



Upcoming Programs **December 2017 Luncheon**

January 17, 2018

Larry Ford – Financial Guru

Mr. Ford is an author, speaker and international thought leader on conscious

business, investing, and the human spirit. As founder and CEO of Conscious



Capital Wealth Management he is redefining the financial advisory industry. Dubbed the "Shaman of Wall Street" by the Washington Post, The Economist Magazine referred to him as a "Man of Two Worlds". NPR named him "The Finance Guru" and the Retirement Income Journal named him "The Spiritual Advisor".

Leveraging the power of money to help make the world a better place, he started an advisory firm in 1998 that sold to a major financial company in 2000. He was appointed to the Citigroup Advisors Committee during the historic merger, he led one of the first "Robo Advisor" firms in 2001, and subsequently worked with Dr. Harry Markowitz (Nobel Prize: Modern Portfolio Theory) to help democratize financial advice for retirement plan participants. ■

Holiday Party

Join us Wednesday, **December 20** at 11:30 am at Langley's Restaurant at Great Neck Country Club for our monthly luncheon meeting.

Be sure to join us for our annual Holiday Party Luncheon! We are changing things up this year.

Instead of bringing gifts to swap, be prepared to purchase tickets for drawings. We will have member give-a-ways including:

- Free annual membership!
- 5 luncheon gift certificates
- Holiday gift bag for all guests, *and...*
- Gift Basket Drawing: proceeds to go to Safe Futures
- Chair Massage: Proceeds to go to Safe Futures. *Wait...there's more...*

Ugly Sweater Competition! *1st and 2nd Winner Prizes!*

If you would like to donate items to Safe Futures please consider their Holiday Wish List (click link).

<http://www.safefuturesct.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Holiday-Giving-Program-2017.pdf>



Network attendees should arrive at **Langley's Restaurant** in Waterford at 11:30 am for registration and networking, lunch at 12 noon. The public is welcome. **Reservations are required.**

All attendees: please make your reservations or cancellations for the Wednesday, **December 20** luncheon online 24/7 **by 12 midnight, Sunday, December 17.**

<https://sectwn.wildapricot.org/events> ***Note price change.**

Cash or checks for **\$25** made out to the Women's Network will be collected at the door. **Reservations after 12 midnight on Sunday will pay \$30. Reservation no-shows and late cancellations will be billed.**



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

As a Network member you may:

- **Attend** events at both the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce at chamber member prices.
- **Enjoy** a deliciously prepared luncheon at monthly meetings in an uplifting atmosphere for a very reasonable luncheon fee.
- **Take advantage** of the dynamic speaker program at the monthly luncheons that provides valuable in-

* Network Notices

1. Please click, login and update your profile information today. <https://sectwn.wildapricot.org/Sys/Profile>

Soon the online directory will go public. Make sure the public sees the information you want.

2. Stay logged in, go to the "Events" tab/page to review and purchase some of the great advertising opportunities available. See panel on page 3 for more info.

Member Benefits

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formation, networking and entertainment.

- **Choose** to attend Network Mastermind Group meetings – be mentored and mentor others.
- **Display** marketing materials on the member marketing table at the monthly luncheons.
- **Enter** our monthly luncheon drawings to win free advertising.
- **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.
- **Give back** to the community through supporting Safe Futures with donations of food and gifts for use by residents of both the Genesis House Women's Shelter and Phoenix House transitional housing.
- **Support** our student scholarship program. The Network awards annual scholarships to students needing financial assistance to continue their

President's Message

More Network Behind the Scenes!

This month is the perfect time to talk about hospitality. Our Hospitality Committee is chaired by Ken Duenzl of Caring Transitions of Southeast CT and Nancy Motola of Pharma Regulatory Connection. They are joined by Deb Tavernier of Putnam Bank, Kim Marino of Artful Touch, and Angela McGuirk from Navy Federal Credit Union. Each month they help with drawings, greet members and guests, and attend luncheon orientations. They meet as a group to come up with new ways for members to meet. Watch for some exciting new ideas in 2018!

Claire Silva of Bethsaida Community and Susan Dombrowski of Core Plus Credit Union happily take the

duty of the Membership Orientation. If you have not been to this, or would like a refresher, please take a few minutes to listen to these ladies. You may be surprised what we have to offer.

We would love to see you at our Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 20th as we change things up a bit in the spirit of giving, plan some fun surprises and give our support to Safe Futures. I would like to take this time to thank every one of you for your support of The Network and wish all of you and your families a heartfelt Happy Holidays!

*President
Patti Rodgers-Longo*

education and has helped students from each of the three local public colleges/universities: The University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Three Rivers Community College, and Eastern Connecticut State University.

