

Meet Marsha Humphreys...



The Networker

If the eyes are the window to the soul, than Marsha Humphreys has seen into the soul of many Women's Network members.

After growing up in Windom, Minnesota, Marsha headed to Nettleton Business College in Sioux Falls. After graduating, she took a job doing books for an optical & hearing aid business in that city.

"After six months, they needed an optician and couldn't find one with training, so they asked me if I'd like to learn. I jumped at the chance," she said. "I started at lab level and worked my way up."

Eventually, Marsha received an offer from Tiffany's Optical & Hearing Aid Service in Rapid City.

"I worked for Tiffany's and became a licensed hearing aid dispenser also," she said. "I purchased Tiffany's in 1988 and sold the Optical and hearing aid portion when the Rapid City Medical Center expanded."

She still worked there four-and-a-half years later when she decided to take a three month hiatus.

"Then Cris Mathews called me then and asked me to come and manage the new optical shop at Slingsby & Wright Eye Care," she said. "We named it **Your Eyes Only Optical**. We opened in January 2003 and have been running ever since. Eyewear is not only my work, it's my hobby! I

love it!"

Marsha has enjoyed being part of the Rapid City community.

"I was very active in the downtown association helped with Artoberfest & St. Patrick's Day Parade," she said. "I was also on the board for the SD Hearing Aid Dispenser's Association and was President and a Board Member of the Arts Council. I'm currently a member of the SD Opticians Association and Optical Women's Association."

When she's not working, Marsha enjoys spending time with her family. She and Mark have been married for 17 years and have three children — Andrew, 15; Leah, 12; and Brian, 9.

"They are involved about every conceivable sport there is! After I finish work, I spend many evenings being my children's taxi driver and cheerleader," said the proud mom. "Mark and I always say that we don't really need Comedy Central because we have three kids!"

Although she admits her family is her biggest "hobby," Marsha also enjoys reading and gardening.

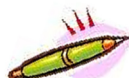
"I try to squeeze in time for walking," said Marsha, who's family attends South Canyon Lutheran Church. "I knit when I can and am a huge movie nut!"

After her many years in the optical field, Marsha has collected numerous pairs of glasses.

"If anyone can guess how many glasses I currently have, I will have a special door prize for them," she said.

GREETER BADGES — If you have signed up to be a greeter, please remember to return the greeter badge to the "pink box" after the meeting. This way next month's greeters will have them, too!

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



TAKING BIDS — The board is accepting bids for the following projects: Web Site Maintenance; Newsletter Publication; Newsletter Printing; Directory Publication; Directory Printing. Specs will be available at the May meeting. All bids are due to the board by the May June

20 board meeting. For more information, contact Sandy Schwan at 209-6485.

CONGRATULATIONS — Election of officers was held at the April meeting. The following individuals will serve Women's Network for the upcoming year. is as follows: President-Elect Ann Henrichsen, Secretary Dianna Fuchs, and Treasurer Keisha Freeman.

SCHOLARSHIPS — Did you know that Women's Network awards scholarships to members? Applications can be found at www.rcwomensnetwork.org. The deadline to apply is June 30.

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* Committee Chairs who are also Voting Members of the Board
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NEXT MEETING

May 9, 11:45 a.m.

at The Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

GREETERS

Kathy Jones, Black Hills State University;
Conney Sutherland, C&S Pest Control;
Helen Millar, Signature HomeStyles; and
Ellie Hornyak, JoElle Travel

BUSINESS TABLES

Peggy Schlechter, Tastefully Simple;
Peggy Roozing, National American University

Guests are welcome to attend up to two meetings as
non-members. For reservations, please call 390-2338
by noon Friday, May 4.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 16 at noon at Bully Blends

