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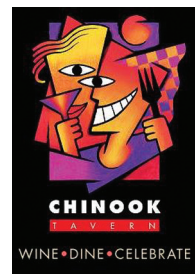
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Connecting Women Personally, Professionally and Philanthropically

2012 January Networking Luncheon

Join the fabulous women of The Alliance as we **kick-off our 2012 monthly Networking Luncheon's** at a new favorite, **Chinook Tavern** in DTC (formally in Cherry Creek). **Cheers to networking, making connections and making a difference with the APW this New Year.** Chinook Tavern, at Village Center Station, is located at 6380 South Fiddlers Green Circle, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111. A Diners' Choice Winner 2011 where **CHEF MARKUS** has crafted a menu featuring a line of dishes inspired by classic European cuisine. You will have a hard time choosing one entrée this month, but you must!



CLICK HERE TO RSVP!

The MENU: Starts with Soup of the Day

Choice of Entrée:

House Apple Wood Smoked Scallops
Mixed greens, strawberries, and cassis vinaigrette **OR**

Pan-Roasted Colorado Chicken Breast
Goat cheese whipped potatoes, sambal broccoli and natural jus **OR**

Duck Confit Pizza
Sake hoisin glaze, port wine poached pears, scallions, hot pepper drizzle and brie **OR**

Quinoa Roasted Vegetable Piperade
Toasted almonds, sundried cranberries, crumpled goat cheese and mustard crème fraiche

Dessert: Chocolate Dipped Tiramisu

Cost: Members \$30: non-members \$40
Registration: Due by 5:00 pm, Monday, January 9, 2012. A \$5 late charge will apply thereafter.

January Networking Luncheon Speaker

January is one of two luncheons a year where we have a speaker, and the APW is delighted to welcome **Polly Letofsky** as our speaker for this event. Read about Polly and her inspiring message on Page 2.

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Polly Letofsky**Speaker for APW's January Networking Luncheon**

On August 1, 1999, **POLLY LETOFSKY** left her home in Vail and headed west. She traveled across four continents, 22 countries, and over 14,000 miles -- by foot -- to become the first woman to walk around the world.

As an awareness campaign for breast cancer, survivors and well-wishers around the world came out to walk with her. Every day strangers welcomed her into their homes and shared meals.

Across four continents she had dinner conversations with poets, politicians, country singers, olive growers, pig farmers and the female bomb maker in Australia. The world had embraced her.



But in the middle of Polly's five-year journey, the world suddenly shifted on its axis when September 11 flung us all into a crossroads in world history.

Polly's GlobalWalk has been featured in over 2,000 newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations around the world including Good Housekeeping, CNN International, The CBS Early Show, NBC's Your Total Health, and Fine Living Channel's Radical Sabbatical. A documentary

Polly's GlobalWalk has recently been released by Newcastle Productions. Her book, *3mph: The Adventures of One Woman's Walk Around the World* has reached #1 on Amazon's Travel books, has just been awarded Best Memoir at the 2011 National IPPY Book Awards – (Independent Publishers Association).

Polly richly details her journey with humor and honest reflection, the good times and the hardships. Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, always inspirational, Polly's program personifies the spirit of commitment and perseverance that will compel you to conquer life's challenges -- one step at a time.

No...It Wasn't a Typo!

Starting this month, to continue to provide the same quality restaurants and delicious menus that we have all come to love, we must raise our Networking Luncheon cost by \$5, making the cost \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members to attend a regular luncheon. Your understanding is greatly appreciated. As our membership grew, it became increasingly difficult to find great APW type venues to hold our monthly luncheons in, without a price increase. The good news; the Networking Committee is working hard to keep our venues varied, food yummy and to continue to rotate the luncheon locations from DTC, Downtown Denver and Cherry Creek as always.

Spotlight on Shere Chamness, Our November Luncheon Sponsor

Shere, what sets you apart from your competitors?

As a web developer, I have many years of experience doing pure code writing. This means I offer more possibilities for creating a website that does what a person wants (instead of being limited by what features are available).



Describe your most unusual project.

