



## Upcoming Programs **November 2017 Luncheon**

### **December 20 Holiday Party**

Join us for our annual Holiday Party! We are changing things up this year. Instead of bring gifts to swap we are asking attendees to bring donations for Safe Futures. There will be a gift raffle for members who attend. ■

### **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".



The SECT Women's Network provides great value in benefits to its members!  
**As a Network member you may:**

## **Military Appreciation Luncheon**

**Join us** Wednesday, **November 15** at 11:30 am at Langley's Restaurant at Great Neck Country Club for our monthly luncheon meeting.

Deb McGrath will be moderating as we honor our Uniformed Services during the Military Appreciation Luncheon.

Special Guests – We will be featuring community leaders that are Veterans, their stories and their participation in the community. We will be honoring all Veterans in attendance.

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, **November 15** luncheon online 24/7 **by 12 midnight, Sunday, November 12.**  
<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.**

- **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 information, 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 ad-

### \* 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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vertising 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 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

**Judy Jencks**, Jencks Network, LLC, 155 Preston Allen Rd, Lis-

### President's Message

## More Network Behind the Scenes!

Luncheon Committee Co-Chair, Denise Howard, of Best Wellness 4 You and Video Marketing Solutions and Co-Chair Gigi Little, of A Good Laugh, Inc., along with Callie Manwaring from Cumulus Media, are the smiling faces of the Board that greet you at the luncheon and registration table. Susan Baroni-Schaeffer of Channel 3 Kids Camp will also be another smiling face at the luncheon and registration table. They feel fortunate to have other members assist them each month. This is a wonderful way to meet all of our luncheon attendees.

Denise and Gigi arrive long before our first guest arrives to set up the table and prepare for you. They review the list of people registered and contact Langley's on Monday morning to give them a seating count. They handle all of the credit card transactions, checks and cash, and report that back to our Treasurer.

Denise is also the Public Relations Committee Chair. Yes, she has two committees! Each month she connects with our Chambers of Commerce, The Day newspaper, and

enters events and posts on our FaceBook and Instagram accounts. Please connect with Denise if you have any questions on either one.

Denise was also our entertaining speaker during the 40th anniversary year to give us tidbits on Women in History. She also has a great singing voice.

Speaking of smiling....our ever-present photographer, Sheree Wujtewicz, of Sheree Sirpenski Photography, LLC, takes time to walk around the room and be available to snap pics of moments during the luncheon instead of eating! She also uploads your smiles to our Facebook page. Please visit our Page to see if you were caught on camera. Sheree has also set up her camera to take head shots in the past and does a beautiful job at a wonderfully low price.

We are all looking forward to November's special luncheon when we honor our Veterans. I hope to see you there.

*President  
Patti Rodgers-Longo*

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Judy retired as the Director of the Lisbon Senior Center and started a collaborative website development and management business, Jencks Network, LLC.

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Imelda owns Koptonak Agency, a successful insurance agency. She is looking to network and build relationships with dynamic successful women.

**Desiree Robb**, Mohegan Sun, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville, CT 06382  
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Desiree has been an Employee Involvement Specialist at Mohegan Sun for the past two and a half years.

**Susan Sullivan**, Bookkeeping & Beyond, 32 McIntosh Ave., Uncasville, CT 06382

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## New Members...from page 2

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Susan is an Accountant/Book-keeper with a passion for helping small businesses keep a clear financial picture at all times. As owner of Bookkeeping & Beyond, she loves to see businesses succeed.

### \*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.

## Scholarship Winner, Stacey Clay, Upon becoming a Member

Stacey's own words as she became a member of the SECT Women's Network at the October luncheon.

"Hello, my name is Stacey Clay. I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship award. I have been working to obtain a college degree for over two decades. As an adult learner, the challenges I have conquered such as Domestic Violence Abuse, was a turbulent and tumultuous time for me; however, I overcame the beatings, derogatory insults, books and papers being torn apart, with a determination and the drive that 'I am better than this'. Believe me, it was not without its emotional baggage and the covered scars which I have endured, but I succeeded and earned an Associate's degree from Three Rivers Community College in 2015.

"I did not want to stop there—I felt an obligation a need for myself

to continue learning. I was receptive and eager to learning new things. I continued taking classes at Three Rivers until I was ready to enter UCONN in the Spring 2017. I will be completing the BGS Program and graduating in May of 2018. I will be going into the Master's Program in the Fall of 2018 to become a Forensic Psychologist.

"Though my journey has been difficult, it has not been without the encouragement and a 'job well done' by my family, peers and especially my Advisors, who are eager and willing to help me succeed in achieving this goal I am working so hard to obtain. This award is my 'bright light' to continue and persevere. I thank you again in aiding me in this milestone. The Southeastern Women's Network is a part of my family and I will make you proud."



## WE NEED YOU

**We need you!** Join the Public Relations Committee! Calling all Social Media gurus! Do you have a strength in Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn? We need your help on the Public Relations Committee. We also need help with Press Releases, Chamber Updates, and interaction with other media outlets. Pick one and volunteer your assistance! Contact: Denise Howard [bestwellnes4you@gmail.com](mailto:bestwellnes4you@gmail.com).

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## Members on the Move

**Judy Ricketts-White** announces that her book "Slater Mountain: The Journey" won a 2017 Moonbeam Children's Book Award. Judy will be signing books at Equine Affaire on Saturday, November 11 from 3:30-6:30 pm, at Taborton Books in the Better Living Center in W. Springfield, MA. "Slater Mountain: The Journey" is a fun fictional adventure for readers ages 9 and up, also available on amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Slater-Mountain-Journey-Judy-Ricketts-White/dp/0997034203>.

## Featured Business at Cameo Table

Roberta Brown will be showcasing Healthy Living Revolution at the November 15, 2017 luncheon. Please stop by the table to meet Roberta and learn more about her business. Visit [www.robertabrown.juiceplus.com](http://www.robertabrown.juiceplus.com).

Roop won the *Resident* article. Roberta Brown won the Cameo Table to showcase Healthy Living Revolution [www.robertabrown.juiceplus.com](http://www.robertabrown.juiceplus.com) at the November 15 luncheon.



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## October Drawings

Ken Duenzl won the *Spotlight* article and Beth Markowski-

## 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](mailto:bestwellness4you@gmail.com).

*Email information to Judy to be included in the upcoming newsletter, [jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwhite5506@sbcglobal.net).*



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## Network Board Meeting Thursday, November 9

The next Network Board Meeting is Thursday, November 9, 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](mailto: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](http://www.sectwomensnetwork.org)**

**All Attendees:** make reservations online for the Wednesday, November 15, 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, November 12, Reservations are required.

Reservation no-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

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