



2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Network for Professional and Executive Women Annual Meeting

Our Network for Professional and Executive Women Annual Meeting was held the evening of Thursday, November 10th at the Green Island Country Club.

Network members brought canned goods to support Feeding the Valley. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort.

A great evening was had by all.



Year in Review 2011

It has truly been an honor, joy and privilege to serve as the President of Network for Professional and Executive Women for 2011. As I reflected on my year of service, I thought it important to share with members what I felt was some of our biggest accomplishments as well as challenges. I hope that in reading this report, you have the same sense of pride that I found, as well as a continued determination to grow our organization with future professional and executive women.

Accomplishments in 2011

In Jan 2011, we had a total of 3 guests at the first meeting. In October 2011, we had 13. For the year 2011 we had a total of **60 guests** of which **14 became members**.

Speakers – We had **2** of our own members as featured speakers, **3** speakers that became **members** and **1** completing an application. Some of those speakers included District Attorney Julia Slater and our first female Mayor, Teresa Tomlinson whom is also a member.

President's Message

Sommer Bundy

MY goals as President for 2011

New Website

Phase 1 – Accomplished

- **Member bio** - to include updated photo, contact information and ability to list hobbies, interest and method to promote self more.
- **Luncheon reservation** – having the ability to track reservations online and register guests as a means to more accurately track membership.
- **Listing applications for memberships and scholarships online**

Phase 2 – (2012)

- **Photos** from events at Network to be added
- **Updated history** of the organization added
- **Updated PDF** version of the application that is easier to complete

Challenges in 2011

In 1998, Network for Professional and Executive Women partnered with The Teenage Parenting Center (“TAP”), as part of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce by being a Partner In Education (“PIE”). The concept of TAP was developed to provide parenting skills and child care opportunities to teen-age mothers in an effort to decrease the drop-out rate for this group of students.

In 2011 TAP served 155 students from 7th grade to 12th grade and had an overall student-teacher ratio of 9:1. Special education, vocational/technical, and alternative programs were available at this school. Each year, Network Members sponsor an annual

Professional Day featuring career development and image workshops. Network members also mentor students, and participate in seasonal events and academic recognition ceremonies. In 2008, under the leadership of then Network President, Nancy Williams, the TAP Scholarship was developed as an addition to the service and support Network gives to our PIE.

This past June, The Muscogee County School Board voted to close the TAP school and therefore ending the Partner in Education Program between TAP and Network. The Network Board spent the past four months brainstorming the direction of what Network wanted to do and how.

At this time the Board has decided rather than focusing on just one school; we would instead become "Partners in Community". Our Board already identified and contacted organizations such as the Ann Elizabeth Sheppard Home, Girls Inc, and Hope Harbor/ The Battered Women's Shelter. Discussion among the board has been to identify opportunities at least once a quarter to partner with one of these organizations either with our resources, time and even financially.

While this is a change, one thing that is remaining the same is Network continuing to give back and continuing to grow future Professional and Executive Women!

SOMMER

2011 Network Scholarship Recipient

Our 2011 recipient was ***Kristi Shrum***. She has an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and currently is a senior at the University of Phoenix obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Green and Sustainable Enterprise Management.

Congratulations Kristi!



NETWORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MARY BODE

MARY JANE GALER AWARD

KATHY REEVES

Please congratulate Mary and Kathy on their accomplishments!

BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER

Sunny Rinker	11/6
Becky Meeks	11/15
Lafawnda Hugley	11/17
LeDare Windham	11/29

DECEMBER

Nancy Graham	12/8
Sarah Hartman	12/8
Joy Hamilton	12/18



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

**Thanks to all the members
who were featured this year.**

We learned a lot about you.

Annual Meeting Date

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

**No Meeting in
December**

2012 Officers for Network for Professional and Executive Women

President	Kathy Reeves
Immediate Past President	Sommer Bundy
Vice President	Pat Whipple
Secretary	Cathy Phillips
Treasurer	Mary Bode
Awards Chair	Karen Smith
Membership	Jann McMahan
Member Relations	Durona Courington
Newsletter Editor	Mary Heisey
Public Relations	LeDare Windham
Special Events	Joy Hamilton
Website	Natalie Williams

MORE NETWORK NEWS

Please welcome our newest Network members!

Lauren Mescon

Lauren is Independent Consultant for Rodan & Fields Dermatologists. Because her business is a direct sales company, she runs her own organization of consultants.

Eva Cooper

Eva works for the Cunningham Center for Leadership Development. If you've attended our monthly meetings, you will recognize Eva as she facilitated networking sessions for Network the last couple of years.



Network had some incredible speakers this year. Here is a summary of our 2011 programs.

January	Reggie Luther	New Website Review
February	Pat Whipple	Financial Check-up / Women's Perspective
March	LeDare Windham	Spirit of Women
April	Mary Skinner	TAP Luncheon
May	Julia Slater	DA's Office and How It Works
June	Pat Burns	BRAC—Settling New Military Families
July	Dawn Minty	HER Magazine
August	Eva Cooper	Networking Event
September	Julia Slater	Taking Risks
October	Teresa Tomlinson	Mayor of Columbus & Her Perspective
November	Annual Membership Meeting	Awards, Installations & Fellowship

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

If you are fortunate enough this holiday season to be with your family, here are some “story starters” to keep the conversations and memories going. Have fun asking others to fill in the blanks, and maybe offer your own answers!



Earliest Memories

I was named after _____ because _____.

My parents told me I was a _____ baby.

I remember _____ about my grandparents

My first pet was _____.

My chores growing up were _____.

Talkin' Turkey

If I could marry a celebrity, it would be _____.

Once, I got in hot water because _____.

One time I got really scared when _____.

I'll always regret _____.

Once I won a contest when _____.

My favorite thing about someone at the table is _____.

Modern Times

I am happiest when _____.

My favorite movie is _____.

My favorite book is _____.

I am at most peace when _____.



Have fun reminiscing with your friends and family, and have a great holiday!