

WBOM January Newsletter



Happy Birthday to the January Babies:

Kathleen Krebs - 1/8

Linda Sokol - 1/17

Debbie Grattan - 1/22

Laura Wilson - 1/28

Happy January WBOM Anniversary To These Members:

Mary Jo Smith

Judy Jankowski - 1/94

If you would like your birthday or business anniversary month recognized, please send Pam Proctor your special dates at pam@pamproctor.com. We need your birthdate (don't need the year), your business anniversary date, and the date you joined WBOM.

Wintry January Greetings!

A Message from the Board of Directors

Happy New Year! We would like to make you aware that our RSVP and payment method has changed. Since it is a new system, we wanted to take a minute to review the policy. **The deadline for RSVPs, which must be done via the WBOM website, is the Thursday before the monthly luncheon. All RSVPs must include a pre-payment via PayPal for your reservation to be valid.** We are required to guarantee a headcount to Ruth's Chris, so, unfortunately, we are unable to refund any reservations that are cancelled or not used. Should an emergency occur, please notify our Program Director, Hope Nutting at hope4707@comcast.net. We hope this change proves to be painless for all of us - members and guests. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation regarding this new system. We wish you all a prosperous, healthy, and joyous 2010.

Thank you,
WBOM Board of Directors

January Meeting

"She tweets on her Blackberry all day long

Getting all the girls to tweet along,

All the other girls in WBOM

Love to read her tweet, tweet, tweets."

- Lyrics by Pam Proctor & music by Bobby Day
("Rockin' Robin")

O.K...., Bobby Day, we are really sorry we messed with your "Rockin' Robin" lyrics! But, we enjoyed Erik Deckers of Professional Blog Service at our January 12th meeting. It was a small glimpse into the wide world of social media networking! If you'd like to contact Erik, his email address is erik@problogservice.com and his phone number is 317-497-9985 x103.

February Meeting

Mark your calendars for February 9th, the date of our next WBOM luncheon at Ruth's Chris! Our February meeting theme is "Favorite Things I Love". We will have 20 members who will be showcasing their businesses and bringing a Favorite Thing. We will have a drawing and 20 lucky people will take home one of the showcased items! Plan to come see what is presented!

St. Margaret's House Winter Walk

Plan to sign up to walk in St. Margaret's House Winter Walk on Sunday, February 21st at 2:30 p.m. Walk a mile with your fellow WBOM members, family, and friends to raise money and show your support for the women and children of St. Margaret's House. Each WBOM member that walks will receive a WBOM pink fleece headband to match the scarves we received last year. Last year, we had 30 walkers and raised \$3,000. This year, our goal is to get 40 walkers and raise \$4,000.

If you'd like to participate, please contact Karen Barnett at karenb@valleyscreen.com by February 5th to register. There will also be a sign up sheet at our February meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

Looking ahead to some special events of note:

* Join your fellow WBOM members at the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce Salute to Business on February 11th at the Century Center. Register online at www.sjchamber.org/events and, in the Notes section, say you want to sit at the WBOM table!

* Mark your calendar for our WBOM Business After Hours on February 18th. There will be more to follow so watch your Inbox for more information.

* Add to your calendar the YWCA Tribute to Women luncheon on MAY 5, 2010. More information to follow!

* Our WBOM March luncheon on March 9th will be our membership meeting, so plan ahead and think of someone you may want to invite. Show your friends/business associates what a strong and friendly group of women we are!

Congratulations

Congratulations to WBOM member, Angela Faulkner, who was the recent recipient of the 2009 Avatar of the Year Award given at the Sixth Annual National Association of Women Business Owners luncheon in Indianapolis. Angela is President of Faulkner Strategies.

Congratulations to WBOM Secretary, Karen Barnett, whose company, Valley Screen Process, won an Economic Development through Growth and Entrepreneurship (EDGE) award. The award was presented by the Indiana Small Business Development Center and recognized Valley Screen for their innovative spirit. Valley Screen is a graphic design supplier for the RV and marine industries, expanding into the children's wall graphics market as well.