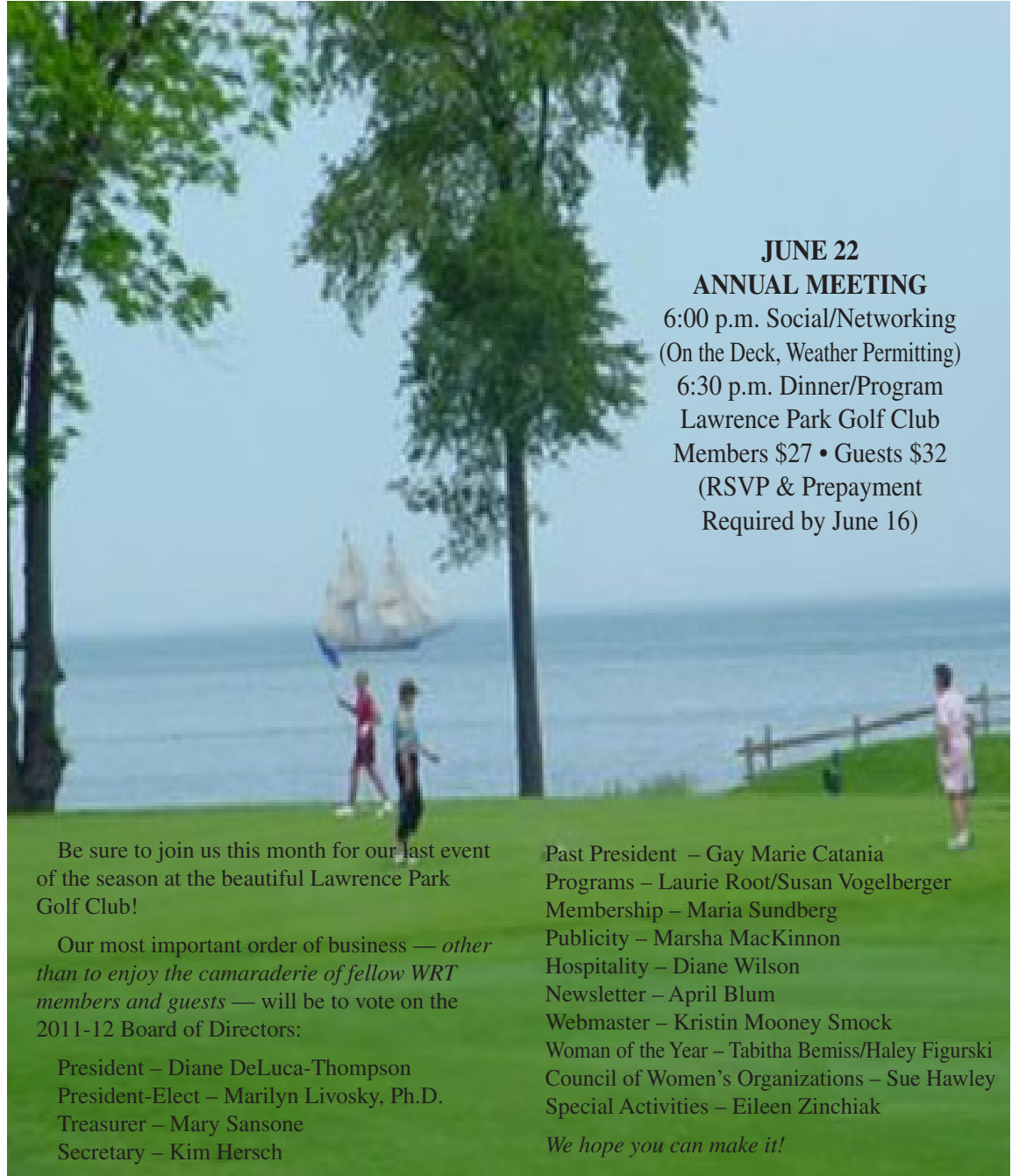




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A Monthly Publication of The Women's Roundtable

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JUNE 22

ANNUAL MEETING

6:00 p.m. Social/Networking
(On the Deck, Weather Permitting)

6:30 p.m. Dinner/Program
Lawrence Park Golf Club
Members \$27 • Guests \$32
(RSVP & Prepayment
Required by June 16)

Be sure to join us this month for our last event of the season at the beautiful Lawrence Park Golf Club!

