

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Brush It Off Paint & Sip Bar

Our gathering on Wednesday, August 10th will be a fun evening event at Brush it Off Paint & Sip Bar on Route 20 in Sturbridge.



So many people have said how nervous but excited they are because they have never painted before. Denise Morgan, Michele and other artists are there to guide you the whole way.

This event is open to you and anyone you want to bring as a guest, especially your family and friends. An opportunity to enjoy a night of painting and a time to spend with others enjoying good food and drink.

Please go to www.Brush-It-Off.com to register for this wonderful event.

When you are on their web site, go to the calendar for the month of August, click on WIB event, register and pay on line. It is as simple as that. Please let Denise know if you want to paint on canvas or a wine bottle.

Also, check out the Brush-it-Off Gallery.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call Carol Porra at 413-436-5343.

Board of Directors Meetings

Board of Directors meetings are open to all members. It is a good way to find out how to become more involved in the activities and decisions of Woman In Business, Inc. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, except for July, at 7:30 am in Brenda Bianculli's office in Charlton. Meetings are usually over by 8:45 am. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Karen Spiewak and she will put you on our agenda email list.

Committee Openings:

Publicity, membership, and programs need your help. Scheduled meeting are determined by need and the members themselves. For more information contact any board member. Thank you! Let's keep Woman In Business moving forward!

Woman In Business monthly meetings are being held at –

Old Sturbridge Village (Oliver Wight Tavern Entrance)

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566

Time: 12:00 noon (Registration at 11:45 am)

Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 non-member

Interested in sponsoring a luncheon?

Contact a board member or e-mail us at: info@wibsturbridge.org

Cost: \$50. Sponsor will be acknowledged at the luncheon they are sponsoring in the WIB newsletter and in e-mail reminder notifications.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KAREN SPIEWAK

Dear Members,

On behalf of Woman In Business, Inc., I extend sincere thanks to the following individuals who contributed to the success of **WIB's First Annual Business Expo** held on May 11th at Old Sturbridge Village.

Sponsors, vendors, volunteers, silent auction donors, and attendees; we could not have done this without your support!

Gold Sponsors (\$500) and Vendors: **Webster First Federal Credit Union; Your Hometown Shopper; Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., Sturbridge; & Spiewak Consultants.**

Silver Sponsor (\$250): **Southbridge Savings Bank.**

Vendors: **Antique appraiser Peter Yvanovich; Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School; Bay Path University; Center of Hope Foundation; Brenda M. Bianculli, CPA; Chamber of Central Mass South; Christopher Heights of Webster; Dave's Pest Control; Dress for Success Worcester; Empowerment-Hypnosis; 31 Gifts; Harrington HealthCare System; Heels Therapeutic Bodywork; Les Gardner Photography; Lettuce 'n Beans; Live A Flourishing Life; Music Lessons for Everyone; Noble Expo & Event Production; Old Sturbridge Village; Plexus Worldwide; Simple Indulgence Day Spa; The BizPal Company, LLC; Timeless Treasures Corner, Sturbridge/Fiskdale Senior Center; Ultimate Touch Spa Salon; Viridian Energy; & Work of Art Cookies.**

Silent Auction Donors: **Bay Path University; Sturbridge Coffee Roasters; Dudley Hill Golf Course; Brenda M. Bianculli, CPA; Chamber of Central Mass South; Brush It Off Paint & Sip Bar; Island Breeze Virtual Assistants; Cormier Jewelers; Old Sturbridge Village; Monique Lemaire; Dexter-Russell, Inc.; Boston Red Sox; Spiewak Consultants; The Publick House Historic Inn; Carol and Paul Porra; Paul and Doreen Gemme; Your Hometown Shopper; & Yankee Candle, Sturbridge.**

Volunteers: **Jay Brenner, Fallon Desforges, Paul Porra, James Porra, Sandy Tarasiak; & The Charlton Lions Club** for help with advertising.

Expo Event Co-committee members: **Carol Porra, Maxine Carter-Lome & Becky Bruso.**

If you were a vendor or sponsor and did not have the opportunity to complete the event survey in your packet, please request one via email: spiewakconsultants@gmail.com.

Warm Regards,

Karen A. Spiewak, President
Woman In Business, Inc.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/EVENTS

June 8th Luncheon Meeting

The Board of Directors' elections were held at the June 8, 2016 luncheon meeting. The new and enthusiastic WIB members who were elected are **Maxine Carter-Lome**, Owner/Publisher at The Journal of Antiques & Collectibles, and **Laurie Nelson** from Christopher Heights Assisted Living for Seniors. **Carol Porra** was re-elected for a new two-year term. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board Member (we are looking for one more), please contact any WIB officer for information. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except July) at 7:30am at Brenda Bianculli's office in Charlton.

