

Southeastern Connecticut WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS



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Upcoming EVENTS LIST

• September 9, 7-8:30 pm - Virtual Panel Discussion Series – Building Bridges See pgs 1, 2 & 3.

• September 13, Monday, 12:00-1:30 pm – Mastermind Group Virtual Meeting See pages 1 & 2.

• September 15, Wednesday, 11:30 am -1:15 pm - Monthly Luncheon! – “Millie’s Divine Journey,” In-Person at Filomena’s Restaurant in Waterford. See info on page 1.

★ **CANCELLED** - September 26, Sunday, 11-2 pm 45th Anniversary Celebration! – See info pg. 4.

• October 20, Wednesday, 11:30 am -1:15 pm - Monthly Luncheon! – “Toastmasters with Eva Menon and Darlene Hayes,” In-Person at Filomena’s Restaurant in Waterford. See info on pages 2 & 4.

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

September 15, Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Millie’s Divine Journey – Meet the Founder of the SECT Women’s Network

Join Us Wednesday, September 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 either online or cash at Filomena’s.

Millie’s Divine Journey! Our founder, Millie Devine, will be speaking about her life, being a woman in business in the 70’s and beyond, how (and why!) the Network got started, and how she has impacted life in Eastern Connecticut.

Presentation of annual awards will be included if recipients are present.

Please register early so we can have a head count, and pay online or cash at Filomena’s. This will help



us all get back in the swing of dining out.

Click below to read more, add event to your calendar or register. <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4469181>

Zoom Network Mastermind Meeting Monday, Sept. 13, at 12 noon 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



Panel Discussion Virtual Series – “Writing A Woman’s Life”

Sept. 9, 2021... The Southeastern CT Women’s Network is sponsoring a virtual panel discussion on the topic of

“Writing A Woman’s Life” as part of the Building Bridges-Resolving Unconscious Bias series, which was formerly the Unconscious Bias – Unveiling Racism” series. This is a free Zoom event on Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members of the panel include Ms. Mildred Devine, Founder of the SECT Woman’s Network and Co-Founder of Safe Futures who will be

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speaking about her new memoir, Sunrise Sunset: Millie's Divine Journey, and Ms. Lottie B. Scott, Civil Rights Leader and currently Vice-Chair of the Norwich Race Equity Committee, who will be speaking about her new autobiography, Deep South, Deep North – A Family's Journey.

Click to read more or register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4449708>

Mastermind...from page 1

attend the next meeting on **Monday, September 13 at 12-1:30pm.** Click and please register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4470104>

October 20, Luncheon – Toastmasters with Eva Menon and Darlene Hayes

Join Us Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:30 am for our monthly lunch-

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President's Message

As Autumn Approaches, We are Planning Events

Hello my sisters (and a few brothers),

It's hard to believe that it's already September. I don't know about you, but this summer has gone by entirely too quickly for me.

As you may be aware, we have cancelled the 45th Anniversary Celebration for this year. I know this is disappointing, and it was a difficult decision; however, with the uncertainty of possible mandates and some people being uncomfortable with an indoor setting, we thought it best to postpone our celebration. We may have to reschedule this to 2022, but we will still recognize and acknowledge our 45th Anniversary this year. I'd like to thank those on the 45th Anniversary Committee who have done so much work for what was going to be a wonderful



event.

On a brighter note, Millie Devine, our very own founder of the SECT Women's Network, will be our guest speaker in September. She will also be doing a book signing of her newly published book!

Our Unconscious Bias Series continues encompassing a wide range of topics, renamed as "Building Bridges."

As we continue to thrive outdoors, it is hard to imagine being placed under the same restrictions as last year. Regardless of what happens, we will continue to meet, share ideas, and grow, even if we must go back to the dreaded Zoom meetups.

Stay strong, my friends!

Denise Howard
President

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"Building Bridges – Resolving Unconscious Bias"

A Virtual Panel Discussion

Mildred Devine and Lottie Scott
Writing a Woman's Life

Thursday, September 9, 2021

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Open to the public. Free event

PANEL MODERATOR:

TBA

PANELISTS:

Mildred Devine, Author, *"Sunrise Sunset: Millie's Divine Journey"*

Lottie B. Scott, Author, *"Deep South - Deep North: A Family's Journey"*

To join the panel discussion, go to the Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365019987?pwd=eWRWUVIxSHZFTm1Zc21nMnhyeVZhdz09> Or go to <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/events>



<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4449708>

CANCELLED...for now September 26, 45th Anniversary Celebration!

Regretfully, we are postponing our Network's 45th anniversary event until next Spring. Changing COVID-19 guidelines have led us to the decision to wait until all our members can safely travel and gather in person to celebrate. All ticket purchases and sponsorships will be refunded as soon as possible, and we will announce a new date when it is feasible to do so. If you have any questions about the cancellation or wish to secure your sponsorship for the Spring, please email us at sectwnbiz@gmail.com.

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eon, \$20 for members, \$20 for non-members, includes gratuity and tax. Eva Menon, President, Niantic Toastmasters and Network member Darlene Hayes will be our speakers out under the tent. Register online and pay online or cash at Filomena's.

We know our members shine and we want to be sure they are communicating as best they can. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leader-

ship skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Headquartered in Englewood, CO, the organization's membership exceeds 300,000 in more than 15,800 clubs in 149 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators and leaders.

We will also be presenting the *new Network logo* and *our fresh new look!* You will want to be there to help usher in the future of the SECT Women's Network! Click to read more or register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4470126>



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. See more benefits www.sectwomensnetwork.org

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We Need Your Help!

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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 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 will soon be 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.

Network Board Meeting Friday, September 10

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

In Person – Monthly Luncheon “Millie’s Divine Journey”

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021
at Filomena’s, 11:30am,**

*Confirmation will be emailed to you
after you register and pay.*

Click to register

**[https://sectwomensnetwork.org/
event-4469181](https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4469181)**