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www.networkexecwomen.com
Our website is updated monthly and provides information about upcoming programs. For updates to the website or to submit information about your upcoming events please submit all your information to networkexecutivewomen@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Florida Aquarium
701 Channelside Dr., Tampa, FL 33602
Members $30 - Guests $35
Includes access to Aquarium exhibits after the event.

Menu: Italian herb-crusted chicken with lemon rosemary burre blanc, served with long grain wild rice, house salad, seasonal vegetable, and dessert. Vegetarian option available.

RSVP by noon Friday, December 6th through NEW website

First and foremost, thank you for participating in our 2013 Holiday Outreach Program! Based on your votes, we selected two outstanding organizations to recognize — Buddy Baseball and Alpha House.

Please join us at the Florida Aquarium as we recognize and support these valuable community resources at our annual holiday outreach program. We'll hear from each organization and have the opportunity to experience the exhibits.

If you would like to contribute financially to one or both of these fine organizations, donations will be collected at

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President's Message

Background "Checks"

Getting started in our professional lives is something we've all done in our own ways. It is a very personal thing, though I don't mean necessarily a private thing. We all come to NEW with a host of previous experiences that add up to the sum of our professional beings.

Based simply on the application requirements of NEW

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Learn how you can become a member by visiting our website and downloading a membership application.

Join us on:

www.networkexecwomen.com
P.O. Box 270595, Tampa, FL 33688

Events This Month

BREW CREW!

Dec. 12: 8 a.m. at Starbucks at 10002 N. Dale Mabry, at the intersection of Linebaugh Ave.

Come on out and have a brew (coffee of course at 8 am!) And get to know your fellow new members Please email Anita Roederer if you plan to attend arroederer@tomlinstaffing.com

Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19th, noon–1 p.m.
SB Recommend, 606 South Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33606

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membership, all of us have attained some advanced education, though not necessarily a college degree. Some of us have advanced degrees. Some have military training.

We have all achieved a level of independence in our professional pursuits. With freedom comes responsibility. While we may have control over our schedules and activities, we may be responsible for a particular production level. Some of us have achieved a level of management, with other personnel responsible to us. Many are in positions that require responsibility to ourselves, to our superiors, and from our staff. These are sort of like the three R's of professional development: responsible to ourselves (always), responsible to others (usually), and having others responsible to us (sometimes). Responsibility is another word for work!

A background check on any of us may turn up an odd job or two in our rich histories. I'll bet more than a few of us learned to work with others by taking that first job in the food service industry. Whether flipping burgers, waiting tables, or slinging cocktails, the experience is a piece in the rich mosaic that is your background. In looking back, I can't think of a better way to learn than to *do*. On-the-job training teaches more than the job itself —"How to Put Up with the Idiot in the Cubicle Next Door," could be the title of an early chapter in a professional life manual.

Learning by rejection is not something you can get from a textbook either. For example, seeing a senior citizen unhappily working in a low-wage position is likely a motivation to stay in school. Even "C" students can excel. Success is measured by the one achieving it. What gives us satisfaction is defined by each of us individually.

Working with a college student, part-time employee and having two children at that age serves as a daily reminder to me of how pivotal the first years away from home are in learning independence. Leaving our childhood homes behind and making our own ways in the world can take some time, and usually includes missteps that become lessons we try not to repeat. Funny stuff happens along the way—like leaving the grocery store after moving to my new home in Tampa, and feeling so grown up with several bags of groceries. In my own car, heading back to my own apartment, I realized I didn't know where I was. I broke into a sweat as did the meat and dairy items that were warming in the back seat while I drove in circles trying to find my way back to my apartment. I cursed myself while retracing my steps to the Winn-Dixie, then exited the parking lot in the other direction, and everything was familiar again. Whew!

Receiving a negative performance review, being fired, or just getting downsized are all lessons. Such experiences teach us to save for a rainy day. They teach us to pack a parachute, cultivate relationships, and keep our noses in the wind. Change happens, and sometimes it's not nice.

When NEW members speak about their backgrounds, I love to hear the stories. This is why our networking events away from scheduled luncheons are so important. There's simply not enough time to share the really good stories over lunch…they deserve to be savored over a glass of wine.

