



# Network News

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ENHANCING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING

## Luncheon Guest Speaker

### Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday  
Sommer Bundy
- Happy Birthday  
Patricia Schneider
- Happy Birthday  
Evelyn Tolbert



Dorothy Hyatt - Director of Girls Inc.

Dorothy Hyatt has been the Executive Director for [Girls Inc.](#) since 1981. Prior to that, she was the Center Director for the Garrard Memorial Girls Club.

Dorothy received her MS degree in Criminal Justice, from Troy State University in 1980. She has received numerous awards including "Women of Achievement" from the Girl Scouts and the Judge Aaron Cohen award for community service.

"Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through life-changing programs and experiences that help girls navigate gender, economic, and social barriers. Research based curricula, delivered by trained, mentoring professionals in a positive all-girl environment equip girls to achieve academically; lead healthy and physically active lives; manage money; navigate media messages; and discover an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. The network of local Girls Inc. nonprofit organizations serves 125,000 girls ages 6 - 18 annually across the United States and Canada."

Dorothy Hyatt will be our special guest speaker at the March luncheon. Come hear her speak about Girls Inc., their goals and achievements and how Network Members can help. [Information?](#)

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## Member Spotlight

In the "Spotlight" this month is Network member, Eva Cooper. Eva is the Assistant Director for Training and Development at the Cunningham Center for Leadership Development of CSU.

The Cunningham Center offers a wide variety of services, including leadership education, a state of the art conference center and a technology incubator.

For more information about the Cunningham Center at CSU [Contact](#), Eva Cooper.



## From Our President



Pat Whipple

### THINK LOCAL BUY LOCAL BE LOCAL

#### Upcoming Events

- Network Luncheon  
Friday March 22nd at  
Green Island Country Club.  
Networking begins at  
11:30AM. Lunch and  
program to follow. Bring a  
guest! *This month the luncheon has been moved to ballroom 2*

It is so easy in today's world to shop with your laptop. You hit a "button" from your home, and your products show up at your door step. Although it is easy and convenient, you should consider shopping locally and supporting our fellow Network business owners. Information is available at [www.sustainableconnections.org](http://www.sustainableconnections.org) that explains the benefits to us and our community.

#### Top Reasons to Think Local - Buy Local - Be Local

- 1. Buy Local -- Support yourself:** Several studies have shown that when you buy from an independent, locally owned business, rather than a nationally owned businesses, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses, service providers and farms -- continuing to strengthen the economic base of the community.
- 2. Keep our community unique:** Where we shop, where

we eat and have fun -- all of it makes our community home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of this place.

- 3. Reduce environmental impact:** Locally owned businesses can make more local purchases requiring less transportation and generally set up shop in town or city centers as opposed to developing on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.

- 4. Create more good jobs:** Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally and in our community, provide the most jobs to residents.

- 5. Get better service:** Local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know customers.

- 6. Invest in community:** Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are

less likely to leave, and are more invested in the community's future.

- 7. Put your taxes to good use:** Local businesses in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community.

- 8. Encourage local prosperity:** A growing body of economic research shows that in an increasingly homogenized world, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character.

So next time you jump on your computer and make that purchase on-line, please consider supporting our Network members! They are making our community a better place to live and work.

*Pat*

## Member News and Links

The Women of Achievement Dinner will be held at Green Island Country Club on April 18th at 7:00PM. If you would like to attend, please reserve your seat soon.

Network Member Grant - Each year one Network member receives a \$1,000 grant to continue her education. Applications are being accepted [online](#). Apply today and move forward with your career!



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## Do You Know?

### Dagmar Shytle, Mortgage Specialist and Network Member

Celebrating their 10th year anniversary, Dagmar and her team of mortgage professionals at "Open Mortgage" are offering a *FREE* appraisal for all first time home buyers. If you are looking to purchase your first home or if you are a savvy real-estate tycoon; everyone needs a friend in the mortgage business. Network member Dagmar Shytle is just that. [Contact](#) her today!