

WID Chesapeake Bay – February 2014 Newsletter

Greetings from your 2013-2015 Chesapeake Bay Chapter of Women In Defense (WID) Board!

Thanks to PNC for sponsoring our January Networking Event. In a mini-presentation, we all received thought-provoking information about the importance of diversifying and planning for the future in our personal savings goals. There was a good turn-out for this event and we added 7 new members to our chapter! We began asking for feedback at this meeting in a small survey which was drawn for a door prize.

Our February Networking Event promises to be interesting for all of us. Did you ever wonder what the best ways to network are? Do you come to these networking events and feel like you wish you would do better meeting new people? Do you wish you knew what to talk to someone you don't know about? Barbara Moffatt will help us combat our networking woes! Please see the attached flyer and plan to join us on February 19th at DB McMillan's from 4:30-6:30. Barbara's talk will be given between 5-5:30. Please come out and join us for complimentary appetizers (sponsored by WID) and a cash bar. Fill out our survey of the event for a chance to win a door prize!

Other upcoming events you may be interested in attending to support our community include:

February 22, 2014: The Calvert County Science Fair and Engineering Expo, at Calvert Middle School Calvert County Science and Engineering Expo is looking for people with a science background to serve as judges for the middle school and high school level projects. Erin Hitchman is the school POC (hitchmane@calvertnet.k12.md.us). Judges are asked to arrive at Calvert MS by 0800; there will be breakfast served at 0745. Judging should be completed by 1030.

- February 26, 2014: Student Interview Fair at the Forrest Tech Center – The NAVAIR EOO is holding an event for students of various career pathways to experience a practice interview. They are looking for volunteer interviewers to interview students and provide constructive feedback. Please contact us if you are interested and we can forward your information to the appropriate channels.
- March 15, 2014: STEM Day at CSM Leonardtown campus - soliciting volunteers to help with event day security, setup, check-in, etc. Please contact us if you are interested and we can forward your information to the appropriate channels.

Your WID board is working out details for our annual March Women's History Month event. Sneak peak details include:

When/Where: Thursday, March 27th at Bay District Volunteer Fire Dept

What: This will be a half day event starting at lunchtime with speakers from NAVAIR and the Small Business Office, plus an inspirational segment later in the afternoon.

WID is collaborating with SBO, TPP, NCMA, SBRT, and FEW. More details to follow soon. Please save the date as it should be a very interesting event!

Our chapter is looking for sponsors for our monthly networking events. We ask the sponsor to pay for the appetizers, usually running between \$100-\$200, depending on the number of attendees. If any of you or your companies is interested in sponsoring an event, please email our sponsorship chairs (Sarah Hoskins and Michele Monokian) at WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com.

We welcome your suggestions, feedback, and ideas. Have a happy February!

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