Our most important order of business — *other than to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow WRT members and guests* — will be to vote on the 2011-12 Board of Directors:

President – Diane DeLuca-Thompson
President-Elect – Marilyn Livosky, Ph.D.
Treasurer – Mary Sansone
Secretary – Kim Hersch

Past President – Gay Marie Catania
Programs – Laurie Root/Susan Vogelberger
Membership – Maria Sundberg
Publicity – Marsha MacKinnon
Hospitality – Diane Wilson
Newsletter – April Blum
Webmaster – Kristin Mooney Smock
Woman of the Year – Tabitha Bemiss/Haley Figurski
Council of Women's Organizations – Sue Hawley
Special Activities – Eileen Zinchiak

We hope you can make it!

GROWTH

EXCELLENCE

MOTIVATION

STRENGTH

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT REQUIRED by JUNE 16.

Payment must be made in advance. Go to www.wrterie.org (News & Events tab) and choose your prepayment method (i.e., via PayPal or via check mailed to WRT, P.O. Box 3922, Erie, PA 16508). If you prefer to pay via check, you will still need to fill out the RSVP Online form under the News & Events tab. If you have any questions, please call or email Hospitality Chair Diane Wilson at 1-866-346-3122 or email her at wilsondiane@asburyliving.net (You must dial the "1" first).

Note: If you make a reservation, are unable to attend, and do not cancel within 48 hours of the event, you will be responsible for any costs incurred.

Visit us online at
www.wrterie.org

A Message From The President

"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. "
 ~Pauline R. Kezer~

As I reflect on my year as the President of The Women's Roundtable, I do so with great regard and genuine appreciation for this year's board. Long-standing members were the roots of our 24-year history ensuring preservation of the past as we all worked so diligently to secure our future. Newer WRT members on the board brought fresh ideas and energy. Every board member embraced the concept of growth – this paid off with an almost 50% increase in membership this fiscal year! And, this board worked very hard at securing The WRT's future culminating in board decisions to file for 501(c)(3) status and securing appropriate insurance to secure our assets. Updated Bylaws will be presented to the full membership at the annual membership meeting – which, by the way, holding the annual membership meeting in June is one of the changes made. We hope you attend the annual meeting to learn more about the positive changes made this year. Based on the great job done by the WRT's 2010-2011 Board of Directors, I have to honestly say that we are leaving a stable foundation from which future Boards can spread their wings and reach new heights!

Thank you for this opportunity to serve each and every one of you wonderful women! It has been a journey I am most grateful to have been part of.

Best wishes to the incoming board!

Gay Marie Catania

TidBits ...

Theresa Power-Natale was mentioned recently in the Erie Times-News People section for attending the May 18 Garden Party at the Barber National Institute. The event included a style show, free spa services and shopping.

Linda Stevenson is set to receive yet another honor. The Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania has named Linda as the 2011 Woman of Distinction. She'll accept her award on August 9 at the Bayfront Convention Center, along with the Gannon University Small Business Development Center, which is being honored as the Corporation of Distinction. *Congratulations, Linda!*

Eileen Zinchiak had an article in the June issue of Lake Erie LifeStyle magazine featuring interesting events in our region for the month of June.



Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper	6/08
Kim Hersch	6/10
Roberta McCall	6/11
Mary Graziano	6/18
Susan Weiner	6/25
And Happy Birthday next month to:	
Susan Wendel	7/04
Elaine Surma	7/06
Mary-Ellen Madigan	7/08
Tami Petrucelli	7/19
Debbie Trocki	7/23
And our August Birthday Girls:	
Diane DeLuca-Thompson	8/07
Delores Catalde	8/08
Kim Stucke	8/09
Lesia Stone	8/14

A Note from our 2011 Woman of the Year



I can't thank the Women's Roundtable enough for recognizing women in our community for 24 years, and the selection committee for honoring me as this year's Woman of the Year. To be in the company of the outstanding ladies nominated this year and those past, was an honor in itself. A "big" thank you to my nominators, **Marianne Levstek**,

Sheila Baldwin and **Heidi Schlabach** for thinking me worthy and giving me this very unexpected pat on the back. It has been life changing for myself and my program, Dress for Success® Erie, to which I hold so close to my heart. I have been blessed in countless ways to be part of Mercy Center for Women for the past 12 years. And I am so grateful to **Chris Tombaugh** and MCW for giving me the opportunity to empower women just like myself. There is nothing better in this world than the feeling you get when you know you are a part of making a difference in someone's life. Whether it be your family, friends or the women you serve.

The evening was beautiful and so inspiring! To be surrounded by my family, friends and all the guests was uplifting. I shall never forget this honor and the level of recognition it holds. I will remember this as I continue to give MCW and the women of Dress for Success® Erie my very best.

To all the nominees, I share this award, because "it takes a village" to make our community a better place for all.

With heartfelt thanks,
 Mary Graziano



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers to **Sue Hawley** and her family on the passing of her nephew, **Robert Fulgon**. Robert died in March. He lived in Florida.

The Women's Roundtable 2010-2011 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Gay Marie Catania	440-2265
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Council of Women's Organizations	Maria Sundberg	897-3707



Upcoming Women's Roundtable Events

*** SUMMER BREAK ***

Watch for details about our Picnic in August!



We have more new members to introduce to you this month! *Welcome to the Club, ladies!*

Victoria (Vic) Delaney, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of College of Engineering & Business at Gannon University. Vic volunteers as a board member of the FLAG Little League and various activities through Gannon University. She's a reality show junkie (*her words!*) and she enjoys baking, cooking, education and socializing. Other interests include Ethics, Management, Organizational Behavior and Project Management.

Mary E. Schaaf, a retired Sr. Financial Advisor, CFM. Mary volunteers on the boards of Safenet, Catholic Charities and as vice-chairman of Edinboro University Foundation. Her hobbies include gardening,

travel and finance.

Maryanne Thornton, a Certified Human Behavior Consultant/Executive Director at In Progress, LLC. Maryanne volunteers with Epic Faith Church, Women 2 Women and enjoys reading, movies and Zumba, as well as downhill skiing.

Be sure to invite a friend or colleague to join you at a WRT event. For membership information, feel free to call Membership Director **Theresa Power-Natale** at 833-4763 or visit our website at www.wrterie.org.



Bo Iole shown here with her son, Christopher, in Hawaii before she and her husband took one fabulous boat ride!

A Once in a Lifetime Experience

Bo and **Pete Iole** had the great pleasure to reunite with their son, **Christopher**, in Hawaii in March, upon his return from a six-month deployment in the Middle East.

Christopher is a Navy helicopter pilot with the HSC 12 Squadron based out of San Diego. His squadron deployed with the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group.

They had the awesome experience of sailing on the USS Lincoln from Pearl Harbor to San Diego, embarking on a five-day adventure with 6,000 of the finest men and women in the world.

It was like "Take Your Parents to Work Week," plus the Navy planned plenty of activities to keep them busy each day.

Bo said, "We gained a special appreciation for what our military does on a daily basis and the sacrifices they make to protect our freedom. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience."

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR:
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, ARCHIVED TOUCHLINES,
WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORMS

WWW.WRTERIE.ORG

JUST FOR WOMEN ...