Door Prize Winners

June Spotlight: Liz Benusis

April 50/50 winner of \$35.00: Helen Millar

Linda Rabe and Dianna Fuchs, Rapid City Chamber of Commerce

* *Black Hills Beyond All Expectations* Coffee Table Book, won by Angela Wolter

Helen Millar, Signature Homestyles

* Bell Candle, won by Rhonda Janis

* Tea Light Set, won by Laura Longville

* Daisy Vase, won by Kristina Simonds

Jane Ham, Dakotah Insurance

* Cookie, won by Lisa Wesolick

Vesta Wells Johnson, CDR & Body Balance

* "Songs My Mother Loved" CD, won by Fay Swenson

Sharon Faiman, Forget-Me-Not Floral

* Bulb Garden, Connie Forstner

Cynthia Porter, Kids Need Us

* Diamond Brite Dishwasher Detergent, won by Jennifer Sorenson

Fay Swenson, AVON ISR

* Anew Clinical Thermafirm Face Lifting Cream (2), won by

Dodee Hill and Betty Bonawitz

Elke Didio, Home and Garden Party

* Home and Garden Party "Hawaiian Sunset" Jar Candle, won by

Vesta Wells Johnson

Marta Olson Rangitsch, Humane Society of the Black Hills

* Cookie Blossom, won by Jodi Enderson

Lisa Wesolick, Wesolick Law Firm

* \$20 Gift Certificate to Bully Blends, won by Darlene Kremer

Jen Blake, JAB Publishing

* A Mug (2), won by Jody McClendon and Liz Riley

Jo Prang & Stephanie Schleinig, Mediap Pharmacy

* "On-The-Go" Basket, Ann Henrichsen

Jolee Wolf, Rushmore Mortgage

* Wax Warmer Lantern with Wax Chips, won by Kathy Oligmiller Miles

Lorie Healey-Barnes, Royal Wheel Aligment

* Egg Candle, won by Chris Fliginger

Darlene Kremer, Kirk Funeral Home

* \$10 Gift Card to Colonial House, won by Jane Ham

Ellie Hornyak, JoelleTravel.com

* Sandel Picture Frame, won by Bernie Steichen

* \$15 Gift of Choice from Sitnature Home Style Brochure, won by Dianna Fuchs

Sande Lofberg, Aglow International

* Free Registration for Six State Convention, won by Cynthia Porter

Ann Henrichsen, Black Hills Faces Magazine

* Spring/Summer Flower Wreath, won by Bev Drabek

Kris Simonds, Arbonne

* Unwind Sea Salt Scrub and Unwind Body Lotion, won by Stephanie Schlienig

Mary Wilson

* Melaleuca Home & Linen Mist "Cucumber & Green Tea", won by BJ Reese

Ann McGuire, Phase III Salon

* Redkin Shampoo, Conditioner and Purse Lotion, won by Lorie Healey-Barnes

Jody Enderson, Farmer's Insurance

* Home Organizer CD with Digital Child ID, won by Kay Stambaugh

Darla Vulcan, Carver Insurance, Inc.

* Starbucks Water Bottle Filled with Antioxidants, won by Stacey Fenske

Helen Shogas, Mary Kay, Inc.

* Mint Bliss Fizzies for Feet Peticure set, Scrub and Lotion, won by Mary Wilson

New Members

Wesolick, Lisa

2618 Wisconsin Ave
Rapid City, SD 57701
Home Phone: 716-7982

Business: Wesolick Law Firm

Law - Business & Family/Business Director

* 328 E. New York Street Box 3

Rapid City, SD 57701

Work Phone: 342-2909

Member Discount: Initial free 20 minute consultation

Cell Phone: 415-2240

Web Site: www.wesolicklaw.com

E-mail: lisawesolick@aol.com

Activities: Rapid City Chamber of Commerce; South Canyon

Baptist Church; Business Networking International; St. Elizabeth

Seton School PTO

Wolf, Jolee S.

5800 Merritt Rd.

Black Hawk, SD 57718

Home Phone: 719-9047

Business: Rushmore Mortgage

Loan Originator

1508 Mt. Rushmore Rd

Rapid City, SD 57701

Work Phone: 393-7292

Member Offer: \$250 off origination fees

Web Site: rushmoremortgage.com

E-mail: jolee@rushmoremortgage.com

Activities: New to the area, will be interested in lots more groups like this!!

