

Letter from the President

Ladies,

Happy Valentine's Day! Here's to hopes for an early spring, since the groundhog didn't see his shadow.

Those of you who were unable to make the January meeting, please note the December membership renewals are delayed. The email that was sent unfortunately didn't reach all recipients for reasons unknown. So, if you are a December renewal like me, you will need to contact the corporate office directly this month to make those payments. This is due to the database and website change that is taking place this month - the new website should launch on February 29, 2016. After the launch the renewals will be done on-line as before.

February's presenter is going to be one of our own, Samantha Lane from King University. She is going to be talking about "Networking Now". I hope that everyone makes plans to attend.

In the theme of networking, we are having a few extra outings this year in addition to our normal monthly meetings. These outings are another opportunity for us to get together and bring prospective new members in a less formal environment. We will not have a speaker, just a time for socializing, and the meetings will be scattered throughout the year. The first outing will be February 25th at the Gourmet Market, 5107 Kingston Pike, 7:30-9:00 am. Don't worry, if you can't make this one, hopefully you can attend another later.

The Corporate webinar this month was interesting as it was about turning your "Woe to Wow". There were several take a ways for me including: women are natural leaders, masters of networking, and relationship specialists for healthy and long lasting relationships. I challenge you to find your "WOW". When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

Best Regards,
Zandra Coppenger
Chapter President

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Welcome New Members!



Elle Benson is the Director of Training with **Alliance for Better Non-Profits** based in Knoxville.



Terri Volland (right) serves as the Travel Principal with **Sterling Global Operations** out of Lenoir City.

Please make all of our guests and new members feel welcome – extend a hand, offer to make introductions, or send a note after a meeting.

Preparing for Scholarship & Golf

Peggy Wilson is working diligently with the local high school counselors to get applications in for our EWISP Scholarship. You can help by encouraging folks who may have children eligible to ask their counselor for an application. We have had excellent candidates in the past and know that will continue. Our ASIST Scholarship candidates are also being evaluated. Please plan on joining us for Scholarship night – one of the most uplifting meetings we have each year.

Laura Joyce and Jan Delaney are also diligently working on our charity golf tournament to be held **June 6th at Egwani Farms**. This is a new location so please communicate that to your teams. We should have registration cards available within the next few weeks but go ahead and start getting teams together now. If your firm cannot provide a team, your presence as a volunteer on tournament day would be most helpful. Finally, we are also gathering goody bag items (koozies, sunscreen, tees, etc.). Please coordinate your donation items with Laura Joyce via email: laura.joyce@pilottravelcenters.com.

Chapter Meeting, February 16, 2016

11:30 at Gettysvue

NETWORKING NOW! With SAMANTHA LANE

Samantha Lane is a creative communications professional, experienced in advertising, marketing, public relations, business development, client relations, and event planning. She builds brand recognition for King University in the Knoxville, and surrounding, market through professional relationships and community involvement. She is an expert at connecting external needs with internal resources to ensure positive outcomes. Samantha is also actively involved in various chambers and professional associations in the Knoxville region. Building professional relationships is her “career life blood” as well as a passion.



SIDE BAR: DRAWING

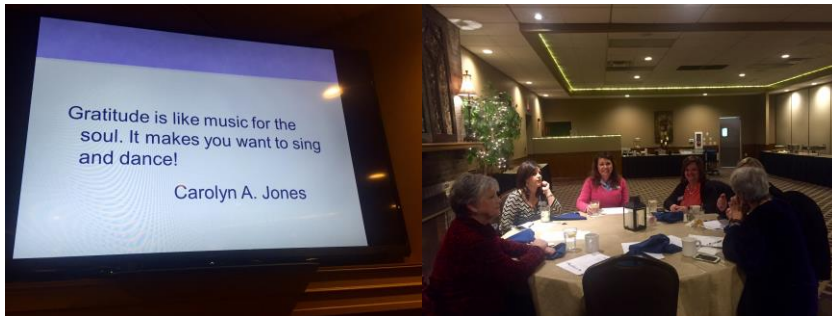
A late arrival from our fund-raising efforts left us with a weekend stay at the Ritz Carlton in Charlotte to offer as a drawing. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Must be present at the February meeting to win.

GOOD LUCK!

January Meeting Highlights

Carolyn Jones did an amazing job with our January meeting focusing our energies on *gratitude*. Our survey results were very positive and many of us praised her presentation. We had so many guests, too! What a beautiful way to kick off our new year! Please remember to reach out to guests and potential new members at each meeting! You could be the difference in someone feeling connected during this time.

Are YOU practicing your attitude of gratitude?



What a beautiful thought.

We aren't singing, but we're happy!



These are some of our great visitors and potential new members talking with Zandra Coppenger after the presentation.

We had 7 visitors!



Carolyn had so many interesting points and helped us see how our thoughts are connected to all parts of our mental and physical well-being.

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- WBIR TV 10

Reasons to Celebrate!



Update on **Joy Sutton** (representative with **WBIR TV 10**): Joy is on the mend and improving steadily. She called to thank everyone for their well-wishes and the beautiful card she received. Please keep her in your thoughts as she recovers.



Congratulations **Christa Early** (representative with Employbridge/Staffing Solutions)! Christa received TWO top_performer awards recently, the **Circle of Excellence Award** and **President’s Club!** We’re very proud of your accomplishments, Christa, and wish you continued success.



Member Firm **Jason’s Deli** in Knoxville now caters and delivers orders of \$20 or more. The delivery fee is just \$5. The Catering Guide and Deli Menu can be found at www.jasonsdeli.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 3 – Sherry Ellis (Home Federal)
February 4 – Connie Leggett (LBMC)
February 6 – Chelsea Craig (Jason’s Deli)

DATES TO NOTE

February 16, 2016
Chapter Meeting
Lunch at Gettysvue

Speaker: Samantha Lane
“Networking Now”

February 25, 2016
Extra Outing – Self Pay

Join us for this “extra” time to network! 7:30 a.m. at Gourmet Market (Guests Welcome)

March 15, 2016
Chapter Meeting
Dinner at Gettysvue – 5:30

Speaker: Donna Walker
“Personal Style for Professional Success”

April 19, 2016
Chapter Meeting
Dinner at Gettysvue – 5:30

Speaker: Chris Ruel
“Situational Awareness”

May 17, 2016
Scholarship Night
Dinner at Gettysvue – 5:30
Speaker TBD

June 6, 2016
NEW LOCATION!
Golf Tournament at Egwani Farms Golf Course

June 23, 2016
Extra Outing – Self Pay
5:30 pm at Aubrey’s Papermill

July 19, 2016
PBS Firm Night!