Menopause Coaching

Hamot Health Connection

Hot flashes? Night sweats? Mood Swings? For information on managing menopause, schedule a private consultation and educational session with **Debbie DeAngelo, RNC, BSN**, author of *Sudden Menopause*. Cost is \$45 for a 50-minute appointment. Call 877-6145.

Yoga Classes

Hamot Health Connection

There are many evening classes to choose from and various instructors available. From Beginning/Continuing Classes to Yoga During Pregnancy, Gentle Yoga and Gentle/Restorative Yoga. New 8-session classes are starting in July. Cost is \$48-64. Call the Hamot Health Connection at 877-6145 for more information.

ZUMBA FITNESS®. MOVING THE WORLD TO A NEW BEAT.

Wednesdays, July 13 - August 31

5:30 - 6:20 p.m.

Hamot Health Connection

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. *Sounds like fun!*

Instructor: Susan McCall. For more information or to register, call the Hamot Health Connection at 877-6145.

Save the Date!
**ATHENA AWARD
LUNCHEON**
October 7

Bel-Aire Hotel & Conference Center

Quote of The Month

"If you value yourself, you understand that you are a gift to anyone you meet."

Rhonda Britten

The Women's Roundtable Membership

Valerie Baltzer
 The Honorable Susan Paradise Baxter ●
 Tabitha Jones Bemiss
 Brenda Bennett
Karen Benson ◆
 Pamela Biroschak
 April Blum
 Sheryl Bruinsma
Elizabeth Butler ◆
 Delores Catalde
 Gay Marie Catania ❖☎
 Dorothy Christoph ■
Bonnie Conley ◆
 Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
Victoria (Vic) Delaney ◆
 Diane DeLuca-Thompson ☎☉☎
 Elsie Dickson
 Janice DiLuzio
 The Honorable Stephanie Domitrovich ●
Christine Domster ◆
Maureen Dunn ◆
 Veronica Dunn
Nancy Dusckas ◆
 Haley Figurski
 Audrey Gallagher
Marilyn Gallagher ◆
 Mary Graziano
 Nadia Havard
 Sue Hawley ☎
 Kim Hersch
 Bozena (Bo) Iole ☎
 Rubye Jenkins-Husband ●

Melanie Ann Johnson ◆
Rebecca Jones ◆
Anita Kuchcinski ◆
 Marietta Kuehn
 Mary Ann Kupniewski
 Irene Lampros
 Janet Laskowski
Kimberly Lawrence ◆
 Candace Littell
 Marilyn Livosky, Ph.D. ☉
 Marsha MacKinnon ☉☎
Mary-Ellen Madigan, Ph.D. ◆
 Roberta McCall
 Jeanne Miller
Eva Misevski ◆
 Jeri Pascale
Deborah Pavlek ◆
Arlene Piskor ◆
 Theresa Power-Natale ☎
 Laurie Root
 Gera Ruhland
 Mary Sansone ☎
Mary Schaaf ◆
Robin Scheppner ◆
Mary Schmidt ◆
 Peggy Schwab
Laurie Ann Scutella ◆
 Amber Shenk
 Kristin Mooney Smock ☎
 Linda Stevenson ☎
Lesia Stone ◆

Kim Stucke ●☎
 Rebecca Styn
 Maria Sundberg ☎
 D. Elaine Surma
Jean Tauber ◆
Demarie Thompson ◆
Maryanne Thornton ◆
 Chris Tombaugh
 Debbie Trocki ☉
Kathleen Turner ◆
 Dawn Van Scoter
 Susan Vogelberger
Marilyn Walker ◆
 Valerie Weaver
 Susan Weiner
 Susan Wendel ☉☎
 Diane Wilson ☎
 Ann Marie Yezzi-Shareef, Ph.D.
 Eileen Zinchiak ☉☎

Legend:

- ◆ New Member!
- ☎ 2010 Woman of the Year
- 1987 Woman of the Year
- Former Woman of the Year
- ☎ 2010-11 Board Member
- ❖ 2010-11 President
- ☉ Past President
- ☎ Founding Member