Did I ever tell you about the time...?

–Samantha Bond, President

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the luncheon or can be mailed directly to the organizations:

- Alpha House of Tampa Bay
  Attn: Ellen Hochschwender, Director of Development
  201 South Tampania Ave., Tampa, FL 33609
- Buddy Baseball Inc.
  P.O. Box 290361, Temple Terrace, FL 3687-0361

Additionally, Buddy Baseball has requested Walmart gift cards. Alpha House will also welcome gift cards from either Walmart or Target, but the value should be no more than $25. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Parking is available in the Channelside Plaza parking garage. Or, you may use the main Aquarium parking lot by entering the intersection of York Street and Channelside and following the Aquarium signage.

Please contact VP of Outreach, Ginny Daniel with any questions.

Member News

Welcome NEW Member!

Julie Wade, a Registered Nurse in both the USA and the United Kingdom as well as a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant with over 35 years of medical experience, is founder and president of Wade Legal Medical Analysis. In the UK she also served as a Nurse Practitioner Midwife and served in the Royal Air Force for 10 years, including service in the Gulf War. Julie was also a diplomat who served as ambassador to the RAF in China, where she was chief medical officer at the British Embassy. Wade Legal Medical Analysis is located at 1000 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Suite 2112, Tampa 33606; 813-765-0260.

Congratulations to **Karen Koch**, who takes on a new leadership role in January, as the new committee chair for the Executive Women's Council at the Centre Club. The council is committed to "excellence,

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Upcoming Events!

JANUARY

January 9: After Hours Networking, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Laura Rehbein's Ameriprise Financial office, 13920 N Dale Mabry, Tampa 33918.

January 14: Luncheon: Susan Sexton, retired Hillsborough County judge and certified mediator, "50 Is the New 70"

MARCH

March 11: EWOTY—Shivan Sarna, award-winning international speaker. Kristie Campbell is soliciting suggestions for sponsors for NEW's major annual event.

Special Thanks!

Thanks once again to **Lisa Ford** of Invent Your Image and **Laura Rehbein** of Ameriprise Financial, and also to **Barbara Heinken** of Resource Recycling Systems for all of their generous donations to our raffle at November's luncheon.

Be sure to check out Facebook for teasers!
https://www.facebook.com/NEWTampaBay

Scholarship Funds

50/50 Fundraiser

This luncheon fundraiser helps raise money we award annually to financially and academically deserving women in the Tampa Bay area. Fifty percent of money raised each month goes to scholarship and 50% goes to the winning ticket holder.

In November, the 50/50 Fundraiser raised $70!

Tax deductible contributions can be made on our website.

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enterprise and enrichment," and sponsors many events at the Centre Club, primarily the Breakfast of Champions.

Congratulations to **Karen Mertes**, for being nominated to not one but *two* WEDU Be More Awards! Support her by voting daily through December 6 in both these categories: Be More Entrepreneurial and Be More Vocal.

Member Info!

Hotlinks are now embedded with member names in this newsletter. Just hover your cursor over a name or website and the arrow should change to a pointing finger which allows you to click on the copy to go directly to the website or send an email.

Website Info!

On the website is a "Help" section under "About Us." There are two email addresses for you to contact, one for N.E.W. and one for website issues or questions.

We have a "Help" video section. Although it is not professional by any means, it is a tool to walk you through handling some of the issues that have come up. We will be adding to this library as time allows.

If you have any questions, please reply to this email or check out the new help section on the website. http://networkexecwomen.com/help

Just another reminder—please update your profile. It is how we know who you are. If possible, upload a photo, as it's helpful in identifying our members.

The website allows each member to update her own profile, pay her events and dues online (via Paypal), have a central location for newsletters, and keep current with the happenings of N.E.W.

If you haven't had a chance to give it a spin, go to **http://networkexecwomen.com** and access your account. If you are a member, type in your email address and type in "password" for the password. If you have trouble, you can go to **http://networkexecwomen.com/Sys/ForgottenPasswordRequest** and get help with the password. If all else fails, contact Karen@compasspointz.com for assistance.

Non-members will have access to many areas, but the member directory is private.