



Lakeshore Chapter

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 4—10 AM—BOD Meets
12 noon—General Membership
meeting / Holiday Party and Installa-
tion of new officers

Remember we do not have a
January meeting. Especially this year
as the 1st Thursday is New Year's
Day!



Notes from Nancy

November, 2008



The NAR convention and National WCR convention were well-attended and very useful again this year. A couple other important dates and learning opportunities that WCR is offering in upcoming months are *Achieve* in January in Kalamazoo, where Bev Scholten will be installed as Recording Secretary for the Michigan State Chapter of the WCR, a *Marketing to Women* conference in Chicago in March and *Mid-Year* in May in Washington, D.C. I hope you will be able to take advantage of at least one of these terrific opportunities.

Even in this year with not much other than bad news on the financial front, I hope that you will give some thought to the many things for which you are thankful. There are so many people and things that each of us can enjoy that so much of our world and even our country has never known. When you gather with your family or friends over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I'd encourage you to think back over the people who stepped through your life this year—whether that's clients or co-workers or friends or family— each of them affected you in some way to help you be who you are today.

Many of you sent cards or notes of encouragement when my mother passed away a couple weeks ago. I am so very grateful for the 3 inches of cards and the thoughts and prayers behind them. The cards arrived from people I wouldn't have guessed knew me! Each of you helped make the difficult time into a sweet memory. Thank you for that.

When I returned from Orlando I sent out an email to someone I'd met on the shuttle one day. We had discussed WCR and how hard it is to get the word out, so I sent her the name of one of my contacts. She wrote back to say that she had just told her daughter that WCR is just like a sorority. Everyone cares and wants to help everyone else. How cool is that?

One of the speakers talked about WCR and how each of us needs to help make WCR what we need it to be. I think there's wisdom in that. If you need sorority sisters, step up to support others. If you need education opportunities, attend meetings. There are many ways and opportunities to get involved. If you don't see a value in WCR, maybe, just maybe, you haven't been involved enough...

Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party will be part of our next meeting on Dec. 4 at noon. This party usually takes a little longer than our regular meetings due to the gifts and food as well as Installation of the new leadership team. So plan to be with us at least until 1:30.

This year we will have a baked potato bar with salad and fruit skewers as well as ice cream for dessert. The cost of the party is \$20 per person. We ask that you not bring guests to the party because everyone present will receive a gift and we need to be able to plan ahead on how many gifts we need.

As usual we will have a basket auction, so come planning to bid on some great gifts. We won't have a 50/50 drawing so there is less competition for the Silent Auction.



Just in case you noticed it is missing, the Look at My Great Listing and Affiliate Table didn't get used, so rather than waste time promoting it, we're going back to the drawing board.

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