



Executive Womens Council Newsletter

December 2007

Welcome to the following new members who have joined or returned to EWC in recent weeks:

Urmi Ashar, M.D.
Principal
Market Cognition

Bonnie DiCarlo
Certified Financial Planner
with Allegheny Investments Ltd.

Mary Margaret Hill, Esq.
Attorney
Pietragallo Bosick and Gordon
LLP

Christine Kush
Associate Director
Institute for Entrepreneurial
Excellence
University of Pittsburgh

Titina Ott
VP Strategy and Organizational
Effectiveness
Oracle Global Customer Service

Linda Thier
Chief Financial Officer
Buhl Foundation

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On behalf of the board of the Executive Women's Council, we send best wishes for a happy and caring holiday season filled with family, fun, giving, and gratitude. We are grateful for all that EWC members individually and collectively have achieved during the year just ending and we look forward to a prosperous and productive 2008 for all of us.

Have a wondrous holiday. See you in the New Year!!!!

EWC News Briefs

WOMEN ON BOARDS UPDATE

The Women on Boards interactive database is now being tested by potential end-users and will reach the final design phase after a major feedback meeting on December 15. The database, accessible through the new EWC Web site, will soon be available to help publicize and advance the candidacy of qualified women interested in serving on high-level corporate, non-profit and governmental boards. Stay tuned soon after the holidays for information about the official launch of the site. We are very excited about this outstanding initiative.

CORO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SEEKS CANDIDATES

The Coro Center for Civic Leadership is seeking candidates for its upcoming Women in Leadership Program, which begins on January 31, 2008. This outstanding program, now preparing to welcome Class XI, was initially sponsored in part by EWC to help prepare future women leaders in the region. Participants engage in ten weeks of classes, targeted networking activities, group projects and interviews with senior Pittsburgh leaders. If you know of an aspiring woman leader who would benefit from participating in WIL, you can get details and application forms by contacting Misti McKeen, Coro Regional Institutes Program Manager, at mmckeehen@coro.org or 412-258-2676. If your organization can sponsor a participant with a full or partial scholarship, Misti also can tell you how.

NEWSMAKERS

Congratulations to **Heather Arnet**, who has been sworn in as a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Education.

We hope you also saw **Heather** at the Women and Girls Foundation Leveling the Playing Field banquet, **Sarah Davis Buss** at the UPMC gala, and new member **Linda Thier** at the Women's Center and Shelter benefit in recent issues of the PPG "Seen" Magazine. Did we miss anyone?

Events & Announcements

Special thanks to Carolyn Kozlowski and everyone at BNY Mellon Wealth Management/Escrow Services who graciously sponsored our fabulous holiday party on December 13.

Kudos for past programs:

Thanks to Fern Schwartz, Barbara Schwarck and all those involved in planning our most recent EWC events: The Ravenstahl-DeSantis forum, the panel of women entrepreneurs (Eve Picker, Catherine Mott, and Yvonne Campos with moderator Doris Carson Williams), and the luncheon program on business dining etiquette with Karen Litzinger. These were terrific and well attended programs that attracted diverse audiences.

2008 programs are now being planned.

We hope many of you join us in the coming New Year.

DOMESTIC ABUSE LEGISLATION SIGNED

Congratulations to Jeanne Clark of Pittsburgh NOW and to many others involved in municipal legislation to systematize scrutiny and discipline of Pittsburgh police officers cited for domestic abuse. The measure was signed into law on December 4. EWC testified in favor of this vital initiative in June and has remained a supporter. The tenacity and dedication of the outstanding women leaders who spearheaded the pro-legislation drive has had an amazing impact that would never have occurred without their tireless and extremely effective campaign. Great work!