

Enterprising Newsletter

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*This holiday season, may God fill your life with
Love, Laughter and Good Luck
Warmest wishes to you
and your dearest ones.*

*Happy
Holidays*

December Convener—Toni Allison

Theme: Out With the Old: In with the New

Spotlights:

December 7—Toni Allison: new website



The website for Network has been redone because of changes in the web carrier. Toni will present the new site at the December 7th meeting. It will still be:

Networkforenterprisingwomen.org

Happy Hour—December 7th from 5 pm to 7 pm
Blue Mesa—612 Carroll St (near Montgomery Plaza)



Holiday Party

December 1, 2018

6 pm to 9 pm

for

Members & their Guests

Gift Exchange (gift value \$15)

Fun—Laughter—Music—Goodies

Bring:

A gift to share

A friend

A dish

A good spirit

at

Lois & Ed Teeple's House

2468 Indian Cove St 76108



Taking Commercialism Out of Christmas

Choose ritual and tradition over gift giving. Establish family rituals and traditions that honor the spirit of Christmas and involve all family members. It might be attending church as a whole family, it might be giving a meal preparation task to each member of the family, however young or old, or it might be writing heartfelt letters to one another describing how their acts of kindness have helped you through the year. Whatever your ritual (or set of rituals), place more emphasis on caring and sharing than trying to outdo one another with gift giving.

Avoid spending money you don't have. Don't go into debt for the sake of one holiday. You don't have to give expensive purchased gifts; instead, you can make a gift. Many people feel a homemade gift is better because it shows thought and consideration for the recipient. Give within your means, people will understand and you set an excellent example that liberates others from the consumer treadmill. Gift ideas include: bookmarks, framed family photos you have taken over the year, holiday cookies or breads, or "cookie kits" (the flour, sugar, baking powder, chocolate chips and other spices are layered in a plain Mason jar, and instructions attached to a piece of raffia or a ribbon letting them know what to add, whether it's water, oil, egg, or whatever).

Mute the ads. Try to stop the "buy this for Christmas" ads from invading your home life. The consumer economy has its place but it shouldn't really be in your living room during a sacred season. Teach kids to mute the ads and do it yourself. Or, record your favorite shows and fast forward your way through them. Everyone will feel more peaceful, and there is less incitement to go shop till you drop. Avoid blindly obeying the encouragement of retailers to make Christmas all about consumerism, as that is far from the true meaning, regardless of whether you're religious or not.

Don't let commercialism steal the beauty out of things that occur around the holidays. A pristine snowflake, the flaming red poinsettia, the festive shiny leaves of holly or the beautiful evergreen tree. Reindeer are actual real creatures. The nutcracker actually is a tool used to crack nuts instead of guarding presents.

When Did Christmas Begin?

Most Christians today probably can't imagine Christmas on any other day than December 25, but it wasn't always that way. In fact, for the first three centuries of Christianity's existence, Jesus Christ's birth wasn't celebrated at all. The religion's most significant holidays were Epiphany on January 6, which commemorated the arrival of the Magi after Jesus' birth, and Easter, which celebrated Jesus' resurrection. The first official mention of December 25 as a holiday honoring Jesus' birthday appears in an early Roman calendar from 336 A.D.

But was Jesus really born on December 25 in the first place? Probably not. The Bible doesn't mention his exact birthday, and the Nativity story contains conflicting clues. For instance, the presence of shepherds and their sheep suggest a spring birth. When church officials settled on December 25 at the end of the third century, they likely wanted the date to coincide with existing pagan festivals honoring Saturn (the Roman god of agriculture) and Mithra (the Persian god of light). That way, it became easier to convince Rome's pagan subjects to accept Christianity as the empire's official religion.

The celebration of Christmas spread throughout the Western world over the next several centuries, but many Christians continued to view Epiphany and Easter as more important. Some, including the Puritans of colonial New England, even banned its observance because they viewed its traditions—the offering of gifts and decorating trees, for example—as linked to paganism. In the early days of the United States, celebrating Christmas was considered a British custom and fell out of style following the American Revolution. It wasn't until 1870 that Christmas became a federal holiday.

