



The Networker

Meet Fran Hatfield...

This month's spotlight has been a Women's Network staple for many years and would "love to be your REALTOR."

Fran Hatfield got her real estate license in 1977.

"A friend of mine who sold us our house thought I would be a great REALTOR so I attended a real estate school and got my license," said Fran, who also holds the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Graduate REALTOR Institute (GRI) designations. "I worked as a REALTOR for 17 years in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties consisting of 799,000 people in my direct market area and 8 towns."

In addition to Women's Network, Fran is also a member of the Black Hills Association of REALTORS and National Association of REALTORS.

Fran is also a Court Appointed Special Advocate — or CASA — volunteer.

"I love volunteering for CASA, it is something I can do to help children in our own community," she said.

Children are a big part of Fran's life. She and her husband, Richard, have four children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Married since 1959, the couple has

lived in many places during their marriage. When Richard retired from the Air Force in 1976, the family settled in Pomona, California where they lived and worked until moving back to Rapid City in 1994.

"Our children graduated from Claremont High School and one son from Claremont McKenna College," said Fran. "Three of our four children have moved back to Rapid City, too, and one son is still there (in California) along with his two daughters. All our children were born here in Rapid City and Ellsworth, so they have been missing home too and are happy to be back. All found employment right away."

Living in Rapid City isn't the only family tradition that's been passed on. "Our grandson in the Army has been to Korea and twice to Iraq; the last time he was wounded and has received the Bronze Star Medal of Honor for Valor for his service," said the proud grandmother.

When she's not selling homes or speaking for children, Fran enjoys sewing and spending time in her yard, where she has a butterfly garden. "I'd be overjoyed to see a hummingbird in there too!"

She and Richard also collect antiques and collectibles and attend as many of their grandchildren's games as possible.

Make your reservation for lunch by calling Dodee Hill at 431-1515 or e-mailing her at reservations@rcwomensnetwork.org

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NEXT MEETING

July 9, 11:45 a.m.
at The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

GREETERS

Rhonda Janis, Rushmore Travel;
Marcia Whiting, Whiting Law Office;
Bethann Baffuto, PC Learnsources; and
Dodee Hill, Life Force Int'l & Principal Real
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BUSINESS TABLES

Chris Jensen, Cadillac Jack's; and
Anna Vandegrift, Alex Johnson Hotel

*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, July 4.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

July 16 at noon at The Beanery.

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!

Message from the President

Hello Ladies of Women's Network!

A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation in keeping your networking to 30 seconds and only 1 per meeting. It allows everyone a chance to network. Just a reminder that business table presenters are allowed only 2 minutes each, and again, it allows for more time for our growing number of members to network.

Don't forget about the message board on the website for postings. This is a great way to get information about your business to our members. Check it out!

We will be forming the committee for the holiday luncheon soon, so if you are interested please let me know.

Mark your calendars now for Sept. 25th. We will be having our first RC Women's Network Mixer. This will be in addition to our Sept. meeting, but in a mixer-style format for more socializing and an opportunity to meet members face-to-face. Stay tuned for more information about this additional opportunity to network your business.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

Ann