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Dear WCC Members:

We have a number of events scheduled over the next few months and we hope that all of you will take the opportunity to attend at least one of them. For our new members, we would like to invite you to a New Member Orientation Breakfast which will be held in October. We will have the chairs of all of our committees there to give you an overview of what they do and we invite you to participate in at least one of the committees. All of our members are also invited to attend. The date and location will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for your invitation in your email!

On Tuesday, October 14th, a group of five organizations will be hosting a Candidates' Forum. The organizations are the Black Chamber of Commerce of PBC, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of PBC, Leadership PBC and the Women's Chamber. The Forum will be held at the Harriet Himmel Theater at City Place at 7:00 p.m. You not only will hear from the candidates, but you will get a brief overview of the questions that will be on the November ballot. This will be a very informative Forum...we encourage you to attend so that you will be an informed voter when you go to the polls on November 4th.

The Women's Chamber and the Women's Chamber Foundation has a joint fundraising project where all the proceeds will go towards scholarships...it is a cookbook! Please see the article by Sandra Kaplan, the Foundation Chair, in this Newsletter for more information. Please note that only Chamber members are eligible to submit recipes. The deadline is fast approaching and we want to hear from you! We plan to have the Cookbook ready for sale in early November. What a great Holiday gift!

Lastly, if you have any comments, ideas, thoughts and/or suggestions, please share them with me...remember, this is **YOUR** Chamber! I look forward to seeing you soon!



PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Julie Kelly, Chair & Huntley Miller, Vice Chair

The WCC Program Committee has been working with the other Women's Chamber & Women's Chamber Foundation committees the past few weeks to plan a wonderful year for our members. Each month our committees will have an event that is unique. We are very happy to announce that the Women's Chamber Holiday Luncheon will be held in the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center, Thursday, December 11th. The Foundation will again host vendors and an auction which will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

We will also be hosting a "Hats Luncheon" planned for January 7th, 2009! Be sure to wear your favorite hat, as we have prizes for the most beautiful, funniest and most unique. It will be lots of fun and the networking opportunities will be limitless. So look in your closet and dust off your hats!

We welcome your feedback on the Program Committee. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with any of these events, we always welcome new members to our committee. Please contact Julie Kelly (561-776-1600) or Huntley Miller(561-385-5044) for more information.

NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Kim Deveney-Chair, Linda Petruski, Liz Bacall, Nora Clemons and Andrea Plevin



We have planned Eleven (11) Business Networking Mixers this year throughout the county. These mixers are designed to give our members and potential new members a chance to see how effective the business card exchange works. We will also spotlight our newest members with the presentation of the Women's Chamber Plaque as well as a "minute on the microphone" to introduce themselves and their profession!

The difference between our Women's Chamber of Commerce and other Chambers is that, as women, we do not just trade business cards to send business to each other (though that is important!). We *also* form friendships, share our lives, and connect on that special level that women in the business world experience.

We hope you will attend every single event so your business can have more exposure, and you can obtain more leads. Please bring friends and associates so WCC can grow in membership! After all, there is strength in numbers, and the more types of businesses from all over the Palm Beaches, the more we can refer to each other within the WCC membership. Business women gathering to support business women in lovely locations with great food and refreshments – that's what it's all about, because - **WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS!**

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Scholarship Cookbook Fund Raiser

Succulent Selections for Scholarships

You are invited to submit your favorite recipes (WCC Members Only) **All submissions must be entered no later than October 19th. Hurry!! We're only accepting 150 recipes!** Cookbooks go on sale in December. Please join in the fun of creating a cookbook at www.HeritageCookbook.com. As a contributor to the cookbook, you will be able to add and edit your own recipes. You won't be able to edit anyone else's work though – only the editor-in-chief, WCF Cookbook Committee, can do this. Please use lower case, no periods for measurement abbreviations; example tsp/tbl/cup.

To add your recipe please

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If you have any question or suggestions, please always feel free contact me at (561) 688-0048 or you may also go to www.womenschamberfoundaion.org.

See you at the next event!

Fondly,

Sandra Kaplan



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The CONNECTION is another way for you and 1500+ business readers to keep connected and stay up-to-date on WCC business.

Let us know what you think about the change and any additional ideas you may have for The CONNECTION

Send your feedback to info@womenschamber.biz.

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NOVEMBER 18—23, 2008



The LPGA's ADT Championship, November 18-23, 2008 at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, features a \$1,550,000 purse with the winner taking home a \$1 million paycheck, the largest first-place prize in the history of women's golf. The field for the ADT Championship, which includes #1 ranked Lorena Ochoa and the retiring Annika Sorenstam, starts with 32 players and by the final round there are only eight players remaining to vie for the \$1 million winner's check. All children 15 years old and under will receive free grounds admission when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

A few spots remain for the 2nd Annual CEO Challenge which includes nine holes on the new nine at Trump International Golf Club, a premium collectible item; a featured nationally known speaker and other surprises during the event.

New! Divot Divas come to Trump. Ladies, we are offering a very unique package just for you and your friends! Only twenty-five women per day have the opportunity to view a clinic with an LPGA Tour member and take a 10 minute lesson on the range. Two Trump tickets and gift are also included.

Tickets to the ADT Championship are available online at www.adtchampionship.com or by calling 561-656-4400.

CHAMBER PHOTO GALLERY SPEED NETWORKING LUNCHEON THE CHESTERFIELD, PALM BEACH—SEPTEMBER 2008



WCC President, Theresa LePore and National City's Cheryl Hanes enjoy the luncheon.



Sandra Kaplan with Greg Palmer at the Chesterfield



Networking Chair Kim Deveney explains Speed Networking



The Luncheon Ladies



Jane Bloom & Jenny Dunburg



Laurie Albert & Huntley Miller



The Ladies were all business reading the Rules



Diana Wilde & Shirley Horn



Ruth Young & Kim Deveney

OCTOBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7 WCF BOARD MEETING	8	9	10	11
12	13 WCC BOARD MEETING	14 WCF LUNCHEON & LEARN	15	16 ICW LUNCHEON GIRAFFE AWARDS MEETING	17	18
19	20	21	22 NETWORKING MIXER	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7 WCC Foundation Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Bravo KB
- 13 WCC Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.- CNHS
- 14 WCC Foundation Luncheon
11:00 a.m. Crowne Plaza

Candidates Forum
7-9 p.m.
Harriet Himmel Theater
- 16 In the Company of Women
Luncheon—Noon—Kravis
Center

Giraffe Awards Meeting
WCC—5:30 p.m.
- 22 Networking Mixer
The Resort at Singer Island
5:30—7:30 p.m.



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