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Our website is updated monthly and provides information about upcoming programs. For updates to the website or to submit information about your upcoming events please submit all your information to [networkexecutivewomen@gmail.com](mailto:networkexecutivewomen@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month. If you'd like to post your photo in the member directory listing on our website please provide us with headshot in a jpg, pdf, or tif file.

**Speaker: Mike Miller, COO**  
Republican National Convention Committee on Arrangements  
Joined by Holly Barber

**Tuesday, February 14th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Centre Club 123 Westshore Blvd.**  
Members \$20 Guests \$30

**Menu: Smoked Chicken Panini**  
(Veggie plate available; please request when reserving)

RSVP by noon Friday, February 10th through NEW website  
or [Networkexecutivewomen@gmail.com](mailto:Networkexecutivewomen@gmail.com)

Regardless of your political party affiliation, you won't want to miss this fascinating overview from the RNC's Committee on Arrangements. Find out what it takes to turn Tampa into the home for the Republican National Convention scheduled for this August.

The 2012 Republican National Convention will be held at Tampa Bay Times Forum from August 27 to the 30th. Nearly 50,000 visitors are expected to come to the Tampa Bay area for the event, including delegates, alternate delegates, members of the media, and other guests.

The Committee on Arrangements has been tasked with seeing to the most minute details of this large scale event. Tampa's day-to-day operations and services will be working 24/7, and the

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## President's Message

*"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."*

Eleanor Roosevelt

Something struck me as interesting after the January meeting. I was speaking with a guest who was evaluating whether to join

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Learn how you can become a member by visiting our website and downloading a membership application.

Join us on:



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

## Events This Month

### Networking

Thursday, February 23

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

This month we're taking a coffee break! Members and prospective members are all invited to stop by Starbucks at 10002 N. Dale Mabry — just north of Linebaugh on the west side of the road — for a casual kaffeeklatsch on Thursday, February 23, from 2 – 3:30 pm. It's a great opportunity to find out more about NEW, make connections with other members, learn about committees you can sign up for and efforts you can become involved in.

### Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 29th, noon - 1:00 pm

Starbuck's at the corner of Dale Mabry and Linebaugh

## Special Thanks!

Thank you to Karen Koch of CompassPointz LLC and Samantha Bond of SB Recommend for their generous donations to our raffle at January's lunch!

## Scholarship Funds

### 50/50 Fundraiser

This luncheon fundraiser helps raise money we award annually to financially and academically deserving women in the Tampa Bay area. Fifty percent of money raised each month goes to scholarship and 50% goes to the winning ticket holder.

**50/50 Fundraiser raised \$142  
at the January lunch!**

**Additional contributions can be made  
on our website.**

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NEW. "I haven't decided whether to join yet or not," she admitted. Then she asked, "How do you maximize all this networking?"

That question really made me stop and think: How did I maximize my involvement with the Network of Executive Women?

I moved here in February 2005. I knew a total of three people! I remember walking into my first NEW meeting not knowing a soul. I looked around the room and saw all these women talking with each other. They clearly knew each other and had friendships. Or so it seemed to me. I remember feeling awkward, hoping someone would take pity on me and talk to me. Can you believe that?

Right after I joined, NEW was having its annual retreat. There was another new member I had met at one of the monthly lunches. Like me, she really didn't know any of the other members either. So we decided to face our fear of being the "NEW newbies" and attend. We hoped the annual retreat would give us a chance to get to know other members in a smaller, more informal setting.

When I arrived for the retreat opening happy hour, the president jokingly (but honestly) asked me, "Who are you?" I was so new as a member that she hadn't even been given my name! But at the end of the thoroughly enjoyable retreat, the other new member and I both left with many new friends.

After that, I was asked to serve on the board, first as communications director, then president-elect, and now as president. During this time, I have had the opportunity to really get to know many other members. The time I have spent with NEW activities has been way more than attending a lunch and just sitting next to someone for an hour. The time I spend in various capacities with NEW has helped me build relationships with other members that stretch beyond the monthly luncheon.

So, my answer to the guest who wasn't sure about joining—JOIN! And then get involved, in even a small way. It's the getting involved and getting to know each other that lets us build meaningful relationships. That is how we "maximize all this networking" with other members. Make NEW more than just a convenient place to grab lunch once a month!

*—Laura Rehbein, President*

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nation's eye will be on our community.