In 2002, the state of Kentucky commissioned me to create an animated game-like website to teach children how to do research. I also ended up writing the content. The site is built around a theme of "first dog in outer space." In the website, several children learn about Laika, the first creature sent into space in 1957. The day after I finished the site, we adopted a dog from the Denver Dumb Friends League and named her "Laika." This website won a Golden Web award and is still in operation today at http://www.kyvl.org/kids/f_portal.html

Shere, if you could have any superpower, what would it be?

My prayers would always come true. (And my code would always work perfectly the first time I test it.)

Name one thing that you miss about being a kid.

Being able to have glow-in-the-dark planets and stars on my bedspread... Oh, wait! I do have those. I guess I don't miss anything about being a child because I still color and play act and dress-up in costumes, but now I can afford it.

Shere Chamness, owner REALART, 720-841-0779,
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November Sponsor: **SHERE CHAMNESS**, REALART; September Sponsor: **TERESA SANDERS**, Aspen Wealth Management; August Sponsor: **KIMARIE JONES**, Preferred Travel Helpers; April Sponsor: **RUTH GARCIA**, RG2 Consulting, LLC; March Sponsor: **BETSY WIERSMA**, CampExperience.

Reserve Your Month as a Networking Luncheon Sponsor – Sign Up Now!

Showcase your business at a Networking Luncheon!

The 2011-2012 APW membership year is already upon us and the Alliance will be offering the opportunity for members to sponsor six networking lunches in 2012.

A Networking Luncheon Sponsor receives the following benefits:

- A five-to-ten minute promotional presentation at sponsored APW lunch meeting. Fee includes lunch for the sponsor and a guest. Sponsor will be asked to provide a small gift for a drawing during lunch (i.e. complimentary one hour consultation, gift certificate to a restaurant, etc).
- Newsletter sponsorship for the month of the luncheon sponsorship. This includes a full-page article in the newsletter as well as a full-color business card size ad and link to the article and sponsor website in the newsletter e-mail. This full-color, formatted newsletter e-mail is distributed to over 1,500 professional women in Denver!
- Exclusive distribution/display of materials at place settings or on chairs at luncheon.
- Business cards or electronic spreadsheet of all luncheon attendees collected and sent to you after luncheon.
- Recognition as a sponsor at each of the monthly luncheons.
- Active link to your company website on the front page of www.APWcolorado.org. This 12-month listing will boost your own website's search engine ratings because APW consistently returns top level results in search queries.
- Highlighted as a sponsor in the Communiqué every other month with a feature article on the sponsor during the month of your sponsorship.
- Spotlight piece on you as a sponsor, a month after your sponsorship, in the Communiqué.

The cost of Network Luncheon Sponsorship is \$300. Sole Proprietors may split the cost and benefits of hosting a network luncheon. Our member feedback has been that it takes approximately 3 weeks to one month to recoup the cost of business gained through exposure at the luncheon and in our newsletter.

*Networking Luncheons will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis, so reserve your month today by contacting **Pauline Huddleson** at (303) 368-4747 or execdir@apwcolorado.org.*

With Deep Appreciation!

New Year's Resolutions are inspired by past performance. We take stock of where we are to aspire to new goals. Looking back on 2011, the Alliance Foundation celebrates the many wonderful and generous supporters who commit their talents and resources to helping women locally and throughout the world to achieve self-sufficiency through education and entrepreneurship. **We celebrate:**

- Each scholarship recipient for completing another quarter/semester toward her degree!
- The Women in Artisans San Pablo and Panajachelense located in Sololá, Guatemala for participating in the Village Bank and realizing their entrepreneurial spirit and changing their lives and the lives of their families and communities!
- The Executive Committee of the Alliance Foundation and the Board of the Alliance of Professional Women for advancing the philosophy of connecting personally, professionally, and philanthropically.
- The APW Committees – Member Support, Networking, Public Affairs, Fundraising, Outreach, and the Communiqué – for bringing people together in friendship with a common purpose.
- Karen Rosen, Executive Director of the Alliance Foundation, and Pauline Huddleson, Executive Director of the APW, for their powerful impact on making our volunteer work seamless and enjoyable.
- Everyone in the Alliance of Professional Women for sharing themselves and their hearts.

