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**June 2011**  
**Featured Speaker**  
**Pat Burns**

Patricia A. Burns, better known as Pat, is our featured Network speaker for June. Pat will be discussing "BRAC" (Base Realignment and Closing) and what her office is doing to help incoming military families settle in to their new homes, both on post and in our community.

Pat was born in Dallas, Texas. She was educated in the Catholic School System in Dallas. She graduated from St Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Executive Secretarial Science.



Pat has been employed as a civil service employee for 34 years with the last 27 in the Housing Division serving in numerous positions. Currently, she is the Chief of the Housing Services Office at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Pat is a past member of the Consolidated Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, where she held various offices including president. She is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Pat also serve as the Vice Chairman of the Wynnton Neighborhood Housing Initiative, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help low to moderate income families achieve the American dream of home ownership by revitalizing the East Wynnton area.

She is the mother of one daughter, Marguerite and the proud grandmother of Tamarra. Pat is also known as Pastor Burns. She has been the Associate Pastor of M. L. Harris United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia and the Pastor of Stephens Chapel United Methodist Church in Lumpkin, Georgia for the past five years.

Please join us to learn more about BRAC, and how her team helps with the relocation of our military.



## President's Message

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### Teenage Parenting Center Partners in Education

For those that may not know, on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2011, the Muscogee County School District voted to close **The Teenage Parenting Center ("TAP")**. TAP was originally developed to provide parenting skills and child care opportunities to teenage mothers in an effort to decrease the drop-out rate for this group of students. They currently served 155 students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and had an overall student-teacher ratio of 9:1. Special education, vocational/technical, and alternative programs were available at this school.

In 1998, Network for Professional and Executive Women partnered with the TAP school and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce by being a **Partner In Education ("PIE")**. Each year, Network Members sponsored an annual Professional Day featuring career development and image workshops. Network members also mentored students, and participated in seasonal events and academic recognition ceremonies.

In 2008, under the leadership of then Network President, Nancy Williams, the TAP

Scholarship was created as an addition to the existing service and support Network gave to our PIE. This scholarship recipients were selected by the school and presented to one to two seniors of high academic standards. Upon presenting acceptance letters and registration to college, Network provided \$500.00 to the school for the awarded student. These students were recognized at our April Network luncheons. That same year, in addition to hosting the seniors at the April luncheons, Network held our first baby shower for the girls at TAP. At the April luncheons, members were encouraged to bring needed baby items requested by the TAP school and were placed in their store. These items were then made available to the students to purchase with their "good grades/behavior" merits that they earn. With the closing of TAP, Network no longer has a Partner in Education.

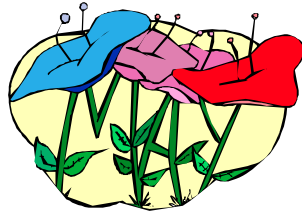


At this month's Board Meeting, the Board discussed looking into either partnering with another company that is a PIE with another school, or perhaps even working with a non-profit organization. One suggestion was the Twin Cedars Anne Elizabeth Sheppard Home. We are currently exploring all options to ensure that the values of our organization and the impact it has on our community continues.

Thank you to all of the members that have played role in developing and continuing the partnership that Network shared with the Teenage Parenting Center. It will be missed.

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**BIRTHDAYS**



**MAY**

Becky Goldsmith	5/24
Kim Boatner	5/30

**JUNE**

Chu Jarmon	6/25
Mary Jane Galer	6/30



**2011 LUNCH DATES**

*Reservations are Required*

Lunch meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month at Green Island Country Club (except December). Lunch is served at 11:45 AM. Come early and enjoy networking beginning at 11:30 AM.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend two lunch meetings prior to applying for membership. See a Board Member or the Registration table at a luncheon to obtain an application and find out more about the qualifications for membership.

Please RSVP directly on our new website: [networkforprofessionalwomen.com](http://networkforprofessionalwomen.com). You may also reach Jann McMahan with any questions at (706) 561- 9800.

<p><b>Luncheon Dates</b></p> <p>June 24 July 22 August 26 September 23 October 28</p>	<p><b>GOT NEWS?</b></p> <p>Have you or one of your children received a college scholarship? Been on a great vacation? Been promoted lately?</p> <p>We would love to share your news with other Network members.</p> <p>Please contact Newsletter Editor Pat Whipple at (706) 494-5336, or E-Mail at <a href="mailto:patricia_whipple@ml.com">patricia_whipple@ml.com</a> with your news.</p>
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# MORE NETWORK NEWS

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to *Kristi Shrum*, the 2011 Network Scholarship winner. Kristi will be attending the University of Phoenix and will be studying Green Sustainable Enterprise Management.

We are very proud of your accomplishment!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Cheryl Tate* will be our featured spotlight for June!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

*Daria Cruzen*, CPA with Robinson Grimes

*Cheryl Tate*, Technical Service Manager at Columbus Consolidated Government.

