

# Meet Sharon Faiman...



# The Networker

This month's spotlight is a world-traveling, Rapid City native. Sharon Faiman has lived in Italy, Texas, Germany, Wyoming, and Washington, while her husband, Tim, was active-duty Air Force. It was while stationed in Washington that Sharon was able to attend Floral Design School in Portland, Oregon.

Upon returning home to Rapid City in 1998, Sharon began working at the Westside Family Thrift Center in the Floral Department. In February, 2006, she purchased Betty's Floral from another Women's Network member and re-named the store Forget-Me-Not Floral.

After moving the store to 605 Main Street in downtown Rapid City, Sharon began the process of becoming a certified florist.

"I belong to the South Dakota Floral Association, Society of American Florists, and with the scholarship money awarded from Women's Network, tested for 'South Dakota Certified Florist' in October," she said. "Test results were sent in November 2008, and I received the distinction of South Dakota Certified Florist."

Sharon also uses the wire service Teleflora, which allows her to send orders around the country.

When not preparing floral arrangements, Sharon enjoys a variety of other crafts.

"I love to do crafts, making hand-stamped cards, decorating cakes, and sewing," she said. "I really want to learn to quilt, maybe when there is some spare time."

Sharon also enjoys singing and is a member of the A Capella Showcase (but not participating at the present time) and Symphony League.

Her first love, though, is her family.

"My family (2 Brothers and 2 Sisters and my Mom) all live here in the Rapid City area. We get together at Mom's every other Sunday for dinner."

Sharon and Tim, who have been separated for four years but still share a home and family duties, have three children.

Amber, who was born while the couple was stationed in Italy, works at the Black Hills Children's Home in Rockerville.

"I don't get to see her very often even-though her bedroom is right next to mine," jokes Sharon.

Amy was born in Texas and is continuing in her father's footsteps. She is currently serving in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Lackenheath Air Base, England.

Corey, whom the couple adopted in Germany, is a Senior at Stevens High School, and works at the Westside Burger King

Tim is a Massage therapist and teaches at Headlines Academy.

"He also treats patients at his studio in our home," said Sharon.



## Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots to the December meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

December 10, 11:45 a.m.  
at The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

GREETERS

Mary Victor, Big Brothers Big Sisters;  
Janet Smith, Pink Flamingo Imprints;  
Helen Skogas, Mary Kay; and  
Sandy Schwan, Great Western Bank

BUSINESS TABLE

Monae Johnson, Northern Hills Eye  
Foundation

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

*For reservations, please call 431-1515 or  
e-mail*

*reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org by noon  
Friday, December 5.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING

December 17 at noon at The Beanery.

NEXT MEMBERS-ONLY MIXER

January, 2009

**Click here to e-mail your reservation now!**

Please remember to sign your e-mails, so there is no  
question as to WHO is RSVPing!

## Door Prize Winners

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**November 50/50 winner of \$40.50:** Marlene Maude

**Liz Benusis, Portrait Echo**

\* Note Cards (2), won by Cheryl Carleton and Fay Swenson

**Dr. Mary Roth and Dr. Kate Haave, Wilson Park Dental**

\* Two Complimentary Oral Examinations, Pen, Tooth Brush, Body  
Butter from Bath & Body, Lip Balm, Dental Floss, and 2009 Calendar,  
won by Dawn Williams

**Darlene Kremer, Kirk Funeral Home**

\* \$10 Gift Card to Minerva's, won by Shelley Dykstra

**Chantelle Emond, Integrity Massage**

\* Detox Footbath, won by Laura Collins

**Roxie Peterson, Avalon Construction, & KRM Concrete**

\* Pink Apron, won by Mary Wilson

**Jen Blake, JAB Publishing**

\* Mug, won by Chris Jensen

**Kathie Pike, Modern Woodmen of America and Tastefully Simple**

\* \$10 Tastefully Simple Gift Certificate (2), won by Bonnie Reese and  
Liz Benusis

**Heather Morijah, Girl Scouts — Dakota Horizons Council**

\* Canvas Tote Bag, won by Sharon Faiman

**Peggy Roozing, National American University**

\* NAU T-Shirt (6), won by Ellie Hornyak, Rosemary Harvey, Jolle  
Harding, Chantelle Emond, Vicki Urban, and Sande Lofberg

