

# Meet Kassie McDuff



# The Networker

For the past 29 years, Women's Network has been a forum for women to share community information and network the details of their businesses. This month's spotlight takes our mission to another level.

Kassie McDuff, with Black Hills Barter, has local businesses sign up to trade their goods or services without spending cash.

"We are the only barter company that we know of in South Dakota," said Kassie, who's parents helped start the venture.

"About 10-15 years ago my parents went to a seminar in Washington for a barter company called ITEX. They thought it was a very interesting idea but with my dad owning his own business and my mom not being a really big sales person they put it on hold," Kassie explained. "Now that I have grown up they asked if I would want to take on this exciting adventure."

Black Hills Barter uses an on-line software based out of Arizona, allowing businesses to redeem their "barter dollars" outside of the local area.

Kassie, a South Dakota native, has been married for almost five years.

"I was born in Sioux Falls, but was mainly raised in Rapid City," said Kassie, who's husband is in the Air Force and currently on his third deployment leaving 4-year-old Anthony and 1-year-old Alexis here with mom. "My dad owns his own HVAC company and my mom works part-time for a chiropractors office. I also have a brother who is currently going to college in Sioux Falls."

When she's not spending time with her family, Kassie enjoys scrapbooking, a hobby she acquired only a few years ago. "I really enjoy that time to myself and to look back on old pictures," she said.

The family also enjoys boating and snowmobiling or just "hanging out in the house playing games."

## A big thank you!

Women's Network members generously donated more than \$600 to the Naja Shriners during the December meeting. On behalf of the Shriners and the kids they serve, thank you!

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NEXT MEETING

January 13 at 11:45 a.m.

BUSINESS TABLES

Dianna Fuchs, National Write Your  
Congressman

GREETERS

Ranae Wolf, DJ's Boutique;  
Dee Schrier, DJ's Boutique;  
Lori Baldwin, Black Hills Regional Eye  
Institute; and  
Gail True, First Interstate Bank

*Guests are welcome to attend up to two  
meetings as non-members.  
For reservations, please call 393-7292 or  
e-mail  
reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org by noon  
Friday, January 8.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING

January 20 at noon at The Beanery.

NEXT MEMBERS-ONLY MIXER

To Be Determined

**TAX DEDUTABLE** — The \$14 meeting fee must be paid by everyone who attends our meetings — even if they opt not to eat the meal. The fee is for the meeting and, therefore, is completely tax deductible.

**SCHOLARSHIP** — Applications are due January 30 for the next round of Women's Network Scholarships. One-half of each meeting's 50/50 money goes to help Women's Network members. See a board member for details.

**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.

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

**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

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password is your last name (all lower case). You may then register to use the message board, but will have to create a separate user name and password. Confused? Contact Jen Blake at [jennifer@jabpublish.com](mailto:jennifer@jabpublish.com).

**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 I KNOW YOU?** — Many members have a photo with their listing on the online directory. If you would like your photo posted, contact Jen Blake at [jennifer@jabpublish.com](mailto:jennifer@jabpublish.com) or call 393-2526.

**DO YOU HAVE A RESERVATION?** — Those who show up without reservations can expect to pay an additional \$5 fee.

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION** — Make your reservation for lunch by calling Jolee Wolf at 393-7292, e-mailing her at [reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org](mailto:reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org) or using the message board on the website.

# Door Prize Winners

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**December 50/50 winner of \$49.00:** Chris Bestgen

**February Spotlight:** Barbara Bom

**Liz Benusis, Portrait Echo**

\* Black Hills Tea Towel, won by Michelle Minnerath

**Barbara Bom, All Continents Travel**

\* Hot Chocolate, won by Karen Brewer

**Sharon Faiman, Forget Me Not Floral**

\* Cherry Brandy Rose in a Vase, won by Vesta Wells Johnson

**Vicki Urban, Rushmore Rollerz**

\* Ghiradelli Chocolares, won by Jen Blake

\* M&Ms in a Tin, won by Mary Curtis

\* Assorted Hot Cocoa's, won by Helen Skogas

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

\* Mulberry & Vanilla 3-wick candle and 2010 Calendar, won by Brandy Small

**Jen Blake, JAB Publishing**

\* Mug with Cocoa (2), won by Cheryl Jarding and Mary Wilson

**Dr. Mary Curtis, Vitality Chiropractic**

\* Comfort Gel Pack, won by Dolly Kelly

**Darlene Kremer, Kirk Funeral Home**

\* Minerva's Gift Card, won by Amber Heredia

**Vesta Wells Johnson, Creative Digital Replication & Body Balance by Life Force**

\* National Award Winning Lullaby CD "The Moon is Hiding," won by Colleen Ragan

**Cindy Olson, Comfort Suites**

\* Magnasite Necklace, won by Monae Johnson

\* Buy One Get One Free Suite New Years Eve Event Ticket, won by Laura Collins

**Fay Sweson, Avon ISR**

\* Avon Anew Reversalist Night Renewal Cream, won by Dianna Fuchs

**Mary Victor, Big Brothers Big Sisters**

\* Insulated Mug, won by Bev Drabek

**Sande Lofberg, Aglow International**

\* Half-Hour Massage, won by Christine Bestgen

**Nina Bruan, Michelle Minnerath, Kyla Wright, and Deb Worley, Ketel Thorstenson**

\* Wine Tote and Wine, won by Rosemary Harvey

**Lisa Wesolick, Wesolick, Konen, Kamp, and Rounds**

\* Box of Mostly Chocolates, won by Sandy Schwan

**Bethann Baffuto, Life Force International**

\* Two Tru Boosts (2), won by Shawn Wilson and Carol McCollan

**Monae Johnson, Mid-Dakota Diesel**

\* Christmas Wall Hanging, won by Amy Curtis

**Marsha Humphreys, Your Eyes Only Optical**

\* Santa Claus Readers with Matching Case, won by Joanna Cannon

**Karen Brewer, Stoney Creek Counseling**

\* Rag Doll "Snow Men Will Melt Your Heart," won by Mary Roth

**Colleen Ragan, New Freedom Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine**

\* Bag of Treats to Keep You Sweet and Calm and a Gift Certificate for Two Acupuncture Treatments, won by Ann Eads

**Sandy Schwan, Great Western Investments**

\* Snowman & Candy, won by Chantelle Emond

**Paulette Kirby, Kirby Health Care**

\* Apple-A-Day Mug and Spiced Apple Ciders and Hot Cocolate Mix, won by Sharon Faiman

**Gail True, First Interstate Bank**

\* Candle (2), won by Marlene Maude and Judy Fenske

\* Lotion and Lip Gloss, won by Mary Vee Knauer

\* Lotion, won by Heather Morijah

**Michelle Kane, Norwex**

\* The Non-Chemical Alternative to the Magic Eraser—The Norwex Micropad, won by Vicki Urban

**Brandy Dietterle, Alternative Health Care of the Black Hills**

\* Skin Care Samples, won by Rocky Murphy

\* Free Foot Boath Detoxification, won by Mary Victor

**Joanna Cannon, Super-Lube**

\* Gift Certificate for One Oil Change Service, won by Gail True

**Christine Bestgen, Lucky Nugget Gamblin Hall**

\* \$25 Card Toward Dinner and Drinks, won by Avis Tellinghuisen

**Dee Schrier & Ranae Wolfe, D.J.'s Boutique**

\* Two Holiday Ceramic Pins, won by Lori Baldwin

**Michelle Kane, Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun Law Firm**

\* Lynn Jackson Baseball Cap, Booklight, and Two Luggage Tags, won by Cindy Olson