

Important Message about the February Meeting

Hello ladies,

The Civic Center will be unable to accommodate our group in February. We will have our luncheon at the **Fairway Hills Party House** on Feb. 11th with a slightly different format. It is somewhat smaller than our usual space, so we will not sit at tables, but will have plenty of chairs, and we will be having box lunches provided by Pauly's Subs on Omaha. As always, we will have a regular and veggie choice. The good news is, it will only cost \$6.00!

To get to the Party House: Go south on Sheridan Lake just past Arrowhead Country Club. Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel will be on your left, and you will take the next left into Fairway Hills. Almost immediately you will see a 3 story apartment building to your right. Just past that you will see the new condominium building, also to your right. In between the two buildings is the Party House parking lot, but you may also park across the street in that lot or in the new condominium parking lot. You may also parallel park along the street on Fairway Hills Drive. Go through the Party House parking lot and you will see a foot bridge to your upper right. After you cross, follow the side walk to your left over another foot bridge that leads right to the Party House.

Thank you for your flexibility! The Valentine's Day lunch is always fun, so dress up in your red or pink and come and enjoy. There will be plenty of networking time, and we will have an amp and microphone so everyone can hear. Door prizes seem to be extra special at the Feb. lunch, so you don't want to miss out. This might not be the luncheon to bring 5 guests to, and carpooling might also be a good idea :-).

See you on the 11th, (or hopefully on the 29th at the Mixer!)

Ann Henrichsen
President, WNRC

Meet Shelley Dykstra...



The Networker

Like many Women's Network members, this month's spotlight didn't take the easiest way to get where she is. Shelley Dykstra admits that she took a "sharp turn at the age of 38" when she went back to college.

"I was working full-time, had a child in middle school, a child in high school and a child in college. I attended the Degree Completion Program at the University of Sioux Falls at night and completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management," she said.

While accompanying a friend to a job fair, the two visited the First Premier Bank booth, where things changed for Shelley.

"The HR representative said 'I think I have a great position for you in our Trust Department'," she remembers. "I wasn't the one looking for a job; but she insisted that I interview. That HR person was (Women's Network member) Debra Farrar."

Shelley got the job. Twelve years later, she's held various positions in different banks in three states.

"When I moved to the Rapid City area, Deb asked me to be a guest at Women's Network within two weeks of my arrival. I loved this group at the very first meeting," Shelley said. "As I was leaving the luncheon, the President of First Western Bank called me and offered me a position. Two-and-a-half years later, I still love Women's Network and my position at First Western Bank."

Shelley brings her experience as a former business owner and business manager for small businesses and non-profit organizations to First Western Bank.

"I understand first hand what my business customers needs and challenges are," she said.

With a passion to be a positive role model, Shelley participates in the statewide Junior Achievement program, teaching high school and middle school economics and will participate in the High School Ethics pilot program in Rapid

City this year.

With three grown children, Shelley's family will be expanding in the next few years.

"My oldest son Eric lives in Sioux Falls with my daughter-in-law Shantel and my precious grandbaby Kylie. My second precious grandbaby will be born in June 2009," she said. "My second son Alex lives in Manhattan KS and will marry my future daughter-in-law Amanda in April 2009. My baby girl Megan lives in Chicago and will marry my future son-in-law Jeff in April 2010. Yes, I know how blessed I am."



When not working, spoiling grandbabies or helping to plan weddings, Shelley enjoys spending time outside.

"I moved to the Black Hills because of the great outdoors," she said. "I love to hike, bike, and "hang out" on the lakes, streams,

mountainsides. If that includes music, food and beverages, all the better. I love rock 'n roll and blues and if it is live and outdoors, you can't keep me away."

Shelley does find herself with more leisure time now than she had in the past.

"I have been single for oh so many years. Raising my children, climbing the career ladder and moving from South Dakota to Kansas City and back to Western South Dakota has kept me very busy," she said. "If you love music or exploring the Hills or just like to visit over a good rich cup of coffee, let's get together. Meeting a man that has those same interests is also on my list of things I am very open to. However, he has to enjoy a good glass of wine or an ice cold beer and can afford to take me for a really nice dinner."

Shelley will also serve as President of Women's Network starting in May.

"I am honored to be the President-Elect of RC Women's Network. It has been a great experience so far. The best part is to get to know, on a much deeper level, some of the fabulous women in our group. I look forward to being your President in the upcoming year as we continue to move forward as the number one women's networking group in the area. We Rock."

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Scholarship Deadline is Jan. 31, 2009. See Shelley Dykstra for details.

NEXT MEETING

February 11, 11:45 a.m.
at The Fairway Hills Party House

GREETERS

TBA

BUSINESS TABLE

TBA

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, February 6.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 18 at noon at The Beanery.

NEXT MEMBERS-ONLY MIXER

5:30p.m. January 29, 2009
at the Sports Rock

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!

