



# TouchLine

A Monthly Publication of The Women's Roundtable

November 2011

**November 9**

**Second Harvest Food Bank**

**5:30 p.m. Networking**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner**

**7:00 p.m. Tours**

**1507 Grimm Drive, Erie\***

**Croissant Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert**

**Members \$10.00 • Guests \$13.00**

**RSVP by Friday, November 4**

The Women's Roundtable invites you to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania for an evening of social and business networking. Enjoy a tour of the Food Bank's facilities with Executive Director Karen Seggi.

Second Harvest Food Bank recently earned a prestigious rating from America's leading charity evaluator for the fourth straight year. The Erie-based agency was awarded the Charity Navigator's four-star rating, indicating the agency "consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other charities in America." Only eight percent of the nation's 5,400 charities rated by the nonprofit have re-

ceived at least four consecutive four-star evaluations.

In celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday, members and guests are asked to bring a Non-Perishable Food Item to donate.

\* Directions – Second Harvest is in the Veshecco Industrial Park. Entrance to the Park is about a half block south of 12th & Greengarden. There are two streets in the Park; take the one that goes straight (the other curves to the left). Second Harvest is the second building on the right. There is a large parking lot; use the front door to enter.

Of course, attendees are welcome to bring more than one food item!

**RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT REQUIRED by November 4, 2011.**

Payment must be made in advance. Go to [www.wrterie.org](http://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 Director Diane Wilson at 1-866-346-3122 or email her at [wilsondiane@asburyliving.net](mailto: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.*

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# A Message From The President

Our 8th Annual Member Showcase was a huge success! The First Niagara Community Room was the perfect venue this year, as we've outgrown our previous location at Signs Now (thank you, **Sue Hawley**, for welcoming us the previous seven years). We had a fantastic selection of member exhibitors, exciting networking opportunities, and wonderful food and beverages. Thank you to **Maria Sundberg** and **Kim Hersch** for allowing us to use the Community Room gratis and to **Chris Froess** and her Program Committee for putting it all together ... *Bravo!*

The WRT became a member of The Nonprofit Partnership in October. Several members and myself worked the WRT exhibit in order to spread the word about the Gerry B. Wallerstein Grant program. It was a very productive day ... not only did we advise those that stopped by about the program, but we had many genuinely interested in WRT membership!

As the holiday season approaches, let's keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves. We'll be kicking off the season this month at Second Harvest Food Bank and continue the celebration with our Holiday Party at the Erie Maennerchor Club in December. My charity of choice this year is the "Women's Connection Ministry," a one-year old program of the Erie City Mission. It began with a vision and continues its mission to serve as an outreach to connect women from diverse backgrounds to fellowship and encourage one another in God's Word through Bible study, social activities and service opportunities. We'll share more with you in the December issue of TouchLine!

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please try to attend an event before the end of the year ... you won't be disappointed! *And, of course, we miss you!*

Diane DeLuca-Thompson  
President

## Bibles for Stamps

Please remember to save your cancelled postage stamps for missions. One pound of stamps will buy one Bible for a third world country in their language. You can pass your stamps on to CWO representative **Sue Hawley** or mail them directly to: **Nancy Rusnak**, Trinity Lutheran Women, 930 West Gore Road, Erie, PA 16509. Trinity Lutheran Women is a fellow member of the Council of Women's Organizations.



### Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Jean Tauber	11/01
Christine Froess	11/10
Marilyn Walker	11/10
Bo Iole	11/12
Demarie Thompson	11/15
Gay Catania	11/20
Wendy Braine	11/27

### WEBSITE ADVERTISING AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

WRT is offering its members the opportunity to place a business card-size ad on our website with a link to your website, if desired. The cost is only \$20/year. *You can't beat it!*

If you're interested, call or email **Webmaster Kristin Mooney-Smock** at 397-7973 or [KRM158@yahoo.com](mailto:KRM158@yahoo.com).

## TidBits ...

**April Blum** appeared on several national television shows, Ed Mathews' column in the September 28 issue of the Erie Times-News and she was featured online at MSN.com on October 5...*all from couponing!*

**Gay Catania** welcomed a new addition to her family recently ... Miss Annie's an adorable two-year old Maltese with eyes that will melt your heart!

**Gay Catania, Diane DeLuca-Thompson, Sue Hawley, Kristin Mooney-Smock** and **Eileen Zinchiak** manned the WRT exhibit at The Nonprofit Day Conference held at the Bayfront Convention Center on October 12 to share the Gerry B. Wallerstein Fund Grant program.

**Bonnie Conley** exhibited at the UPMC Hamot Healthy Woman Seminar in September.

**Veronica Dunn** was recently honored as a member of Coldwell Banker SELECT, REALTORS® International Sterling Society for her outstanding sales performance thus far in 2011.

**Marsha MacKinnon** has accepted a full-time position at the Gannon SBDC as their Media Specialist/W.I.L.D. Conference Coordinator.

**Mary Schaaf** was featured in the September 4 issue of the Erie Times-News Her Times on Reinventing Retirement. She worked as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch for 33 years before her own retirement. Of course, now she wants to be your Erie County Controller!

