



Sistahs' Business Network Newsletter

December 2006/January 2007

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UPCOMING SBN EVENTS

SBN JANUARY MEETING "New Year, New You"

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6pm to 8pm
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Global Diversity's Success
Tour
Location: Renaissance
Washington DC Hotel
999 9th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20001**

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A Message From The President

God's "New Year's Resolutions"?

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

If you are like me, this time of year is good for telling lies, I mean, making resolutions. I promise to eat less, read the Bible more, exercise more, visit more with friends ... the list goes on and on. But, do you know that God makes resolutions too? The difference between His and ours are that His are kept!

In the 29th Chapter of Jeremiah we find a promise that God will give us hope and a future if we just be more obedient. So while you resolve to step away from the chocolate chip cookies, also resolve to move closer to the one who's plans count. Do this by planning to be in regular church attendance, reading more of His word, being more generous, and putting away strife.

Ask Him to create a new and better you for His glory in 2007.

In Christ,
Nellie PM

November/December SBN Meeting Summaries

November 2006 Meeting Summary

SBN's November meeting was another anointed fellowship. Although our scheduled spirit speaker was detained by airport traffic, our mind speaker, Ms. Deborah Clark of Mass Mutual Financial Group fed us spiritually and led us deep in an appreciation of *whose* we are. Sister Deborah reminded us that God calls us anointed, heirs, a holy nation, a peculiar people, the salt of the earth, and victorious. She said: "God wants me to tell you that you are winners already."

After stirring our spirits, Sister Clark challenged our minds with information on how to protect our personal and business assets. The title of her talk was "Six things that are toxic to our businesses." We also received a wonderful handout titled "Business Killers – A Risk Barometer." Thank you Sister Clark for blessing us doubly!

Visit

<http://www.mpbnetwork.com> or
call 888-265-6480 for more
information. Fee \$30.00

**Monday, January 29, 2007
'NUTING BUT
NETWORKING'**

5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Location: Fox Chevrolet
6633 Security Boulevard
AM Building
Woodlawn, MD 21207**

Resolved to get out and meet
new people in the New Year?
Then this event is for you. Join
SBN, Mom's Inc, and Face to
Face Networking in our first
collaborative event bringing
together some dynamic women.

Cost: \$20.00

Contact Nellie Pharr-Maletta
(SBN) 410-300-7343 or Patsy
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Next, our body speaker, Ms. Venetia Boyd of Décor and You explained how to beautify our homes. She emphasized the importance of personalizing our spaces, adding lights for ambiance, and arranging pictures first on the floor before hanging them on the walls.

Our gracious Sistah Venetia also blessed SBN with a wonderful display board that lists all of our member businesses. This board will be displayed at upcoming meetings and networking events.

Sister V is truly unselfish. You may recall that she prepared a lovely cd of pictures and music of our September Conference and Retreat. Copies of this CD are available on her website at vboyd@decorandyou.com.

In recognition of all of Sistah Venetia's efforts this year, the board has upgraded our dear sister's membership from Basic to Gold to assure that she continues to receive the visibility that she deserves. Thanks Sistah V!

December 2006 Meeting Summary

SBN Members Only Christmas Party

Though small in number, we were large on ideas at the SBN Christmas party, hosted at the home of Sistah Shannon Taitt. Meeting attendees discussed ways to further promote our individual businesses, how to address the lack of support that we sometimes feel from family who don't understand our need to be entrepreneurs, and how to balance work and family. The food was great and plentiful and the fellowship was sweet! Thanks Sistah Maxine for your hubby's wonderful cheesecake! Thank you Sistah Shannon for generously sharing your home with us.

January 2007 Networking Events



What can you do this month to assure a **new** start in your spiritual, business, and personal life?

Lamentations 3:22-23

[The Lord's mercies and compassions]... They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness.

Please note the new lower price for SBN monthly meetings. Thanks to the generosity of the managers of Linden Hall, we have been able to lower the cost to \$25.00 pre-paid. Help spread the word!

Special Events

Sunday, January 14, 2007

It Comes Naturally – A Celebration of Natural Hair

Location: Gwynn Oak Park

For more information call Malaika Cooper, dreadznheadz@aol.com or call 410-298-0660

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Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Minority Business Exchange

Location: Martin's West 6817 Dogwood Road Baltimore, MD 21244

The focus of this meeting is "Dare To Dream Big" featuring a panel discussion on "Practical Steps to Starting a Small Business and Strategic Planning." Additional dates February 20th and March 27th. Limited space available. For more information call 410-332-8200. Tickets on sale at Radio One 1705 Whitehead Rd. Baltimore, MD. Cost: \$25.00. Contact Keyonna Garrett, WWIN-FM / AM Assistant Promotions Director, at 410-907-0357 for more information.

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Monthly Meetings

Saturday, January 6, 2007 10am to 12pm

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women

**Location: Starflight Enterprises, Inc. 6801 Douglas Legum Drive Suite A
Elkridge, MD 21075**

Monthly meeting on the first Saturday of each month. Contact Ms. Hazel Rayford 410-381-1342 at for further information.

Monday, January 8, 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.

SBN MEMBERSHIP

(As of December 1, 2006)

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410-531-6945
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Monday, January 8, 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, January 9, 2007 10am to 12pm

Mom's Inc

Location: Linden Linthicum Church, Clarksville MD

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

Friday, January 12, 2007 8:30am 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

Thursday, January 18, 2007 6pm to 8pm

Networking at A Good Book Bookstore

Location: 2101 Gwynn Oak Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207

Network and meet local authors and other business professionals on the third Thursdays of each month. Receive a 10% discount on all bookstore purchases. Cost \$10.00. Contact Ms. Julie Williamson at 410-944-5565 or agoodbook@juno.com to RSVP.

Saturday, January 20, 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. Alegra Hassan at 410-674-2661 or info@womeninwisdom.org for more information.

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Basic Members

Laquashia Anderson
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Affairs

Dr. Marion Smith-Wasion, MD
My Life Line Coach

Ms. Maxine Williams
Williams Insurance Services

Julie Williamson
A Good Book

Friday, January 26, 2007 7:45am to 9am

Great Minds Meeting

**Location: Center for Business and Technology Development
9250 Bendix Road, North Columbia, MD 21045**

A gathering of entrepreneurs who provide support and encouragement – the 4th Friday of each month. Cost: Free! Contact Ms. Cynetta Cardwell for more information at 410/313-6177 or ccardwell@hceda.org.

SBN Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars now for the following exciting events:

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 6pm to 8pm

1st Anniversary Celebration for Sistah's Business Network!

Location: Linden Hall in Ellicott City, MD

“Baby Girl” turns one and we thank God for a year of prosperity and life.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet new business owners and to promote your business!

May, 2007

Sistahs' Business Network in collaboration with The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women Presents

A Spring Fashion Show and Tea

More details to come. If you would like to participate, please contact SBN at info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com

September, 2007

Second Annual African American Business Women's Conference and Retreat

Location: Linden Hall Ellicott City, MD

Vending space, advertising opportunities and co-sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact info@sistahsbusinessnetwork.com for more details.

NEW SISTAH MEMBERS!!

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

Welcome new member

Ms. Alexis Brooks

Mia Bella Gourmet Candles
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Welcome new member

Ms. Andrea Campbell
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Welcome new member

Ms. Denise Pumphrey
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Welcome new member

Ms. Judith Vereen
New York Life
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410-740-3052

Quote For the Month:

"If our women want to avoid the traps and snares of life, they must band themselves together, organize, acknowledge leadership,... and work and [build] business for themselves."

- Maggie Lena Walker, the first woman and black woman president, 1899