

Southeastern Connecticut WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS



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DECEMBER EVENTS LIST

- December 11, Friday, Victory for Veterans - donate items by Dec. 11 See below
- December 14, Monday, 1-2:30 pm - Mastermind Group Virtual Meeting
- December 16, Wednesday, 11:30-1:30 pm - Virtual Holiday Bazaar - Shop Local, Ugly Sweater Contest and Prize Giveaways! See info/flyer on pgs 2-3.
- December 29, Tuesday, 6pm Mixology 101. See flyer on page 4.
- January 7, Thursday, 6pm, Network@Night Media Class Series

Descriptions in this newsletter. Click link below to read, register or add to your calendar.
www.sectwomensnetwork.org/events

December 16, Free Zoom Meeting Virtual Holiday Bazaar

Join Us Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 11:30 am for our monthly Zoom meeting. *An email link will be sent prior to the meeting.*

Join the Fun at the Ho Ho Holiday Virtual Bazaar!

This year we will be hosting a "Shop Local" Holiday Bazaar featuring our own members' products and services, our famous ugly sweater contest, prizes...and more! You'll want to attend to be entered to win a one-year free membership.

Now is the time to dust off your ugliest holiday sweater, bring your big bling and join the fun!

Now more than ever, in an effort to encourage everyone to "Shop Local" and support our Network



members - we invite you to meet a few of our member businesses and hear about their products and services. This just might be a chance to purchase holiday gifts at sale prices.

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Click below to read more, add event to your calendar or register.
<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4039140>

"Victory for Veterans" Program

In the past, Easter Seals Rally Point has collected the items below and put them into covered 5-gallon buckets. The buckets serve as a "seat" and a place to keep their items dry. The hats, gloves, scarves, winter jackets, and 5-gallon buckets can be new or gently used. Do you have any contacts who may be willing to donate buckets or other items? We will collect all items by **December 11th** and assemble the special gift packages for distribution to local Veterans in need.

- Winter hats. • Gloves
- Scarves • Winter Jackets
- Hand Warmer Packets
- T-Shirts
- 5-gallon buckets with lids (new or



used in good condition)

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste. Hygiene items are taken for granted by those who can easily run to the store to buy more.

- Socks. Socks are one of the most requested items from homeless shelters, yet they're one of the less frequently donated.

- Deodorant

Contact Denise Howard, bestwellness4you@gmail.com or Judy Ricketts-White, jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net Click link for info.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4061853>

Zoom Network Mastermind Meeting Scheduled

Network Mastermind groups have been meeting via Zoom throughout this year. Mastermind is a great way to get to know Network members better and build relationships and connections. If you would like to attend the next meeting on **Monday, December 14 at 1pm** Click and please register.

<https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4061870>

Holiday Bazaar...from page 1

Our member vendors:

Nancy Butler,
Motivational
Speaker and Author
www.aboveallemse.org



Jill Drobiak,
Isagenix
www.jilldrobiak.isagenix.com

Mary Lou Ganotti,
Coastal Connecticut Research
www.ccrstudies.com

Susan Napiany,
Pampered Chef
www.pamperedchef.biz/sue_napiany



Judy Ricketts-White,
Website Designer
and Author
www.rickettswhitedesign.com



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*President's Message***Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!**

Hello friends!
At this time of year, most people reflect on the past year and think about the upcoming New Year. Well, it has been one heck of a year. We have all been affected or know someone who has been affected by this pandemic.

Still, around the holidays, I think about those things for which I should be grateful. Playing "it could always be worse" always helps me find gratitude. For example, "It could always be worse; I could be deployed in a war zone." It makes me incredibly grateful and reminds me of our military forces who are still deployed overseas.

I think that if we try hard enough, we can all think of something for which we should be grateful. My wish for you is to have that ability to realize the positive things in your life and stay focused on those.

I hope that you will have a chance to spend some time with your family, either in person or virtually. If you are alone this season, reach out to your friends and family with the phone or on Zoom. In other words, do not let

yourself stay alone. Reach out to a Network member. Reach out to someone who needs to hear your voice. We are a Network of women (and a few men) who lift each other up. Don't hesitate to reach out. You can also reach out to me by email, voice, or text. bestwellness4you@gmail.com and 860-222-9013.

On another note, we are still collecting items for Victory for Veterans, working with Easter Seals Veterans Rally Point. We plan to bring all our collected items to Veterans Rally Point in Norwich on December 11th. If you have new or gently used warm clothes, please let me know!

I hope that you will join us for our Virtual Holiday event, featuring our own members. We will have Christmas trivia questions with prizes, an Ugly Sweater Contest, and a chance to win a handmade Gingerbread House! See you on December 16th!

Wishing you the best for a Safe and Wonderful Holiday Season with your family and a successful and much better New Year!

Denise Howard
President



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Click for Upcoming Events

**December 29, January 7, Network@
Mixology, 6 pm, Zoom
Night, Media Class
Series, 6pm**

Mixology, December 29, Tuesday, 6pm, \$10. Learn how to make the standard cosmopolitan and a cinnamon maple whiskey sour. Ingredients list to follow. Click and please register. <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4075341>

Network @ Night: Zoom, Thursday, January 7, 6 pm – Media Class Series: Using Canva with Judy Jencks.