**Valerie Weaver** was one of the featured presenters at the For Women Only Expo held in October.

**Patty Welther** was featured in the October 2 issue of the Erie Times-News Her Times. The article was about "Falling in Love ... Again." *Lucky girl!*

### The Women's Roundtable 2011-2012 BOARD MEMBERS

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## Upcoming Women's Roundtable Events

**DECEMBER 15**

5:30 P.M.  
WRT HOLIDAY PARTY  
ERIE MAENNERCHOR CLUB  
1607 STATE STREET  
ERIE

**JANUARY 20**

BEACH BALL BINGO  
OVERNIGHT OPTIONAL  
BEL-AIRE CLARION HOTEL  
2800 W. 8TH STREET  
ERIE



This Thanksgiving season let us welcome new members. *Welcome to the Club, Ladies!*

**Georgeann Antalek** works for the Barber National Institute as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of External Affairs. In her free time she enjoys gardening, journaling and planning parties. *Welcome back!*

**Mary DePalma Hogg**, Certified Public Accountant and Willow House Representative, enjoys training her dogs, playing cards, reading and taking walks. She spends time volunteering at the Humane Society fostering dogs and helping at the food bank.

Be sure to invite a friend or colleague to join you at a WRT event. For membership information, feel free to call **Membership Director Maria Sundberg** at 897-3707 or visit our website at [www.wrterie.org](http://www.wrterie.org).

## Survey Says!!

Each month, we'll be sharing some of the results of our Member Survey that was conducted in August 2011. Thank you for your invaluable participation ... we had 50 completed responses!

Member Survey Results – Part I

### How long have you been a member of WRT?

Less than 1 year ..... 62%  
Between 1-3 years ..... 16%  
More than 3 years ..... 16%  
Other (from 6-24 years) ..... 6%

### What was your primary reason for joining WRT?

To meet other dynamic women, working or not ..... 52%  
To network with other women for business purposes ..... 56%  
To recognize women in our community (WOTY) ..... 14%  
My friend talked me into it ..... 8%  
Something to do ..... 2%

### What types of programs are you most interested in?

Networking (unstructured, light dinner fare/dessert) ..... 67%  
Professional Development (structured, dinner fare, 2 hours or less) ..... 67%  
Professional Development (structured, workshop, half day) ..... 29%  
Hobbies or Special Interests (sporting events, crafts) ..... 8%

## Newsletter Information

If you have any news or information you'd like to share with members and friends of Women's Roundtable, forward to **Newsletter Editor April Blum** via email at [fssa\\_april@yahoo.com](mailto:fssa_april@yahoo.com) or call her at 384-3969.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, ARCHIVED TOUCHLINES,  
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WALLERSTEIN FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

[WWW.WRTERIE.ORG](http://WWW.WRTERIE.ORG)

## JUST FOR WOMEN ...

### COUPON BOOT CAMP

Friday, November 4

19:00 Hours

Registration \$20

St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community  
147 West 24th St.  
Erie, PA

[www.thecoupongeneral.com](http://www.thecoupongeneral.com)



*Cassandra Aho Benefit*

Saturday, November 5 · 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Ferraro Gallery

1020 Holland St. (11th & Holland)  
Erie, PA  
[sisters.on.a.mission@gmail.com](mailto:sisters.on.a.mission@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATES

### Woman of the Year

Reception

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Banquet

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ambassador Conference Center  
7794 Peach St., Erie, PA

### Women's History Month

Dinner Banquet

Monday, May 5, 2012

Erie Maennerchor Club  
1607 State St., Erie, PA

### Women in Leadership

#### Development

Conference

Friday, May 11, 2012

Erie Bayfront Convention Center  
[www.wild.sbdcgannon.org](http://www.wild.sbdcgannon.org)

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### Quote of The Month

“The phrase ‘working mother’ is redundant.”

Jane Sellman

## The Women's Roundtable Membership

**Sharon Anderson** ♦  
**Shirley Anderson** ♦  
**Georgeann Antalek** ♦  
 Valerie Baltzer  
 The Honorable Susan Paradise Baxter ●  
 Tabitha Bemiss ☎  
 Brenda Bennett  
 Karen Benson  
 Pamela Biroshak  
 April Blum ☎  
**Wendy Braine** ♦  
 Sheryl Bruinsma  
 Elizabeth Butler  
**Jodie Camillo** ♦  
 Delores Catalde  
 Gay Marie Catania ☉☎  
 Dorothy Christoph ■  
 Bonnie Conley  
 Mary Ellen Dahlkemper  
 Victoria (Vic) Delaney  
 Diane DeLuca-Thompson ☎☉❖☎  
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 Janice DiLuzio  
 The Honorable Stephanie Domitrovich ●  
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 Tami Petrucelli  
 Arlene Piskor  
 Theresa Power-Natale  
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 Robin Scheppner  
 Mary Schmidt  
 Peggy Schwab  
 Laurie Ann Scutella  
 Amber Shenk  
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 Lesia Stone  
 Kim Stucke ●  
 Rebecca Styn  
 Maria Sundberg ☎

Jean Tauber  
 Demarie Thompson  
 Maryanne Thornton  
 Chris Tombaugh  
 Debbie Trocki ☉  
 Kathleen Turner  
 Dawn Van Scoter  
 Susan Vogelberger  
 Marilyn Walker  
 Valerie Weaver  
 Susan Weiner  
**Patty Welther** ♦  
 Susan Wendel ☉  
 Diane Wilson ☎  
 Ann Marie Yezzi-Shareef, Ph.D.  
 Eileen Zinchiak ☉☎

### Legend:

- ♦ New Member!
- ☎ 2011 Woman of the Year
- 1987 Woman of the Year
- Former Woman of the Year
- ☎ 2011-12 Board Member
- ❖ 2011-12 President
- ☉ Past President
- ☎ Founding Member