Interests: 16 years mortgage experience. Love to make home ownership dreams come true

Wolfe, Ranae

Business: DJ's Boutique

Retail; Women's Apparel/Manager

*124 Main Street

Hill City, SD 57745

Work Phone: 574-4130

Member Offer: 25% Off Purchase of regular priced merchandise

Web Site: www.djsboutique.net

Activities: Youth bowling coach; Special Olympics; Breast cancer awareness

Worley, Deb

1742 Hughes Court

Rapid City, SD 57703

Home Phone: 431-3181

Business: Ketel Thorstenson, LLP

Accounting/Marketing Coordinator

*810 Quincy Street

P.O. Box 3140

Rapid City, SD 57709

Work Phone: 716-8893

E-mail: debw@ktllp.com

Web Site: www.ktllp.com

Activities: Rapid City/Nikko City Sister City Organization

Interests: Cooking; Crafting; Reading

NOTICE

All memberships expire April 30. Your password and username for the directory will be re-instated within one week of the treasurer informing the web mistress that your 2007-2008 dues are current. The password and username will remain the same. (user name is your first initial and last name, password is your last name)

If you have any questions, please contact treasurer Keisha Freeman at 341-1856 (home) or 394-7777 (work) or web mistress, Jen Blake at 393-2526 (work) or email Jen at jennifer@jabpublish.com

A letter from the Past-President

Hello Ladies,

This being my final act as president, once again I wish to thank you for the privilege of heading an exceptional organization for the past year. I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you on issues of concern to you. As well as the events that motivate you and goals that you have for your future. I wish that I had in my life the endless time to visit with even more of you and to discover what allows you to fulfill your dreams and desires.

We've encountered a few obstacles, all that we've over come, with the team work of the board. One of the items that has come up for discussion more than once in our board meetings is the meals that are selected and choices that are given, or as some have stated, not given. At the final board meeting of my term we came to some decisions and in this letter with the boards support I am sharing the final decisions with you.

We are a large organization, 180 strong as of April 2007. That says a great deal for the strength of our organization. However, when we have so many people we also are blessed with many different eating habits and needs. If any of you, and I know there are many of you, belong to other civic organizations, you go to your meetings and you are not given a menu choice, you are served a meal. It has been decided by the board that we will no longer offer a specific food choice. You will be offered a "regular meal" or a "vegetarian meal" to eat while attending the meeting, if you so choose to eat while attending.

Please remember, the \$10.50 you pay is for the meeting; you just happen to be offered a meal with the meeting if you so choose. The \$10.50 that each of us pays, takes care of the room, the microphone the caterers and the meal if you choose to eat, the meal is an option, the room, microphone and catering staff are not.

It has always been my stance, even before we had to pay for the room at the Radisson, that the reason we were all together was to network, to share our work, our passion, our position on things that matter to each of us. There are people among us that have medical needs for food, they make adjustments, they eat before, or after the meeting. I personally did not eat at all when I was treasurer because my adrenaline was pumping so hard by the time I had everyone checked in and my money balanced that inhaling my food and getting a belly ache wasn't really a desire of mine.

I also want to remind you that every one of the women that I acknowledged at the April meeting and every other board member past and present, is a VOLUNTEER. We all have many other commitments; we've chosen to also commit to this great organization we belong to. I encourage each and every one of you that hasn't been on a seat on the board, or hasn't volunteered in another capacity seriously think about doing so. There can be a lot of work, but there is also a lot of reward, even if that reward comes in the realization of what you are and sometimes aren't capable of doing.

I hope to see you all in the coming year, to share more time with some of you and to meet and greet many of the new members. I am very proud to be a part of a positive group of "moving forward" women. Thank you again for this last year.

Deepest regards,

Kay Stambaugh
President 2006-2007