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Connecting Women Personally, Professionally and Philanthropically

A Message from APW President, Leah Dirks of FirstBank



It's that time of year again - Membership Renewal! In the next few days, you will receive a request to renew your membership with The Alliance of Professional Women for another 12 months. You may also get a phone call from our Executive Director, **KERRY HAMMOND**, or one of the amazing members of our Member Support Committee, encouraging you to continue your involvement with this incredible organization.

As current President of the APW, I would like to take this time to thank you for your past involvement and commitment to this organization, and to urge you to renew your membership. Although Kerry and the APW Board continue to work hard to add value and benefit to the APW membership through our monthly networking lunches, committees, and after-hours events, what makes the APW so special is the individual connections we have all made with each other. I continue to be encouraged that our mission of "connecting women personally, professionally, and philanthropically" is being implemented successfully as I see the respect, loyalty, and affection APW members have for one another. Whether it was someone looking to sell their home who found their Realtor through the APW, friendships between women that have blossomed after serving on an APW Committee together, or members volunteering as a group to serve a meal to underprivileged women and children...I am constantly reminded how amazing the APW is to foster so many long-lasting professional and personal connections. Once again, thank you for being an important part of The Alliance of Professional Women!

The Nuts and Bolts of Membership Renewal

by Executive Director, Kerry Hammond

As Leah pointed out above, it's time to renew your APW Membership to enjoy another year of connecting personally, professionally, and philanthropically. Your membership renewal email will arrive in your inbox on July 2nd, so please take a minute to click on the link and renew. All memberships are due to renew, no matter when you joined the organization.

Membership renewals must be completed by August 31, 2018, to avoid a \$35 processing fee, so don't delay.

I am excited about the APW year we have planned for you. We will continue to host our fabulous monthly Networking Luncheons at locations in and around Denver. Just to name a few: we will be bringing back our Member Marketplace in November to allow you to get some of your shopping done for the holidays, and we will return to the Brown Palace Hotel for our yearly holiday networking luncheon at one of the most amazing venues in town.

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FUN Facts

Did you know that members can add items to the APW website calendar? If you have an event you're sponsoring and you want to let other members know, you can log in to your member account and add the information to the community calendar.

You can also post your events on our Facebook page to let other APW members know what you're up to. "Like" us on Facebook and follow our posts too.

**NEWSLETTER**

If you're an APW Member and would like to write an article for an upcoming issue of the APW newsletter, the Communiqué, please contact **KERRY HAMMOND** at execdir@apwcolorado.org.

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The Nuts and Bolts of Membership Renewal

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In January we are working on an exciting guest speaker who will focus on self-defense, and we are hoping to provide an opportunity for a Members Only self-defense class. Our Committee Fair in February is always a hit, and in May we will celebrate with the Member Appreciation luncheon, complete with SWAG Bags.

Our two Coffee Connections meetings are still going strong and continue to offer periodic guests who focus on topics to help us build our businesses. Our After Hours Group—the group that brought you Speed Networking, Connect and Craft, and La Cour Happy Hour—is working on some new evening networking events for the upcoming year.

On the philanthropic side, our Outreach Committee is hard at work planning events to give back to the community. These volunteer events will be advertised in the Communiqué, on our website, and in the weekly What's Happening emails. So read your email, mark your calendar, and volunteer with us at the next Delores Project dinner in August, or for holiday shopping for families in need.

September will be here before you know it, so mark your calendar for the **7th Annual Alliance Foundation Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon on September 13, 2018**. APW member **KRISTI SULLIVAN** of Sullivan Financial Planning will be our emcee and our speakers this year will be announced very soon. We're mixing up the format a bit this time around, and it will be an exciting event.

Which Membership Level is Right for You?

Membership Levels:

We have two corporate and two non-corporate, individual levels of membership from which to choose, and I want to outline the benefits in each category so that you can be sure to choose the one that is right for you.

