



Sistahs' Business Network Newsletter

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UPCOMING SBN EVENTS

**NEW!!
NETWORKING BY
INDUSTRY**
**SBN Literary Discussion
Guild**
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: A Good Book
Bookstore Woodlawn MD

Calling all authors, poets, editors, playwrights, magazine editors and other good literary folk! Here is your chance to network, meet local authors and other writing professionals . Cost \$10.00 for SBN Members; \$15 for Future members. Contact Ms. Nellie Pharr-Maletta at 410- 300-7343 or info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com or Ms. Julie Williamson at 410-944-5565 or agoodbook@juno.com to RSVP.

**SBN
JUNE MEETING**
Tuesday, June 26, 2007 6pm to 8pm
**Location: Linden Hall 4765
Dorsey Hall Drive Ellicott
City, MD 20142**
**(In the Dorsey Hall Shopping
Center near Rte 108 and 29)**
Topic: *You are Your Best*

A Message From The President

L.O.V. E. – Just Another Four Letter Word?

John 13:35

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Named after the Greek goddess of love, June is filled with opportunities to reflect on God's love for us and to show His love to others. This month, go out of your way to show Christ's love by helping a neighbor: ask to watch their kids for an hour while they run errands or cut their grass. And if your "neighbor" has not been behaving very neighborly, remember that love is the strongest weapon that we have. Song of Solomon says "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." So be good to yourself and others this month, go "show your love!" It's not only rewarding, it's required: John 15:12 "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you."

In Christ's Love,
Nellie PM

April /May SBN Meeting Summaries

April 2007 Meeting Summary

We had a great time at the April meeting of Sistahs' Business Network! This meeting was devoted to a discussion of growth strategies for your business. Our guest speakers Ms. Sheila Johnson, Mr. Che Brown and Ms. Monique Washington blessed us with several gems of wisdom.

Ms. Sheila Johnson of Strategic Economic Solutions was our spirit speaker. Ms. Johnson is an accountant and business planner who reminded us of the biblical principles of preparing for blessings. Citing Habakkuk 2:2, she charged us to "Write the Vision, Make it Plain, then Run towards the Goal" to grow our businesses. Ms. Johnson also encouraged us to energize our business and told us not to give away our products and services.

Next our mind speaker, Mr. Che Brown of Partners in Learning, addressed us on the topic of achieving growth by increasing sales. Brown encouraged us to double our goals and our efforts to reach them.

Business Asset

Members: \$20 prepaid/25 at the door prepaid; Future Members \$25 prepaid/\$30 at the door. To prepay please mail your check to SBN P.O. Box 1592 Columbia, MD 21044

Friday, July 13, 2007 7 pm until

Sistahs' Members Only Meeting and Pajama Party!
Location: Home of Sistah Brenda Columbia, MD

Come spend the evening with the lovely ladies of SBN. We promise an evening of personal and business growth including a book discussion (Valorie Burtons' - Rich Minds, Rich Rewards), pampering, business success videos, and a business card critique. More details to come.

Saturday, September 29, 2007
2nd Annual African American Business Women's Conference and Retreat
Location: Linden Hall, 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive Ellicott City, MD 20142

Come join Sistahs' Business Network for a special day of information and relaxation. Leave invigorated in spirit, mind, and body – ready to take care of business! Vendor and advertising opportunities available. Contact us at (410) 300-7343 or info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com for more information.

He informed us that sales should be evaluated based upon our belief systems, our tactics and our follow up. Finally, Mr. Brown suggested that we grow our businesses by adding one new idea to our product line.

Ms. Monique Washington of Washington's Karate and Self Defense was our body speaker. Ms. Washington encouraged us to take better care of our bodies by choosing an exercise that is consistent with our lifestyle so that we will stick to it. A Fifth degree black belt, Master Monique reminded us to 1) try to maintain a sense of balance, exercise regularly, and eat sensibly. Master Monique blessed us to remember the important message of self love in Psalms 139:14 "that we are wonderfully and fearfully made."

SBN's April meeting was another anointed fellowship!

