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# UPBEAT

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Darlene Ballard

*You go Girl !*



Darlene was born in Livermore, California. She and her husband, Brett, have been married since 1980, and have two children, Melissa and Jon, and two grandchildren named Chloe and Elijah.

As an author, speaker, soloist, and storyteller, Darlene uses her talents to share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, bringing hope to the hopeless, salvation to the lost, healing to the brokenhearted, and restoration to the tattered. See [www.godsrose.org](http://www.godsrose.org).

Darlene became involved with Teen Challenge of Columbus over 20 years ago and began to bring the needs of Teen Challenge to the public's awareness. She served on the Advisory Board of Teen Challenge for seven years and taught the ladies at the Columbus Teen Challenge Center for over 15 years.

Her book, *God's Rose*, took 5 years to complete. Several ladies at Teen Challenge wanted Darlene to share her testimony. At first, she didn't want to air her dirty laundry to anyone—but as she began to open up and share experiences from her painful childhood, the ladies were not only blessed, but she began to blossom in a new way—just like a rose. Since 1997, Darlene has shared her testimony with thousands of friends in churches, shelters, prisons, women's retreats—wherever God leads.

Join us on May 22 at Green Island Country Club to hear Darlene's inspirational story. Bring a friend!



**A MOTHER'S LOVE**  
by Michael O. Adesanya

**There are times only when a Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappointments  
And calm all our fears.**

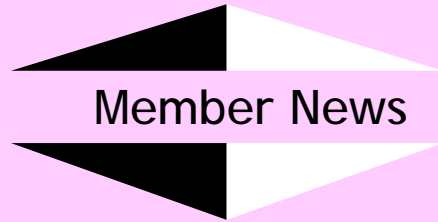
**There are times when only a Mother's  
Love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.**

**There are times when only a Mother's  
faith  
Can help on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.**

**For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith  
And a Mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the Angels  
And sent from God above.....**

Since Mother's Day falls in May I thought  
this was appropriate for the month. Hope  
you had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Durona Courington  
President



**Network for Professional and  
Executive Women Grant Program**

Are you working to enhance your  
education and need a little help? Our  
organization offers a grant of \$1000 to  
help our members with their  
educational and professional  
development. Check out our website or  
call Linda Kennedy at 706-327-4112



Congratulations to Network for  
being recognized as a **GOLD  
PARTNER in Education** with TAP!  
Big thank you to Wanda Johnson and  
Dee Langford for chairing PIE. These  
ladies have worked very hard to make  
sure TAP has all that it needs and are  
diligent in finding new ways to assist.





# NETWORK HAPPENINGS

## Networking Opportunities

Apr 30 - May 16, 2009 Red, White & Tuna -Springer Opera House

May 21, 2009 Poverty Symposium at Cunningham Center, sponsored by Enrichment Services, free and open to the public.

May 21, 2009 Servant Leadership - The World's Greatest Leadership Philosophy- Pastoral Institute- Business Resource Center 706-649-4900