Networking Connection Membership \$275.00

Includes all benefits listed below under "Individual Membership" PLUS these additional benefits:

- A business-card-sized advertisement in the bi-monthly online newsletter, the Communiqué, which is sent to an email list of more than 900 people and is also available on the website.
- One FREE guest pass for any regularly-priced Networking Luncheon or Business After Hours event (up to a \$48 value).
- Your business-card-sized advertisement featured on the APW website (including a link to your company website to benefit your search engine ratings).

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Which Membership Level is Right for You?

Individual Membership \$175.00

Includes the Following Benefits:

- Member pricing for all events, including monthly Networking Luncheons and quarterly Business After Hours events.
- Inclusion in the APW online Membership Directory with a hyperlink to your company's website.
- Receive the Communiqué, the APW's bi-monthly online newsletter.
- Two discounted guest passes for regularly-priced APW Networking Luncheons per year.
- Eligible to participate on Committees and/or Task Forces.
- Eligible to sponsor monthly networking luncheons.
- Eligible to purchase advertising space in the Communiqué.
- Eligible to write an article for the Communiqué.

Cerrid Corporate Membership \$575.00

Includes the Following Benefits:

- Includes Three Individual Memberships.
- Employee Members receive member pricing for all events and receive the APW's bi-monthly online newsletter, the Communiqué.
- A business-card-sized advertisement in the bi-monthly newsletter, which is sent to an email list of more than 900 people and is also available on the website.
- Your business-card-sized advertisement featured on the APW website (including a link to your company website to benefit your search engine ratings).
- FREE swag sponsorship for the Member Appreciation Luncheon.
- Your Company featured on one of the monthly APW Upcoming Events sheets, which are made available at networking luncheons.
- FREE one-page article or advertisement in one issue of the bi-monthly newsletter.
- Three FREE guest passes to any regularly-priced Networking Luncheon or Business After Hours event and six discounted guest passes for regularly-priced APW Networking Luncheons per year.
- Your Company featured on APW website Corporate Member page with logo, hyperlinked to your corporate website to benefit your search engine ratings.
- Three employee members included in APW online Membership Directory and the option to participate on Committees and Task Forces.
- Eligible to sponsor monthly networking luncheons.

Kuan Yin Corporate Membership \$975.00

Includes the Following Benefits:

- Includes Five Individual Memberships.
- Employee Members receive member pricing for all events and receive the APW's bi-monthly newsletter, the Communiqué.
- A quarter-page advertisement in the bi-monthly newsletter, which is sent to an email list of more than 900 people and is also available on the website.
- Your business-card-sized advertisement featured on APW website (including a link to your company website to benefit your search engine ratings).
- FREE Swag sponsorship for the Member Appreciation Luncheon.
- Your Company featured on one of the monthly APW Upcoming Events sheets, which are made available at networking luncheons.
- FREE one-page article or advertisement in one issue of the bi-monthly newsletter.
- Five FREE guest passes to any regularly-priced Networking Luncheon or Business After Hours event and ten discounted guest passes for regularly-priced APW Networking Luncheons per year.
- Your Company featured on APW website Corporate Member page with logo and hyperlink.
- Five employee members included in APW online Membership Directory and the option to participate on Committees and Task Forces.
- Eligible to sponsor monthly networking luncheons.

July Networking Luncheon

JOIN US for the first Networking Luncheon of the summer at Bigsby's Folly Craft Winery & Restaurant on **Thursday, July 12**. Bigsby's is located at 3563 Wazee St, Denver. This location has limited seating, so **REGISTER NOW** if you don't want to miss out.

**REGISTER
NOW**

Our **New Member Orientations** are held quarterly. Our July luncheon will include an **11:00 am Orientation**. If you joined the APW and have not attended an orientation, or if you are considering joining our group and want to know more, please attend our ½ hour discussion at the restaurant. It's not only informative, but we even give away door prizes. The orientation will end at 11:30 am so that you can begin networking.

We will have open networking starting at 11:30 am, and at noon we will hear announcements and a presentation from our luncheon sponsor. Our event concludes by 1:00 pm.

Our **Luncheon Sponsor** for July is **SHERE CHAMNESS** of REALART.

