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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Luncheon: "Social Security: With You All the Way"

Speaker: Patricia Nicasio

Luncheon Sponsor: Fresno Memorial Gardens

Location: Banquet Facilities at 5351 N. Diana
(East of Barstow, off Blackstone)

May Community Connection:

Marjaree Mason Center &

Central California Women's Facility

(see pg 3) More details available on our website

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Spring Membership Mixer

Sponsored by: Dinner MyWay & Water 2 Wine

Location: Dinner MyWay (NW corner, Herndon & Clovis Ave)

(see page 2 & insert)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Luncheon: "Get into the Game....of Networking"

Luncheon Sponsor: Fresno Grizzlies

Coordinated by the Membership Committee

Reservations & Payment

Payment for May 12 Luncheon-Due May 7

\$16 for current members & their first time guests

\$21 for non-members

with late fee of \$3 after May 7, (if seating is available).

Payments received date of luncheon, add \$5 each

(if seating is available)

Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted for all Network events. Unless noted, additional information for these events, including membership, can be obtained by contacting the Network Office at:

(559) 450-2102 Fax: (559) 450-2041

Register on-line with credit card:

www.fresnowomensnetwork.org

or

Call to make your reservation, and

Mail check to:

Fresno Women's Network

NEW Mailing Address:

1303 E. Herndon Ave. Mail Stop 55

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"Social Security – With You All the Way"

What is the Social Security Administration? Who qualifies for Social Security? As an employer, what do you need to know? As someone who hopes to retire someday, what can you expect?

As Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration, our speaker at this month's luncheon, Patricia "Trish" Nicasio, serves the Central California area and can answer those questions and more.

Trish's area of responsibility encompasses eighteen California counties from Lancaster to Lodi, San Luis Obispo to Gilroy. As Public Affairs Specialist, she educates the public, community organizations, professional groups and media contacts about Social Security programs and benefits.

Trish began her career with the Social Security Administration as a claims development clerk in 1990. Since then she has held various positions within the agency and has acquired extensive knowledge of Social Security programs and benefits. Patricia finds great satisfaction in sharing her knowledge with the community.

Join us in May to learn more about this valuable resource that impacts all of our lives.

Speaker gift generously provided by
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole Laval
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Join In

Another fantastic luncheon!

At our April luncheon we enjoyed a great opportunity to network, to recognize one another's achievements, and to get sage advice from a great speaker.

Our April speaker, Cindy Merzon of Merzon Consulting, talked to us about providing good and caring service, what she calls 'service with a heart.'

This same message is made by Ivan Misener and Michelle Donovan, the authors of the networking guide, *The 29% Solution*. They talk about achieving business networking excellence by giving to others, summed up by the phrase 'Givers Gain.'

We know this intuitively. When someone treats us well, we want to reciprocate.

All business dealings are ultimately personal interactions, and I think this is the point.

We must always strive to treat others with compassion and understanding, for after all, isn't that what 'heart' means? We never know what burdens a customer has shouldered before they see us. When we do business with heart, we grow personally and we create a positive memorable experience for our customer.

Maybe all of this seems self-evident, but only good can come from connecting with our customer as a human being and a business professional.

Further, the same message was conveyed by Erin Rhames-Childs, our luncheon sponsor, in her comments. Her firm, the Childs Law Group, has collaboration as a core ethic. A basic tenant of collaborative law is maintaining personal dignity, and that's what results from treating the parties involved with compassion and understanding.

I have always said that we have the best speakers of any business and professional group in town.

We want to provide you a positive and memorable experience!

We welcome your suggestions for improvement. We want you in the room!

Make your reservations now for our May luncheon: no late fees!

Join one of our committees and meet new and fabulous people!

Go forth and network!

See you on May 12



Member Highlight Summary from our March Luncheon

Submitted by Linda Lu

Judy Wood, Wellness Coordinator
Juice Plus

Judy enjoys helping people take control of their health by increasing nutrition through the whole food supplement Juice Plus. Fruits, vegetables & whole grains have been scientifically proven to be the foundation of good health & Juice Plus has 17 of them. If you or your family's health is important to you, check out www.judywoodandjuiceplus.com, or contact Judy at pjwood@sti.net or by phone at (559) 760-6687.

Spring Mixer

Submitted by London Chong

Wednesday, May 27th, 2009

5:30-7:30 pm

Where: Dinner MyWay, Clovis
(NW corner of Clovis & Herndon)

(Hosted by Dinner My Way and Water 2 Wine)

Take advantage of your membership benefits and join us for a good time of networking at the Spring Membership Mixer to be held Wednesday, May 27th. This event is informal and offers members the opportunity to network, exchange business cards, and stay in tune with one another and the business community. All network members and their guests can enjoy complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres. The membership committee will also have a spectacular raffle prize drawing during the event. This event is free to Network Members and their guests, and is hosted by Dinner MyWay and Water 2 Wine.

Ladies Night Out at the Ballpark

Submitted by Katie Dubbels

Come spend the evening of Thursday June 18th with the Fresno Grizzlies and your friends at the Fresno Women's Network. This is a Fund raising effort for the Network so please help us hit a Grand Slam by purchasing your tickets in advance. The night promises to be filled with activities of interest for ladies with hearts of all ages. When you buy your tickets in advance, you will save money while supporting Network scholarships, general operations and other networking events. Don't strike out and miss a night that promises fun and great networking possibilities.

Tickets are just \$11. Use this link <http://www.fresnowomensnetwork.org/downloads/GrizzliesTicketForm.pdf> to print out a ticket pre-purchase form. You can also use the form inserted in this Newsletter issue. We must receive your order by Monday, June 8th.

We will also be selling tickets at the May 12th luncheon, and at the May 27th Mixer. You can also contact Katie Dubbels directly to pre-purchase your tickets. This can be a great event for you to step up to the plate and bring out family, friends, or your hard working staff. Thank you in advance for all your support and let's play ball!!!

Katie Dubbels 559-440.4668 or Katie.Dubbels@BankoftheWest.com

Our Mission Statement

The Fresno Women's Network was founded in 1987 as a way for women to support each other in business, personal, and professional growth. Members are encouraged to build relationships, mentor one another, and give back to the community.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

For complete information, log on to the "Membership Directory" on our website

http://www.fresnowomensnetwork.org/membership_directory.htm

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"On the Move"

Have you changed jobs? Been promoted? Won an award? Submit your info to the Network Office, so we can publish your news in a future issue.

Doreen Dunn, Account Manager for Volt Workforce Solutions, was recognized as a Volt Pinnacle Award winner. Ranked #7 out of 300+ account managers throughout the US, Doreen received this award for her customer-centric focus and consultative business approach to recruiting and staffing in the Central Valley.

"Transitions"

Did you just get married? Have a baby? Another life event you'd like to share with the membership? Submit your info to the Network Office, so we can publish your news in a future issue.

May Community Connection Partners

For contact information & more info, visit our website:
http://www.fresnowomensnetwork.org/community_connection.htm

Submitted by: Linda Dippel

Marjaree Mason Center

Needs: Linens, Disposable diapers (Infants & Toddlers), household cleaning supplies, janitorial supplies, paper goods and office supplies

Central California Women's Facility

Needs: Markers, Glue sticks, Butcher block paper, Stencils, Construction Paper, Card Stock, Assorted colors of plain glitter, Glitter glue, Origami Paper, Colored tissue paper, Ribbon



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The Buddy Bag program welcomes our new guests and demonstrates the diversity of the businesses and services that we represent. It also provides an excellent yet easy opportunity to showcase your business.

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