



# Network News

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## Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday  
Laura Hartman
- Happy Birthday  
Laura Brooker
- Happy Birthday  
Joy Hamilton
- Happy Birthday  
Sherry Goodrum

## Best Wishes!

Mary Heisey is engaged to Gregory Spaulding. (date to be announced)

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## Year End Guest Speaker

Katie's military journey began one weekend in November 1983 when she met HR while he was in California to play Rugby. After a 2 year courtship she married the love of her life in 1985.

Katie arrived at her first duty station, Fort Hood Texas in the heat of the summer 1985. Her new teaching position in Copperas Cove Texas at Lampasas High School was quite a culture.



Their oldest daughter Katharine was born at Fort Hood. Katharine is a graduate of Villanova University and is currently a defense analyst in Washington DC.

After Texas they move to Fort Knox Kentucky and then on to Nuremburg Germany where their second daughter, Colleen was born. Colleen is a recent graduate of Katie's Alma Mater, the University of San Diego and will soon receive her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Columbus State University.

It was there in Germany that Katie was introduced to FSG, then called Family Support Groups as Desert Storm was beginning. HR deployed to Iraq while Katie and the girls remained in Germany.

### Katie McMaster, Wife of General H.R.

**McMaster, Commander of Ft. Benning** When HR returned, they moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina where Caragh, their youngest daughter was born. She is currently a third year at the University of Virginia.

Katie and her family have moved fourteen times and lived in eight states and three counties. She has survived 4 deployments the most recent being 20 months long.

At Fort Benning her passions are mentoring new military spouses and speaking about the rewards of being a military spouse. Her dream of a food pantry at Fort Benning was realized October 4<sup>th</sup> with the grand opening of the Battle Buddy Resource Center.

Katie McMaster, wife, mother, educator and leader! Our year end guest speaker.

## 2014 Officer Installation

**Outgoing President, Pat Whipple** introduced our 2014 President, **Karen Smith**. **Karen** has been a long time member and has served as **Vice President** and in numerous **Chair and Board** positions. **Karen** has named the following officers, **Cheryl Tate** as **Treasurer** and **Emily Roshier** as **Secretary**. The following members will serve as **Chair Persons** on the 2014 Board. **Tana McHale**—**Membership Chair**, **Mary Stewart**—**WebMaster**, **Mary Heisey**— **Special Events Chair**, **Laura Brooker**—**Partner In Community Chair**, **Cathy Phillips**—**Awards Chair**. **Pat Whipple** will also serve as **Past President**. **Get to know you 2014 Board Members** and help to contribute by volunteering for a committee!

## From Our President



Pat Whipple — President

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of Network this year.

I want to thank everyone who attended our monthly meetings and represented our organization in a great way. Network seems to get better every year thanks to our members and guests!

Throughout the year, I tried to make my mission fairly simple:

- \* To let you know that we each need to take care of ourselves, even if it means starting over, or making a big change in your life

- \* To support each other's businesses wherever possible
- \* To use our Networking time to make important connections, and to learn more about each other
- \* Provide guidance for furthering our careers and education
- \* Learn more about our community and that YOU make a difference in our community

We've had another great year of programs. There are so many women in this community in leadership positions! I wish to thank them all for expanding our knowledge and helping us to understand how what they do

truly makes such a difference for each of us.

I also want to thank all the Network leaders who have served in this capacity over the years. Our past leaders have come from many different careers and have provided their own perspectives through their leadership.

I am looking forward to our new President and Board, and am anxious to enjoy my time as "Past President."

Best Wishes and Blessings,

*Pat*

## A NOTE OF THANKS

### Upcoming Events

- Network Luncheon  
Friday January 24th at Green Island Country Club.  
Networking begins at 11:30AM. Lunch and program to follow.  
Bring a guest!

Please register for ALL Network events to help ensure success for all who attend. [REGISTER](#)

## Member News and Links

### Networker of the Year

Congratulations to our Networker of the Year, Durona Courington (*right*)! Durona has been a Network member for more than 10 years. She has served in countless Board positions as well as being a former president. (*with Karen Smith left and Kathy Reeves center*)

### Mary Jane Galer Award

This year's recipient of the Mary Jane Galer Award for political contribution, is March Burnette (*left*). March, is the Chair on the Board of Directors for Hope Harbour and an advocate for battered women throughout our community.

(*with Mary Jane Galer right*)

### Scholarship Award Winner

Our \$1,000.00 scholarship award winner is Ashley Cobb (*left*)! Ashley is a junior at CSU. She along with her mother and sister attended the year end dinner.



### Thank You! Members who donated to

The Anne Elizabeth Shepard Home! The donations collected at the year end meeting included numerous personal care items, puzzle books, journals and bedding. The response was great!



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## 2014 Resolve to Get Involved!

Get the most out of your membership by participating.

- "Like" us on Facebook. Share you business ideas , photos and events.
- Volunteer to be a "Spotlight Speaker" or sign up for "Do You Know?"
- Bring a guest and tell other women about Network.
- Make announcements in person at lunch or share them through our website!
- Attend the monthly luncheons, quarterly events and special events.