

Network of Memphis

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President's Letter

Network Sisters,

Okay, so it's hot, humid and those rain showers are few and far between. But ladies, I have to say that even though we are having a typical summer for Memphis, this summer has been anything but typical for Network of Memphis. We've had very good turnout at our summer meetings and the energy level has been high and carefree at both of them.



In July, we had our Annual Wine Tasting event and it was absolutely wonderful. This was the first time that we hosted the meeting at the Pecan Grove Clubhouse, taking full control of the evening and the end result was perfect! We had a lot more space than in the past making it easier for us to navigate and network and also the seating arrangements made for a much more comfortable evening. For the event, Lucy Barnhart once again put together the perfect menu for a wine tasting and then best of all, she successfully booked "the Vino Dino" or as other people in the business might know him as "The Godfather of Wine", John Vego, manager and wine consultant at Buster's. John has spent most of his life in the business (that's 30+ years!!) and he knows everything about wine. In Memphis, it is said that "a wine-tasting by John Vego is an event not to be missed" and for those of you who attended, I'm sure that you understand why. It was a fun-filled, informative night where we had the opportunity to taste four different summer wines that would be a hit at any party. The wines served were:

1. Flying Fish Riesling 2007 (Region: Washington)
2. Juno Rose 2007 (Region: South Africa)
3. Castle Rock Pinot Noir 2006 (Region: California)
4. Menage' a Trois Red (Region: California)

If you are interested in purchasing a bottle of any of these fine wines, then stop by Buster's, ask for John, let him know that you are with Network of Memphis and he will give you a special discount. What a deal!

Our final summer activity scheduled for August 11th will be at Wang's Mandarin House on Park Avenue. Lucy has been working with them to make sure that we have a very tantalizing menu for the evening. So please be sure to read her August Dinner Program article and then mark your calendars.

Well, this was our last meeting this year at the Pecan Grove Clubhouse. I want to give a special "shout out" to Joan Munsee for reserving the facility for all of the activities that we've hosted there throughout the year. We have become so familiar with the clubhouse until we consider it our "Second Home". I'm sure that we will be returning there in the future for more exciting events.

I look forward to seeing you on August 11th at Wang's Mandarin House!

Wishing everyone the best,

Avis Jones, President

August Dinner Menu Submitted By: Lucy Barnhart, Facilities Manager

Please come join the fun this month at Wang's Mandarin House, located at 6065 Park Avenue (Park and Ridgeway) for some great Chinese food. Bring your appetites as we will be having Beef with Chinese Vegetables, Shrimp with Lobster Sauce, Almond Chicken, Fried Rice and to accompany the entrees we will have spring rolls and rangoons. For dessert we will have fortune cookies along with orange slices and a beverage for the low price of \$22.00 per member and \$25.00 for non-members. Alcoholic beverages will be additional. Introductions will begin around 5:45 p.m. and we hope you can make it.

Please RSVP to Lucy7606@aol.com or (901) 490-4073 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2008. You can also go online to our website and complete the RSVP form. If you make a reservation and must cancel, please do so by noon on the Friday preceding the event. You may cancel by either using the website or email Lucy at Lucy7606@aol.com. If you cancel after that time or do not attend the meeting, we ask you to provide payment for this event, since Network is charged for it.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Pictures from July Dinner Event

Submitted By: Lori Harris, Newsletter Editor/Webmistress



Enjoy Pictures From the July Winetasting Event

Pictures Courtesy of Lynn Jackson

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Standing Reservations

Submitted By: Lucy Barnhart, Facilities Manager

Joan Munsee
Felicia Gladue

Jeanne Woods
Lori Harris

Karen Shea
Avis Jones

Linda Marks
Dr. Mary Crawford

To add your name to the standing reservations list, please email Lucy Barnhart at Lucy7606@aol.com.



Happy Birthday, Network Sisters!

Submitted By: Joan Munsee, Past President

Look who's celebrating a birthday during **August!** *Congratulations!* Hope your day is very special!

Josie Wurzburg 8/3
Joan Munsee 8/8
Debbie Dunlap 8/28
Janice Holder 8/29

Oops! If I forgot to list someone, it wasn't intentional, just an oversight or it wasn't listed on your membership form.

New Members Corner Submitted By: Felicia Gladue, VP of Membership and Database

Any Changes Lately?

Remember, if you you've changed your email, phone number or employment information, please email me at GladueGirl@gmail.com. I'll get your information updated in the directory. Members can access the online directory by using their membership ID and password.

Felicia Gladue
VP, Membership

Getting To Know Your Network Sister Submitted By: Linda Marks, Board Member at Large

Each month we spotlight a different member. This month we feature Judy Childress, Network member.

