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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.

N.E.W Attitude

Tuesday, July 8th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Centre Club 123 Westshore Blvd.

Menu: Sweet & Sour Pork Tenderloin
— with Asian vegetables
(Veggie plate available; please request when reserving)

RSVP by noon Thursday, June 3rd (due to holiday)
through NEW website

This month we devote our entire luncheon to *you* — for the express purpose of putting the verb back into “network.” We will actively network with each other throughout the entire program, allowing each of us to get to know each other better and in “N.E.W” ways.

Come ready to ask lots of questions to discover more about your fellow members, and prepared to shine your own light on who you are and what you do!

President's Message

Independence Day is upon us, and I want to take a moment to embrace the reasons for my deep feelings of patriotism. I am a proud American. I was raised to respect the flag, my country, my president, and our military. We are a country of immigrants and whether our forefathers came to America to make their fortune or to avoid oppression, we are free to pursue our dreams. I feel like saying “amen” here would be appropriate.

Our freedoms are legendary on the worldwide stage.

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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

Wine, Women & Song

Thursday, July 31, 5:30 p.m–7:30 p.m.

Karen Koch, chair of Executive Women’s Council at the Centre Club is hosting for an evening of wine, networking, friends and fun! Let’s take a moment to celebrate the women of Tampa! Includes wine, hors d’oeuvres and music.

\$15++ Member/\$25 Inclusive Non-Member.

Please check our website:

www.networkexecwomen.com

Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, July 17th, noon–1 p.m.

SB Recommend, 606 South Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33606
813.441.0477.

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Education is free to all in America. We are one of the most literate societies in the world and while it is far from a perfect system, it is a universal right to our citizenry. How awesome is that? Even adult education is largely provided for little or no cost as needed.

The freedom to speak our minds about any topic is also an absolute for Americans. No matter how unpopular our beliefs or opinions, we can say or write almost anything. Exceptions are slander, copyright infringement, or inciting a riot (yelling fire in a crowded theater) but these exceptions are few. Compare this to our uneasy friends in Russia.

I have a recent experience I want to share. My son just returned from a college semester in Moscow. We were discussing his trip and he mentioned that the Russian people paid almost no attention to him in public places, like the subway or in retail stores. He said they were just plain not friendly and didn’t smile or speak like Americans would in a similar setting. A family friend with extensive travel experiences pointed out the obvious...they don’t trust strangers. For many years, Russians could be put in jail for expressing their beliefs if they were considered contrary to the government. You could be reported by your neighbor and branded a dissident. To me,

to all of us, this strikes fear in my heart. It should serve as a reminder to all of us what our military has fought for in previous conflicts. We should value our freedoms.

The freedom to choose our careers is something we all appreciate. We are fortunate to be in an environment that rewards us for our efforts. It’s the American Dream to own your own home. I think this extends to a fair degree to owning your own business as well. As women, sometimes we are viewed as having a disadvantage. We may be discriminated against by others for our gender or our religious or even our political beliefs. While government tries to level the playing field, many of us forge ahead oblivious to the negativity of others. Others may choose to fight the oppression they feel. This is another example of our right to choose, our right to express ourselves, and our right to vote every day with the dollars we spend.

Independence Day is special to me. I grew up in view of the Washington Monument, just one county away from Washington, D.C. I had the privilege of touring every Washington landmark, Harpers’ Ferry, and even the Marine training base at Quantico. I was a paid hostess aboard a private chartered yacht viewing the Blue Angels performing for the Annapolis Naval Academy graduates. I am full of pride for our country. Fireworks thrill me to my core. I even collect bi-centennial quarters!

Please join me in celebrating our nation’s freedom this month and every month. Be proud Americans at all times, even if you don’t agree with our legislators on every issue. Embrace our county’s heritage while you enjoy an extra day, free to spend it however you choose.

–Samantha Bond, President

Special Thanks!

Thank you to **Lisa Ford** of Invent Your Image, **Jeannie Holliday** of Independent Financial Services, and **Laura Rehbein** of Ameriprise Financial Services for their generous donations to our raffle at June’s lunch!

Member News

Welcome NEW Members!

Jamie Klingman, NEW's 2014 EWOTY recipient, is CEO and co-founder of The Klingman Group, a consulting firm which helps startup businesses become profitable quickly, sustainably, and with integrity.

Kathryn Davis became an independent agent with AFLAC last fall, after serving more than 30 years in military healthcare administration as a member of the U.S. Army, and is an active USO volunteer.

Three NEW members are nominated for *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* Business Woman of the Year award, to be announced in August: **Kristi Campbell**, **Lisa Demmi**, and **Lisa K. Ford**. Congratulations to each of you, and best of luck!

For the fifth consecutive year **Haley Maple** has again been recognized in *Florida Super Lawyer* magazine as a "Florida Super Lawyer" in the area of construction litigation. The magazine recognizes no more than five percent of Florida's lawyers. Haley has been selected as a Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star every year since 2010.

Karen Mertes, founder and president of Fulfill Your Destiny Inc., has been selected as a 'Celebrity Dancer' for Tampa Bay's Dancing with the Stars hosted by Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay. Sponsorships and tickets are available by contacting Karen at karen@fulfillyourdestiny.org, karen.mertes@yahoo.com or 813-481-9895. Voting begins July 9th and culminates with this year's Dancing with the Stars Black & Gold Gala at the Pepin Hospitality Centre on Saturday, October 4.

Upcoming Events!

AUGUST

August Luncheon: "Plan Hillsborough 2040" By 2040, Hillsborough County will have up to 600,000 new residents and about 400,000 new jobs. Working together to turn the challenges that come with growth into opportunities for a thriving future, thousands of people who live, work, and play in our region.

N.E.W. ANNUAL RETREAT

Renaissance Hotel
August 22-23, 2014

The invitation with more information on the retreat will be coming soon. If you want to stay at the hotel, plan to make your reservations no later than Friday, August 8, 2014.

Business Highlight



Lisa Demmi
Chief Communication Scientist

Lisa Demmi, chief communication scientist of Lab₃Marketing.com, shares her company's expertise in the changing field of marketing as traditional delivery systems have given way to online and social media promotions.

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Be sure to check our FaceBook page often for the latest info on upcoming events.
<https://www.facebook.com/NEWTampaBay>

Scholarship Funds

50/50 Fundraiser

Our luncheon fundraiser helps raise money for scholarships we present annually to financially and academically deserving women in the Tampa Bay area. Fifty percent of the monthly raffle income goes to the scholarship fund and 50% to the winning ticket holder.

In June, the 50/50 Fundraiser raised \$78!

Tax deductible contributions can be made on our website.

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