Do You Have a WIB Success Story to Share?

Have you or someone you know benefited from services provided by Woman in Business, Inc?

As part of our efforts to grow our membership, we are looking to find out about women who have been helped by Woman in Business, Inc. We want to hear about your success stories. These success stories are not limited to just our scholarship recipients. The WIB board is interested to hear stories or names of individuals who have experienced a positive outcome by being part of WIB, in general, or as a result of a WIB scholarship. Please send any of these names or stories to Becky Bruso via BeckyBruso@gmail.com or call me at 508-320-7832. The board is looking to publish any success stories our membership has had as a result of scholarships, networking, or other interactions with WIB.

WIB FIRST ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO



NEWS FOR MEMBERS

WIB Scholarship Recipients

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, members and non-members alike, who supported the scholarship with their time, talents and monetary donations throughout the year. A special thank you to the Scholarship Committee, Sue Tarasiak and Laurie Nelson for their dedication and commitment during the reading and selection of the recipients. Thank you to Becky Brusco for writing the mini bios that were read at the luncheon by Alycia Dzik, Karen Spiewak, Laurie and Becky. Such a great team!

All of the Scholarship recipients attended the luncheon and were presented with a \$500.00 check and a gift box filled with items donated by our members. These young ladies wrote wonderful essays about their future plans and told how excited they are to take this next step. The scholarship winners are Maci Melendy from Bay Path Regional High School; Ashleigh Prince from Southbridge Middle/High School; Heather Cho from Tantasqua Regional High School; Olivia Kiritsis and Rachel Bianculli from Shepherd Hill Regional High School. They all promised to stay in touch with WIB.

Our special guest speaker was Hannah Datz who was a scholarship winner in 2006. She told us about her journey and the little bumps in the road to becoming Vice President of Consumer Engagement at SAP America, a global business enterprise software firm. Hannah also told us about her experiences when looking into the job market and some things to do and not do when in an interview. One thing, "You do not have to tell your age." Hannah made her talk personal as she had read a little of each recipients' essay.

WIB appreciated having Hannah at this meeting. She was looking forward to attending especially since it is the 30th anniversary for Woman In Business. Carol Porra gave Hannah an 8x10 photo taken when she received her award 10 years ago! We also presented her with a Yankee Candle gift bag. Thank you very much for making the trip from Philadelphia to be here with us at this year's scholarship presentations.



The Woman In Business Board of Directors Announces the Creation of a New Website

In keeping with our commitment as an organization that supports women by fostering networking; sharing information and experiences; and providing educational opportunities, we are embarking on a new venture. A new website is in process that will conform to these ideas and represents us as an organization for the modern woman. We expect the new website to be operational by this fall and when it is ready for all to enjoy we will send out a notification and information related to its use. This will be an interactive website and allow members to see in real time what is happening in the world of Woman In Business. You will also have the ability to register and pay for events directly through the website. This will also be a mobile friendly website so that even with a Smartphone you will have all the capabilities that you have on a full computer. We look forward to the beginning of a new era in communication for Woman In Business.



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**Maxine Carter-Lome,
Laurie Nelson & Carol Porra**

Everyone likes to WIN!

Each month we have a 50/50 raffle as well as other prizes, from wine, candy, candles and gift cards, to name a few. Each person who brings a raffle item to a lunch meeting will receive one free raffle ticket.

Speaker Gift Bags: We need your help!

We need your help! If you have any promotional items from your business or workplace, we can put a bag together or you can assemble your own gift items for our speakers. Items do not have to be business related, chocolates (who doesn't like chocolate?), gift cards, candles, etc. If each member of WIB was able to donate nine items, we would be in good shape for the coming year. Attaching your business card to the items will help promote what you do. Please e-mail Carol Porra at Dryf@aol.com to arrange to pick up your items or you may bring them to a meeting. Any offering will be greatly appreciated.

Like us on Facebook and Share and Comment Too!

We are building our presence on Facebook and adding information regularly. We post pictures from past meetings. Our goal is to build our social media presence. To do this, we need your help! When people comment and share on what is posted, Facebook values these interactions and it helps us boost our popularity and reach.

Consider joining our Woman in Business group; we have great informative speakers, time for networking and a wonderful buffet lunch.

