



# Network News

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ENHANCING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING

## Special points of interest:

### Happy Birthday

- Debbie Buckner
- Emily Rosher
- Jean Richardson
- Sommer Bundy
- Evelyn Tolbert

### April Birthday's

- Jeannette Ozimba
- Dagmar Shytle

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## March Luncheon Guest Speaker

Barbara Collins is currently serving as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent and Great Start Georgia Grants Coordinator at the UGA Extension Service in Columbus.



**Barbara Collins**

Her career highlights include three years in Extension prior to serving as the FACS Agent in Columbus. She also served as an Expanded Food and Nutrition Program Assistant and Energy Educator in DeKalb County.

Barbara was a Program Specialist where she trained new DFCS workers (Food Stamps, Medicaid and SUCCESS Computer) for eight (8) years through the University of Georgia, School of Social Work.

Barbara was employed by the Department of Family and Children Services for more than ten years. During that time, she worked as an Error Control Specialist where she mentored new workers and covered vacant caseloads in several counties (Clarke, Bibb, Gwinnett, Oglethorpe, Barrow, Madison and Elbert) on an as-needed basis. As an Error Control Specialist, her duties included processing Food Stamp, TANF (AFDC/LIM) applications.

Barbara enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, traveling, listening to jazz and gospel music. She is married to Lester Collins; the couple has four adult children and four grandchildren with one more on the way!

Barbara will talk about getting organized at home and work in our meeting 3/28/2014.

## Member Spotlight- Betty Stephens

Betty Stephens is a realtor with Waddell Realty with 34 years in real estate and licensed in Georgia and Alabama. She serves as a state director on the Columbus Board of Realtors. She is married to Ed Stephens and together they have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She enjoys growing vegetables, cooking and just hanging out on her deck at home.

If you have questions about purchasing or selling property in Georgia or Alabama, contact Betty Stephens. [bettysrealtor@yahoo.com](mailto:bettysrealtor@yahoo.com)

## From Our President



KAREN SMITH- PRESIDENT

It is that dreaded time of year again. Tax time!!

If you were not at the February membership meeting, you missed a great presentation by Silvia Newell, CPA with Newell and Newell, PC. She gave some very important and timely information to assist everyone with how to save as much as possible of our hard earned wages.

With all the new regulations going into place, retaining more of our earnings is going to be more

complicated.

Did you know that in 1981 Congress passed a joint resolution proclaiming March as Women's History Month?

The theme for Women's History Month this year is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment". Wow, that about sums it up for the members of Network.

I think we have a wonderful group of women of character, courage and commitment.

Take a few minutes this month and think about all the accomplishments women have made and how much women have benefited our country and the world.

Happy Women's History Month to all of you.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear green and celebrate even if you are not Irish. Everyone is Irish that one day a year.

*Karen*

### Upcoming Events

#### March Network Meeting

Network Luncheon 11:30 AM to 1:00PM, March 28. [Register](#) yourself and your guest today!

We will be collecting items for the [Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home](#). The donation list includes:

Pillows, socks, twin blankets, hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, sanitary pads, tooth-paste, combs, brushes, deodorant, soap and lotion.

Journals (no spirals)

Art and Craft supplies: yarn, crochet needles, markers, paint by numbers, sketch books.

## Member News and Links

Membership Dues for 2014 may be paid at the March Network meeting. Please see Cheryl Tate.

Please remember to make your reservations for our luncheon by the deadline each month. We must have a minimum of 25 attendees to have the buffet served. We are also charged for reservations we submit to the catering manager on the Wednesday prior to the meeting on Friday.

#### Like Share Post

Click [HERE](#) to "Like" the Network Facebook page. Then "Share" our page with your friends and colleagues. We also encourage member to "Post" news and experiences that may be of interest to you fellow members.

*There's a big difference between managing and leading. Leadership is about the decisions you make and the actions you take. Leadership is determined by action and example.*

## Do You Know?

#### Network Member Cathy Phillips?

**Cathy Phillips** is a Business Development Manager with Buffalo Rock Pepsi. She is responsible for managing the fountain and coffee business segment. She and her husband Bennie have two daughters and two grandsons. She enjoys golf, reading and decorating. Cathy is the past chair for The Literacy Alliance. She has served as treasurer, secretary and is the current **Awards Chair for Network**. For the past ten years she has volunteered for United Way serving as a loaned executive, allocations committee member and her company campaign chair. Get to know your Network Board Member, Cathy Phillips.

Help Network grow! Do you know a professional woman who would like to join Network?

Bring them to a luncheon or a evening event. Then ask them to visit our website to learn more about Network.



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