May 2007 Meeting Summary

Meeting Topic; Marketing and Financing Your Small Business

Ms. Tiffany Lymons, Financial Coach, and owner of Mind Over Money LLC, was our spirit speaker. Ms. Lymons instructed us to be more purposeful about how we *make, manage and multiply* our money. She encouraged us to make it by pricing our products and services for what they are worth. She said that women often undervalue their services.

Next, Ms. Lymons told us to manage and multiply our money by establishing good, separate systems for our business and personal finances; by protecting our earnings legally; and by creating a financial plan for the future. Her advise to us on how to multiply our money included diversifying our investments, having multiple revenue streams, and creating duplicable or franchisable systems of business.

Body speaker, Ms. Neema Mrisho of the Howard County Department of Health Education, addressed SBN on the topic of cervical cancer. Ms. Mrisho answered questions and myths about cervical cancer. She explained that the HPV virus that causes cervical cancer is a common virus, that can be transmitted even by casual touch. Further, Ms. Mrisho indicated that although only 30% of all HPV viruses lead to cancer, women should pay attention to their symptoms and ask questions of their physicians.

Thank you Ms. Lymons and Ms. Mrisho for informing and inspiring us!

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June 2007 Networking Events



Get out and share God's love in every season!

Psalm 74:17

"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth, you made both summer and winter."

Special Events

Friday, June 1, 2007 8am to 6pm

Brand University: Marketing Success Conference For Women Entrepreneurs!

Location: Hilton Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Visit www.yourbranduniversity.com for details. Vendor opportunities available!

Sistah Member Event

Monday, June 4, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Financial Tea Chat with Financial Coach Tiffany Lymons

Location: Sistah Carla Bluitt's Home, Clarksville MD

Women often struggle to balance home life, work, children and entertainment, all while managing their family's money. This unique woman-only event is designed to address the specific needs of women with regards to their finances.

To RSVP call 301-807 5445 or info@spaandsparkle.com.

Monday, June 4, 2007 7pm to 9pm

Women of Wisdom Networking

Location: Referral University 373 Main Street Laurel, MD 20707

Topic: "Marketing on a Shoe String Budget" Speaker: Iris Sauber, RScp, MBA, CLC, Spiritual Entrepreneur, Consultant & Life Coach. Cost:

Advance admission - Members and first time guests: \$17.00 At the door:

\$27.00 Pre-pay early to save money.

Contact: Gloria Goldman at 800-886-2422. Early birds come early 6-7:00 PM, schmooze with wine & cheese—Networking is our goal, don't forget your cards.

June 6, 2007 and June 19 2007

Sales Training With Mr. Che Brown of Partners in Learning

Location: Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD

Attend this FREE sales course to learn: ideas on objection handling, closing and step-by-step instructions on how to deliver a winning sales presentation.

For more information contact Ceru Smith at 202.449.7737. To register go to <http://partnerslearning.com/seminar.php>.

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Friday, June 8, 2007 7am to 11am
Maryland Minority Contractors Breakfast
Location: Martins West 6817 Dogwood Rd Baltimore, MD 21244
Scholarship and advertisement opportunities in the Souvenir Journal Booklet.
Call 410-282-6101 or e-mail wrf@mwmca.org for more information.
Cost: \$40 per person.

Friday, June 8, 2007 10:00 am – Noon
On Purpose Networking for Women: Connections Over Coffee
**Location: Mystickal Voyage's New Coffee Shop 8601 Walther Boulevard
Walther Shopping Center in White Marsh**
Please join us for a morning of informal networking in White Marsh. This event is open to all women so invite your friends! Cost: You buy your coffee or other drink. We provide bagels and bagel toppings.
Please reserve your space by Thursday, June 7th so we will have enough bagels and seating by calling 410-252-2703.

Saturday, June 9, 2007 2pm to 5pm
Tea & Talk - Face the Fear, Find your Focus and Move Forward in your Passions
Location: Greenbelt Library 11 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770
Take time for yourself. Sponsored by The Women Network. For more information, visit www.thewomennetwork.org.