As we move into 2012, we are excited to continue to support **CAROL LATHROP** and our two new scholarship recipients, **NADINE GARCIA** and **NAOMI HOOVER** so they can earn college degrees! We are excited to start our **18th Village Bank!** And we are excited to reach out to our community to celebrate women taking charge of their lives.

And to accomplish these goals, we need your help!

Join us to create this brand NEW fundraising event.

We will have the wonderful opportunity to showcase our philanthropic programs, including Scholarships, Village Banks, and Community Outreach. Contact anyone on these committees to join in making this first annual event a great success!

Event Co-Chairs **LORNI SHARROW** (lorni.sharrow@moyewhite.com)
and **Elizabeth Moore** (emoore@rgo-cpa.com)

Program Co-Chairs . . . **ANNE ANGERMAN** and it could be you?

Table Captain

Co-Chairs **LINDA MCGILL** and **JILL MADISON**

Communications

Co-Chairs **STEPHANIE BROOKS** and an Alliance member
to be named!

**Fundraising Support
and Sponsorships**

Co-Chairs **KELLY REYNOLDSON** and **KAREN ROSEN**

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Save the Date

Thursday, September 13, 2012,
for the inaugural

**Helping Women +
Changing Lives Luncheon!**

If you have questions or need some additional information, please contact **KAREN ROSEN** at apwcolorado@comcast.net.

Please note our ongoing donation program:

Giving \$15 on the 15th! Through www.givingfirst.org, you can schedule a recurring donation to the Foundation to fund scholarships and village banks. Please consider forgoing a lunch out, a movie, or a couple of cups coffee. Your donation supports many women who are taking charge of their own lives and are on their way to self-sufficiency.

Thank you and have a fulfilling 2012!

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Colorado Women's Lobby, and The
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Cindy Rold

Cindy Rold on Guatemala, Friendship Bridge, and APW

- **Imagine** being a 23 year old widow with two children and no education. How do you support your family?
- **Imagine** walking three hours one way into the mountains to gather plants and other natural materials to make natural dyes. Then walking three hours back carrying those plants and materials on your head or back.
- **Imagine** having 5 children and wanting an education for them, but knowing that you can't afford the uniforms and supplies, so they will end up getting anywhere from 0-3 years of education just like you.
- **Imagine** cooking 3 meals a day over a wood burning stove in a smoky room with a blackened ceiling.
- **Imagine** wanting to stand out among all of the weavers and beadmakers in your village, so you decide to make shampoo to sell and you take a 2 year course to learn how to make it right.
- **Imagine** not being able to read or write and using your thumbprint instead of a signature when you get a loan or make a loan payment.



These are just some of the women I met on a **Friendship Bridges Insight trip** to Guatemala last February. They are among the 14,000 women who receive micro-credit loans from Friendship Bridge. Their lives are completely different than ours, and yet like us, they just want to make a living and create a better future for their children. Friendship Bridge, a non-profit based in Lakewood, makes that possible by providing small loans (typically \$300) to women so they can start businesses.

The women use the profits from their businesses to buy uniforms and school supplies so their children can attend school. They use the profits to buy food and clothing. They use the profits to create hope and a future for them, their husbands, and their children.

In addition to loans, Friendship Bridge provides education at every monthly meeting held by the borrowers on subjects chosen by the women. Most of these women have very little formal education, and they are grateful for any type of learning. When I visited Guatemala, I saw the women in one of the borrowing groups learn how to value themselves.

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Editor Notes**From The Editor**

The deadline for submitting articles for the Communiqué is Noon on the **15th** of each month. All submissions must be **electronic**. The Communiqué provides stories of interest & information to Alliance members. Please send **ideas, comments, contributions, and questions** to Pauline Huddleson at excedir@apwcolorado.org

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Cindy Rold on Guatemala, Friendship Bridge, and APW

What we take for granted in terms of self-esteem was a new concept for them.