We have some great door prizes to give away, courtesy of our luncheon sponsor, **SHERE CHAMNESS**, **PAULINE HUDDLESON** of Arbonne, **CAROLINE HANZLIK** of Wells Fargo Advisors, and **HEIDI ELKINS** of Gotcha Covered.

Since summer is officially here, we have chosen a hip and new-to-us restaurant. Break out your sandals & sundresses for this summer celebration and Networking Luncheon. Lunch will be served buffet style, which will allow for lots of mingling and networking. Wear those comfy shoes, stock up on business cards, and join us for a fabulously fun event.

Our meal will be buffet style - no entree choices needed!

The Menu:

Classic Caesar Salad - romaine, garlic croutons
Summer Salad - arugula, watermelon, jalapeno, goat feta
Grilled Chicken
Oven Roasted Salmon
Grilled Vegetables

ALL ITEMS ARE GF (without croutons)

The dietary restricted menus have been provided by the restaurant, if you have extreme food allergies, please contact **KERRY HAMMOND** at excedir@apwcolorado.org or 303.368.4747.



YES, it's a winery, so a Cash Bar will be available!

Cost: \$38 APW members; \$48 non-members.

RSVP: Please register by 5:00 pm on **Friday, July 6**, to attend. Pre-registration only, no walk-ins.

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August APW Networking Luncheon

In August we will be dining at Angelo's Taverna in Littleton. Our August Networking Luncheon is on August 9 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Angelo's is located at 6885 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, CO 80120.



Our Luncheon Sponsor for August is **MARIAN LEE** of Career Reinvention, LLC.

There will be no New Member Orientation at this luncheon, but we always have someone from our Member Support Committee available to help new members and guests get their feet wet and meet new people; you will never be ignored or left out in the cold.

WILLY WILSON of Life Unstill Photography will be offering her services to provide headshots at the luncheon. The cost will be \$100 and advance registration will be required. Watch our upcoming What's Happening emails for more information and a registration link.

News from the Alliance Foundation

On behalf of the Alliance Foundation, we would like to recognize all of our sponsors for the **7th Annual Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon** and extend a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to this event. Your contribution helps make our vision a reality by helping to offset the cost of the luncheon, and our sponsors are vital to the event's success. We look forward to seeing all of you and your guests in September!

Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon

Thursday, September 13th, 2018 • 11:30 am – 1:00

WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR 7TH ANNUAL HELPING WOMEN
CHANGING LIVES LUNCHEON AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Alliance Foundation has a goal for this event to raise \$50,000 on the day of the lunch to fund our charitable missions which include our community outreach programs, college scholarships for local women, and our global Village Banks program.

The foundation makes it easy for your money to positively impact the lives of women and families creating opportunity for economic self-sufficiency and we are proud to say we are long term partners with the organizations we fund.



The APW connects women personally; professionally and philanthropically.



Our 2018 Helping Women + Changing Lives Sponsors

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We have some very **generous sponsors** who have joined in helping make our September event possible, and we'd like to tell you who they are.

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We are still looking for sponsors for our luncheon. It's a great way to promote your business while supporting a great cause. Contact **KERRY HAMMOND** at alliancefoundation1@gmail.com for more information.

Our Fundraising Luncheon Helps So Many People

The **Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon** on **September 13th** is the Alliance Foundation's only fundraising event each year, and it only costs a \$10 registration fee. Our goal is to have enough generous sponsors to completely pay for the event. We hope that ALL of the money raised on that day will go to our three fundraising projects: Village Banks, Scholarships, and Community Outreach.

A Q&A with Helping Women + Changing Lives Sponsor Sheila Drew

We are very excited to have **SHEILA DREW** of Creative Financial Staffing as a **Changing Lives sponsor** for the luncheon. Sheila has been a valued member of the APW for 20 years. In that time she has served as President of the organization and has donated countless hours of her time to both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Her yearly sponsorship of the Helping Women + Changing Lives luncheon is a testament to her dedication to the mission of the Alliance Foundation.