Sistah Member Event
Monday, June 11, 2007 10am to 12pm
Free Computer Workshop: PC Basics for Small Business Owners
Location: The Center for Business and Technology Development
9250 Bendix Road, North Columbia, MD 21045
(Near Route 108 and Route 29 - at the Rear of the Dorsey Building)

An introductory course designed for the small and home-based business owner or concerned computer user, this workshop offers affordable solutions to common hardware and software issues: constantly rebooting PCs, wired versus wireless networks, backing up and protecting your data, and virtual access to your data.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 7pm to 9pm
50 Ways to Energize Your Business
Location: Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis (Games Room) 121 South Villa Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401
Two hours of power! From marketing to government to cash flow analysis, take your business to the next level of success with over 50 Marketing and Client Building tools. Mail registration to Strategic Economic Solutions, LLC P.O. Box 3846 Crofton, MD 21114

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Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Power Networking - Women In Technology Meeting

Location: UMBC Tech Center 1450 S. Rolling Rd. Baltimore, MD Main Room - 1st Floor

A lively discussion with other women who work in technology related fields. Whether you're a new entrepreneur, determined student, seasoned professional, or a rising star in corporate America...at some point you have probably asked yourself - "How do I turn a business card into...new clients? money? a promotion? my dream job?" For more information contact: Tonia Blackwood at info@mdwit.org.

Thursday, June 14, 2007 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

THE BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY Carroll H. Hynson, Sr. Annual AWARDS LUNCHEON

Location: Double Tree Hotel 210 Holiday Court Annapolis, MD 21401
Our Luncheon Speaker will be Mr. David W. Edgerley, Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development. Luncheon Honorees include Alan J. Hyatt, Esq, Ms. Joanne Jackson, Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Midgett Parker, Esq, and Mr. George Phelps. COST: \$40.00. Make checks payable to: BCCAAC. Mail to: Asbury UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 87 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Rsvp at 410 268-9500 or e-mail WALT104@juno.com.

Friday, June 15, 2007 7:15am-2:30pm

Business Conference: Three Paths to Entrepreneurship

Location: Martin's West 6817 Dogwood Road Baltimore, MD 21244
Information on starting a new business, purchasing an existing business and acquiring a franchise. Registration Fee: \$60 (\$75 at the door) for the general public and \$15 for students (college ID must be presented at the door). Breakfast, lunch, and parking are free! Keynote Speaker: P J Richardson, Chairman and CEO, Extol Group, Inc. Contact BCCC at 410-986-3226 for more information.

Saturday, June 16, 2007 10am - Noon

Introduction to Self Defense

Location: Holiday Inn West, 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707
Master Monique Washington of Washington's Karate & Self Defense will lead this Introduction to Self Defense workshop. Attendees will learn safety awareness, daily practices to avoid conflict, pressure point training, and defense maneuvers. Master Monique Washington is a 5th Degree Black Belt and has been studying martial arts for more than 20 years. She is skilled in the art of Tae Kwon Do and Kyushinshri. This workshop is designed for the untrained civilian - ANYONE can do it!!! Please visit www.coordinatedbykim.com/self.html for more information.

Getting It Right With Your Business

Entrepreneurial Women Workshop Series with Ginny Robertson
Location: Columbia Center for the Healing Arts

Mr. Michael Mobley
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A Good Book

NEW SISTAH MEMBERS!!

We continue to grow by His grace. Join the SBN board in welcoming the following new Sistahs!

Welcome New Member

Ms. Marilyn Johnson
National Public Health Forum
301-596-5048
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Next Workshop - Saturday, June 16, 2007

9:30 AM–12:30 PM

How to Attract Perfect Customers & Business Collaborators

1:30–4:30 PM

Asking For What You Want... And Getting It!

A series of workshops for women at all stages of the entrepreneurial journey. So whether you are thinking about starting a business, are in the start up stage, have been going full steam for a while or are a seasoned entrepreneur looking to expand to another level...there is something for you here. Each workshop is \$45. You can attend the full day for \$70 (a \$20 savings). On Purpose Networking for Women members pay \$35 per workshop and the full day is \$55.

To register send a check made payable to On Purpose to 517 Talbott Ave., Lutherville, MD 21093. You can also call 410-252-2703. The earlier the better so you can get started on your pre-workshop homework. Visit www.onpurposenow.com for more dates and details.

SBN Event!