Fundraiser a Success!

We raised over \$600 for the Young Women's Leadership Academy Foundation Saturday, November 17th. Thanks to Nancy, Camille, Mary, Clarra and Georgette's stand-in for having Vendor Tables and donating great prizes! To Lois, Gina, Betty and Olga for collecting the Quarters and to Anita for selling the paddles. Also, the non-member Vendors who donated their time and prizes. and helped out!

Toni Allison, Coordinator



Nancy showing her "wares"



Anita and ? Making a bid.



Lois collecting the quarters



Camille counting her pennies.



Ladies considering their prospects.



Toni running the event.

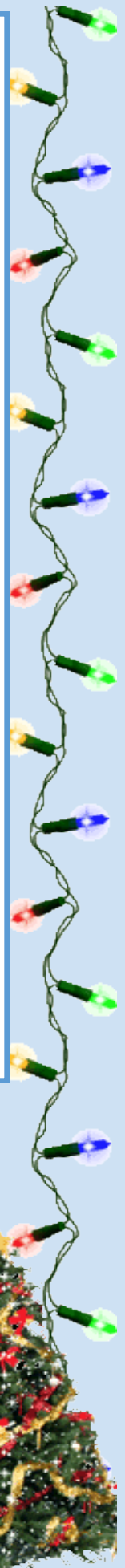
New Year's Day Brunch

Every year Judith Clements invites Network members to her January 1st gathering from 11 am -2 pm. Bring a dish to share.

This year she will again have the event at Diane Roffey's home at 4329 Winding Way, Benbrook 76126.

RSVP to Judy at 817 207 9434

Diane's house is a bit hard to find. Be sure to use your GPS and check a map before you leave home.



December Birthdays



1st Tina Jones-- you are a person who is spontaneous, cheerful & humorous with a flair for the dramatic.



19th Connie Taylor--you are confident and enthusiastic with a fondness for travel and change. You are super energetic, fearless, agile and full of vitality, intensely passionate with a drive to excel.



23rd Mary Weeks--you are understanding, sweet, and sympathetic. You are a good communicator and you work well in any social setting. Your friends look up to you because of your sophistication and elegance.



25th Margaret Estes--you are blessed with high levels of intellect and maturity. Endowed with creativity and awareness, you have the ability to stay calm in situation when others would be flustered.



27th Nancy Clyde-- you are bold and determined to have it all. Tireless and passionate, you spend many long hours pounding the way for the next achievement. You're truly exceptional and those who love you, see this in you and are delighted.



2019 Annual Meeting Saturday, January 26th

Let's Come Together For Some
N.E.W. Directions

Where: *Reata-Fort Worth Restaurant*
310 Houston Street, Downtown, 76102

When: *9:00am-Registration/Check-in*
9:00-9:30am-Mix and Mingle
9:30am-Call to Order
9:45am-Breakfast Buffet
10:00am-Program Begins
11:15am-Meet Adjourned

One Way

Forward

Cost: *\$25.00 per person, check or credit card.*

RSVP: *Deadline is January 22nd for the head count to Reata-Fort Worth. A reservation made is a reservation paid.*

RSVP to: *Gina Goldermann, 817-807-2244. If mailing a check, please call Gina for mailing address.*



Membership Information

Network for Enterprising Women 2019

(Please print or type)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Company _____ Title _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Category of Business/Type of Business _____

Business Phone _____ Business FAX _____

Business E-Mail Business Website

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Home E-Mail _____ Birthday: Month ____ Day ____

Network Member since (year) _____

(Unless otherwise indicated, the information above will be printed only in the directory. Your name and work information will be on the Website: NetworkForEnterprisingWomen.org)

Membership is from February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020 --- \$40

After you complete this form, send or give it to the Membership Chair, Toni Allison @6216 Winifred Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Need more info: ToniAllison@Outlook.com

Checks and Credit Cards are acceptable

Make Checks Payable to: Network for Enterprising Women

Paying by Credit Card:

Card Number: _____ Exp Date: ____ / ____ CSV _____

Billing Address (if different than above)

House & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Must Have Zip Code Number)

Signature _____