Be sure to attend and learn what's going on behind the scenes in preparation and what we can expect when Tampa becomes "command central" for the upcoming Presidential Election.

## Welcome to Our New Member!

We welcome a new member:

**Roseanne Clementi** decided to join NEW for the right reason: "to meet other powerful women." Principal/senior ecologist of her own firm, Clementi Environmental Consulting, LLC, Roseanne has thirty years professional experience that ranges from wetland mitigation design to threatened and endangered species surveys. A lifetime member of the Florida Section of the American Water Resources Association, the AWRA established the Rosanne G. Clementi Education Funds in honor of her years of work and fundraising support for the organization. The graduate of USF and Clemson lives in Tampa.

## Exceptional Women to Be Honored

The Network of Executive Women is proud to announce the Exceptional Woman of the Year and Scholarship Award program will take place this spring.

The Exceptional Woman of the Year Award honors just such a woman, one who devotes her time and talents in ways that improve the lives of others in our community.

Two deserving women will be awarded scholarships, for use in improving their lives through education.

Committee information, volunteer, and sponsorship forms can be found on the NEW website.

Members who sell the most Exceptional Woman of the Year sponsorships will receive a free 1/2 page ad in the event program.

Check our website for additional information as it is available.

## Business Highlight



### The Law Firm of Beverly J. White P.A. Beverly White

Beverly White has been a practicing attorney for more than 20 years and focuses on family protection and planning for all stages of life, compassionately serving:

- Couples (or singles) with young children or children with special needs who want protections in place in case something happens to the primary wage earner.
- Adult children concerned about their aging parents
- Middle aged and older adults wanting to make sure their financial and health matter concerns are addressed.
- Families in need of a steady guidance through estate settlement or probate processes.

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## Upcoming Events!

### MARCH 13:

Airport Explosive Detection K-9 Unit Specialist  
Officer Gina Maggiacomo

### APRIL 10:

Exceptional Woman of the Year features Fran Powers and Powerstories Theatre with vignettes from Girlstories Leadership Theatre's latest production, "SheVolution"

## Kudos to Past Scholarship Recipients!

**Farah Brito**—Farah carries a double major at USF in Mass Communications and Anthropology, which she intends to use to “tell culturally relevant stories that compel individuals with differing cultural perspectives.” Last summer she studied in Ghana, continuing to fine-tune her photojournalism skills.

**Maria Forlivio**— Now at Stetson School of Law, Maria was selected to compete on the prestigious Trial Team and serve as vice president of the Law and Order organization. As an undergraduate, she served as president of the Pre-Law Society and secretary of the Theater Arts Honor Society.

**Trista Mustaine**— An Army veteran studying at Stetson Law School, Captain Mustaine served two deployments in Iraq, where her work was recognized as having a major role in the demonstrable success of the mission by touching hearts in the community and gaining the local women’s unwavering trust.

**Valeria Obi**— During her undergraduate years at Florida State University, Valeria has served as senator of the student government association, ambassador for the Black Student Union, secretary of the Tallahassee Vote Coalition, and volunteer team leader for Jumpstart Tallahassee, where she fulfilled an astronomical 1000 hours of service. Her list of awards is long, and includes the Garnet and Gold Society, Dean’s list, and President’s List.

## Website Info!

The website allows each member to update her own profile, pay her events and dues online (via Paypal), have a central location for newsletters, and keep current with the happenings of N.E.W.

If you haven’t had a chance to give it a spin, go to <http://networkexecwomen.com> and access your account. If you are a member, type in your email address and type in “password” for the password. If you have trouble, you can go to <http://networkexecwomen.com/Sys/ForgottenPasswordRequest> and get help with the password. If all else fails, contact Karen@compasspointz.com for assistance.

Non-members will have access to many areas, but the member directory is private.

This Website is ready to step out and turn some heads in 2012.



## NETWORK of EXECUTIVE WOMEN

Create your business vantage point  
through membership with NEW

- Be a part of the select group - diverse executive women, able to share knowledge and experience in many different fields
- Monthly programs providing valuable information on the community, business strategies, and much more
- There are many opportunities to give back through various committees, scholarship drives and other outreach projects improving the lives of women and children in our local area
- Members business’ are promoted through our social media, web-site, and monthly newsletter
- Each month at our luncheons, one member will be spotlighted allowing for a presentation on their business
- Participate in after hours networking at various locations in the Tampa Bay Community