**Ann Henrichson, Black Hills Faces Magazine**

\* One Year Free Subscription to *Faces*, won by Nina Braun

**Sharon Faiman, Forget-Me-Not Floral**

\* Our Make-N-Take Cornicopia, won by Mary Curtis

**Vesta Wells Johnson, CDR & Body Balance**

\* "The Moon is Hiding" CD, won by Anna Vandegrift

**Fay Swenson, Avon ISR**

\* Two Tickets to See the Latest James Bond Film *Quantum of Solace*  
and Two-Weeks Curves Pass for You and a Friend (2), won by Avis  
Tellinghuisen and Darlene Kremer

**Jodi Anderson, Jodi Anderson Agency, Farmers Insurance**

\* Home Organizer CD with Digital Child ID, won by Mary Williams

\* Blanket, won by Dee Schrier

**Helen Millar, Mary Kay**

\* Berry Kiss Lipstick and Samples, won by Mary Victor

**Peggy Schlechter, Tastefully Simple**

\* Bountiful Beer Bread and Trio, won by Roxie Peterson

**Dawn Williams, Four C's Counseling**

\* Basket of Fall Bath and Body Products, won by Jodi Anderson

**Treese Morford DeBoer, Total Mind Body Success**

\* Gift Bag of Teas and Chocolate, won by Mary Roth

**Marsha Humphreys, Your Eyes Only Optical**

\* Christmas Cleaning Kit, won by Treese Morford DeBoer

**Connie Forstner, Arrowhead Country Club**

\* Sunday Brunch for Two, won by Kathie Pike

**AND YOU ARE?** — Have you ever recognized someone's face, but couldn't remember their name? Networking is a lot easier when we all remember our nametags! If you don't have one, you can order a Women's Network nametag for \$10. Contact Dianna Fuchs at 718-8455 for details.

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HOLIDAY ATTIRE** — Wear your holiday attire to the December meeting.

**FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?** — To get to the online directory, you need a username and password. The username is your first initial and last name (no spaces, all lower case), and the password is your last name (all lower case). Confused? Contact Jen Blake at [jennifer@jabpublish.com](mailto:jennifer@jabpublish.com).

**HOLIDAY PARTY** — As a reminder, there is no networking at the December meeting. If you have a time-sensitive item, please post it on the message board at <http://www.rcwomensnetwork.org>

**DON'T CLUTTER THE TABLES** — Please feel free to place literature on the dining tables that are 3x5 or smaller. Larger pieces can be placed on the literature table at the back of the room. Thank you!

**LITERATURE TABLES** — Members may put out flyers for their business of event and free samples on the table in the back. However, they may not display products for sale.

**BRING A TOY** — For the Toys for Tots donation we are looking for new unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 0 to 14 years old. The ages that we are in the greatest need of donations are the 0 to 2 and the 12-14 for both girls and boys. Some examples of gifts for the 0 to 2 age group are sleepers, rattles, teething blankets, etc. Examples of gifts for the 12 to 14 age group could be hair dryers, curling irons, or diaries for

the girls and small traveling hand held games, watches, or skate boards for the boys. We have ordered soccer balls and footballs to give out to this age group.

**DO YOU HAVE A RESERVATION?** — Those who show up without reservations can expect to pay an additional \$5 fee. Please make your reservation in a timely matter.

**WHEN TO STOP** — In order to keep our meetings to the allotted time, please don't get in line after the President.

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION** — Make your reservation for lunch by calling Dodee Hill at 431-1515, e-mailing her at [reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org](mailto:reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org) or using the message board on the website.

**PRIZE LIMITS** — Please limit door prizes to two per business or member. Also, the prize must be totally free or a coupon for a totally free item. Discount coupons or other types of purchase incentives are not acceptable as door prizes.

**GUESTS** — Guests may purchase 50/50 tickets, but are not eligible for the door prize or spotlight drawings. Members only are eligible to drop a card in the basket for door prize and spotlight drawings.

**NETWORKING ETIQUETTE** — While we know 30-seconds doesn't seem like much time, the board would like to ask people to network only once per meeting. This ensures everyone has the opportunity to do so. Thank you.

**DON'T BE A DING-A-LING** — When the bell goes off, your 30-seconds are up. Respect the bell so more people can network.

**MIXERS** — If your business or organization is interested in hosting one of the quarterly mixers, contact Ann Henrichsen or Shelley Dykstra for all the details.