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As we near the end of October, the Presidential Election is consuming all of the news cycles. Many of you are probably saying that you are tired of it and ready for it to be over, but I wanted to remind you of a little history. On Election Day in 1920, millions of American women exercised their right to vote for the first time. It took activists and reformers nearly 100 years to win that right, and the campaign was not easy. On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified, enfranchising all American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. In

less than three weeks, we will have the opportunity to exercise our vote. Granted, this has not been an election season that we would care to repeat but we owe it to those ladies 96 years ago who fought so hard for us to do our part. Regardless of who you are voting for or what issues you are passionate about, you should be proud to cast your ballot and participate in our democratic process. I encourage you to research the local and state issues as well. There is a big vote about the intervention of the state into our failing schools. Do your homework, pull up a sample ballot and research your candidates. It is hard to believe that less than a century ago, we would not have had that opportunity! I look forward to seeing you all on the 28th!

Meeting Must-Knows



Population Health Coordinator Melonese Close with Columbus Regional will be our featured speaker this month. Her topic of discussion will be the Community Health Needs Assessment; A Year in Review.

Mary Heisey from Ruth Ann's Restaurant will be our member spotlight.



Member Announcements

How We Can Help With the holidays rapidly approaching, Network wants to do its part to help those with the greatest need. Please consider making a donation of a new, unwrapped toy for impoverished children from newborn to 17. This is for the *Sharing Christmas* program through Open Door Community House. Last year, the organization was able to serve 177 families and 676 children! For more information, contact Susan Sealy at susan@odch.org. Network is still collecting monetary donations and items for SafeHouse Ministries and teenagers served by Juvenile Drug Court. These young people really appreciate gift cards for music, restaurants, and the like.

Winding Down Please submit your nominees for the Networker of the Year and Mary Jane Galer Award by the meeting on the 28th. At this months' meeting, we will also vote on the proposed Slate of Officers for 2017 (see below) then we only have one more get together this year! The Annual Meeting will be held on THURSDAY, November 17th at 11:30AM. We'll introduce our board for 2017, enjoy some extra fellowship, draw for prizes, and announce our Networker and Mary Jane Galer winners.

In Sympathy Please keep Mary Heisey and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Mary lost her father earlier this month.

Best Wishes & Congrats! Longtime member Mary Stewart has submitted her resignation from Network. Mary just retired from TSYS and plans on spending more time traveling to see her granddaughter and elderly mother. God Speed, Mary. Enjoy your travels:) Also, congratulations to Bright Salon for celebrating their 6-year anniversary! Stop by their Open House anytime between 9AM—7PM on the 26th for food, fun, and door prizes.

2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Past President: Kim Rozycki President Elect: Lori Cooper Treasurer: Jann McMahan

Secretary: Erika Lockette Membership: Susan Sealy Partners in Community/Social: Erin Noelte Scholarship/Awards: Carmen Dudley Cheryl Mye

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCT 1 - Kim Rozycki OCT 6 - Durona Courington OCT 7 - Karen Cole

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OCT 11 - Daria Cruzen

OCT 19 - Laura Grantham OCT 20 - Debi Johnson OCT 27 - Nancy Williams

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