I first learned about Friendship Bridge at APW's fundraiser at Dazzle Restaurant and Lounge last fall. We raised money to support one of Friendship Bridge's Village Banks. I became intrigued, went to their website, and learned about their Insight trips. In February, I joined a small group of 12 other women (and a couple of men) to visit Guatemala. We visited clients in their homes; attended monthly loan repayment meetings; visited clients' businesses; and attended a loan disbursement meeting. We also ate delicious food, enjoyed the culture, and learned something about Guatemala. I had never been to Guatemala and knew little about it. The trip allowed me to experience the country in a unique and fascinating way.

If you are interested in going on an Insight Trip, the next trips are February 19-25 and March 25-31. For more information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

If you want to learn more about Friendship Bridge or want to get involved in other ways, you can do any of the following:

- **Attend Friendship Bridge's annual Building Bridges Gala April 19** - The evening will feature an authentic Guatemalan marketplace, festive food and beverages and much more, all benefiting women in Guatemala. It's a very fun event.
- **Donate** - Every dollar donated impacts the lives of women in Guatemala. And, as every microloan is repaid, it is reloaned, creating a continuous cycle of opportunities.

There are a variety of ways to give.

- **Volunteer** – Volunteers are needed in many areas, from light administrative duties in the Lakewood office, to language services in Guatemala.
- **Join a Friendship Bridge Circle** - Become involved at a grassroots level by joining one of the Friendship Bridge Circles.
- **Apply for a Job or Internship** - Looking to contribute to Friendship Bridge on a daily basis? Consider applying for one of our open positions or volunteer internship opportunities.

For more information about all of these opportunities [CLICK HERE!](#) **KELLY REYNOLDSON**, APW member and Alliance Foundation Executive Committee member is also a Board member for Friendship Bridge. She is another great resource about the organization.

Cindy Rold is a long-time APW member and an executive coach with Maverick Coaching & Speaking. She is passionate about travel and about helping women better their lives. You can reach her at 303-734-9776 or cindy@cindyrold.com. She is happy to talk about her experiences with Friendship Bridge and her trip to Guatemala.

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Alliance Networking Opportunities, Events, Activities & More

WHAT: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Wednesday, January 4, and February 1, 5:30 pm

Where: Home of PAM FISCHER
2218 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205

RSVP: SHEA THURMAN at 303- 952-0917 at
shaethurman@gmail.com or at Chelsey Burns
cburns@fslpc.com

WHAT: NETWORKING EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Thursday, January 5, and February 2,
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Whole Foods, Colorado Blvd and I-25, upstairs

RSVP: ROBIN PEGLOW BERG at 303-282-1077
Robin@SoulMoxie.net

WHAT: JANUARY NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: Thursday January 12, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Chinook Tavern in DTC

Cost: \$30 for Alliance members and \$40. Pre-registration
by 5:00 pm, Monday, January 9 needed!

RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#) to be there!

Parking: Go past the Village Station Sign to back of the
building to enter the parking garage. Park on
level C and enter our front door through the
parking garage.

WHAT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2012, from 7:30 to 9:00 am

Where: Zaidy's in Cherry Creek, 1st & Adams

RSVP: Deb Armbruster at 303-770-5505 or
darmbr@aol.com

We will welcome CHAER ROBERT, Director of the Denver Women's Commission. Chaer will give us a preview of the 2012 Colorado legislative session and let us know how issues affecting women and girls are likely to fare. Please join us for Chaer's always insightful remarks and ask all of your questions about what is going on at the Capitol! We buy our own breakfasts and chip in to cover breakfast for our guest speakers.

WHAT: MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Friday, January 18, 9:15 am

Where: Woody Creek Bakery, DTC

RSVP: KRISTI SULLIVAN

WHAT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, from 7:30 to 9:00 am

Where: Zaidy's in Cherry Creek, 1st & Adams

RSVP: DEB ARMBRUSTER at 303-770-5505
darmbr@aol.com

CHRIS WATNEY, President and CEO of the Colorado Children's Campaign, will brief us on the Lobato v. CO school funding case and what to expect in response to this blockbuster ruling — including the possible outcomes of an appeal to the Colorado Supreme Court. **Judge Sheila Rappaport** determined that the state's school-funding system is not "thorough and uniform" as mandated by the state constitution and is in fact "unconscionable." What can the state legislature or other policy makers do to respond to the judge's ruling and would any response require draconian cuts to other areas of the state budget? This should be a very lively conversation! We buy our own breakfasts and chip in to cover breakfast for our guest speakers.

