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ENHANCING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING

Special points of interest:

- Happy Birthday
Mary Stewart
- Happy Birthday
Karen Smith
- Happy Birthday
Cheryl Tate

Thank You! Members who donated to Girls Inc., your contributions were much appreciated!

Luncheon Guest Speaker

Donna Pearce is a native of Dayton, Ohio but she has moved around a good bit during her adult life. She and her husband have enjoyed serving in youth pastorates and Christian Education in various churches, as well as working at Christian camps.



Donna Pearce — Valley Rescue Mission

Donna moved to the Opelika, AL area in 2011 from Michigan when her husband, Art, took a position as Executive Director of the Alabama Associate of Habitat for Humanity Affiliates.

While in Michigan, she served as the Director of Development at a mission very similar to Valley Rescue Mission. She was so delighted when the same position opened up in Columbus in 2012.

This year the Valley Rescue Mission will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their mission is to help the homeless, the addicted and those in grave financial need by providing Christian based counseling, programs for education as well as direct feeding, clothing and sheltering.

During the month of August in 2013, they served over 10,000 meals and provided over 3,200 nights of lodging to needy people throughout the valley!

Donna Pearce is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, the mother of 3 adult children, and the proud grandmother of two. Her commitment to faith based service is making a positive impact on the most needy members of our community.

Join us at the Network Luncheon to hear Donna Pearce! [CLICK](#) here for VRM wish list.

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Member Spotlight

In the “Spotlight” this month is Network member, Sommer Bundy. She will be sharing information about the Columbus State University’s Alumni Association and their upcoming events. Join us a the monthly luncheon for more information.



From Our President



Pat Whipple — President

ATTITUDE VS. APTITUDE

Upcoming Events

- Network Luncheon
Friday September 27th at
Green Island Country Club.
Networking begins at
11:30AM. Lunch and
program to follow.
Bring a guest!

Please be sure to register for the luncheon, to ensure that our Network event is successful for everyone! [REGISTER](#)

When faced with a hiring decision, which do you find more important; someone's **aptitude, or their attitude?** Can someone with great skills and a poor attitude work in a corporate environment? Sure! Can someone do well when they have a great attitude, but not all the required skills? Yes!!

Although you can teach someone the skills of the job, it is more difficult to teach someone to have a great attitude. When I had to make a choice as a hiring manager, as long as I had time to teach the needed skills, I would take the good attitude any day! My past experience also taught me that when you hire a talented but “bad

seed”, it can undermine all the work you’ve done developing a first class team.

Of course there are times where circumstances require expertise over everything else. In a technology start up for example, aptitude may be THE most important thing to consider. This field is so competitive, that experience and the ability to innovate may be the only skills to consider. On the opposite side, a friendly, but not so experienced Customer Service Rep may be preferred for that position; someone who doesn’t get riled over a difficult phone call.

If I had two job candidates with identical skills - guess which one I would choose? Yes, the one with the better attitude!! I hope that next time you are faced with a hiring decision you can add this advice to your arsenal of tools.

Pat

Member News and Links

NOMINATIONS! We are now accepting nominations for Networker Of The Year.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the form!

Do You Know?

Network Member Debi Johnson

Debi is a busy lady! Like all of us she wears many hats. Her primary position at Lake Pines Event Center is to promote their uniquely rustic facilities for events of all kinds. She is also a sales rep for “88.5FM The Truth,” which is local Christian radio station. Get to know your fellow Network Member Debi Johnson!



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