

September 2008 Newsletter

### **Message from the President**

I had a dream of owning my own cottage one day ... well, this summer one of the things that occupied a lot of my time was planning and beginning to build our cottage. For moments during the heavy "wo-manual" labour that I did, I felt a sense of excitement and passion for the project. It was the realization that when I was later sitting in my cottage, I would be able to tell people that I had actually built the floor. This excitement helped me through six days of near backbreaking work in setting forth to realize my dream.

This passion reminded me of my business and how important it is to reconnect with our passion in our business and professional lives. It is this passion that helps us to transcend the difficult or trying days and situations that can arise. It is this passion that inevitably is experienced or not experienced by individuals who we meet when we are networking and going about each business day.

When Maxine Hyndman spoke at the GWIN meeting last year, she spoke of how we market our businesses by how we live our lives. You could openly see the passion when Michael Fletcher spoke of his work at our September meeting.

So ladies, I recommend for a few moments on a regular basis, you sit down, reconnect with your passion and remember the dream that you once created about having your own business and/or career. Now, take action towards this goal with renewed excitement and see how successful you really can be.

I hope you will all be able to join us on October 7, 2008 for our dinner meeting. We will have the opportunity to play the Beehive Networking Game with Michael Fletcher! Check out [gwin.ca](http://gwin.ca) to ensure you bring all the necessary business cards! We will also be presenting the 2008 Scholarship Award to Vanessa Somos who is this year's recipient.

This is the time of year that you need to renew your membership. For returning members, you will need to pay your fees by October 7 to ensure that you remain posted on the GWIN website. While I recognize from year to year that individuals come and go, I am hoping to see you recommit to GWIN this year!

Sylvia

### **Thank you to all our 50/50 Prize Donors at our September meeting!**

- Sylvia Plester-Silk, Holistic Healing Practitioner
- Margaret Pennyfather, Marketing Network Associates
- Laurie Scott, USANA Health Sciences
- Angela Hauler Polla, Soup Queen Cooks
- Deb D'Antonio, INVIS

### **Executive Committee Openings**

We still have openings on the Executive Committee for the Communications Coordinator and the Special Events Coordinator. Please think about coming forward to assist your Executive by taking on one of these positions. Feel free to contact Sylvia with any questions about the positions.

### **Special December GWIN Social**

As you may be aware, no one came forward at the September meeting to fill the position of Special Events Coordinator. As a result, the Executive has decided that we are unable to organize a Spa Night for the 2008/09 GWIN year. Instead, we have decided to have a Christmas Social Night – we will still accept gifts for the women at Guelph-Wellington Women In Crisis and we plan to have a Penny Table Sale to raise funds for them. We will need individuals to donate prizes for this event. We will give you more information regarding this evening at the upcoming meetings.

Sylvia



### **A Successful Tradeshow Booth at Bingeman's, September 2008**



**A Donation given to Hospice Wellington at the September Meeting from a Successful July GWIN event.**