- **Get involved** by volunteering on a committee and help to create the Network of the future. The Network needs your talents.
- **Enjoy a Lifetime of Fantastic Friends, Fun and Fulfillment!** ■

New Members

Katherine Verano, Safe Futures, 16 Jay Street, New London, CT 06320
Phone: 860-447-0366 x242
Email: kverano@safefuturesct.org
Website: www.safefuturesct.org

Kathy has 23 years of experience at Safe Futures in shelter management, in court support services, as legislative liaison, as Director of Client Services and now as Executive Director.

Members on the Move

Network Past President **Susan Dombrowski** has assumed a new role at CorePlus Credit Union. She has been appointed as Member Experience Liaison, responsible for providing concierge level service to the credit union's members. In her new role, she will conduct educational workshops, offer individual attention to members, and develop new business opportunities. It is a part-time role, offering her more flexibility and balance in her busy life! She can be reached by phone at 860-886-0576 x 3171, or email: sdombrowski@coreplus.org.

Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter, **Connie Howard**, releases a new Christmas album "BELIEVE" featuring several original songs, including "A Connecticut Christmas" as well as traditional favorites. The album is available for download on iTunes and physical copies can be

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ordered through the link on her website: www.conniehowardmusic.com. Contact Connie at 615-293-3878

Judy Ricketts-White announces a book signing at SEC-TV's Benefit Holiday Party and Art Gallery Exhibit on Dec. 14 from 5:30-8:00 pm, at the TV studio, 80 Plaza Court in Groton. The

public is warmly invited; wine and food will be provided. The show theme is "Pets and Animals." A gallery exhibit of paintings and photography from various artists will be shown. Judy and other authors will be signing their books. Judy will feature "Slater Mountain: The Journey", a fun fictional adventure for readers ages 9 and up www.rickettswhitedesign.com.

other to achieve professional objectives, brainstorm ideas, and support each other with total honesty, respect and compassion. Mastermind participants act as catalysts for professional growth.

Participation in the Network Mastermind program is voluntary and free as part of your Network membership. It is a growing, evolving program intended to give Network members an opportunity to connect and support each other even more intimately in achieving personal and professional objectives.

Network members who are unable to attend regular luncheon meetings find the Network Mastermind groups a great way to connect and participate with other Network members. The only cost is the price of your meal and drinks.

Mastermind groups meet once a month. Pavé Group meets the second Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Waterford. Meeting dates are standing dates, but are subject to

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*Members Enter to Win Free Advertising

The drawing basket for free advertising will be placed at the registration table. Members only may place their business card in the basket for a chance to win free advertising. Attend a luncheon and enter to win!

Must be present to win.

Grow Your Business with Network Advertising

New advertising opportunities have opened up with the creation of our new website system!

Now members can take advantage of the **new economical rates** to help "**Grow Your Business!**"

Rates have been cut in half for newsletter ads and website ads. All ad rates listed are for one year.

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. Choose any 2 different media (ie. directory & website) = 20% off. All package deals must be prepaid.

Members can login to view and/or purchase ads: <https://sectwn.wildapricot.org/events>
Ads will be published after they are purchased.


Network Mastermind Groups

The concept of the Mastermind Group originated in the early 1900's in Napoleon Hill's book "Think and Grow Rich." He defined the Mastermind principle as: "coordination of knowledge and effort by two or more people, who work toward a definite purpose in the spirit of harmony."

There is synergy of energy, commitment and excitement that participants bring to a Mastermind Group. The beauty of the Mastermind format is that participants raise the bar by supporting each

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change. Groups range from three to fifteen members. Participants support each other to achieve professional objectives and brainstorm ideas with total honesty, respect and compassion. Commitment is important.

Anyone interested in Mastermind is encouraged to visit a group meeting. An RSVP is required.

For more information about or visiting our Mastermind group, please contact Judy Ricketts-White jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net.

Featured Business at Cameo Table

Susan Sullivan will be showcasing Bookkeeping & Beyond at the January 17, 2018 luncheon. Please stop by the table to meet Susan and learn more about her business, Bookkeeping & Beyond, 860-608-1609.

October Drawings

Sally Machin's name was drawn for the Ha Ha Lunch - and Ha Ha, she wasn't there! Kathy Greene

won the cash. Lora Thompson won the *Spotlight* article and Kathy Verano won the *Resident* article. Susan Sullivan won the Cameo Table to showcase Bookkeeping & Beyond at the January 17, 2018 luncheon.



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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.

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



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Member FDIC LENDER

Network Board Meeting Tuesday, December 12

The next Network Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 8 am, at Chelsea Groton Bank, 904 Poquonnock Road, Groton, Connecticut. Attendees must be prompt for admittance, door is kept locked. All members are welcome to attend.

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

All Attendees: make reservations online for the Wednesday, December 20, 2017 luncheon at Langley's Restaurant, Great Neck Country Club in Waterford, CT at <https://sectwn.wildapricot.org/events> no later than 12 midnight, Sunday, December 17, Reservations are required.

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