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President's Letter

As you know our September 2011 meeting focused on the future of Network of Memphis. There were about 12 – 14 of us in attendance and some preliminary decisions were made. This was the beginning of a process that hopefully will be finalized by the November General Membership meeting.



Preliminary Decisions Made:

1. Keep the legal entity of our 501 C 6 status
2. Keep the Mission Statement – it is broad reaching and will cover a new organizational direction
3. Simplify the organization by
 - Reducing the size of the Board to 3, President, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Updating the by-laws to reflect the changes to board and organization

The details that remain are:

1. What do we want to look like in the future? -
2. Target Market of Network-
 - Working /Career Women
 - Women in Transition
 - Experienced, in the work place for 10 – 15 years
 - Women looking for a place to Network that is outside of work and their career field
3. Program Ideas
4. Ways to Connect – Need to solidify and assign tasks
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Bring a friend
 - c. Print Media
 - d. Email campaigns
 - e. Update our website

September 26th was a special meeting open to all members. The interested members that met to rewrite the by-laws to match the new direction and face of Network were, Tess Bear, Sylvia Cox, Donna Edwards, Pat Jones, Ginger Ralston and myself. The preliminary draft will be presented to the membership via email prior to the October 10th meeting. There will be some time at the October meeting for a discussion of the draft by-laws with the final document presented via email for an electronic vote.

Please provide any thoughts and ideas you may have for this process.

Sincerely,

Debra Malone-Reeve, President

October Dinner Menu Submitted By: Tess Bear, Facilities Manager

Join us on October 10th at the Racquet Club of Memphis in Parlor A & B. We will have guest speaker, Mr. Willie Hollinger with Shelby County Office of Preparedness/Homeland Security. Our menu will include the following: Caesar Salad, Chicken Chasseur w/shallots, white wine, mushrooms & tomatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Pasta w/diced vegetables, and Lemon Meringue Pie. The cost of the dinner will be **\$28 for members** and **\$30 for guests** and **\$5 for those not eating**.

Networking begins at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to rsvp@networkmemphis.org or visit www.networkmemphis.org/rsvp.htm by **Thursday, the 8th** before end of business day. Hope to see you there!

October Speaker Submitted By: Lee Clarke, VP, Programs

Our guest speaker for October is Mr. Willie Hollinger, a member of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness/Homeland Security. Willie has over 25 years in the emergency response field and is recognized as one of the top C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) instructors. He has received many awards from the mayor's office for his outstanding service. He will be sharing his experiences and knowledge as a member of the emergency response team, as well as information about how we as citizens can help in an emergency as well as how to stay prepared ourselves.

Please join us for this informative and timely information.

Standing Reservations Submitted By: Tess Bear, Facilities Manager

Joan Munsee
Felicia Gladue

Tess Bear
Sylvia Cox

Debra Malone-Reeve

To add your name to the standing reservations list, please email Tess Bear at rsvp@networkmemphis.org.

Network News

[New Members Corner](#) Submitted By: Hope Peterson, VP of Membership and Database

Hello to all of our Network members!!!

I hope new members and old members will help us decide what they would like to see as we "revamp" our Network group !! Join us as we decide on new ways to conduct our meetings and new ways to help each other in our day to day business world. New members can join at any time and enjoy the networking and fun of being part of a ladies' group that is a group of professional women who want to make a difference in the business world and encourage each other in the world of business on a day to day basis. You will find friends, business associates and good friendly "work" advice when you join us for our monthly meetings. Bring your business cards and exchange cards and advice with each other at our meetings !!! Please remember to RSVP on our website if you are going to attend one of our monthly meetings !

Updates or Changes to Your Info?

If you have a change in your email, phone number or employment information, please email me at membership@networkmemphis.org and I will update your entry in the directory. Members can access the online directory by using their membership ID and password. - It did change for 2011 - so please check with one of the board members if you need info on the updated information.

Hope Peterson, VP, Membership



[Happy Birthday!](#) Submitted By: Felicia Gladue, Past President

Look who's celebrating a birthday during the month of **October**. ***Congratulations!*** Hope your day is very special!

Karen Shea 10/6

Linda Marks 10/8

Calendar of Events 2011 Submitted By: Lee Clarke V.P. Programs

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

Oct. 10th Monthly Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Mr. Willie Hollinger
Topic: Shelby County Emergency Preparedness
Location: Racquet Club
 5111 Sanderlin, Memphis, TN 38117

Educate, Share, & Support

The purpose of Network of Memphis is to provide educational forums for the exchange of ideas, to provide opportunities to share career experiences and for support of projects that benefit women in the larger community.

Over the past year, Network of Memphis has hosted speakers from: ID Theft Solutions of America, Tennessee's 9th Congressional district, Muddy's Bake Shop, Family Safety Center, Just Care Family Network, ArtsMemphis, and Kids-N-Technology.

Network of Memphis is proud to have financially contributed to the following community organizations within the last year: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Foundation, Urevbu Foundation, Girls Inc., Women of Achievement, Family Safety Center, Haiti Relief via the Jewish Federation, Memphis Area Women's Council and YWCA Abused Women's Services.

Advertising on Network of Memphis' Website

Would your company like to increase their sales? Then you should advertise on Network of Memphis' 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 newsletter@networkmemphis.org.

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 newsletter@networkmemphis.org.

