

Southeastern Connecticut WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS



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Upcoming Programs July 2019 Luncheon

August 21

Peggy Roberts, President of the Mystic Chamber and Pulitzer Prize Winner

Peggy Roberts, President of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and Pulitzer Prize winner will speak at our August 21 luncheon.



Some of Peggy Roberts' most no-

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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 luncheons 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.

Second Annual SECT Women's Network PICNIC

Join us Wednesday, July 17, 11:30 am at Langley's Restaurant at Great Neck Country Club for our monthly luncheon meeting.

Enjoy a taste of summer! A fun picnic is being planned with a cookout on the covered patio. Join us for this special event which will include the presentation of the Southeastern Connecticut Women's Network Annual Awards.

Network attendees should arrive at **Langley's Restaurant** in Waterford at 11:30 am for registration and networking, lunch at 12 noon. The public is welcome. **Reservations are required.**

All attendees: please make your reservations



or cancellations for the Wednesday, **July 17** luncheon online 24/7 **by 12 midnight, Sunday, July 14.** www.sectwomensnetwork.org/events

Cash or checks for **\$25** made out to the Women's Network will be collected at the door. **Reservations after 12 midnight on Sunday will pay \$30. Reservation no-shows and late cancellations will be billed.**

- **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 Network of the future. The Network needs your talents.
- **Enjoy a Lifetime of Fantastic Friends, Fun and Fulfillment!** ■

August Speaker...from page 1

table professional accomplishments have been as part of a team. She currently serves as President of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, but has also won a Pulitzer Prize as part of a team of reporters in Alabama for their series of stories on infant mortality in 1988. Peggy is a University of Connecticut graduate and former senior director of communication and media for the Altria Group. She grew up in Norwich and took her first job as a reporter covering Franklin, Bozrah and Lebanon for the Norwich Bulletin. ■

**Network @ Night
Looking for Hosts/
Sponsors**

We are looking for members (or their businesses) who would like to host or sponsor a Network @ Night evening after-hours networking event.

Hosting or sponsoring is a great way to let members and guests learn more about your products and services.

For more information contact Denise Howard at bestwellness4you@gmail.com.

**Membership
Renewal
Time 2019-2020!**

(for most members)

Renew Now! The renewal date for most members was July 1st. If you have not renewed your membership dues by September 1, your name and contact information will be removed from the online Member Directory. Please click, login and renew today. www.sectwomensnetwork.org

President's Message

Camaraderie and Business-building

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too, can become great."

— Mark Twain

As we embark on another year together at the Network, I wanted to express my deep gratitude and admiration for outgoing President Kate Bellandese, the Board of Di-

rectors, and the membership. Kate's leadership has brought together the diverse interests and talents of each member and formed a cohesive group that supports and inspires each other. It is an honor to serve the Network and I look forward to the opportunity to continue the great tradition of camaraderie and business-building.

Gigi Little
President

June Drawings

Cora Murphy won the *Spotlight* article and Susan Hackett won the *Resident* article.

Laura Stetler won the Cameo Table to showcase *the Women's Business Development Council*, at the July 17 luncheon.

**Mastermind Groups
for Network Members**

The concept of the Mastermind Group originated in Napoleon Hill's book "Think and Grow Rich." He defined the Mastermind principle as: "coordination of knowledge and effort by two or more people, who work toward a definite purpose in the spirit of harmony."

There is synergy of energy, commitment and excitement that participants bring to Mastermind, by supporting each other to achieve professional objectives, brainstorm ideas, and support each other with total honesty, respect and compassion. Mastermind participants act as catalysts for professional growth.

Participation in the Network Mastermind program is voluntary and free as part of your Network membership. It is an evolving program giving mem-

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Ads Now 2019-2020!**

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Mastermind...from page 2

bers an opportunity to connect and support each other more intimately in achieving personal and professional objectives.

Mastermind groups meet once a month. Pavé Group meets the second Monday of the month (time tba) in Waterford. A second Mastermind group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 a.m. in Gales Ferry.

Those interested in Mastermind are encouraged to visit a group meeting, an RSVP is required.

For more information or to visit the Monday Mastermind group, please contact Judy Ricketts-White jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net.

For information or to visit the Wednesday morning group, contact Carol Burgess cburgess0@snet.net.

Featured Business at Cameo Table

Laura Stetler will be showcasing the *Women's Business Development Council* at the July 17, 2019 luncheon. Please stop by the table to meet Laura and learn more about the services offered by visiting the website at www.ctwbdc.org.

Upload Your Avatar!

Members can upload a photo in your member profile — your very own Avatar (or profile photo)!

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



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Call for 2019 Women's

Nonprofit Event Information

If you are an employee or a member of a non-profit entity that benefits women, and wish to have a SECTWN presence at one or more of your events in 2019, we want to know. The Admin Committee is currently compiling a list of these events with the goal of identifying those which we intend to fund and open for Network attendance in 2019. The number of events selected will depend on the donation requirements and SECTWN budget.

If interested, please send your list of events to Nancy Motola at ncmotola@pharmaregconnection.com and include information regarding donation requirements, date, venue, and a description of the event. **Please note** that any organization which benefits women qualifies. It does not have to be an organization exclusive to women.

Safe Futures – Giving Basket

A purple basket will be available at the monthly luncheons to donate much-needed items for 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://www.safefuturesct.org/giving/our-wish-list>

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Join and Post to the Network's New 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.

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

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 inclusion in the newsletter.

Network Board Meeting Friday, July 12

The next Network Board Meeting is Friday, July 12, 8 am, at Groton Inn & Suites, 99 Gold Star Highway. All members are welcome to attend.

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