Sheila is the Managing Director and Executive Recruiter for Creative Financial Staffing (CFS). She has been with CFS for 18 years and specializes in helping companies to find and hire trusted and valued accounting and finance professionals on either a direct hire or contract basis.

Creative Financial Staffing is one of the largest, privately owned accounting and financial staffing firms with over 40 offices in the United States. They specialize in the placement of permanent, temporary, or contract Accounting and Finance professionals. CFS brings a unique and value-added advantage in the accounting and finance field due to their association and connection with professional accounting firms across the country.

Alliance Foundation Executive Director, **KERRY HAMMOND**, wanted to find out a bit more about how Sheila got involved with the Alliance Foundation and its mission, so she sat down with her to ask a few questions.

KERRY: How did you get involved with The Alliance of Professional Women and the Alliance Foundation?

SHEILA: I've been a member of The Alliance of Professional Women for about 20 years and love the organization (obviously). I was originally referred and introduced to the APW when I worked at Northwestern Mutual and was recruiting for Insurance Sales Agents. The insurance industry, at the time, had a male dominated sales force, and I wanted to introduce career opportunities to more women; the APW was a great avenue to meet and network with professional women. After joining, I learned that the organization was so much more than networking, and I have since gained many personal friends and have been very involved with the Alliance Foundation.

KERRY: How do you and your spouse/family make your philanthropic decisions?

SHEILA: I'm sure it is similar with most people, but we seek organizations that are close to our hearts. We love the human touch and helping those in need locally and internationally. We also have a big soft spot for our Golden Retrievers and support a local rescue. The various organizations that my husband and I support appreciate the financial donations, but I really enjoy working with the Alliance Foundation because it gives me the opportunity to give my time as well. I can really see the impact of what the Alliance Foundation does and appreciate the chance to get to know those that we are helping.

KERRY: Why is the empowerment of women an issue close to your heart?

SHEILA: I have always been in awe of the many strong and powerful women in our history. I find that when you see these accomplished women, their awesomeness is frequently associated with how they've given back and how they've made an impact on the lives of others. I've been very fortunate to have a lot of mentors in my personal and professional life, and it gives me pleasure to support other women. If I help give them a chance at their own awesomeness, they will most likely be there to help others achieve great things too.

KERRY: What person has had the most influence on you and your life?

SHEILA: My whole family! I've been very fortunate to have a supportive family that has shown and taught me to have core values and morals. My Dad was the hardest working man that I have ever known, and I learned a strong work ethic from him. In business, I've had some mentors, and I can honestly say that if it wasn't for them, I would not be where I am in my career today. I hope that my family and business mentors know how much I have appreciated it.

Thank you Sheila, for your inspiring words and for your support of the Alliance Foundation.

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Test Your Knowledge of the Alliance Foundation

Question: What are the three buckets funded by donations from the Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon?

Answer: Village Banks, local Scholarships, and local Outreach

Question: What are Village Banks?

Answer: Where a group of 25 – 50 women in developing countries receive a small business (micro) loan to start/expand a business. It is based on a peer lending model where everyone in the group needs to repay their loan. If one woman can't make a loan payment, many times the other women in the group will help her. Once the loan is paid off, the money is re-loaned back into the community.

Question: In which country did the Alliance Foundation fund a micro loan this year?

Answer: Guatemala

Question: How many women will be helped by the Alliance Foundation micro loan in 2018?

Answer: 20-25.

Question: What is the mission of APW Outreach Committee?

Answer: To provide philanthropic opportunities for members of the APW that promote health, welfare, education, and employment of underserved women and children in our community.

Question: What opportunities has the APW Outreach Committee provided this year so far?

Answer: Girls on the Run 5K run and a happy hair booth for the girls, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Personal Product Baskets, Legacy Charter School Senior Photo shoot, Fashion Show to benefit Hope House, and Delores Project meals service.

Question: How many women did the APW Outreach Committee and volunteers purchase, wrap, and deliver Holiday gifts for at Arapahoe House in 2017?