During this event you will sign up for a personal free Canva account and then be guided through creation of your first social media post. Click and please register. <https://sectwomensnetwork.org/event-4075358>

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UGLY SWEATER
CONTEST

SHOP LOCAL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
GIVE-AWAY



Virtual Holiday Bazaar December 16, 2020



SHOP LOCAL

Shop with your fellow members as they present their wares, services, and skills.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Join us in your holiday best for a chance to win an Annual membership. Bring your big bling, your big sparkles, and your big enthusiasm!

PRIZES

Annual membership giveaway drawings. You could win a free one year membership! Must be present to enter the drawing!



SECTWN Network @ Night presents ...

MIXOLOGY 101

December 29, 2020 | 6 PM
via Zoom

Learn how to make a holiday Cosmopolitan and a
Cinnamon Maple Whiskey Sour!

Zoom info and ingredients list delivered to your email
upon registration. \$10

Register online: sectwomensnetwork.org



LET'S BUILD!

45TH ANNIVERSARY RENOVATION WORKSHOP

FRESH NEW LOOK

SECTWN is updating and rejuvenating in 2021. Join us and share your ideas as we expand and build an even better network!

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 • 11:30 am

VIA ZOOM



REGISTER ONLINE!
[SECTWOMENSNETWORK.ORG](https://sectwomensnetwork.org)

Member Benefits

The SECT Women's Network provides great value to its members!

As a Network member you may:

- **Take advantage** of the dynamic speaker program at all events that provides valuable information, networking and entertainment.
- **Choose** to attend Network Mastermind Group meetings – be mentored and mentor others.
- **Receive** our monthly newsletter.
- **Be listed** in the Network Directory and gain "Featured Member" exposure.
- **Increase** business with affordable advertising and marketing opportunities.
- **Connect** with others on a personal and business level and form mentoring relationships.
- **Gain** professional skills and leadership experience...and much more!

How Can We Help Each Other?

During this first-ever "work from home" and "stay home" virus crisis, what can we do to help each other? As SECT Women's Network members, it's in our motto to help each other — "For Powerful, Professional and Personal Relationships."

Here are just a few examples — we can be creative and think of at least a hundred more ways. Members who have lots of time on their hands can offer to grocery shop for members who shouldn't go out at all.

Those who have been furloughed can offer help to essential workers who now have children at home. Those who are now working from home can offer free phone consultations in their area of expertise.

Members who need help, **please reach out** to your Network friends and ask them to lend you a hand. Use our online directories for phone numbers and emails. Members can also post on our **Facebook Group** page to offer help and ask for help, [click here](#).

We are here to help each other! ■

Please Remember to Patronize Our Members' Small Businesses and Other Local Businesses

The last six months have been a particularly difficult time for our local small businesses. Many of these may never be able to recover and will be forced to close forever, so **please** remember to patronize our local businesses: shops, restaurants, services, organizations, hair salons, garden centers and farmers markets, as soon as they open back up! The large chain stores will survive — **the small businesses need our help!**

Grow Your Business with Network Advertising SPECIAL OFFER!!!

Buy 1 year, get 3 months Free (15 months total)

Take this opportunity to boost your business as restrictions and the economy open up.

Online advertising is worth more than ever now that people are purchasing online constantly. **Use this Special Offer to "Grow Your Business Now!"**

Rates are a Great Value for newsletter ads and website ads. All ad rates listed are for one year (includes 3 Free additional months).

Newsletter advertising: \$100 small ad and \$200 large ad.

Website advertising: \$275 small side ad or a bottom banner; \$550 for a large side ad.

Package deals will still be offered when purchasing multi-media ads (i.e. newsletter & website) = 20% off.

All ads and package deals must be prepaid.

Members can login to view and/or purchase ads:
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WE Want YOU!

We Need Your Help! Join a committee! Committees are a great way to finally “put a name with the face!” Committees and positions include Videographer, Public Relations, Social Media, Programming, Sales and Marketing, Membership, Community Outreach, Master Class Series, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. Will you accept the challenge? Please reach out to any board member if you would like to join a committee. Committees are currently meeting virtually and we want to be ready when we start meeting again in person. Thank you!



Email information to Judy Ricketts-White to be included in the upcoming newsletter, jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net.

Copy Deadline is the 20th of the month to appear in the next month's issue. Email copy to Editor Judy Ricketts-White at jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net. The SECT Women's Network reserves the right to edit copy submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

For more Network information and articles see our website: www.sectwomensnetwork.org

During this Time, Keep Safe Futures in Mind

Please go online to see if you can help Safe Futures and their residents. Please donate cleaning supplies...or any item listed on their wish list. Click on link to view their entire wish list. <https://safefuturesct.org/giving-your-things/>

Thank you for your generosity!

*Important Network Notice!

The updated printable online membership directory is now available. Please keep your membership current to take advantage of this benefit and be even more visible to the public.

 [Like us on Facebook](#)

Join and Post to the Network's New Facebook Group Page

One fairly untapped member benefit is the Network Facebook Group page. We encourage you to share your business and personal news on the Network Group page. Members must post their event or information on the Network Facebook Group page themselves. If you have questions about how to post, contact Denise Howard, Publicity Chair bestwellness4you@gmail.com.

Network Board Meeting Friday, December 11

The next Network Board Meeting is Friday, December 11, 8 am, via Zoom.com. All members are welcome to attend.

Free Event
Virtual Holiday Bazaar
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
“Brown Bag” Luncheon at
11:30am, via Zoom
Link will be emailed to you.

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