Save the Date

Save the third Friday of the month, January 20, 2012 for the first "APW Happy Hour" at Blake Street Vault. Blake Street Vault is Denver's hip, historical saloon, housed in one of the oldest buildings in LoDo (1863) and is located at 1526 Blake Street, Denver, 80202.

Admission

Cost: Bring a friend or two (APW member or want-a-be)! We will have a drink special and some appetizers available. This will be a fun way for you to get to spend time with other APW members and friends. We will repeat this event each third Friday of the month, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. More details will follow via our constant contact emails.

Spotlight an APW Committee

The Alliance of Professional Women

NETWORKING EVENTS COMMITTEE CHARTER

Purpose within the Organization

We plan and coordinate monthly networking luncheons (and occasional “After Hours” events) designed to bring together members and guests for personal and professional development.

In addition, we collaboratively develop committee members to grow personally and professionally, in particular regarding public speaking skills, negotiating, event planning, securing give-away items, and community building. We work as a team, but there is also plenty of opportunity for unique individual contribution.

Mission Statement

To create extraordinary monthly networking luncheons and events at varied and interesting locations that are distinct from any other organization. Often responsible for creating the first impression of APW, we enjoy crafting events that offer fun, warm, energetic, and welcoming environment for members and guests. With delicious menus and compelling community, we hope to leave attendees wanting to return and/or join APW's membership.

Vision Statement

The Networking Committee hopes to be THE committee to be involved in for fun, developing great skills, and relationships — which results in inspiring members to get more involved with APW. We continually aim to streamline the process of coordinating consistently fantastic events, ultimately assisting to grow the membership. We also intend to build relationships through offering occasional evening After Hours events, though we mainly focus on planning monthly luncheons. (An excellent byproduct is that we get to go to lunch with friends in fabulous spaces and enjoy a great meal!)

Goals

1. **To create** a committee that is not only fun but meaningful to be a part of --it makes a difference AND we know & care about each other
2. **To create** awesome and memorable events
3. **To establish** systems that streamline how we host events — to shorten the learning curve and create consistent, positive results
4. **To help** grow our membership of fabulous women

Chair(s) Contact Information

ROBIN PEGLOW BERG home/ office: (303) 282-1077

RUTH GARCIA office: (303) 898-8091 cell: (303) 834-5798

Meeting Schedule

1st Thursday of every month, 11:30am to 1:00 pm in the upstairs café of Whole Foods market located at 870 S. Colorado Blvd, 80246

Why should you join our committee?

We have a wonderful sense of community, a diverse group of creative and innovative women who know how to throw a good “party” every month. We have fun and get a lot done while creating memorable events. Who wouldn't want to join?!

What types of skills do we need?

We're excited to potentially have you join our committee! Though it is bonus to have the skills below, what's perhaps more important, is being interested in learning.

Willingness / Interest in Learning to:

- **Keep** an eye out for great restaurants (Eating out can now be “research!”)
- **Use & maintain** Google docs resources (All the details to run a great event are there.)
- **Be somewhat detail oriented & organize** restaurant info (there's plenty of support)
- **Be a planner** (major procrastinators may have added challenges)
- **Negotiate** — learn to work with restaurants, vendors and other non-profits — for menus, contracts and give-away items
- **Be personable and collaborative** (most events are co-hosted)
- **Communicate** — keep each other in the loop and ask for what you need — we're here for each other
- **Laugh** — we laugh a lot!