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 6pm to 8pm

Literary Discussion Guild

Location: A Good Book Bookstore

2101 Gwynn Oak Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207

Calling all authors, poets, editors, playwrights, magazine editors and other good literary folk! Here is your chance to network, meet local authors and other writing professionals. Cost \$10.00 for SBN Members; \$15 for Future members. Contact Ms. Nellie Pharr-Maletta at 410-300-7343 or info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com or Ms. Julie Williamson at 410-944-5565 or agoodbook@juno.com to RSVP.

Sistah Member Event

Thursday, June 21, 2007 10am to 12pm

Free Computer Workshop: Virtual Private Networks –

HOW TO GET OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR SUMMER!

Location: The Center for Business and Technology Development

9250 Bendix Road, North Columbia, MD 21045 (Near Route 108 and Route 29 - at the Rear of the Dorsey Building)

Summer is too short for you to spend it indoors. Attend this class to learn how to set up your own Virtual Private Network so that you can dial into your office and get your work done - from any location! (Beach anyone?!). Sponsored by AM-N-PM Computer Services. Free, however, pre-registration is required. Contact us at (301) 596-7431 to register.

Saturday, June 23, 2007 8:00am-3:00pm

The Pursuit of Passion, Purpose and Phenomenal Success

Location: "The House" 14000 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Plan to attend this BUSINESS CONFERENCE TO DISCOVER YOUR PASSION, DEFINE YOUR PURPOSE TOWARDS PHENOMENAL SUCCESS. Come hear, meet, and greet our speakers who have continued forward in their pursuit, in spite of setbacks and challenges, and are

Welcome New Member

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experiencing the level of success that they desired in life! They will share valuable nuggets from their journey, which will inspire, empower, and equip YOU to do the same. Speakers include:

- Our Keynote Speaker - Ms. Esther Johnson, U.S. Department of Labor, National Director of Job Corps Programs
- Bishop Eugene Reeves - Senior Pastor of New Life Anointed Ministries Int. and CEO of E.V. Reeves Ministries
- Mr. Carroll Stewart - General Manager of BMW/Mini of Sterling
- Ms. Michelle McKinney, President and CEO of M&M Technical Services, INC.
- Mr. Todd McCormick - Executive Director of The House - A Leadership Center for Students
- Ms. Cinnamon Bowser - CEO of Nail Taxi - A Mobile Nail Salon
- Dr. H.L. Barner - Franchise Owner - Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries
- Mr. James Page - President of Page After Page Systems
- Our Conference Host - Ms. Casandra Johnson, President and CEO of Kingdom Journey Enterprises - Life Coach, Inspirational Speaker, and Author
- Many others that will be featured during "The Power of Partnerships and Connections" Networking Segment, which has been designed to connect you with partners, strategic alliances, resources, and potential clients - Facilitated by our Strategic Partners, "The Women Network"
- Business Expo and Exchange with our partners, vendors, and authors

Contact The Women Network at www.thewomennetwork.org for more information.

Thursday, June 28, 2007

3rd Annual 2007 National Business Women's Conference

Location: J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

Visit www.wbiznet.org for more information.

Sistah Member Event

Friday September 21- Sunday September 23, 2007

Women Walking in Wisdom Weekend!

Location: Sandy Cove Ministries 60 Sandy Cove Rd Northeast, MD

Join your sisters from near and far for a weekend filled with worship and wisdom. This is a time to be alone with the Lord on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Come to get all you can in this Year of Fulfillment! Costs: Single (1 person to a room w/ meals and registration) \$378 pp Double (2 people to a room w/ meals and registration) \$258 pp

Triple (3 people to a room w/ meals and registration) \$218 pp Quad (4 people to a room w/ meals and registration) \$198 pp. Pay online with PayPal, Visa or Mastercard. or Mail registration to: PO Box 1421 Laurel, MD 20707 Phone: 410-674-2661 info@womeninwisdom.org.

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Monthly Meetings

Saturday, June 2, 2007 10am to 12pm

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women

Monthly meeting on the 1st Saturday. Contact Ms. Hazel Rayford at 410-381-1342 for more details.