Answer: 29

Question: What is the criteria for an Alliance Foundation Scholarship recipient?

- A) Woman
- B) Junior or Senior in college
- C) Demonstrates Academic Performance
- D) Has a Financial Need
- E) All of the above

Answer: E) All of the above

Question: What Schools did the women who received a 2018 scholarship attend?

Answer: Regis University and University College, University of Denver

Question: Why do scholarships only fund a Junior or Senior?

Answer: These are the years a woman is more likely to drop out of college due to financial need.

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Test Your Knowledge of the Alliance Foundation

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More Information about our Three Alliance Foundation Buckets

Village Banks:

Help a woman start a small business and you've changed the life of a woman, a family, and a community! Who would think that buying a sewing machine or a few chickens would be a hardship? Unfortunately, it is the norm for many women in developing countries.

Due to the support of the Alliance Foundation Village Banks program, women can do just that! What you might not know is that one Village Bank provides loans for approximately 20-25 women. These loans are repaid every six months to one year, serving as a revolving line of credit for more and more women each year. Since its inception, the Alliance Foundation has funded more than 20 Village Banks, in nine countries, on three continents. Thousands of women are the beneficiaries of our generosity. The impact we have made is truly incredible.

Thanks to last year's luncheon donations, we funded a \$5000 village bank in Guatemala. The microloans are already helping women get the financing they need to fund their businesses and care for their families.

Scholarships:

The Alliance Foundation awards scholarships to women in their junior and senior years attending University College, University of Denver, or Regis University. The scholarships help women overcome financial hurdles that may otherwise prevent them from graduating from college and achieving their goals.

Last year the Foundation was able to award one \$3000 scholarship to a student from University College, University of Denver and one \$3000 scholarship to a student from Regis University. We have seen our students graduate and move on to successful careers in the nearly fifteen years of this program.

A Q&A with Helping Women + Changing Lives Sponsor Jill Klancke

We are very pleased to have **JILL KLANCKE** of **Klancke & Cook**, Attorneys at Law as a Creating Hope sponsor for the September luncheon. Jill joined the Alliance of Professional Women in 2014 and became immediately involved in the Alliance Foundation; she currently serves on the Foundation's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. She is not only a sponsor of the yearly Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon, she also serves as a Table Captain at the event.

Jill has a BA in physical anthropology from the University of Minnesota and a Juris Doctorate from Denver University School of Law. She worked for a mid-size law firm in Denver for 5 years; exclusively in the area of real estate development and transactions. In 1987 she and her husband, David M. Cook, established Klancke & Cook and have been practicing together ever since.

Klancke & Cook is a small firm that emphasizes the areas of business law, estate planning, probate and real estate. It works with closely held or family owned businesses, and all kinds of families needing personal time and attention as they navigate the personal and professional world. Real estate documents, business agreements, wills, powers of attorney, trusts, and probating wills after a death are all in Klancke & Cook's wheelhouse.

Alliance Foundation Executive Director, **KERRY HAMMOND**, caught up with Jill to ask her a few questions about philanthropy. Here's what she found out.

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A Q&A with Helping Women + Changing Lives Sponsor Jill Klancke

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KERRY: When you joined the Alliance of Professional Women, was your decision influenced by the philanthropic works of the organization's non-profit arm, the Alliance Foundation?

JILL: Yes, definitely. I have spent years in networking organizations and loved it. However, at this time in my professional life, I wanted to do more than network, I wanted to combine it with service. APW and the Alliance Foundation were a wonderful fit for me.

KERRY: What do you wish other people knew about the Alliance Foundation?

JILL: That it helps women locally and globally. That it is not a separate entity, but an integral part of the Alliance of Professional Women. That while we're all there to help our businesses and meet like-minded women, it is also easy to participate, through pretty painless volunteering, to help less fortunate women too.

KERRY: What's your best giving experience?

JILL: Oooh, that's a good question. I don't think I can pick just one. To me, most giving experiences are really wonderful. I mean, it feels good to do good. right?

KERRY: If you could volunteer full time, what would you do?

