

# Network

For Professional and Executive Women

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## President's Message



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2016 NPEW President

### WHY NETWORK FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN?

Ladies, I believe that our organization is at a turning point in its existence. Are we relevant? Are we engaged or are we here for a great lunch? I would like to think that we are here because we are excited about the networking opportunities, relationships, new friendships, excellent programming including professional development and opportunities to make a difference in the community. Sadly, there are so many things that we can all be doing that take our focus away from OUR Network for Professional Women. We can always say I don't really have time to get involved in that because I have so much going on or I don't really need to leave for lunch but for us to thrive we must take time out to meet other women with similar interests, goals and that can be mentors and support systems. Women need to be with other women. We need to talk things out and to bounce ideas off one another. Maybe you need to ask for

a salary increase or promotion but you are afraid to, maybe you are struggling with how to continue to work and keep the balance at home, maybe you are searching for the next career move but fear is holding you back. I think that this group, the Columbus, GA Network for Professional Women, can be that sounding board for each of us! I would like to ask each of you to make something happen at this next month's meeting. Is there someone that you have not met? Reach out and see if you can sit with her. Is there a company that you have been interested in knowing more about? Seek that member out and ask questions. Let me share two specific network results that I experienced recently. Last year, I was in a doctor's office with a nurse that I knew and she was telling me that her grown children all live away and she was looking to move and downsize out of a large house into a condominium. She was saying how she had no help and was overwhelmed. I immediately thought of Emily Roshier and her Silver Service business. I connected the two of them and she was able to help my friend in this very transitional time in her life. Had it not been for Network, I wouldn't have known Emily or about her great business. Recently after the Spotlight that I did on our Irina's Dream Foundation and the scarves that we are selling, Mary Heisey contacted me to get twenty soccer ball scarves for her son's soccer team moms! This is networking at

its best! We all can offer so much in the way of referrals, support and endorsements. That is what Network is all about. I would love to hear your stories of how these relationships have impacted you! The board is committed to this being a growth year for the organization but YOU are the key to that growth. I would again challenge you to bring a friend, invite a former member, ask a neighbor or sister. Let's grow and create a vibrant atmosphere at the meetings! Oh and after you leave, post a picture or a comment about your experience! Let's make 2016 our biggest and best year yet!

### Mary Jane Galer Award

We are very excited that we will be awarding the Mary Jane Galer Award at our April meeting. This award has traditionally been given and selected by Mary Jane for someone who was involved in the political process. Mary Jane was a female member of our Georgia House of Representatives at a time when "women didn't do those things"! In an effort to honor her and her long term commitment to Network as one of our Charter members, we will continue to award this each year but it will be for someone who is community aware. This can mean politically or it might mean other ways of service. If you would like to nominate someone for this special award, please email Karen Cole, Award's Chair at [karencole498@gmail.com](mailto:karencole498@gmail.com) and specify why this person is deserving.

## Meeting Must-Knows

**Be sure to join us for our monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, February 26 at Green Island Country Club.**



Lori Cooper with [Divine Dinners](#) will be our member spotlight and for our program, [TracSoft](#) will unveil our new and much-improved website!

Be thinking about who'd you like to nominate for the revised Mary Jane Galer Award (see Kim's column for details).

## Member Announcements & Just for Fun



**Congratulations to our own Emily Roshier.** Her business, Silver Service, earned the BBB's Torch Award for marketplace character, honesty and integrity. Way to go, Emily!

**Scarf Love!** Supporters of the Brookstone girls' soccer team are ready to face the elements with their fabulous new scarves from Irina's Dream. This organization supports couples with their adoptions through financial assistance, prayer, and encouragement. It was started by NPEW President Kim Rozycki and her beautiful daughter, Irina.



**Helping Young Girls:** During the February and March meetings, Network will be collecting items for girls belonging to the [Boys & Girls Club](#). Items appreciated include: hygiene items, hair ties/brushes/combs, lip gloss, books for young kids or teens/pop culture.

### Happy Birthday to You!

Hon. Teresa Tomlinson - Feb. 19  
Lori Cooper - Feb. 19  
Jann McMahan - Feb. 25

Renee Sturkie - March 3  
Rep. Debbie Buckner - March 4  
Emily Roshier - March 14  
Evelyn Tolbert - March 22  
Sommer Bundy - March 22

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