

WBN Chapter Rep Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009
Atria's - Wexford

Welcome and Mission:

The WBN mission is to encourage and facilitate the growth, performance and integrity of professional women by creating opportunities to foster relationships through a creative exchange of referrals.

Introductions: 30-second commercials

Speaker: GeorgeAnne Muchnok, President, OptiCom Consulting, spoke about POWER, which is the Service Project of the Year for WBN.

Network News:

Service Project: Chapters collected school supplies to fill backpacks donated for the children of mothers in POWER. An overwhelming amount was donated. Power also has a clothing drive. Clothing donated is sent to a Thrift Shop which in turn, gives a voucher to the participants in POWER to purchase clothing for themselves and their children. Of course, monetary donations are always needed and can be sent to Kathleen Schneider, WBN Vice-President.

Awards: There are 2 scholarships available and will be awarded at the Annual Holiday Breakfast. Members can apply by going to the website and downloading the forms for the Jean Walsh and the Rebecca Reynolds Young Scholarships. Guidelines are on the website.

Organization Wide Upcoming Events:

Fall Networking Event - October 1, 2009, Greentree Radisson, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, sponsored by Mt. Lebanon
Holiday Breakfast - December 3, 2009, Nevillewood Country Club, sponsored by Robinson
Annual Retreat – January 8-10, 2010, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, sponsored by North Hills
Spring Network Event – March 4, 2010, Lakeview in Greensburg, Rte. 30,

Upcoming Chapter Hosted Events:

North Hills – Recruiting Event - September 17, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Alexandra's Tea Room in Springdale, \$15/person
Melissa McGavick will be a speaker, in addition to, the owner speaking on tea etiquette.
WEDO at RMLU, October 16, 9:00 am.
International Network Day – February 2
Women's Business Collective of SWPA – Pam will be attending meeting on 8/21/09/

Chapter Challenge:

Barb Meinen passed out the chapter challenge form and explained the ways that a chapter can earn points. The program is going to be revised after this challenge year, Nov. 1, 2008 - Oct. 31, 2009.

Committees:

Kathleen Schneider passed a signup sheet of the various committees of WBN. Members are strongly encouraged to volunteer to participate on a committee. This is an excellent opportunity for all members, especially those who are looking at running for the board.

The following are committees:

Awards	Bylaws & Policies	Chapter Challenge	Community/Business Outreach
Growth	Historian	Membership	Nominating
Special Events	Strategic Planning	Technology	

Susan Lieber, a professional organizer and occupational therapist, will speak about organizing at our next meeting.

Next meeting: September 8, 2009, 6:00 pm at the Greentree Ramada Inn.