JILL: Work at a horse rescue. I'm a sap for all animals, but I'm afraid if I worked at a dog shelter, I would want to bring them all home. Living in an apartment removes that impulse, as far as horses are concerned. And, I've loved them all my life.

Thanks to Jill for her time and her generous support of this year's luncheon!

Look What Our Community Outreach Accomplished This Past Year

The mission of the **APW Outreach Committee** is to provide philanthropic opportunities for members of The Alliance of Professional Women that promote health, welfare, education, and employment of underserved women and children in our community. We support organizations such as the Delores Project, New Legacy Charter School, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, Hope House, and Girls on the Run. We offer volunteers the opportunity to serve shelter meals, collect much needed personal care items, and provide secret Santa shopping for people who would otherwise not receive a gift at the holidays.

The funds raised at last year's Helping Women + Changing Lives Luncheon allowed us to purchase, wrap, and deliver holiday gifts to 29 women and children at Arapahoe House, an addiction treatment center. We also shopped for six families at New Legacy Charter School.

We created 24 personal products baskets, which contained items including shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, and hairbrushes, for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. CASA supports abused or neglected children who are in the court system. The Special Advocates help kids navigate the court system, providing support and making sure kids are not in inappropriate foster homes.

APW volunteers served two shelter meals at Delores Project, a local shelter that provides safe shelter and personalized services for unaccompanied women and transgender individuals. In addition, we have purchased and delivered pantry supplies such as sugar, milk, snacks, and personal care for the residents at the Delores Project.

We sponsored the 2018 Girls on the Run 5K Race, providing the happy hair station for many of the 1700 girls who participated in the run this year.

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We provided senior photos free of charge for 16 teens at New Legacy Charter School, an organization that empowers teen parents and provides childcare as well as an education, providing positive



parenting skills for their students. For that same organization, we also provided volunteers, buses, and lunches that allowed kids to visit local college campuses so that they could find out the necessary steps to continue their education once they graduate.

The Community Outreach Committee sponsored two fashion show/happy hour events to raise money for Hope House, a live-in home for teen girls who are pregnant or have a baby, to help them finish their high school education and prepare for life and single parenthood. We raised \$1,100 to help the students with their groceries and living expenses.

You can help all of these great causes at our 7th Annual Helping Women + Changing Lives event on September 13, 2018, by attending our luncheon and making donation to the Alliance Foundation.

We've lined up a delicious menu that has been specially created by Chef Greg at Footers Catering. We will hear from some of the people who have been involved in our charitable works, and we will have two special guest speakers; more on that soon.

You can always donate to the Alliance Foundation through Colorado Gives.

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And the Award Goes To....

We **value our members** and the work they do for all of us at the APW. **Two awards** were given this year to recognize members for their dedication and achievements.

TRACIE ROMERO of Design Health received the award for **Member of the Year**. Tracie has continuously shown her dedication to both the APW and the Alliance Foundation. She joined the organization in 2012 and serves on the APW Board of Directors, the APW Executive Committee and the Alliance Foundation Executive Committee. She was Table Captain Chair for last year's Helping Women + Changing Lives luncheon, is a sponsor for this year's luncheon and is our current Alliance Foundation President Elect.

MOLLIE SAVAGE of GCG Financial received the award for **Rising Star**. Mollie joined the APW just shy of two years ago. She became immediately involved in the organization. In her short two years, she has joined the Outreach Committee, the Alliance Foundation Executive Committee, and the APW Board of Directors. Since all of those things didn't take up enough of her time, she also coordinates the South Denver area Coffee Connections. She has also volunteered as Table Captain Chair for the Helping Women + Changing Lives luncheon in September, and she has been a luncheon sponsor for that event since she joined us.

Congratulations to both ladies and thank you for all you do for our organization.

Public Affairs Meetings

Our Public Affairs Committee will be taking the summer off. Meetings will resume in September, so please check our online calendar for updates.

