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ENHANCING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING

Luncheon Guest Speaker

Alison Mills-Long has twenty five years experience as a Project Manager for the financial industry. She has been a member of the Project Management Institute since 1995 and is also a



Alison Mills—Long “The Power of Thoughts and Words”

Continuing Education Instructor for Columbus State University.

Alison’s approach to project management is about keeping the process simple and ensuring the scope of each request includes realistic, attainable goals. Applying soft skills to head off potential conflicts and promoting a spirit of teamwork is what she deems critical to the success of any project.

In June 2010, Alison completed her Reiki Master Teacher certification further enhancing her use of soft skills in the workplace with project teams and co-workers. Alison’s integration of traditional project management principles with alternative energy therapy creates a unique and effective approach to managing project teams.

Alison will speak to Network Members on “The Power of Thoughts and Words” at the May 2013 luncheon. Join us for this fun and interactive presentation. Alison will share her secrets to successful communication and positive thinking. For more information contact [Alison Mills-Long](#), or make plans to attend the luncheon on May 24th. [Register](#)

Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday
Michelle Justice
- Happy Birthday
Mary Heisey
- Happy Birthday
Kim Boatner

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Member Spotlight

In the “Spotlight” this month is Network member, Daria Cruzen. Your CPA should be more than your tax preparer. Daria Cruzen, CPA, MBA, is with Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C. , certified public accountants and consultants. Daria will talk about the variety of services that Robinson, Grimes offers as part of the firm’s commitment to the success of its clients. Get to know Dari and Robinson, Grimes & Company in this month’s Spotlight. [Information](#)



From Our President



Pat Whipple — President

BUFFETT SPEAKS

Legendary investor Warren Buffett is speaking out to women in the workplace. Buffett is the CEO and Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway and America's second richest person. Just take a look at their stock price (BRKA) and you'll see why.

It's no surprise then, that when he speaks people listen. Likewise, when he buys stock it seems that everyone follows suit and when he sells, many investors do the same. I recently heard Mr. Buffett being interviewed about "women in the workplace," so I listened, intently.

Buffett said, "**Women should never forget that it is common for powerful and**

seemingly self-assured males to have more than a bit of the Wizard of Oz in them. Pull the curtain aside, and you'll often discover they are not supermen at all. (Just ask their wives!)"

It's not the first time Buffett has spoken out about the importance of promoting women. Buffett lamented as early as 2011 that in the early years of corporate America "we wasted half our talent" (women). He often wonders why women are not in key, senior roles in today's companies.

It is our job as professional women to prepare ourselves for the leadership roles we strive to hold. When an

opportunity presents itself, we should never shy away. We may have grown-up hearing that men are meant to lead, that men are stronger and that men can take stress better. However, we know that women have always led, that we are strong and when it comes to managing stress, women can really take the pressure!

So ladies, let us thank Warren Buffett for paving the way for us to seek our dreams and make them a reality! Who knows, one day **YOU** may be on his Board of Directors, or have your **OWN** Fortune 500 company!!

Pat

Upcoming Events

- Network Luncheon
Friday May 24th at Green Island Country Club.
Networking begins at 11:30AM. Lunch and program to follow.
Bring a guest! [Register](#)
- Second Quarter Network
Event will take place on June 18th at 5:30PM. Join fellow members at [Beware Pottery Studio](#).

Member News and Links

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women will be holding a Silent Auction on June 6th at the W. C. Bradley Co. Museum at 1017 Front Avenue from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. A Live Auction will occur from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Tickets include drinks and appetizers. To purchase tickets, please call Lindsey Reis at 706-256-0237 ext. 111 or visit www.hopeharbour.org. Donations for this auction event can be brought to the May luncheon or by contacting Network Member [Durona Courington](#).

Christmas in June will get underway at our Quarterly Network Event! Come join in the fun and get started on a unique holiday gift or decoration at Beware Pottery Studio. This is a great opportunity to get to know other Network members in a low key one on one setting. For more information contact [Mary Heisey](#) (see left)

Cheryl Tate, Mary Kay Representative would like encourage members to always put their best face forward! Remember that first impressions are very important and you don't have to spend a lot to look your best. Pay attention to the little things and above all, show confidence to make a great first impression.

Nominate yourself or a member! Are you planning to further your education? Network awards a grant each year to a member to further her education. Apply today, or contact Awards Chair [Cathy Phillips](#)

Do You Know?

Network Member Evelyn Tolbert

Evelyn Tolbert is a Client Advisor in Sales at BMW of Columbus. She has former sales experience with Harley Davidson and has worked as a foreign language teacher for Muskogee County. Evelyn is a charismatic member of Network. Get to know her at our next luncheon.



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