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**September 2011
Featured Speaker
Julia Slater**



Julia is back this month to continue her presentation from our May meeting. Last time, Julia spoke about the duties of the D.A.s office , and how they serve our community. Julia had everyone so engaged, we wanted to hear more!

In 2008, Julia was elected the first female District Attorney for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. She manages an office of 40 employees including 22 Assistant District Attorneys who conduct business in five locations. Her office prosecutes those accused of crimes in Chattahoochee, Marion, Muscogee, Harris, Talbot and Taylor counties, handling approximately 3000 cases each year.

Julia is married to Steve Slater, a Business Systems Specialist for TSYS. They have twin boys, William and Stephen, who are eight years old and are enrolled in the gifted program at Hannan Magnet Academy.

Please join us in September to support Julia and to learn even more about what is going on in our city, and surrounding counties!



President's Message

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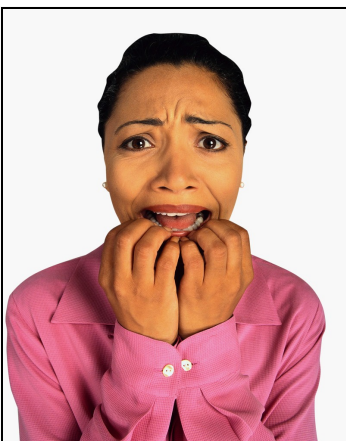
A poet wrote:

“There was a very cautious man who never laughed or played; he never risked, he never tried, he never sang or prayed. And when one day he passed away, his insurance was denied; for since he never really lived, they claimed he never died.”

Confront your Fears

I read this passage the other morning and it really spoke to me, not only personally but also professionally. I hope that in reading this you will uncover fears that you have either personally or professionally.

Fear is something you will experience each time you try something new, like a new job, or a new relationship or a new investment strategy. You will never succeed as long as you keep giving in to fear. The corporate world risks failure every time they launch another product. The fashion world risks failure with each new clothing line. Yet



they are willing to take a multimillion-dollar risk to improve their merchandise and boost their sales. Do they always win? No, but without taking risk they have no chance of succeeding at all.

That fact is, we all fail! The failure rate of the human race is one hundred percent, and everyone (you and me included) qualifies for membership in this club. But that doesn't mean you have to live with the fear of failure. Faith is what gives you the courage to confront your fears and live with life you were meant to live. If you don't, you'll suffer the regret of "what could have been." You'll never be perfect, so you'll never be perfectly successful. That does not mean you will not succeed in life- but you must try.



Fear is a “spirit,” and if you let it, it will control you.

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BIRTHDAYS


SEPTEMBER

Deborah Ammons	9/4
Kim McElveen	9/9
Jenny Folds	9/21
Kim Hoffman	9/29



OCTOBER

	10/1
Kim Rozycki	10/6
Durona Courington	10/10
Wanda Johnson	10/11
Daria Cruzen	10/19
Laura Grantham	10/20
Debi Johnson	10/27
Nancy Williams	



2011 LUNCH DATES

Reservations are Required

Lunch meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month at Green Island Country Club (except December). Lunch is served at 11:45 AM. Come early and enjoy networking beginning at 11:30 AM.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend two lunch meetings prior to applying for membership. See a Board Member or the Registration table at a luncheon to obtain an application and find out more about the qualifications for membership.

Please RSVP directly on our new website: networkforprofessionalwomen.com. You may also reach Jann McMahan with any questions at (706) 561-9800.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Joy Hamilton will be our featured spotlight for September, and will feature Communicorp!

Luncheon Dates
October 28

Annual Meeting Date
November 10
6:30 P.M.
Green Island
Swan Room

MORE NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Natalie Williams

Financial Representative with
Cotton States
Natalie educates and assists clients
with their financial needs.



Emily Rosher

Owner of Silver Service
She helps Senior Citizens with the
emotional and physical needs of
downsizing and organizing.

Networker of the Year

The deadline for nominating someone for Networker of the Year is September 15th. Send the nomination directly to Karen Smith at:

Karen.smith@crhs.net or call her at 706-660-6103

2012 BOARD POSITIONS

***The election for 2012
Network Board members is
coming up!***

***If you have an interest in
becoming a Network Board
Member, please contact Jean
Richardson directly at
706-644-2806, or by E-Mail at:
jeanrichardson@columbusbankandtrust.com***

Interested in Joining an Investment Club??

Three of our Network members tell you how.

The stock market is in chaos and so many stock prices are plummeting. And yet, it is just the right time to join an investment club and learn how to invest in a safe and fun group setting.

Network members ***Durona Courington, Kathy Reeves and Mary Stewart*** belong to the **Muscogee Money Managers Investment Club** and invite you to attend one of their future meetings to see if you might be interested in joining.

They meet on the first Tuesday of the month to review their current portfolio, study new potential stock investments and learn more about investment techniques. Their club is a member of ***Better Investing***, a member-driven organization that provides information, education and support in an effort to build lifetime investors.

Each new member must make an initial investment of \$100 to join the club and then would make monthly contributions of \$25. They have a lot of fun and fellowship at our meetings but it is not a purely social club and requires some investment of time between meetings to research stocks (usually just an hour or two).

If you are interested, please contact **Durona (706-536-7396) Kathy (706-576-6007) or Mary (706-569-7788)** to learn more about this opportunity.

MORE NETWORK NEWS

Our Mission

The mission of our organization is to:

- Promote a spirit of cooperation and understanding among members.
- Enhance one another's career goals by providing a strong network of professional contacts.
- Share ideas and provide mutual encouragement.
- Recognize the contributions of women in our community.
- Serve members by acting as an information clearinghouse on career issues, such as executive relocation, and nomination and appointment to both public and private boards of directors.
- Foster the development of executive women.
- Encourage others to join us in our pursuits.
- Exercise responsibility through active participation in programs of a civic nature.

Create Your Photo for the Network Website!

If you know how to upload a photo on Facebook, you'll be able to upload your photo to our website. Simply log on to the site.

Go to "Account"

Go to "Browse"

Select Photo, and "Upload"

You may use either a personal or professional photo. You choose!

While you are there, complete or edit your personal information.

Contact Jann McMahan with any questions at

706-561-9800, or E-mail her at

jmcmahan@trisourcesolutions.com

What did I miss last month??

If you missed our meeting in August, you missed a great program.

Eva Cooper, from the **Cunningham Center for Leadership Development**, made Networking fun! With a packed house, she had everyone talking, laughing and competing with each other, table by table. It was fun to see everyone's creativity. Our spirits were uplifted and we were all smiling by the end of the program. What a great way to start our weekends. Thanks Eva!

Don't miss September with Julia Slater. She had so many of us glued to every word she said the last time she visited. We all left wanting more!