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WBN Mission Statement

The Women's Business Network is an alliance of local business and professional women who foster mutual success in the areas of profitability, leadership, and personal and professional growth through investing in networking, education, and mutual support.

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Member Profiles Year in Review

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Note: Change of Meeting Venue in January

Effective January 2009, WBN returns to the Eugene Hilton for our monthly business meetings. Since our first meeting date falls on Jan. 1st, we will meet the following week on Jan. 8th, 11:30 a.m.

**January's Program: A Woman's Journey Toward Financial Independence
Marcia Robeson, SELCO Community Credit Union**

President's Message

by **Julianne Harris**

Thanks to the Women of WBN for Their Strength in 2008

Okay, now that Thanksgiving is officially over and I see all the holiday trimmings in the stores, it really is December. Let me start this month's message by congratulating our new Woman of the Year, Lou Panni of SELCO Community Credit Union. Lou you really are one in a million. Thank you for all your support as vice president this year. I am really pleased the members wanted you to know they appreciate you too with this year's Woman of the Year nomination, Congratulations Lou!

December also means it is offi-

cially my last month as your president. Oh, where has the time gone? I am so proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as your president, and I have grown more than I am sure I even know right now. If you were at the annual dinner, you may remember I talked about my goal to become 100-women strong.

I have been inspired to be who I want to be in the world by all of you. Thank you for helping me achieve my goal of being 100-women strong!

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NOTE: To members whose companies write checks to pay their dues, please note in the Memo section the name of the member as it is often impossible to determine who the payment is for. Thanks!

President's Message

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I also mentioned a quote: "Strong reasons make strong actions." –Shakespeare, King John. We sure had strong reasons and actions this year. There would have been *no way* we could have achieved what we have without every one of us taking a stand and being strong.

Thank you to this year's board of directors. You are strong women, and no amount of thanks can really tell you how much I appreciate your hours of service. I honor you all!

As an organization, we have accomplished more than we ever thought possible through our *Back in the Black* fundraising successes. We have inspired each other along the way. We have connected with each other through supporting fellow members in their businesses with inspiring speakers, private networking coffees or lunches, and creating several activities to connect and learn with each other.

We have supported each other personally in the good times and tough times, helping a few members through, car accidents, illnesses, weddings, births and family losses. We have learned so much and we have done this together. We are more than just a "networking group," we are a sisterhood.

I am looking forward to taking a step back and watching the support and inspiration for our organization grow. This month we look forward to two member profiles. These are my personal favorite programs, allowing us to learn a secret or two from a member's life.



And *finally*, we get to see our new website!

See you all Thursday, December 4, at the Valley River Inn for our final meeting at this location. On January 8 we will welcome Lou Panni as your new president at our new meeting location – the Eugene Hilton.

Namasté
–Julianne



KUDOS KORNER

Want to recognize a member who has done something special, or whose actions or services have impressed you? This "spot" is reserved for your comments of appreciation.

Kudos to **Johanna Dahlin**, our wonderful **Mary Kay** Consultant. When I met with her to purchase my make-up, she gave me the best suggestions, taught me about my skin, corrected some of my techniques for cleansing my skin and applying my make-up and gave me a fresh radiant look. I have had so many compliments on my skin and the way I look since I met with her. She is so knowledgeable and friendly and I am so glad that I met her. If you haven't had a meeting with her yet, you really should. I guarantee that if you wear make-up, you need to talk to her. Thank you Johanna for your incredible customer service! — *Amber L. Wilson*

BRIGHTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOLIDAY!



Your help is needed for the 30th Annual Senior Holiday Dinner. A local tradition for 30 years, this program gives senior citizens an opportunity to celebrate the holidays together.

Transportation and service volunteers, as well as contributions of prizes and funds for the event, are needed!

You can drop off a wrapped gift for a senior at Chase Flowers and Gifts at 40th and Donald, Eugene, or Pacific Continental Bank at Olive & 7th, Eugene or 1011 Harlow Rd., Springfield (from Dec 1-20 only). Please label male/female or either.

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Board meetings are held at noon on the third Tuesday of every month and are open to the general membership. The next meeting will be at SELCO Credit Union, 925 Harlow Rd., Springfield (12-1:30 p.m.)

MEMBER NOTICES & NEWS

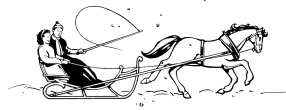
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Are you challenged when it comes to looking your best? I can easily help you find your best personal look, professional look, a natural look that does not shout makeup, or a special look for that special event, photo, or spiffy new dress.

I invite you for a customized "hands on" appointment in my home or yours. You call the shots, how much or how little, and I teach you how, so you don't go home a Cinderella with it all disappearing when you go to bed. My services are complimentary and no purchase is required. You get to plan ahead and try before you buy. — **Johanna Dahlin**, Independent Beauty Consultant, **Mary Kay Cosmetics**, 255-2640, www.marykay.com/jdahlin



If you're planning a visit to the Holiday Market this season, don't forget to stop by and visit the Knitwits booth at #145 Yew (every market day except Dec. 13-14). With a host of talented and creative artisans, it's a great place to do your holiday shopping in a festive atmosphere where you can also enjoy great music and food. — **Angela Egremont, Knitwits**, 343-0917; aegremont@aol.com



Here's a great holiday gift idea! Get that treasured family photo restored to better-than-original condition! With a special 25% off promotion, it's more affordable than ever. Call **Karen Rainsong** of **Rainsong Design** today at 968-1986 to start the easy process. She will take care of everything for you.



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"I have two exciting announcements this month! I have teamed up with my husband, Eric, in my **Tradia** business. He brings in a great element with his background in business and love of people. If you or someone you know may be interested in seeing how the use of barter can help your business in this challenging economic time, please contact us.

"Bringing Eric on board has given me time to pursue my ongoing passion, developing systems (written procedures) for all levels of business. I have teamed up with **Kathryn Gaines** of **Bella Concepts** and we have formed a new company, CEO Systems – Corporate Efficiency Organizing. I have WBN to thank, because this is where Kathryn and I met.

Check out our website www.ceosystems.net to learn more about what we are doing." — **Denise Beins**, Broker/Franchise Owner, 541-988-1858; denise.beins@tradia.net

CONGRATULATIONS, LOU PANNI!

WBN's 2008 Woman of the Year!

Lou joins a celebrated list of recipients of this annual award acknowledging the special qualities and talents of one woman who has been chosen by her peers as outstanding in her accomplishments and service to others.

Check out our website for details – www.wbneugene.org

Not to be overlooked, we also acknowledge the other deserving women who received nominations in recognition of their contributions and achievements: Juliana Cichy, Johanna Dahlin, Sheila Gunnink, Elaine Hartley, Susie Piper, and Beverly Wilger. Congratulations on being nominated and for the value you bring to WBN!



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**WBN welcomes a new Board of Directors effective
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Monthly Newsletter

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