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Network for Professional and Executive Women

Enhancing Women's Lives Through Cooperation, Understanding, and Giving



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH COLUMBUS REGIONAL

Melonese Close has been in the field of early childhood education for over 20 years as a teacher, director, consultant, and have developed and directed early childhood programs and centers. She received her Bachelors in Communication Science Disorders and a minor in Psychology from the University of Georgia.

Melonese is passionate about youth engagement and improving access to healthy eating and physical activity for children. This passion has led her to volunteer her time in regional and statewide collaborations. During her years as a director, she has been impacting healthy changes for young children and their families in the classroom, center, and community settings.

Melonese is a wife and mother. She enjoys spending time and engaging in various sports activities with her son, JB and husband, Rodney. When she is not with her family, Melonese enjoys exercising especially running. She actively she encourages other moms to be healthy role models for their children and families.

Melonese Close prides herself on her ability to build effective relationships and bring together multiple organizations for a common cause. Melonese is excited and eager to share her passion for wellness programming and desire to partner across multiple sectors and organizations in her role as a Population Health Program Coordinator. She is thrilled to be working for Columbus Regional Health and continuing to expand her knowledge of and impact around healthy lifestyles.

WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA

Q) Who became the first female Secretary of State of the U.S. - appointed by President Clinton in 1997?

A) Madeleine Albright

Q) Who became the first female vice-president candidate on a major political party ticket in 1984?

A) Geraldine Ferraro

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone! I hope this finds you all well. As I write this column, I'm finding myself with a severe case of "fall fever." The temperatures have cooled off, our humidity is down, and the sky is incredibly blue. I love this time of year, don't you? It's hard to believe the 2015 year of Network is winding down.

*"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here, with
summer's best of weather and
autumn's best of cheer."*

*- Helen Hunt Jackson
(1831-1885)*

Remember, we don't have a meeting in December and in lieu of our November meeting we have the annual year-end event. Mary Heisey is working hard at planning this get-together. Go ahead and mark your calendar for Thursday, November 19th at 6PM. At the year-end meeting, we'll induct our officers for 2016. That brings me to my next topic—signing up for a position on the board! There are several positions available including our newest "job" - Historian. This person will be in charge of visually documenting (a.k.a. taking pictures) of our meetings and events and working with our Website/Social Media officer to post on our various sites. We'll have hard copy forms at our luncheons this month and in October as well. You can email if you choose. We also will be announcing our Networker of the

Year at our November event. Some details on that can be found on page three of this newsletter.

Yet another thing to think about: each year the Girl Scouts recognize several women who are considered leaders in our community at their Women of Distinction event. We need to submit nominees from Network! If you have someone in mind, please let me or any of the board members know and we'll be sure to follow up.

Let's make it a good day.

Cheryl L. Myers



SEPTEMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT — KIM ROZYCKI

Kim Rozycki is the Director of the Cunningham Center and the Jim Blanchard Leadership Forum at Columbus State University.

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MEMBER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

*Happy Birthday!**

Angela Moore - Sept. 26

Kim Rozycki - Oct. 1

Durona Cowington - Oct. 6

Karen Cole - Oct. 7

Dana Cruzen - Oct. 11

Laura Grantham - Oct. 19

Debbie Johnson - Oct. 20

Davita Bynam - Oct. 21

**FYI - birthdays that fall in between meetings are announced here.*

2015 Meetings:

September 25

October 23

November 19 - year end party at 6PM

Networker of the Year

Each November, the Networker of the Year is recognized at our annual year-end event. Now is the time to think about who you'd like to nominate. We will have forms available at the September and October meetings. Nominees should be a member who is in good standing, has made outstanding contributions to the organization, promoted the purpose of the chapter within the workplace and has been involved in the community. The following criteria will be considered:

1. Number of years the individual has been a member of Network
2. Attendance at meetings
3. Participation on committees and at events
4. Number of years/times the member has served as a chairperson of a committee
5. Number of years member has served on the Board
6. Other civic and professional activities
7. Career advancement attained through either on-the-job training or further education.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping serve families whose children are hospitalized, the Ronald McDonald House is the perfect place to volunteer. Executive Director Renee Sturkie offers these prime opportunities; remember to get pictures for our website and social media!

- The annual "Day of Change" campaign event will be held Thursday, Oct. 15. Volunteers are needed on site at several area McDonald's locations to help collect change from customers. Contact Melody Moran at melody.moran@rmhcwga.org with any questions you may have.
- Ronald McDonald House is also conducting a "Wine Drive" over the next few weeks. If you'd like to drop off a bottle or two at the House between 9AM - 9PM, it'd be greatly appreciated.

Important Event

The GYN Cancer Support Group, Muscogee Teal Magnolias, is hosting an educational reception and silent auction called "Unmasking Gynecologic Cancers" Sunday, September 27 at 4PM. The event will be held at Green Island. The cost is \$25 per person or \$350 per sponsored table. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tealmagnolias.yapsody.com

Congratulations, Deborah! Our own Deborah Ammons is now a partner with Columbus accounting firm Robinson, Grimes & Company.



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