Meetings are held at two locations: Zaidy's Restaurant at First Avenue and Adams Street in Cherry Creek and Maria Empanada, 1298 S. Broadway, Denver. Meetings start at 7:30 am and usually wrap up at 9:00 am. Committee members eat while listening to the speaker, and the format is casual; you buy your own breakfast. If you're interested in attending or if you have any questions, please contact **SUE BORGOS** at sborgos@ots-denver.com.

APW Networking Opportunities

WHAT: NETWORKING EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Tuesday, **July 10 & August 7**, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Where: Natural Grocers, Colorado Blvd. and Evans
RSVP: **KRISTI SULLIVAN** at Kristi@sullivanfinancialplanning.com

WHAT: JULY NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, **July 12**, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 (New Member Orientation at 11:00 am)
Where: Bigsby's Folly Craft Winery & Restaurant,
 3563 Wazee St, Denver
Cost: Members \$38; non-members \$48
RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#) to attend. Registration deadline is
 5:00 pm on Friday, July 6. No walk-ins, please.
Sponsor: **SHERE CHAMNESS** of REALART

WHAT: COFFEE CONNECTIONS CENTRAL DENVER *

When: Friday, **July 20**, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Where: Maria Empanada, 1298 S. Broadway, Denver
RSVP: **LEIGH MILLER** at millerleigh13@gmail.com

WHAT: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Wednesday, **August 1**, 5:30 pm
 (NO MEETING IN JULY)
Where: The home of **PAM FISCHER**,
 2218 Franklin St., Denver
RSVP: **JUDY SUTTON** at judy@thesuttons.net

WHAT: AUGUST NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, **August 9**, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where: Angelo's Taverna, 6885 S Santa Fe Dr., Littleton
Sponsor: **MARIAN LEE** of Career Reinvention, LLC
RSVP: **Watch the Website** for Registration Link

WHAT: MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Wednesday, **August 15**, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Where: Café De France, 8081 E. Orchard Rd.,
 Greenwood Village
RSVP: **GINNY TAYLOR** at ginny@abetterviewdecor.com

WHAT: COFFEE CONNECTIONS SOUTH *

When: Friday, **August 17**, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Where: Mangia Bevi Cafe, 6363 S. Fiddlers Green Circle,
 Greenwood Village
RSVP: **MOLLIE SAVAGE** at mollie.savage@gcgfinancial.com
Guest Speaker: **ANDREA ENRIGHT** of The Boot Factor



JOIN APW members and prospective APW members at an upcoming **COFFEE CONNECTIONS**. Grab a cup of coffee, tea or breakfast and share information about your business and discuss business-related topics. Leave when you need to, our end time is approximate.

See above for date, time, and place!

New Members

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ANDREA ENRIGHT, Storyteller, Personal Brand Builder, Boot-Wearer, The Boot Factor, andrea@thebootfactor.com

JULIE MCLEAN, Alliance Mortgage Group, julie@amglending.com

JOANNA SHEAR, JSL Financial Consulting, joanna_shear@yahoo.com

New Member Profiles

We like to do a little Q&A with our new members to get to know them better and find out what makes them tick. Read on to find out about one of our newest APW members.

CAROLINE ASIMAKOPOULOS, CFO Consultant, CFO Consulting Solutions, LLC, carolinea@consultingsolutions.com

Why did you join the APW? I joined the APW because I think it is important for women to have networking opportunities and support one another in our businesses and professional development. I love that the organization is also aligned with the Foundation to promote the education and empowerment of women. I am passionate about supporting women, and I am excited to find an organization that shares this passion.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy hiking, snowboarding, cooking, reading, and Marvel movies (yes, as in Thor and Captain America).

What is your position/business? I am a CFO consultant. I have over 20 years of experience in finance and accounting including 6 years as a CFO in manufacturing and industrial industries. I have recently decided to venture out and do this on a consulting basis. I am excited for the opportunity to balance my professional life with my role as a wife, mother, daughter, and member of the community!

What is something that few people know about you? I enjoy mentoring junior high students. I have volunteered with our church youth and tweens for the last six years. I think middle school is such a tough time for kids, but especially girls. It is important for them to have a safe place to be silly and be accepted for who they are. I love being a part of that!