Friday, June 8, 2007 8:30 am to 9:45am

**Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Women in Business Meeting**

2nd Friday of each month - networking and support

Call for location 301-725-4000 / 410-792-9714 or visit the chamber website at bwcc@baltwashchamber.org

Monday, June 11, 2007 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Columbia Chapter of the American Business Women's Association
Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Location: Sheraton in Columbia, MD

Second Monday of each Month. Meeting Fee: \$25

Call 443-756-5467 or visit www.abwa-columbia.com for more information.

Monday, June 11, 2007 from 5:30pm to 7pm

Monthly Meeting of the Maryland Association of Women Executives

Contact Donna Fellows for more information at mdwomenexecutives@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 10am to 12pm

Moms, Inc.

Location: Linden Linthicum Church, Clarksville MD

The monthly meeting of the networking and support group designed for women with home-based businesses. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Nancy Daniel 410-795-8390 at or visit www.momsinc.org.

Saturday, June 16, 2007 9:30am to 11:30am

Women Walking in Wisdom Monthly Prayer Meeting

Location: Odenton, Maryland

Take time to be refreshed and empowered with WWW's devotional on the third Saturday of each month. A wonderful opportunity to connect with other Christian women. Contact Ms. Alega Hassan at 410-674-2661 or info@womeninwisdom.org for more information.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 11:45am to 1:00pm

Mid Day - Networking at A Good Book Bookstore

Location: 2101 Gwynn Oak Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207

Network on the third Wednesdays of each month. Cost: Free!! Contact Carla Bluit 301-807-5445 or Julie Williamson at 410-944-5565 or agoodbook@juno.com to RSVP

Monday, June 25, 2007 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Face To Face Networking

Location: AM Building for Fox Chevrolet 6665 Security Blvd Baltimore, MD

Come meet new faces on the last Monday of each month.

RSVP to Pasty Anderson at 410-744-4042 or womenonfire@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 6pm to 8pm

Sistahs' Business Network's Monthly Meeting

Location: Linden Hall 4765 Dorsey Hall Drive Ellicott City, MD 21042

Meeting Topic: Loving Self- You Are Your Most Important Business Asset

Our special guest will be the inspiring Ms. Shawn Spence, Life Coach and coordinator of "Why Women Cry Conference." SBN meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Cost: Members \$20 prepaid/ \$25 at the door; Future Members \$25.00 pre-paid, \$30 at the door. Contact us at (410) 300-7343 or info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com for more details.

Special Thank You's To Our Guest Speakers!

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New!!

Advertising Opportunities with Sistahs' Business Network

Is your target market Women, African Women or Business Women? If so, then plan to advertise in the bi-monthly newsletter for Sistahs' Business Network!

Cost:

Members

- Business Card Size Ad \$20
- Half Page Ad \$45
- Full Page Ad \$90
- List an upcoming event \$10

Future Members

- Business Card Size Ad :\$30
- Half Page Ad \$65
- Full Page Ad \$110
- List an upcoming event \$20

SBN News

Just when you thought you knew everything about the graceful ladies of SBN, there is always more to learn! *Did you know that:*


Sister Dr. Mildred Boyd, SBN Treasurer, had lunch with Mr. Maurice White of Earth, Wind and Fire at the Diversity Conference in March? You could have too!! Don't miss the following opportunities to network at our SBN vendor tables:

Mocha Mom's Expo (Fall, 2007)

Women's Expo in Catonsville (March, 2008)

Sisters Venetia Boyd, Brenda Graham and Nellie Pharr-Maletta had front row seats at Baltimore's "Get Motivated" Conference in Downtown Baltimore in April? Only for cash will this writer tell who flirted to get us in early and who else danced on stage for a prize!! Never a dull moment with the ladies of SBN!!

Sisters Mary Atwood, Patricia Austin, Brenda Graham and Nellie Pharr-Maletta, met author Valorie Burton and got signed autographed copies of Rich Minds, Rich Rewards? They met Ms. Burtons at the invitation of Sistah Maxine Williams to a special women's day program at her church, New Life Ministries in Catonsville MD.



And last, but certainly not least, the lovely Sister Monica Hilliard, mother of four, just graduated two children from Oakland Mills High School in May? How wonderful it is when children finish school and make plans to get out (I mean) leave home! Blessings on your future endeavors Taleta and Abril!