

# IA Women's Network

## March 2016 Newsletter



Memories in Pictures February Luncheon at Glenn's Family Restaurant

### Chairperson's Message from Diane

We had a lovely luncheon in February where we networked and learned a bit more about one another using laminated pictures to stimulate memories. It was too bad that we didn't have enough signed up to have the Colours & Personality Event, but we rallied and did have a great luncheon!

Next up we have Janet Wiszowati presenting on Spring Growth for your business and you! Please join us for lunch on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Glenn's Restaurant, Gasoline Alley.

### IA Women's Network Meetings

IA Women's Network meetings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month except July and August. Meetings are held in various locations to suit the needs of any particular month, and will be listed here in the newsletter and on the Website, Facebook, Linked In, and Twitter. For luncheons the location will be reserved from 11:30 until 1:30, with the meeting beginning at 12:00, lunch being served, the presenter speaking from 12:15-12:45 (up to 1:00 pm) and 1:00-1:30 is for networking. For evening sessions we may vary the timings.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

10 March 2015 - 11:30-1:30 - Janet Wiszowati, author and radio broadcaster, presenting on Your Business and Personal Spring Growth! - Glenn's Family Restaurant 37424, 125 Leva Ave. (Gasoline Alley) Red Deer.

## Website Changes

Have you noticed the New Website? We switched providers to a more cost-effective host, and had the opportunity to grow and learn how to build a new website! It may not be absolutely perfect yet, and we would appreciate your input as to how to make it better...so please e-mail Diane with any ideas you have on how to improve it...and please bear with us as we transform! Just in case it isn't clear on the website, you can send comments to: [counselor.diane.kinnear@gmail.com](mailto:counselor.diane.kinnear@gmail.com) Thank You!!!

## Membership

**Membership is only \$40.00 for the 2015-2016 year.** Membership in IA Women's Network is quite a deal considering that events will be less expensive, we will stand out and be heard by all of these other fabulous business women during our monthly events, we have the opportunity to make a difference in our community together by Adopting A Family (and other similar charitable acts as put forward by our members). You can advertise in this Newsletter, and let's not forget the website. We are allowed to put our bios on there, along with our pictures and contact information for the world to see. We have a "Classifieds" Section where you can post your business ads. We feature a different member each month in the Spotlight (usually someone who has positively enhanced the group recently). If you have written an article, or have read a great one lately, we can post it under the Articles section... And we are always looking for more pictures to showcase on the website, so please send us yours!

## Proposed ByLaw Change

We are gradually chipping away at the bylaws so that they reflect who we are today. This month we are hoping to eliminate the Board positions that have become irrelevant over the years. Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss and vote on whether we can safely eliminate these positions: Member at Large, Directory Coordinator, Meeter/Greeter, 50/50 Ticket Committee, Social Committee, Membership Coordinator, Reservations Coordinator, and we would like to combine Historian and Newsletter with Secretary as a single "Administrator" Position.

When the group changes or grows again we can add in whatever we need at that time.

This would leave the following Board positions intact that the current Board Members feel are relevant: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Administrator, Treasurer, Speaker/Event Coordinator, Publicity/Social Media Coordinator.

This change would also eliminate the statement following this second group of positions listed currently in the Bylaws (now irrelevant) stating that:

"The incumbent candidate for the above positions has the option to attend Board meetings. Although these individuals will not be required to attend Board meetings, they will have a vote at such meetings if they do attend. These individuals will report directly to the Board as needed with committee updates".

In order to soften the current wording following the listed Board Members I would propose changing it from:

The incumbent candidate for each of the above positions shall attend Executive Meetings, with the exception of the Historian.

To:

Executive Members would be expected to attend monthly Executive Meetings as directed by the Chairperson if possible (or provide a report if not available).

### Input for the Newsletter

We are looking for input into this newsletter to make it meaningful to everyone. Please submit any interesting info or helpful hints or tips regarding small business successes or upcoming events. We want to hear about anything going on in the Red Deer area for business women, and we definitely want to cheer you on as you continue to succeed with all of your personal endeavours! Small, tasteful ads for your business are welcome, with the understanding, that should the newsletter become too long then some ads may be saved for the next month's newsletter. Submit by the 15th of the month to Diane Kinnear: [counselor.diane.kinnear@gmail.com](mailto:counselor.diane.kinnear@gmail.com) (We may edit to keep it concise!)

### Thank You!

Thank You Kimberly Darbyson for offering your services for the Colours and Personality Event!

Thank You to everyone for your participation in the Memories in Pictures Luncheon!

## Are You A Leader?

There are still a few positions available on the Executive:

These are: The Vice Chairperson, Newsletter Coordinator, and Events Coordinator.

The best place to be when you want to positively influence any organization is on the Executive!

Please let anyone on the Executive know if you would like to help out (So...Cathy, Brittany, Dena or Diane!)

## Executive Meetings

The next executive meeting is Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am, and will be held at The Old Court House in room 104. All group members are welcome to attend. Please ask Diane Kinnear for an Agenda.

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