Anniversaries

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

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Log in to your Member Profile and make sure the information is current. Add keywords and a description of your business so that when a member searches for an area of expertise, your listing comes up in the search. Our member profiles are an important form of advertising, so make yours work for you.

Alliance Thanks!

May Member Appreciation Luncheon

We had another great member appreciation luncheon at the Chophouse in downtown Denver. Our luncheon hosts were **KELLE GRAHAM** of Rocky Mountain Jewelers, kelle@rockymountainjewelers.com, and **PAM FOLEY** of Pamela Foley, LLC, pam@pamelafoley.com. They did a wonderful job of planning and hosting this very large and very exciting event.

We thank our speaker, APW Member **ROSALIE CHAMBERLAIN**, who spoke to us about how mastering consciousness, confidence, creativity, and communication can lead to success. We learned about how our beliefs and stereotypes can hold us back, and how to get out of our comfort zone.

We **thank** all of our fabulous swag bag sponsors for their wonderful giveaways.

Our Swag bags were absolutely FULL of great items from the following sponsors:

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June Networking Luncheon

In June we had a wonderful meal at **Brio Tuscan Grille** in Park Meadows. Our hostesses were **MARIAN LEE** of Career Reinvention, LLC, marian@careerreinvention.net and **LYNNE AMERSON** of Janiczek Wealth Management, lamerson@janiczek.com. Both ladies did a fantastic job of planning and hosting our luncheon.

We thank the **APW Foundation** for being our **June luncheon sponsor**. Alliance Foundation President, **MELISSA RICHARDS**, and Fundraising Luncheon Co-Chairs **TRACIE ROMERO** and **KAT CONWAY** presented an Alliance Foundation quiz. Even though no one was given time to study, everyone managed to answer all of the questions correctly, while at the same time learning more about the Alliance Foundation and its mission.

Table Captain Chair **MOLLIE SAVAGE** recruited a few table captains for the September luncheon, but we still need a few more. If you're interested in helping support the Alliance Foundation, contact **MOLLIE** at mollie.savage@gcgfinancial.com.

The following members were generous enough to give away door prizes:

CHELSEY BURNS of Mindful Health Coaching gave away a copy of the book *You Are the Placebo* by Dr. Joe Dispenza; **JAYNE SANDERS** of Purpose Wisdom gave away a basket of chocolatey goodness; **ANN WOLTA BLACKSTONE**, LPGA Teaching Professional gave away a free golf lesson; and **TRACIE ROMERO** of Design Health gave away a \$50 gift card to Fleming's Steak House.

New Member Referral Thanks

Sending out **huge thanks to our members** for all the great new referrals to The Alliance of Professional Women!

Thank you to the following Alliance members who have referred a brand new Alliance member since our last Communiqué. We are grateful to **LESLIE GARSKE** for referring **HEATHER CAMPBELL**, **SANDRA ABEYTA** for referring **JULIE McLEAN** and **SHEILA DREW** for referring **CAROLINE ASIMAKOPOULOS**.

In an organization like the APW, we depend on referrals to increase our membership. As a **small thank you for referring a new member, you will receive a complimentary business card ad** in the Communiqué. If you're a Networking Connections Member, you already have a business card ad in each newsletter, so we will increase that ad to a ¼ page one. What a great incentive!

We also thank **SHERE CHAMNESS** for attracting new members to our organization through our APW website.

Have an Idea for an Article for the Communiqué Newsletter?

If you're an APW Member and have an interesting article for the next bimonthly newsletter. Please contact **KERRY HAMMOND**, execdir@apwcolorado.org or (303) 368-4747 if you are interested in submitting an article or idea.

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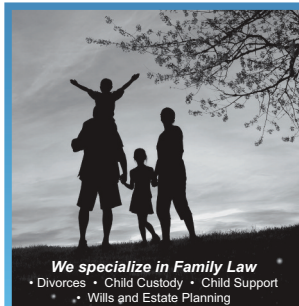
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