

Meet Peggy Roozing...



The Networker

Many people living in Rapid City today are from "some where else." That isn't the case with this month's spotlight.

Peggy Roozing was born right here in Rapid City and graduated from old Rapid City Central High School in 1974, making her 51-years-young.

In her 30's Peggy made some serious life changes.

"After a not so good marriage, I decided I wanted to do something with my life before I turned 40," she said.. "Little did I know that my first day of class actually fell on my 40th Birthday, September 4,1996."

Peggy attended WDTI where she received an associate of applied science degree in paralegal studies in 1998.

For the next several years, she worked for a Rapid City attorney and then the Clerk of Courts at the State Attorney's Office.

"It was during that time I met (her husband) Steve and with his encouragement, I decided to go back to school and get my Bachelors Degree," said Peggy, who started at National American University in March 2004. "At first, I thought I wanted to continue down the path as a Paralegal, but after one quarter, I decided a different direction. I changed my major to Business Administration with an emphasis in Pre-law."

She started working at NAU a year later and in 2006 was encouraged, especially by Women's Network member Peggy Schlechter, to persue teaching and a master's degree. So she did.



"In the meantime, I had set a goal for myself to graduate this time Cum Laude," Peggy said. "I had missed it at

WDTI by .03 percent. With hard work and long homework hours, I not only finished my undergraduate in November 2006 Cum Laude, but I made Magna Cum Laude (3.75)"

Taking just one month off, Peggy started NAU's master's program in January with the goal to finish in just one year with a 4.0 grade point average.

"As you are reading this, I will finish my degree in 1-year. My last class is December 19, 2007. So far, I am on track as I currently have a 4.0. Only after I am done on the 19th will I know if I received a 4.0 in my last three classes."

Last month brought another first for Peggy, teaching her first class at NAU on Nov. 28.

"I have to admit I had a few butterflies the first day, but I am very excited about it," she said.

Between homework, studying, and preparing to teach classes, Peggy doesn't have a lot of time to devote to hobbies.

"However, when I do have the time I love to cook," she said.

Family and friends also play an important role in Peggy's life. Born Peggy Ann Jewell, she named her daughter after her maiden name. Jewell Ann is 28 and lives in Houston, Texas. Peggy and Steve have been married for seven years and have a grand-puppy named Buddy, a black lab.

"I treasure all the new friends I've met at Women's Network and if I was to give one piece of advice it would be: It is NEVER too late to set goals or dreams and follow them!"

CHANGE OF VENUE — The board meetings will now be held at Cafe Latte. All members are invited to attend these meetings, held at noon the third Wednesday of each month.

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ELECTRONIC AGE — Starting in January, the board of directors plans to send *The Networker* electronically to members with e-mail addresses. This will allow the organization to save money on postage. Currently, back issues are available on our website at www.rcwomensnetwork.org

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME — For the December meeting, please bring a wrapped gift for the Women's Network gift exchange, as well as gloves or mittens to be donated to WAVI.

HELP WANTED — Would you like to give something back to Women's Network? President-Elect Ann Henrichsen is looking for people to serve on the 2008-2009 board. Contact her at 390-3463 for more information.

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NEXT MEETING

December 12, 11:45 a.m.
at The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

GREETERS

Pam Lowe, Pam Lowe's Alterations;
Ranae Wolfe, DJ's Boutique; and
Dee Schrier, DJ's Boutique

*Guests are welcome to attend up to two
meetings as non-members.*

*For reservations, please call 484-4102 by
noon Friday, December 7.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING

December 19 at noon at Cafe Latte.

Door Prize Winners

December Spotlight: Monae Johnson

Winner of \$38.50 in the November 50/50 Drawing: Betty Wooten

Monae Johnson, Simpson's Printing

* Yellow Rose, won by Nina Braun

Darlene Kremer, Kirk Funeral Home

* Minerva's Gift Card, won by Bonnie Reese

Betty Wooten, Stec's Advertising Specialities

* Santa Pant's Stocking Filled with Candy Jar and Light-up Coaster, won by Deanna Forman

Dr. Mary Roth, Wilson Park Dental

* Two Free Complimentary Oral Examinations, Chocolates from Mostly Chocolates, Chap Stick, Pen, Toothbrush, and 2008 Calendar, won by Peggy Schlechter

Lisa Wesolick, Wesolick Law Firm

* Holiday Bracelet, won by Chris Jensen

Fay Swenson, AVON ISR

* AImari Seduction Body Lotion, won by Deb Hersch

Helen Skogos, Mary Kay Cosmetics

* Spa Products to Pamper Yourself, won by Lisa Wesolick

Vesta Wells Johnson, CRD & Body Balance

* "Songs My Mother Loved" CD, won by Sande Lofberg

Bernie Steichen, FourFront Design

* Not a Fig, won by JoAnne Schriver

Chantelle Emond, Massage by Chantelle

* Half-hour Massage Certificate, won by Fay Swenson

Jen Blake, JAB Publishing

* A Mug (2), won by BethAnn Buffuto and Peggy Minter

Cory Tomovick, Strato Bowl Productions

* Reiger Begonia with Butterfly, won by Laura Linn

Jodi Enderson, Farmer's Insurance

* Home Organizer CD, won by Sharie Hance

Sande Lofberg, Aglow International

* Adoption and Orphan Info Forum Ticket, won by Sharon Martin

Dawn Williams, Walking In Grace

* Daybook of Comfort and Joy, won by Deb Hersch

Bridget Machacek, Roam'n Around

* Three Piece Cosmetic Bag and Case, won by Ann Henrichsen

Liz Benusis, Portrait Echo

* Nutcracker Note Cards, won by Lorie Healey-Barnes

Sharon Faiman, Forget-Me-Not Floral

* Centerpiece, won by Sandy Schwan

Laura Longville, It's Not Just About the Money

* Candle, won by Helen Skogas

Lorie Healey-Barnes, Royal Wheel Alignment

* Cardinal Tea Light, won by Peggy Roozing

Debora Weinert, Edward Jones

* Mug with Candy and Pens, won by Laura Longville

Peggy Minter

* Shampoo and Conditioner, won by Darlene Kremer

Ann Henrichsen, Black Hills Faces Magazine

* Autographed James Van Nuys tote with Bear Butte Image, won by Kathy Cline

Roxie Peterson, Rapid City Rush Hockey

* Rapid City Rush Hockey Stick signed by Coach Joe Ferris, won by Rosemary Harvey

Linda Rabe & Dianna Fuchs, Rapid City Chamber

* "Black Hills Beyond All Expectations" Book, won by Maureen Hensley