

# The Network News

A newsletter for the members of Metro Women's Network

January 2008

## January 2008 Meeting Annual Membership Drive Start Off the New Year Right!!

**Speaker/Event:** Juli Hale, Senior Home Economist with Better Homes and Gardens/Meredith Corporation.

Juli is a graduate of New England Culinary Institute and has been working in the Better Homes and Gardens test kitchen for 6 years. She will talk a little about what the general routine is in the test kitchen, what specific jobs they do and their training. She will also share some of the history of the test kitchen and which publications they serve. Juli will talk specifically about Better Homes and Gardens magazine and the Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook (the "red plaid"). She will also have some trivia for us, so make sure to wear your thinking caps!

**Date:** Thursday, January 17

**Location:** WDM Marriott, 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa



**Agenda:** 5:30 p.m. - social time  
6:15 p.m. - dinner  
7:15 p.m. - speaker

The evening will conclude with a drawing for door prizes.

**Menu:** Garden salad, pork pot roast, mashed potatoes, pan gravy, braised veggies, freshly baked rolls/butter and chocolate mousse cake

**Price:** \$25 for all attendees (cash bar)

**Reservations:** Please RSVP by noon on Monday, January 14th by e-mail to [rsvp@mwniowa.org](mailto:rsvp@mwniowa.org).

\* **Don't forget** to invite your family, friends and co-workers to this evening of fun and of course, food. We will have invitations available at the Holiday Social for you to hand out. This year we will also have an email invitation for you to send to perspective guests. This year, door prizes will be drawn for guests and for members who bring guests. The number of door prizes will be determined by the RSVP's of members and their guests. Members who pay their annual membership fees the night of the meeting will also be entered into the door prize drawing. We need your help with donating prizes for the meeting. Members that wish to donate a \$20 or above gift for the door prize drawing should contact Melissa Read or Meg Husen. Hope to see you all there.

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## From our President's Desk

Our Holiday Social meeting was a bit of a challenge due to the weather, but most of us made it and enjoyed a relaxing evening of conversation, great food and a wonderful wine selection at the historic Café Di Scala.

The 2008 Steering Committee was presented and approved and is as follows:

President: Michelle Patrick  
 Vice President: Mindi O'Kane  
 Secretary: Barb Livingston (temporary)  
 Newsletter: Dawn Kasotia  
 Treasurer: Sherry Johnson  
 At Large: Lisa Springer, Didi Loynachan, Julie McQuiston  
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Our Holiday Charity this year was The Beacon of Life, A Residential Center for Women located at, 1717 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. (<http://www.beaconofflivedm.org/aboutus.html>)

From the donations collected at the Holiday charity, we contributed 14 checks amounting to \$315.00 from our members to this center. Ruth Hardin received the contributions on Christmas Eve and called me personally to say Thank you and to invite us to come to this facility for a tour and a discussion with women whose lives are back on track due to the work of the Beacon. I will work with Ruth to arrange this and certainly this will make for a wonderful opportunity for a program meeting.

If you were unable to contribute as a part of the Holiday Social, you may still do so and under the comment section write "MWN Charity 2007."

New Membership Meeting: January 17!

I look forward to this meeting each year to invite friends to see what we are all about. Please see the attached post card invitation and get the word out regarding our annual membership drive. Julie Hale, Senior Home Economist with Better Homes and Gardens will be our speaker and we have fantastic cuisine from the West Des Moines Marriott on Jordan Creek Parkway.

Thank you for a wonderful year and best to all my MWN friends!

—Barb Livingston, 2007 President