Member News

The Promotion Source LLC Receives 2011 Best of Brighton Award

The Promotion Source LLC** has been selected for the 2011 Best of Brighton Award in the Fund Raising Organizations category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA). The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

** The Promotion Source is the parent company of EZfundraisers4U.

The Promotion Source volunteered at the KOSI Radiothon for Ronald McDonald House that took place at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. They sold their "Colorado Grown" poinsettias (and took orders for future delivery) that were delivered fresh from the greenhouse that morning. They donated all proceeds from the sales to Ronald McDonald House of Denver. **HELENE SCHMID**, President, was interviewed by **DENISE PLANTE** on KOSI radio. She was asked all about her fundraising company and all of the money they have raised for non-profits across the United States.

New Members

NINA SLOAN — Health/Wellness, **Arbonne International**, 303-883-7699, nbs@ninabsloan.com

VIVIAN BONHAM — Accounting Professional, 303-915-0900, vivianbonhamcpa@yahoo.com

TESS THOMAS — Business Development Manager, **Modis**, 303-667-8856, tthomas303@gmail.com

New Member Profiles

ROBIN HUTCHINSON — Owner, **Healthy Nest Nutrition, LLC**, 303- 579-4194, Robin@HealthyNestNutrition.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I joined APW because I saw a dynamic group of women that I thought would be interesting and fun to get to know and include in my business network.

2. What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are numerous and varied. I love to cook, and ski, and hike, and read, and go to yoga and bike. Also, I like to play with my kids!

3. What is your position/business?

I am owner of Healthy Nest Nutrition, which is a private practice counseling center that specializes in women's and children's health issues, specifically, perimenopause, ADHD, and dyslexia.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I grew up on the lakes of the Adirondacks, in upstate NY, and am an avid water skier.

LYNN THOMAS — Individual Giving Manager, **Habitat Metro Denver**, 720-496-2735, lthomas@habitatmetrodenver.org

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I'm really looking forward to meeting a diverse group of women from a range of professional backgrounds.

2. What are your hobbies?

I enjoy hiking, reading, and I'm testing the waters on baking!

3. What is your position/business?

Manager of Individual Giving = working with individuals for major and planned giving for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

Well, the more I answer questions like this, the more people know, but you would never guess I'm from Louisiana...I have no Southern accent!

Member News & Information

New Member Profiles

NINA SLOAN — Health/Wellness, **Arbonne International**, 303-883-7699, nbs@ninabsloan.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

A colleague and I were having coffee and I told her I was looking for a networking organization where what you did didn't matter as much as who you are. I love taking the time to sit and listen to people as they tell me what they are about and what drives them. I am excited to have the opportunity to keep company with other strong, determined, thoughtful women. I am equally as excited to see that there is such a philanthropic side to the group and look forward to giving back.

2. What are your hobbies?

First, I love being a mom to my two children (4 yrs; 7mos), so a lot of my hobbies surround *trying* to give them the best possible life experiences. They are in tow when I exercise... and it is nice, because my oldest cheers me on. We go to the museums, parks, the zoo. We make up games together. We spend a lot of time having dance parties and laughing. I love to bake and cook, and my oldest is usually next to me on the kitchen stool helping with ingredients. I am most at peace when I am running. I have been a distance runner for much of my adult life. I adore reading, especially books about history and entrepreneurship. I write journals and blogs. I dabble in photography. I have an extreme passion for talking to people about wellness and nutrition. One of my lesser known passions is my love for politics. As a former Capitol Hill staffer, I still find myself keeping an ear out for the latest news and info.

3. What is your position/business?

I run my own business with Arbonne International, a wellness company that focuses on personal products. Most of my time is spent listening, educating and then providing appropriate solutions. I desire to be a person that provides relevant wellness solutions that are do-able for all walks of people.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

My husband and I have both spent a significant amount of time overseas. Our ultimate goal is to open an European style beer hall that provides an amazing sense of community to its patrons, and also provides funds back into its local community to help sustain it both as a retail and philanthropic entity.

