



CHESAPEAKE WOMEN'S NETWORK  
TALBOT

Professional Networking for Women

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# STAYING CONNECTED

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## Next Meeting Highlights

### January Meeting:

Join your fellow Chesapeake Women's Network members at our January luncheon.

**Location:** Talbot Country Club, River Room

**Date:** Tuesday, January 18, 2011

**Time:** Noon

**Cost:** \$25 (includes \$5.00 to CWN)

**Speaker:** Jane Bailey

**Theme:** "Taking Control of your Financial Future"

Jane is a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. She joined the company shortly after moving to the Eastern Shore in 2007. Jane works with her clients to help them achieve their financial goals...whatever they may be.

**RSVP to Marcia,  
mburgoon1@hotmail.com by  
Friday, January 14th**

## THE MISSION

of the Talbot Chesapeake Women's Network (CWN) is to foster personal enrichment and professional growth among women of the Mid-Shore region through an active network of collaboration, communication and support.

## December CWN Event at the Easton Club

### PANEL OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS-WOMEN ANSWER TOUGH QUESTIONS

At our last CWN meeting, we were very fortunate to have three highly successful area businesswomen share their perspectives on challenges facing professional women today. CWN Vice President Marcia Burgoon was the moderator for the panel which included Alva Hutchison, recently retired State VP of the Delaware-Delmarva Cancer Society; Sally McClellan, VP, Avon Dixon Insurance Agency, and Veronica Wainwright, General Manager, Eastern Shore Title Company. Delia Denny, the fourth panelist, was unable to attend, but

hopefully will share some of her thoughts at another CWN meeting.

The panel answered questions, previously submitted from CWN members that addressed the current economic downturn; reasons for success; the panelists' major accomplishments; the most challenging time in their professional lives; and advice for grandchildren regarding career choices. CWN members enjoyed the format and said the information was very helpful and encouraging. CWN members, panelists and guests shared a great dinner and evening at the Easton Club.

Left to Right — Veronica Wainwright, Sally McClellan, Marcia Burgoon, Alva Hutchison



## A Note from Co-President Mary Ellen Carter



Dear Fellow  
CWN Members:

Happy Holidays to everyone! As I make my first attempt at writing the President's Letter (since

I am co-president with Kari who is clearly more efficient than I), I want to first say thank you to Kari Rider and to congratulate Kari and her family. Kari, Trey and son Ivey were blessed with another boy, Nolan Philip Rider, on December 4th at 4:16pm. Nolan weighed in at 6.15 pounds and was 19 inches long. Kari and family are all doing well and adjusting to their new life. I know you join me in thanking Kari for all of her hard work and effort with CWN for the past several years and wish her continued success as she takes this next step in her journey through life. Kari will continue to join us in 2011, but

I wanted to ensure that we send a proper thank you out to her.

It is hard to believe that 2010 is coming to a close. For our business, it was a much better year than 2009 and we feel fortunate to have survived the most horrific job market in ages. I am confident that all of you are as thankful as I am for the blessings bestowed upon us. Perhaps these past couple of years have been more challenging for many reasons and if one of those reasons is that you are unemployed, I encourage you to keep active in your search and do not become stagnant with your skills. We have placed more over-qualified people in positions that would not have been likely just three years ago and most have enjoyed great success. Do not give up hope and keep networking as much as you can. Try traditional methods of job searching, but do not be afraid to try other more progressive approaches as well.

Most of all, we should take a moment to not only be thankful for our blessings, but to help those who are less fortunate than we. I am blessed in so many ways and will remember and be thankful as I celebrate with my husband and our three beautiful young children, along with other family members. But the real blessing is in helping others who lives may be touched by a simple can of food, a donation at church or a bright group of singers at their door. As difficult as it is to fit in these gestures, we should never be too busy to help those who cannot help themselves.

May the peace and joy of these holidays be with all of you and we look forward to celebrating together in 2011.

Cheers!

Mary Ellen

### Welcome New Member

*Membership dues for this year are \$50.00.*

*Please pay at the next meeting or mail them to CWN PO Box 62 Easton, MD 21601.*

*If you are a new member and need a membership application please contact or see Sabine Simonson.*

### Talbot CWN website

Talbot CWN's website can be found at [www.talbotcwn.com](http://www.talbotcwn.com). On our website you will find our past newsletters, our yearly meeting schedule, scholarship applications, membership applications and a members only secure site to view our membership list and member information. If you've paid your dues for this year, you will need to email me at [krider@eastonclub.com](mailto:krider@eastonclub.com) to receive the password to the password protected membership list. If not, it will be sent upon payment. If you notice that your information is not current or needs an update please contact me.



## Rising Star, Sabine Simonson



(submitted by Marcia Burgoon)

Yesterday I went to an incredible performance at the Oxford Community Center, “Lives Interrupted,” that follows events from Pearl Harbor to D-Day – with lots of favorite patriotic songs from that era. The finale with “God Bless America” brought tears to everyone’s eyes. It was touching to see

all the veterans in the audience stand up at the end of the show to be recognized and applauded.

But the most exciting part – our very own Sabine Simonson was one of the stars – and sings an incredible solo – in a gorgeous gown! (with a cute little hairdo circa World War II!) She also was included in many of the other musical numbers and dancing routines. It was so exciting to see her perform. She is fabulous!

Have you been recently promoted or been honored in the community? Are you proud of a recent accomplishment and want to share it with other members? Our members accomplish amazing things in our community, and we want everyone to know about it!

Please send along your news to [rosemary@pixelprintpost.com](mailto:rosemary@pixelprintpost.com) and we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

## CWN Meetings for 2011

(as of 9/2/10)

DATE	LOCATION	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	THEME
Feb. 15 Dinner- 5:30 pm	Body Watts	A Healthier, Happier You!	Lorri Wilson-Clark - Demonstrations, Healthy foods, & Other topics	Healthier Happier Lifestyles
March 15 Breakfast 8 am	Tidewater Inn	“Women to Women Relationships” Also - Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore	Jane McCauley	Personal Relationships
April 19 Dinner	TBD	Polishing Your Leadership Role in Business (Joint program with QA CWN)	Peg Long	Business Leadership Skills
May 17 Lunch	Masons	Enhancing our Business Skills	Mary Ellen Carter	Skills Employees Want
June 21 Lunch-Noon	Scossa	“CELEBRATE US!” Recognition of Scholarship Recipients	Everyone!	Recognition of Recipients plus honors of many CWN members throughout the year

## Upcoming Event Policy

**NO SHOW POLICY:** If you make a reservation for a networking event and do not cancel within a 24 hour notice, you will be BILLED. CWN has to pay for the number of people that we reserve. Members are responsible for guests costs.

## Staying Connected



## Quote of the Month

“Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.” ~Oren Arnold

If you know a CWN member who is not receiving a newsletter, please e-mail Kari at [kridr@eastonclub.com](mailto:kridr@eastonclub.com)

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## CWN Annual Dues Form

September 7, 2010

Dear CWN Member,

The 2010 – 2011 CWN annual dues are \$50. In addition, if you would like to make an optional contribution of \$50 toward the scholarship fund you may do so at this time.

Dues.....\$50  
 Contribution..... \$50  
 Total enclosed\_\_\_\_\_.

Please submit a check **payable to:**

**CWN**  
 PO Box 62  
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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-763-9222 x141 or email [llednum@tgakcpa.com](mailto:llednum@tgakcpa.com). Also, please take a moment to update your contact information below.

Thank you,  
 Leah Lednum  
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