Judy Childress has a mantra, and it reflects the way she has lived her life. It comes from Eleanor Roosevelt: "A woman is like a teabag; you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water." Through many challenging situations, Judy has shown her abundant strength. And she continues to discover, and share, even more than she thought she had.



Born in Memphis, Judy was an infant when her family moved to Vallejo, CA, and then to Long Beach. But at 12 she, her parents, and her two sisters moved back here. She graduated from West Side High School, and at 18 married Jeff, her husband of 36 years, despite the fact that their first date lasted only 30 minutes, followed by a near-collision with his car! Judy's career military father was somewhat silent at first when he returned from overseas duty and met Jeff, whose long hair was stylishly Seventies. But in no time they discovered a mutual interest in repairing cars and became best friends.

Judy's strength met a serious challenge when, a year after the birth of their daughter, Cristy, Jeff suffered a severe back injury in his job as a welder. Judy went to work as a receptionist, and when Cristy was 3, Jeff was injured again, requiring a bone graft on his back. Jeff's doctors told him he must change careers, and, with their support and encouragement, he entered Memphis State University. Because it was difficult for Jeff to walk, Judy took a job at MSU so that he could have a parking space close to his classroom building. Soon after Jeff graduated as an engineer, he accepted a job at Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, which was eliminated 6 months later. So Judy added a part-time job with a veterinarian to her work at MSU. Later, Jeff took a job as a production manager at Kellogg, working 7 days a week, and completed a Master's degree at the same time.

While working as an executive secretary in the mid-'70's, Judy met Harold Crye, who persuaded her to train to be a real estate broker. At that time she was unsure of her ability to succeed in this field. However, in 1999, while shopping for a Midtown home, she met Donna Gilluly, a realtor with Sowell & Company, who recognized her undeniable talent. This time Judy felt ready, joined Sowell & Company Realtors, and flourished in this new career.

But this was not to be the last time Judy went beyond what she thought she could do. In 2005, after her beloved younger sister, Tena, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Judy was outraged that the symptoms Tena had repeatedly reported to her doctor had been brushed aside, with the comment "You're getting older and your body is changing." She realized that there was little understanding, even in the medical community, of ways to diagnose this dreaded illness early and effectively. She was determined to find survivors, in order to give Tena hope. As Tena went through agonizing chemotherapy, Judy was at her side, and at the same time she led a group which has now become the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. Tena has been in remission for a year, and Judy celebrates each victory with her and other women who are valiantly fighting this disease by "dancing with NED" (medical shorthand for No Existing Disease).

While promoting the OCAF, Judy met Joan Munsee at a Ladies Who Launch event and was drawn by her warm invitation to Network, which she joined last year. In keeping with her natural instinct to pass along good things, Judy quickly brought Donna Gilluly to Network with her. Judy exemplifies quiet strength, as she leads the OCAF and cares for two grandchildren, Brendan and Braelyn. But she directs the spotlight to her sister and the other women she has come to know and love through the OCAF. "My strength is nothing compared to theirs," she says.

Calendar of Events 2008

Submitted By: Avis Jones, President

Here is a listing of our upcoming meetings and events so you may plan accordingly. All meetings start at 5:30 PM.

August 11th	Monthly Meeting – <i>Summer Activity</i> Location: Wang’s Mandarin House 6065 Park Avenue (Park Avenue & Ridgeway)
September 8th	Monthly Meeting Location: Café Toscana Program: Guest Speaker, Patti Smith, Vice President, Community Foundation of Greater Memphis
October 13th	Monthly Meeting Location: Café Toscana Program: Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Shelley Director of Community Education, YWCA “Domestic Violence/Elderly Abuse”
November 10th	Monthly Meeting Location: Café Toscana Program: Guest Speaker, Tennessee Congressman Steve Cohen, Director of the Life Skills Institute “Programs and Issues to Benefit Women”
December 8th	Monthly Meeting Location: Café Toscana “ <i>Holiday Celebration Party</i> ”

Spotlight Your Business With an Advertorial

Do you want to have the chance to spotlight your company? Then you can have a small advertorial for \$25. All you have to do is send a small article with around 150 words, which will be posted in our newsletter. Email your article to Lori Harris at harris.lorid@gmail.com.

Advertising on Network of Memphis’s Website

Would your company like to increase their sales? Then you should advertise on Network of Memphis’s website. We offer reasonable rates to Network members, which range from \$50 to \$75 for three months. To find out more information, email Lori Harris at harris.lorid@gmail.com.

Submitting An Article

If anyone would like to submit an article, please send it as a word attachment and use a jpeg format for a picture by the 25th of the month to Lori Harris at harris.lorid@gmail.com.

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