Dear Member,

Our summer has come to an end and we closed our August events with a thrilling presentation from Sunny Kobe Cook! Sunny shared that she most recently attended her high school class reunion and saw that she had turned out differently than many of her classmates who she grew up with. She asked herself why, and determined one little difference... she has never feared CHANGE. Such a simple subject but she delivered it in a compelling way that the buzz kept going long after the program ended. Her simple secret, "try something new every day" if you want to become EXTRAORDINARY.

Quickly approaching is our Nellie Gala on Thursday, October 2nd at the Four Seasons in Seattle. If you’ve never attended the Nellie, I highly encourage you to attend this year as we have 5 magnificent women who will share their entrepreneurial journey. We will crown our Woman Business Owner of the Year that evening, our 2014 Nellie Winner.

Lastly, take a peek at our brand new website for upcoming events every month, update your picture/bio in the directory and come hang out with the extraordinary women of WBO.

My best,

Annette Bond
2014 President, Women Business Owners
Women Business Owners was founded in 1979 by a group of local women business owners seeking counsel, support and friendship from their peers. Today, WBO members share the common goal of supporting thriving women in business.

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Promotion Opportunities

DONATE A DOOR PRIZE FOR GREAT PR! If you donate an item or service as a door prize for one of our luncheons, your business will be mentioned in The WIRE, at the luncheon podium, and on our website! To take advantage of this great opportunity, contact Yvonne Gitchel by the 1st of the month in which you wish to donate.

DONATE TO THE NELLIE SWAG!
If you would like to provide promotional items for the Nellie SWAG table, please have your materials to the Four Seasons Hotel by 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 2nd. We anticipate approximately 250 attendees. Make sure you plan time to collect any left over materials at the end of the evening. Questions? Please contact either Carole Pedersen or Cindy Dabbs.

From the Members

Annette Bond of Definitive Style will be speaking for the Anthony Robbins Seattle Power Team about Professional Image. The event is free and will be held at The Broadview Library in Seattle from 2 - 4 PM on Saturday, September 27th. Click here for more information.

Wine, Women and Shoes hosts sophisticated events featuring wine tasting, auctions, a fashion marketplace and a fashion show created for women who enjoy fine wine, great style, and female camaraderie - all to support a noble cause. Ellen Buffington is pleased to announce that it's Olive Crest's turn to join the fun while we help the at-risk youth and children of Olive Crest. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 16, 2014 and come enjoy this exciting event at the Four Seasons Hotel Seattle.
Have something to contribute?

Report your news here
Click here to check The Wire’s news reporting guidelines.

Strategic Sponsor:

Click here for more event details.

**Andrea Duffield**, owner of **MOSAIC Rehabilitation Inc**, and 2014 Nellie Finalist makes the Inc. 5000 list. *Inc.* Magazine unveiled it's 33rd annual list of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies - the Inc. 5000. MOSAIC Rehabilitation Inc. ranks #4386 on the **2014 Inc. 5000** with three-year sales growth of 62%.

Congratulations to **Catherine Jewett**, owner of **Reversible Chaos**, who has been elected as Treasurer of the Seattle Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

Shop at **BUTCH BLUM** on September 9th and dedicate 10% to one of the listed charities OR bring in your gently used designer oldies to donate to YWCA "Dress for Success" and receive 10% off any purchase, up to $1000 off. Champagne toast at 5:00 PM. Click here for more information and to RSVP.

**Get Involved**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!** Interested in volunteering to be on a committee or to help at an event? Let us know. Speak to any Board member or send an e-mail to Yvonne Gitchel.

**LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS** The Events Committee is seeking luncheon speakers for 2015. A speaker criteria form is posted on the Women Business Owners website. If you know someone who you think would make a great luncheon speaker, please send an email to Arden Clise and Kim Wesselman, Events Co-Chairs.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Are you interested in hosting an Education Workshop? This is a great way to use your area of expertise to educate fellow WBO members. We have several openings this year. If you are interested, send an email to Mary Burris, our Education Committee
TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS!
Be sure to share your association with Women Business Owners with your friends, acquaintances, clients and fellow business owners. Remember, if you bring a guest to one of our monthly luncheon meetings, you will be entered into a drawing at the luncheon for a great door prize.

BUSINESS BUILDING GROUPS As a member, you are eligible to join an ongoing small group (BBG) that will help you find creative solutions to running your business, brainstorm strategic actions and become your greatest cheering section! Many organizations charge for these mini-master mind groups. BBGs are included as a WBO member benefit. If you are interested in joining a BBG, please contact Mary Burris.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS ON LINKEDIN
We invite you to check out our Women Business Owners group on LinkedIn. With our events listings, discussions, opportunities to post job openings, news and marketing tools, we would like to encourage you to utilize this group more in 2014. Please join us at our LinkedIn group!

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS ON FACEBOOK
Click here to "Like" the Women Business Owners fan page. Also, if you have a website or blog, you can put a "Like" Women Business Owners Button on your own website/blog. Our ID# is 118510208183853. Let us know if you have a Facebook Fan Page and WBO will "like" you too!

In the Spotlight
Ellen Buffington is the Special Events Coordinator for Olive Crest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse, to treating and educating at-risk children and to preserving the family...one life at a time. Olive Crest embodies truth, grace and servant hood and provides a strong family to every child served.
Ellen lived on the Eastside for several years before moving back to her home in Alabama, where she stayed for 8 years. A little over a year ago, Olive Crest contacted her about the Event Coordinator position and she felt called to move back. As Event Coordinator, Ellen is responsible for 10 events across the State of Washington and the number of events keeps growing.

Ellen says "I am so blessed by this position with Olive Crest. Every day I get to make a difference in a child's life". If you have a heart for children, and would like to become involved with some of our upcoming events, please let Ellen know. Ellen-buffington@olivecrest.org or 425-462-1612 X1352.

Peggy Hansen is CEO of Communications Structures and Solutions Inc. C.S.S. is a International provider of concealment products for the wireless industry. We have been described by a number of customers, such as Rogers Communications In Canada and AT&T here in the states, as the Cadillac of the industry. C.S.S. is in the process of patenting a shroud that will revolutionize the accessibility for the technicians. We are also well-know for our tooling in Aerospace and medical research. In the last six years I have been able to attend on scholarships, business courses at Antioch University, University of Washington, University of Notre Dame and Dartmouth University.

Outside of C.S.S. I am Vice President of the Puget Sound Latino Chamber of Commerce which focuses on education, economic stability and small business development.

I feel that my greatest accomplishment is being a wife, mother to my three children and grandmother to my five grandchildren and watching them grow into successful adults.

Your Name Here?
Your Company Name Here?
Each month, we highlight two of our members in this section of the Wire. This is a special benefit given to members attending the previous month's luncheon. Two of them are chosen at random and given a chance to share information about themselves and their businesses with our Wire readers.