FEBRUARY ATTIRE — In honor of Valentine's Day, wear red.

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!

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

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 or using the message board on the website.

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

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



HELP WANTED — Would you like to give something back to Women's Network? President-Elect Shelley Dykstra is looking for people to serve on the 2009-2010 board. Contact her at 348-3322 for more information.

DOOR PRIZES — Members may bring door prizes to promote their business or organization. Drawings are held to give away the prizes. Participating in the door prize drawings is a member-only privilege. Please limit prizes to two per meeting.

SAFE E-MAIL — In order to get future issues of *The Networker* make sure to add "networker@rcwomensnetwork.org" to your safe and approved e-mail lists.

MEETING FEES — Remember, buying an annual, semi-annual or quarterly meeting pass does save you money in the long run. On the other hand, if you miss a meeting, you do not get to carry the savings on. If you can't make the meeting, you do not get to add a month to the end of your plan.

Door Prize Winners

March Spotlight Winner: Peggy Verville

January 50/50 winner of \$46.00: Denise Willis

Dr. Mary Roth, Wilson Park Dental

* Zonta Club of the Black Hill's Own Blend of Coffee (2), won by Kyla Wright and Paulette Kirby

Jen Blake, JAB Publishing

* Mug, won by Jolee Wolf

Monae Johnson, Northern Plains Eye Foundation

* Truffles, won by Mary Vee Knauer

Barbara Bom, All Continents Travel

* Spa Bath Set, won by Ellie Hornyak

Sharon Faiman, Forget-Me-Not Floral

* Yellow Rose in a Vase, won by Helen Skogas

Fay Swenson, Avon ISR

* Moisture Therapy Intensive Hand Cream, won by Barbara Bom

Roxie Peterson, Avalon Construction

* Rush Beanie, won by Darlene Kremer

Mary Wilson, Melaleuca Products

* Cucumber/Green Tea Hand Cream, won by Jane Ham

Ann Henrichsen, Black Hills Faces Magazine

* One Year Free Subscription to *Faces*, won by Helen Millar

Heather Morijah, Girl Scouts — Dakota Horizons Council

* Two Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, won by Robin Buckingham

Helen Skogas, Mary Kay

* Hand Lotion, won by Marsha Humphreys

Colleen Keiser, AFLAC

* Mug, Chai Tea, Chocolate, and Stress Duck, won by Liz Benusis

Chantelle Emond, Integrity Massage

* Half-hour Hot Stone Massage, won by Pam Lowe

Helen Millar, Mary Kay

* Eye Makeup Remover and Free Facial, won by Dawn Williams

Lisa Wesolick, Wesolick Law Firm

* Starbucks Truffles & Coffee, won by Mary Roth

Marsha Humphreys, Your Eyes Only Optical

* Eyeglass Purse with Anti-Fog Cleaner and Cloth, won by Rosemary Harvey

Darlene Kremer, Kirk Funeral Home

* \$10 Gift Card to Minerva's, won by Marlene Maude

Helen Millar, E&J Specialties

* Coffee Mug with Candy, won by Bonnie Reese

Vicki Urban, Rushmore Rollerz

* Short-Sleeve T-Shirt, won by Betty Wooten

* Long-Sleeve T-Shirt, won by Janet Smith

Jodi Enderson, Jodi Enderson Agency, Farmers Insurance

* Home Organizer CD with Digital Child ID, won by Joie Harding

* Blanket, won by Angel Jacobsen

Betty Wooten, Stec's Advertising Specialties

* Office Bag with Candy Jar, Pens, and Jellyfish Yo-Yo, won by Jodi Enderson

Ellie Hornyak, Joelltravel.com and Passport2giving

* Sandel Manicure Case, won by Bernie Steichen

Peggy Verville, Therapeutic & Safe Touch Massage

* Ion Foot Cleanse & Reflexology Foot Massage, won by Monae Johnson

Mary Williams, Western Dakota Tech

* A Portfolio Filled with Fun Things, won by Vesta Wells Johnson

Dr. Kate Haave, Wilson Park Dental

* Two Complimentary Oral Examinations, Pen, Body Butter from Bath & Body, Body Lotion, Lip Balm, Dental Floss, 2009 Tooth Calendar, Two Elks Theater Tickets, won by Colleen Ragan

Dr. Mary Curtis, Vitality Chiropractic

* Gel Pack, won by Shelley Dykstra

Linda Rabe & Dianna Fuchs, RC Chamber of Commerce

* Mixer Pass for Two and Chamber Folio, won by Vicki Urban

Shelley Dykstra, First Western Bank

* Four "On the Rocks" Glasses, won by Dodee Hill

Kyla Wright, Ketel Thorstenson

* One Pound of Chocolate, won by Treese Morford DeBoer

Ranae Wolfe and Dee Schrier, DJ's Boutique

* Scarf, won by Mary Louise Wilson