



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Membership Committee Notes for April, 2010

Mentoring Group Formed: We are happy to announce that we have planned the first meeting of the CiB-Business Chix Incubator, a group formed on Inside919 to help mentor women entrepreneurs with new startups to help acquire the skills and tools they will need in the early years of running a business.

The first breakfast meeting of the Business Chix Incubator is April 29, 2010 at Mimi's on Walnut Street in Cary at 9 AM. If you or a friend, neighbor or family member are interested in participating in this instructional networking program either as a speaker or as a guest attendee, please write membership@chixinbusiness.org. The meetings are \$1 to attend, and you are encouraged to order your own breakfast. The first meeting will cover organization form, domains, and website concerns, time permitting. You may sign up for an Inside919 membership free and then visit URL <http://inside919.ning.com/group/businesschixincubator>

Promotional Items Still Needed: Do you buy promotional items or samples for your business? Here is your chance to let Chix in Business learn more about you. Donate a few dozen promo items (items of tangible value, i.e. cups, mouse pads, notepads, key chains, sample product, tote bags, calculators, calendars) and these will be placed in elegant gift bags to be distributed at our monthly luncheons. Someone from the membership committee will pick these up from you if you would let us know when they can be placed outside your door, membership@chixinbusiness.org

Thank you to the following Chix who donated items for March:

Wanda Stephens, Independent Health Ins. Agent, <http://www.hisonc.com>

Elizabeth Galecke Photography, <http://www.elizabethgalecke.com>

Janice Russell, CPO-CD <http://www.mindingyourmatters.com>

Robin Thomas of Usana <http://robinthomas.biz>

Barbara Sarvis, CPA <http://sarviscpa.com>

The program launched successfully on March 17, 2010 with our educational luncheon on Working Smarter with a Virtual Assistant by Odetta Taylor and sponsored by our own Schelli Whitehouse from www.thenexthighestversionofyou.com.

Someone from the membership committee will always attend these luncheons to welcome you and your guests. Preceded by a half hour of networking, this is the best way to get to know other Chix and make new connections as well as lasting friendships, so please attend one soon!

The Chix Welcome Program: Finally, for April, we would like to reach out to our members for volunteers to meet and greet guests at the luncheons. If interested, please write membership@chixinbusiness.org. We will provide you with the name of a non-Chix guest who has registered for the upcoming luncheon in the hopes that you will make our guest feel comfortable with the group and share your business interests as well. You do not need to arrive early. Volunteering for this program will fill a portion of the volunteer hours required as stated in your Chix membership agreement, and is a great addition to your business networking strategy. Take advantage of this opportunity! Have a wonderful month and we hope to see you soon!

Meg Russell and Donna Rogers
Co-Chairs, Membership Committee