

## WOMEN IN NEWARK

### Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 4.00p.m. at Roman Way, Newark, Nottinghamshire

#### Apologies:

Dawn Berry	Portia Green
Gwyneth Jeyes	Sue Lovell
Martha Parry	Sue Breedon
Nikki Passmore	Beverley Bearder
Sally Yates	Tracey Hughes

1. The Vice Chairman, Elaine Ellison, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Members introduced themselves and Elaine welcomed new members.
3. It was reported that the Casino Night fundraising event had been an enjoyable evening and a success with £437.00 being collected for the Breast Screening Unit at Newark Hospital.
4. Members were informed that Barry Starling of Trent Web Design is offering all WIN members a 15% discount off his website services in appreciation of the work he has done on the WIN website.
5. There were also notices for several forthcoming events:
  - a) Southwell Pink Ladies are holding a quiz on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Southwell Minster School; the proceeds of which are going to the Breast Screening Unit. Any member interested in entering should contact the Chairman, Tracey Hughes.
  - b) WIN had received details regarding the First Women Awards and nominations for pioneering women in business. The deadline for nominations is 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Tracey Hughes has further details for any members interested in making a nomination.
  - c) Tickets are still available for the WIN fundraising fashion lunch to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Roman Way, Lincoln Road, Newark. Cost: £12.00, time: 12.00 p.m. for 12.30 p.m. Aura Fashions will be putting on a fashion show during the lunch. If anyone would like to book tickets, please contact Elaine on 01636 708630.
  - d) Wizardry for Women on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009 between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at the Aura Commerce and Technology Centre, Manners Road, Newark. There will be stalls and talks hosted by women who have their own small businesses in the Newark area and a donation will be made to Newark Breast

Cancer Support Group. Tickets are £4.00 and can be obtained from either the Aura Centre (01636 647112) or Julie Reader-Sullivan (0845 8800255).

- e) Members were reminded of the Newark County Show to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Newark Showground.
- f) June Rowlands and Elaine Ellison are organising a "The Best Ladies Day Ever" on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The event is to be held at Woodborough Hall, who have kindly given them the use of the hotel for the day. The day will include mini treatments in the rooms, a walkabout fashion show, a retail therapy area with stalls and speakers. One key note speaker is the Butler to the Duchess of Rutland. Ladies will be able to book a morning session which will include lunch, an afternoon session which will include afternoon tea, or they can book an all day ticket. Full details will be available at next month's meeting.
- g) WIN are entering the Newark Carnival to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 2.00 p.m. and the theme for the float will be "Sex in the City". Members are asked to think about ideas for dressing the float and their costume plans.
- h) There is a charity ball in aid of Cancer Research UK to be held at Kelham Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £35.00 per head to include meal, disco and hopefully live music. Tables to seat 10, however smaller groups welcome. If any members would like to donate a raffle prize or would like tickets, please contact Katy Ward 01636 702100 or the organiser, Sue Taylor, on 07930 402278.
- i) St John's Ambulance have a fundraising event on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Rushton's restaurant. There will be a 4 course meal based on the Alsace region and tickets are £35.00 each.

There is also a joint fundraising "Newark at the Derby" race night planned with Beaumont House on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to be held at Newark Showground. Any members willing to sponsor a race, or wanting tickets, can contact Ann Robson of St James' Place Investments.

- 6. Elaine welcomed the speaker, Kevin Smith, from Lillie Interiors. Kevin explained that in the present economic climate, people were deciding to improve and not move and when one looks at the costs of moving and the fees involved, this can be used to make some significant improvements.

New collections are released twice a year and as with the fashion industry, the collections are launched in Madrid and Paris etc. The new collections are just being launched and Kevin brought samples from Manuel Canovas, a French designer who is renowned for his colour and vibrancy. Kevin explained that ideally every room should have feature. Members were able to look through samples from the new collection. Linens are in vogue, as are embroidered silks. Kevin explained that there is very much a mood on textured fabrics.

Kevin had also brought wallpaper and fabric ranges from G P & J Baker who are a long and established English firm who have the largest collection in the world of archive prints and he also showed samples from Mulberry and Ralph Lauren.

Elaine thanked Kevin for an interesting and enjoyable talk.

7. The April meeting will not be held at The Roman Way and the group will be meeting at The Farndon Boathouse, Farndon at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 where Claire Hargreaves of Nottingham Wild Life Trust will be leading a walk around Nottingham Wildlife Trust Willow rushes, Farndon. Members are reminded to wear suitable footwear.