

## Newsletter February 2009

Dear Member

Following consultation with WEB members at the 2008 Christmas event we have an exciting programme of events planned for 2009, details of which are attached. We listened to WEB members feedback and worked closely with our Steering Group members to provide you with a wide range of high profile speakers and some new and interesting venues.

The steering group, which is made up of WEB members, is currently meeting on a monthly basis to implement a strategy for growth. Our aim this year is to increase membership and to provide members with a wide range of informative and social events. In addition to the formal calendar of events we are also encouraging members to host events, which we are able to promote on their behalf. I am delighted to announce that WEB members Jane and Sarah at Angels Beauty Salon are hosting an evening especially for WEB members:

### **FREE Spa Beauty Treatments**

Angels Beauty Salon is hosting an evening exclusively for WEB members on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30-8.30. The evening includes:

- Welcome cocktail on arrival
- A free mini spa treatment
- Business card draw to win a hamper of Heaven's Dew products

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so if you would like to secure a place please contact Sarah or Jane on 01695 555885.

### **Do you sell products? Would you like the opportunity to promote your products for FREE?**

Enterprising West Lancashire is hosting 'Positive Women's Day' on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 9am-2pm at West Lancashire Investment Centre. We are inviting WEB members to host a stall, where they will be able to promote their products to those attending the event, as well as those businesses based within the Investment Centre. We only have a small amount of spaces available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To request a space please contact Karen Kerrigan on 01695 712642 or email [karen.kerrigan@westlancsdc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.kerrigan@westlancsdc.gov.uk)

WEB will also be hosting a stand to promote membership and there will be a small amount of space on the stand to display literature relating to WEB members services. Again this will be allocated on a first come first served basis, contact Karen Kerrigan for further information.

## **Yorkshire Forward Ladies Membership**

We are also delighted to announce that we have struck a deal with Etta Cohen of Forward Ladies who have a fabulous well-established women's network, some of you may remember that Etta hosted an event on 'how to network' in the very early days of WEB. They host a range of events in Manchester and are working with Business Link and NWDA to develop a range of events across the North West Region. Annual membership is normally £50 plus VAT but we are about to offer this fantastic offer to WEB members for just £12. For further information about member benefits please view the following website: [www.forwardladies.com](http://www.forwardladies.com) or to join Yorkshire Forward Ladies please email [enquiries@forwardladies.com](mailto:enquiries@forwardladies.com) and tell them you are a WEB member.

## **Members Discounts**

A number of local businesses have offered a discount/promotion to WEB members, which we will promote through the West Lancashire Investment Centre web site. At the Christmas event, our colleague, Vicky Brindle asked if any members were able to offer a discount or promotion to other WEB members, however we have only had a limited response. Please contact Karen Kerrigan or Clare Joynson if you are able to offer a discount.

## **Member News**

We really want to attract new members this year so if you know of any ladies who you think might benefit from the network we are able to offer FREE membership thanks to a small amount of funding we have recently acquired. Membership will include all events up to July 2009. We also have some WEB business cards available so if you feel you would like to encourage other like-minded women to join our network please let us know and we will supply you with some business cards.

WEB member Joanne White of Office Deputy is running a range of IT courses including Excel, Word and Power Point for further details please see [www.officedeputy.co.uk](http://www.officedeputy.co.uk) or contact Joanne on 01695 570619. Joanne is also hosting a number of these courses at a fellow WEB members premises, Mill House Training!

If you have any news worthy items please let us know and we will include it in our next newsletter.

Best wishes

Clare Joynson & Karen Kerrigan