TESS THOMAS — Business Development Manager, **Modis**, 303-667-8856, tthomas303@gmail.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I decided to join the APW because I am looking to expand my professional network on a face-to-face basis. I love social networking; however, I truly believe in getting to know people on a personal level

2. What are your hobbies?

I absolutely love to travel. I spent time in Italy, England and Scotland last year and have plans of a tour through Southeast Asia this spring. When in Denver, I spend my time at the dog park with my two Miniature Dachshunds, reading, and skiing

3. What is your position/business?

I just started a new position with Modis in Denver. We support organizations' IT efforts through staff augmentation and direct placement. My position as Business Development Manager is a client-facing role, but I'm able to keep my hand in recruiting and working with candidates—my real passion—all the while ensuring my clients are fully supported to the best of our ability.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I listen to classical music when I get caught in traffic. I think it is absolutely the best way to calm yourself in stressful situations.

Anniversaries

The Alliance wishes to **recognize** and **thank** the following women who joined The Alliance of Professional Women in January or February. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our organization.

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12 Years

ALEXIE TUNE, Deloitte

10 Years

JOHANNA KELLY, Denver Botanic Gardens

7 years

STEPHANIE BROOKS, Daniels College of Bus, University of Denver

CINDY ROLD, Maverick Coaching & Speaking

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HEATHER KENDRICK, Kutak Rock, LLP

5 years

TERESA SANDERS, Aspen Wealth Management, Inc.

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RITA SCOTT, Preferred Care at Home

CAROLINE VANVELKINBURGH, Keller Williams DTC

1 year

JOANNE PETERSON, New World Office

KATHRYN TRUAX, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

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November Networking Luncheon

Thanks to **KATHRYN TRUAX** for hosting a fabulous luncheon at **Abrusci's** in Cherry Creek. We **thank** **SHERE CHAMNESS**, owner of REALART www.planet-realt.com, for sponsoring our luncheon and for sharing her journey, along with three awesome door prize drawings...cooking classes at **Kitchen Table Cooking School**, a framed fine art print and a customized zodiac gemstone necklace. We also thank **JEANE DOLE**, for tickets to **Wild Life Experience** and **HELENE SCHMID** for the amaryllis and narcissus bulb kits and Abrusci's for the gift certificate—there were a lot of lucky door prize winners at this luncheon!

December Networking Luncheon

Many **thanks to all** who attended our annual holiday luncheon held again at the beautiful **Brown Palace Hotel**. The room was gorgeous, the food delicious and the warmth inside the room was felt by all as we heard from two scholarship recipients about how the APW Foundation's scholarships have helped their lives and, as we shared at our tables, something we were proud of accomplishing in 2011. We **thank the Networking Committee** who assisted with the planning of the December Luncheon and **special thanks** goes to **ROBIN PEGLOW BERG**, of Soul Moxie, who hosted our event again this year so wonderfully. We thank the Brown Palace Hotel for providing our drawing prizes – an overnight stay at the Brown, tea for two at the Brown and thanks to the DCPA for providing theater tickets as well. This luncheon was a lovely kick-off to the holiday season!

APW Brings Great Joy to Three Denver Families

Due primarily to the generosity expressed during our Holiday Luncheon at the Brown Palace where we **raised \$1,000+**, the APW was able to adopt three families of four individuals (all led by a single mother) and buy some terrific presents. **Thanks** to our shoppers: **SAMANTHA, ELIZABETH, PAM, DEB, SHERE, WENDY, DANA, KAREN, JILL, DANA, CAROLYN, JUANI** and **JOYCE** who filled two cars with joy and merriment. We also had enough to purchase an additional grocery gift card of \$125 for each family. We culminated the event at **PAM FISHER's** home and wrapped ourselves into the real Holiday Season and enjoyed some excellent food and drink. **Thanks to all our wrappers**. This event helps us realize one of our major focuses to support women in our community who are working toward being self-sufficient. Thanks to one and all.

Thanks to Alliance member, **ROBIN HUTCHINSON** for referring **NINA SLOAN** to the Alliance. We appreciate that, Robin, and will run your ad an extra month. Receive a free ad for referring new members to the Alliance! In an organization like The Alliance, we depend on referrals to increase our membership. As a small thank you for referring a new member to The Alliance, you will receive a complimentary business card ad in the Communiqué.

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