



WBOM July Newsletter



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Happy 25th Anniversary WBOM! 1986-2011

President's Message from Karen Barnett



To All WBOM Members,

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying business success and also some relaxation this summer! We are busy planning some great things for our members, including a 25th Anniversary Celebration, some new educational opportunities, and some special After Hours events. Our luncheons continue to be a great way to network, learn from educational and informative speakers, and enjoy a wonderful Bonefish lunch. If you haven't joined us lately, please plan to attend in August! Also please join our team on August 20-22 for the annual YWCA's run jane run events. More information is contained in the newsletter.

I've been privileged to participate as a classroom mentor in the St. Mary's SPARK program this month. We were introduced to this program in April by our

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WBOM is proud to support these local organizations helping women and children in our community:

* YWCA - www.ywcancin.org
* St. Margaret's House
- <http://www.stmargarethouse.org/>

WBOM is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County -
<http://www.sjchamber.org/>

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speaker Staci Lugar Brettin and many of our members have stepped up to mentor or instruct the great group of women that make up the first entrepreneurial class. WBOM's involvement is contributing to the success of this program, and I applaud our members that have stepped up to help make this program a reality, along with WBOM member, Martha Smith, St. Mary's WEI Project Director. It is really exciting to see the dreams of these courageous women start to take shape and become reality!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in August at our luncheon and at our After Hours Event. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Best,
Karen Barnett, President

Join us in August for "What We Need is Change. Great - You First!"

Mark your calendars for "What We Need is Change. Great - You First!" on Tuesday, August 9th at the Bonefish Grill.

Kurt Meyer, Vice President of HR Support Services at Elkhart General Hospital, will discuss addressing change and conflict successfully in the workplace.

To attend, you must RSVP and pay in advance using PayPal or a credit card by Thursday, August 4th. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

August Menu

Regular:

- * Bang-bang shrimp and spring greens salad
- * Bread
- * Beverage
- * Dessert

Vegetarian:

- * Asparagus and parmesan cream pastry with spring greens salad
- * Bread
- * Beverage

* Dessert

July Luncheon Wrap-up

We celebrated the concept of "Deciding to Matter" with Colleen Sweeney, **Director of Ambassador and Customer Services at Memorial Hospital and Health System**. Through her amazing story of her visit to Kenya that launched an initiative to transfer medical equipment there, she urged us to think about the possibilities within ourselves, to pursue our goals, and to be open to opportunities.

Leaving Town? Protect Your Home

Tips to protect your home are on the [WBOM blog](#) entry by realtor, Pam Proctor. Want to write a "5 Tips" blog entry? Contact [Evie Kirkwood](#).

run, jane, run Register Now!

WBOM supports the YWCA of North Central Indiana through member participation in run, jane, run. Register for the 5- or 10K run, 5K walk, 20- or 40-mile bike ride or the golf scramble. Events take place on August 20 (walk/run) and August 21 (bike ride) at St. Patrick's County Park; OR August 22 (golf scramble) at Knollwood Country Club. Registration is just \$25 for the walk, run or bike; \$85 for the golf scramble. WBOM members who participate get a WBOM visor or cinch sack! We are aiming for 40 members and friends to participate to raise \$4000. Click [HERE](#) to register today!

Business After Hours at Corndance!

Join us on Tuesday, August 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Corndance (<http://corndance.com/>) on Grape Road in Mishawaka for our Business After Hours on the terrace. We will enjoy bite-size appetizers from their wonderful menu and a cash bar. Women in the Marketplace will again be part of our agenda for the evening and you can showcase your business at a table space. You can call Bronwyn Stoner at 574-271-4307 or email her at bronwynint@aol.com to reserve your spot in the Marketplace. Guests are welcome. For more information and to RSVP, click [HERE](#). The cost is \$10 per person which is payable in advance via PayPal or at the door.

Bylaws Update Approved

The update to the WBOM Bylaws as drafted by the bylaws committee and approved by the board was officially approved by the membership at our July luncheon.

Member Notes

Karen Barnett, president of WBOM and President /Owner of Valley Screen Process Company, spoke to the Young Professionals Network at the Chamber of Commerce on July 21st.

Chamber of Commerce of St. Joe County Business Expo

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Business Expo After Hours on September 21st at the Century Center in South Bend!

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