## Birthdays

### June

20 Roxanne Towler  
26 Susan Wirt  
27 Dee Langford  
30 Mary Jane Gaylor



### July

09 Cathy Phillips  
09 Mary Bode  
19 Barbara Dakin  
21 Pegi Taylor

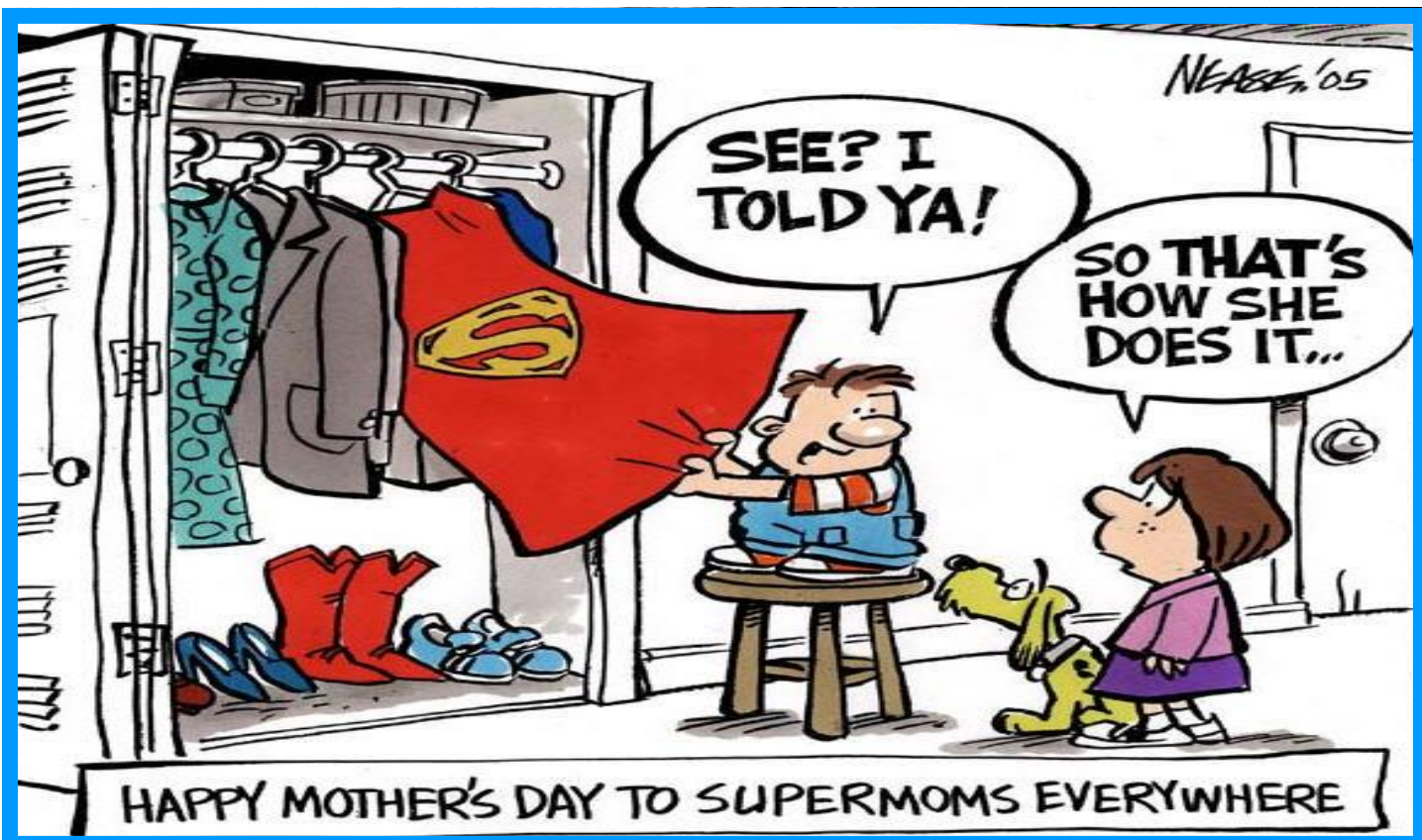
## 2009 Lunch Dates

May	22
June	26
July	24
August	28
September	25
October	23
November-Annual Meeting	TBA

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.

Prospects 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.



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**Next Meeting  
Friday, May 22, 2009**

Green Island Country Club at 11:45 AM.  
Remember: Make your reservations  
today by faxing the reservation form,  
reservations on the web,  
[www.NetworkForProfessionalWomen.com](http://www.NetworkForProfessionalWomen.com)  
e-mail, [jtalley@pilink.org](mailto:jtalley@pilink.org) or call Judy  
Talley at 649-6400 ext. 1204.

Reservation DEADLINE:  
May 20th, 2009

**Do You Have News?**

This newsletter is for all  
members of Network. It is for  
sharing news of job promotions,  
job openings, calendar events,  
family announcements and  
special awards.

To get your news in *Network  
UpBeat*, send your articles to  
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[sunshinesgb@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinesgb@gmail.com) or  
call (706) 649-2631

**2008 Board  
Meeting Dates:**

Network Board  
meetings are all  
scheduled from 12  
Noon to 1:15 PM in the  
Pastoral Institute's  
Classroom.

May	26
June	30
July	28
September	1
September	29
October	27
November	TBA

