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Black Women's Network



Sisters in Service to Enhance Resource Sharing!

Message from the President

To My Dear BWN Sisters,

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as president of this great organization Black Women's Network. As you know this organization is in its 32nd year. My goal as president is to make sure that the valuable legacy of BWN continues. This is why the theme for 2011 is **Renewing & Recapturing the Vision of BWN**. One of BWN's valuable jewels is to provide a newsletter as a communication tool linking valuable and important information among our BWN Sisters. This fresh new look for the BWN newsletter with a flare to it being now as an online newsletter linked to our BWN website bring BWN up to speed with the current communication trends.

BWN has had a blessed year so far by *Recapturing & Renewing* the spirit of sisterhood by presenting at each month meeting a new and exciting topic of interest that each BWN sister can interact with each other and leave each monthly meeting with something special for the sou. Networking is the *grass roots* of this great organization. Making new connections and new friendships that will last through the years. I can truly testify to this being a longtime member myself and now having the honor of the first BWN past president to repeat and come back again as president.

As BWN Sisters we should always remember our great motto that: **"We are Sisters in Service to Enhance Resource Sharing"** continue to support each other as each one of us continue our journey in our careers, business and personal achievements.

Sincerely,
Sheila S. Johnson
2011 BWN President



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President



2011 Executive Board

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BWN Member Spotlight

Brenda J. Logan is an estate planner and elder law attorney with over 20 years of experience. She specializes in helping individuals, families and small business owners protect and preserve their assets and plan for the orderly distribution of their estate. Brenda's practice focus on Wills & Trust, Medi-Cal Planning, Veterans' Benefits, and Retirement Distribution Planning. Brenda J. Logan will be sharing some helpful information with our BWN Sisters at our September Business Meeting.

2011 BWN Calendar of Events

- Saturday, October 8 - Seminar Meeting: Sponsored by the Program Committee
- Saturday, October 29 - Business/Career & Networking Breakfast Forum: Women, Money & Power, Success is by Design
- Saturday, November 12 - Business Meeting, Icebreaker program, mini seminar and member spotlight
- Saturday, December 3 - Monte Carlo Casino Night & Dancing
- Saturday, December 10 - New Member Welcome & Holiday & Sharing Event: Sponsored by the Membership Committee & Program Committee

Daily Remembrances in Prayer

Bayyinah Ali-Shotwell

Clifford Hooe



Attention:

The Ways & Means committee needs your assistance in planning this event. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Olivia at paynetinsonolivia@rocketmail.com

Please share your helpful tips and valuable information with us for the newsletter or if you would to assist with the production of the newsletter, please contact: bninfo@blackwomensnetwork.net c/o President, Sheila Johnson and/or Vice President, Mary Ford

A Gathering of Sisters Movie Night

By Sheila Johnson

The Gathering of Sisters Movie Night event “*The Help*” was a great and fabulous success! On Thursday, August 18, at the new entertainment complex, *The Rave*, there were 37 BWN Sisters who attended the movie and 27 of those BWN Sisters joined us after the movie at Denny’s in Culver City in the private banquet room for a light meal and a valuable discussion of the movie. It was very interesting as we discussed some of our family’s history and stories that were told by our parents and grandparents that had experiences with being part of the domestic help profession. It was truly a rewarding experience. Be on the look out for other “*Gathering of Sisters*” events to be planned.



Save The Date

BWN Annual

Business/Career & Networking Breakfast Forum

Women, Money & Power -

Success is by Design

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Proud Bird

Grand Ballroom

11022 Aviation Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90045

Tickets—\$45

Call now for Reservations 323-964-4003

Happy Birthday
To all
Virgo & Libra Sisters
We Celebrate You!



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