 24, 2021 at 6pm, Free. "Forget What Lawyers Tell You! The divorce process can be easy and affordable." with Attorney Linda Mariani at Mariani, Reck, Lane LLC, 83 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320. Learn how mediation and resolution can make divorce less stressful.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4338708>

## New Members

**Linda Mariani**, MarianiReck-Lane, LLC, 83 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320, Phone: 860-443-5023

Email: [l.mariani@marianirecklane.com](mailto:l.mariani@marianirecklane.com)

Website: [www.marianirecklane.com](http://www.marianirecklane.com)

Second Business: MarianiMediator, same address, phone and

### President's Message

## It's Wonderful to Be Together Again!

Hello, friends!  
Welcome, summer! Welcome smiling faces.

Our first in-person event at Filomena's was a great success! It was so absolutely wonderful to see so many familiar faces after fifteen months. It was also great to see new friends join us outside on such a beautiful day. The smiles were contagious (dare I say "contagious?") and I don't think that I stopped smiling during the luncheon and on the drive home!

I am very excited and very positive about our future and our upcoming events. Our next luncheon will also be held outside (weather permitting) at Filomena's.

Our 45th Anniversary Champagne Brunch Celebration on September 26th will be a fun event with a great

menu. Save the date!

Our virtual meetings and panel discussions have been so successful that we plan to continue with a virtual component in addition to in-person meetings. Please continue to follow us for more virtual meetings and panel discussions. This will be a great added benefit to those members who may not be able to make it to our monthly luncheon events.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in June! If not, then we will see you virtually at some of our other meetings.

Have a Wonderful Month!

Denise Howard  
President

email  
Website: [www.marianimediator.com](http://www.marianimediator.com)  
Linda is a returning member and

Past President of the SECT Women's Network. She is a divorce mediation,

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# 45th Anniversary Party!

**Southeastern CT Women's Network**

September 26th, 2021 - 11 am Brunch

Langley's Restaurant - Waterford, CT

## Award Presentations

**\*The Mildred E. Devine Lifetime Achievement Award**

**\*The Kathleen O'Beirne Leadership Award**

**\*SECTWN Woman of the Year 2021**

**\*SECTWN Unsung Heroes**

We're getting a new look! Join us to celebrate our 45th and see the ***Big Reveal!***

Event Ticket:  
\$45 per person



Register on our website  
[www.sectwomensnetwork.org](http://www.sectwomensnetwork.org)

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## Menu

omelet station

waffle station with fresh fruit

waffle cones drizzled with chocolate & filled with fresh fruit

salad station with grilled chicken

bacon & sausage

garlic smashed potato

croissants & scones

mini crab cakes with chipotle sauce

vodka rigatoni

assorted juices, coffee, tea

mimosa & Bloody Mary station



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<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4235652>

# **UNCONSCIOUS BIAS** **Unveiling Racism**

***Southeastern CT Women's Network sponsors***

***“Unconscious Bias – Unveiling Racism”***

***Equity & Inclusion in the Corporate World***

***A Virtual Panel Discussion***

**June 10, 2021**

**7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**Open to the public. Free event**

## **PANEL MODERATOR:**

**Clarissa Beyah**, Chief Communications Officer at Union Pacific Railroad, Professor of Professional Practice at the University of Southern California, and Founder and President of Writer's Block Ink.

## **PANELISTS:**

women & men from several different corporate sectors

**To join the panel discussion, please register at:**

**<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/events>**

**Please join us for a dynamic and engaging evening.**

*(This panel is part of a series of monthly panels focusing on Unconscious Bias.)*



# We Need Your Help!

## Woman of the Year Award Nominations

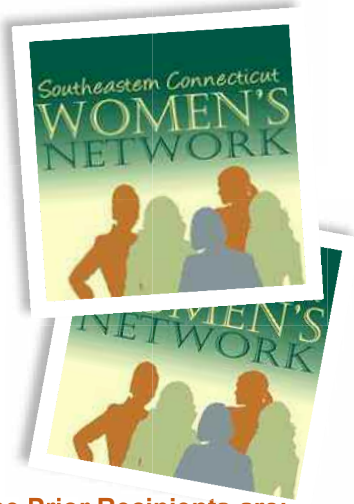
The **Woman of the Year Award** is presented annually, the 2021 Award will be presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch. It is presented to a member of the NETWORK who meets the following criteria:

- The Candidate must be an active member of the Southeastern Connecticut Women's NETWORK, attending luncheons and participating in other functions.
- The Candidate may be a former, but not a current member of the Board of Directors or its Executive Board.
- The Candidate must be active in her community and within other professional organizations.
- The Candidate must express an interest in helping other women and men achieve professional status and public exposure through networking in the community.
- Deadline for nomination submissions is **JULY 15, 2021**.
- Please send all nominations to Debbie McGrath via email or mail:

**debsbackyardbracelets@gmail.com**  
**25 Olive Street Waterford, CT 06385**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

**Southeastern Connecticut Women's  
Network**



### The Prior Recipients are:

- 1991. Nan Crowley
- 1992. Nancy Hillery
- 1993. Barbara Gager
- 1994. Barbara Reed Collins
- 1995. Linda Mariani
- 1996. Lois Palmer-Alderson
- 1997. Barbara Quinn
- 1998. Joyce Schmidt
- 1999. Judy Woodman
- 2000. Millie Devine
- 2001. Kathleen O'Beirne
- 2002. Vicki Anderson
- 2003. Marj Taggart Dedrick
- 2004. Lois Andrews
- 2005. Elaine Bono
- 2006. Cora Murphy
- 2007. Susan Pochal
- 2008. Beth Glynn
- 2009. Kasey Goss
- 2010. Jane Moriarty
- 2011. Gail Weber
- 2012. Christine Lautz
- 2013. Camilla Ross
- 2014. Connie Plessman
- 2015. Louisa Ketron
- 2016. Donna Yother
- 2017. Susan M. Dombrowski
- 2018. Emma Palzere-Rae
- 2019. Kathryn Greene
- 2020. Deborah McGrath

## New Members...from page 3

family law and personal injury attorney. Mediation that works!

**Elizabeth Peterson**, General Dynamics, Electric Boat, Pequot Ave., New London, CT 06320, Email: [epeters3@gdeb.com](mailto:epeters3@gdeb.com)  
**Second Business:** Charles Peterson Hardwood Floors, 15 Browns Crossing, Gales Ferry, CT 06335, Phone: 860-389-2532  
 Email: [elizabethpeterson25@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethpeterson25@gmail.com)

Elizabeth is an Engineering Risk Manager at Electric Boat. Elizabeth and her husband own Charles Peterson Harwood Floors. They provide hard wood floor services including installation refinishing and inspection services. They have products that include high end quarter sawn lumber & ultraviolet curing machines for polyurethanes.

**Meghan Steinhaus**, US Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue Parkway, New London, CT 06320, Phone: 860-883-8724  
 Email: [mksteinhaus@gmail.com](mailto:mksteinhaus@gmail.com)

Meghan is an active duty member of the faculty in the Mathematics Department at the US Coast Guard Academy. She and her family have lived in Waterford since 2016.

## Unconscious Bias...from page 1

fessor of Professional Practice of Journalism at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School. She helps leaders, students and organizations to use strategic communications to transcend. Over the past 25 years, she has led communication organizations at some of the world's largest companies with teams on nearly every continent. Passionate

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## Members on the Move

**Harriet Goodman Grayson** announces the return of the Literary Salon, Monday, June 14, at 7 pm upstairs at The Malted Barley, 42 High St., Westerly, RI.

Meet local authors and listen as they read excerpts from their books while enjoying food and beverages from the delicious menu. Books of all genres will be available for sale.

On this same evening, Harriet also welcomes everyone to the launch of her new book "Rockaway Riptides," the story of high school seniors, students and musicians, finding their way through the turbulent 1960's. For more information, contact [harriet@oceanbreezypress.net](mailto:harriet@oceanbreezypress.net) or [www.oceanbreezypress.net](http://www.oceanbreezypress.net).

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## WE Want YOU!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net). The SECT Women's Network reserves the right to edit copy submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

**For more Network information and articles see our website: [www.sectwomensnetwork.org](http://www.sectwomensnetwork.org)**

## During this Time, 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/giving-your-things/>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## \*Important Network Notice!

The updated printable online membership directory is now available. Please keep your membership current to take advantage of this benefit and be even more visible to the public.

 [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](mailto:bestwellness4you@gmail.com).

## Network Board Meeting Friday, June 11

The next Network Board Meeting is Friday, June 11, 8 am, via Zoom.com. All members are welcome to attend.

## Virtual Event In Person Monthly Luncheon Meeting

### "Networking Social"

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
at Filomena's, 11:30am,**

presentation also offered virtually. Link will be emailed to you after registration. **Click to register**

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