



# Network News

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ENHANCING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING

## January Luncheon Guest Speaker

Elaine Chester is the Career Services Coordinator at Columbus Technical College. She received her B.S. Management Degree from Fort Valley State University. After a sixteen year career as a manager of Payless Shoe Source in Atlanta and Columbus, GA, Elaine



**Elaine Chester** Career Services Coordinator at Columbus Tech

decided it was time for a career change in order to spend more time with her family. She decided to take some classes in Business Office Technology for a career change. Upon completing her Business Office Technology classes, she was offered a job with Columbus Technical College as a Registrar's Assistant. After three years she was offered a position as Career Services Specialist and later her title was changed to Career Services Coordinator. She has been employed with Columbus Technical College for over ten years.

Elaine is a Member of GACE (Georgia Association of Colleges & Employers), SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management) and The Professional Association of Resume Writers & Career Coaches.

She is married to Donald Chester and is the mother of two daughters and one son. She is the grandmother of two beautiful granddaughters, McKenzie and Piper.

She can be reached at [echester@columbustech.edu](mailto:echester@columbustech.edu) or (706) 649-1055.

### Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday  
Kermelle Hensley  
Paula Rosenberg  
Kathleen Reeves
- February Birthday's  
March Burnette  
Tana McHale  
Jann McMahan

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## Member News and More

**Sandy Lampert** has a big smile and news to share. She will be celebrating the birth of her first grandchild in June. Her son Jarred and wife Shana are expecting their first child. We are so happy for them.

**Monthly Network meetings** will continue in the Swan Room at Green Island Country Club for 2014.

**The Network "Annual" meeting** will be on Friday, November 21, 2014 at noon in the Swan Room.

**Kermelle Hensley, Network Member** is helping coordinate the annual "Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award Breakfast" sponsored by Sisters, Inc. at the Trade Center on March 3 at 7AM. The speaker for this year's breakfast is Janice Huff, the weekday chief meteorologist for NBC 4 New York. Each year Sisters, Inc. recognizes women in the greater Columbus, Georgia area that have been trailblazers in their profession by demonstrating the values and principles as shown by Rosa Parks. The organization recognizes these women by honoring them with a Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award. For 2014 Sisters, Inc. will recognize women in Media: Dawn Minty/HER Magazine, Teresa Whitaker/WRBL, and Carol Gertjegerdes/Columbus Times Newspaper. Sisters, Inc. is the Foundation of Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. For information contact [kermellehensley@hotmail.com](mailto:kermellehensley@hotmail.com) or call 706.573.0205.

# From Our President



**Karen Smith**  
Network President

## REFLECTING AND RESOLUTIONS

### Upcoming Events

- February Luncheon  
Friday, February 28th at Green Island Country Club begins at 11:30AM. Lunch and Program to follow. Bring a Guest. Be sure to [REGISTER](#).
- Annual Meeting-  
Friday, November 21, 2014 at 11:30AM.

Happy New Year!!! I hope that 2014 will be the best and most prosperous year for each of you.

January is a time to reflect back over the previous year to remember what has occurred around the world, the country, the area and in our personal lives.

It is also a time that many people make New Year's resolutions and often within a few days the resolutions are broken.

The top ten resolutions for 2014 include: stop smoking; get into a habit of begin fit; lose weight; enjoy life more; quit drinking; organize yourself; learn something new; get out of debt; spend more time with family; and help people.

If one of your resolutions is to learn more, did you know that Network has an annual \$1,000 scholarship for one of our members? All you have to do is go to the website and complete the application. If one of your resolutions is to help people, well you are in luck with Network again! Network

provides two \$500 scholarships to young ladies that are active in Girls, Inc. and we provide one \$1,000 scholarship to a college senior annually.

What better way to assist young ladies in preparing themselves to go into the work force? We also have assisted various agencies in the area with donations of items from their wish lists and funding throughout the years.

If you are one to make resolutions, make a resolution to attend as many meetings as possible in 2014 and then make that the one resolution that you keep. When you miss meetings you miss the opportunity to hear great speakers and most importantly you miss the opportunity to network with the other members and guests that are also at the meetings.

Another resolution you might make would be to become more involved with Network. There are committee chairs that need people to assist them during the year.

If you would like to learn more about these committees please contact one of the chairs and they will be more than happy to answer your questions and have you serve with them.

The committees and chairs include: Tana McHale, Membership; Laura Brooker, Partner in Community; Mary Heisey, Special Events; and Cathy Phillips, Awards. Also, if you have any news you would like to share with the Network members, please contact Jann McMahan who is our Newsletter Editor this year.

One more thing, if you would like to give the invocation at one of our monthly meetings, please let me know.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Whipple for leading Network in 2013. Pat did a wonderful job and is much appreciated for her outstanding leadership.

*Karen*

## Member Spotlight

In the "Spotlight" this month Network Member Laura Brooker, Owner and Stylist at Bright Salon along with husband Ryan Brooker. Bright is located in the Midtown area in the Village on 13<sup>th</sup> close to Locos Grill and Pub. They offer an array of services including design cutting, corrective color, foiling, Ombr'e, and Balayage. Some of our specialty services include Xtreme Lash Extensions, Great Lengths Extensions, Brazilian Blowout, Mac Airbrush Makeup, Bridal Styling, and Bright Dry Bar which she will be talking to you about today! For more information please visit [www.Brightsalon.com](http://www.Brightsalon.com) or call 706.221.1177

## Spotlight Schedule for 2014

Contact Jann McMahan if you would like to "spotlight" your business.

Network offers members many ways to connect with each other. During our monthly luncheons, we give a member the opportunity to present a brief (three to five minutes) program about their business or their employer. You are welcome to bring samples, coupons and literature that will help member to experience your products and services.

Being in the "spotlight" is a great way for both experienced and new members to break the ice with other Networkers! There are just a few openings left for 2014! So sign up today.

Month	Spotlight Presenter
February	Debi Johnson
March	Betty Stephens
April	Cheryl Tate
May	Kermelle Hensley
June	Open
July	Open
August	Davita Bynam
September	Emily Rosher
October	Sunny Rinker



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