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Our mission statement:

Professional Women's Network facilitates business development by inspiring relationships among women in all professions.

PWN is Ready for the New Year!

What a wonderful year we have had at PWN! Thank you for joining us at the luncheons and events this year; your membership and contributions are important to us. Highlights of our year:

As President, the first thing I wanted to achieve was to give my board more "air time" at the luncheons, as well as make the format more dynamic. We also changed lunch venues and returned to the Hotel Rex.

We kept several traditional events, as well as raising funds for our website redesign. We saw "Wicked" and we had a blast at "Croquet in the Park." We enjoyed it so much, this may turn into an annual event!

Sue Ballinger and **Grace Furst** did a wonderful job with the website updates that are now complete and beautiful. Please be sure to take a look and use the wonderful tools available at www.pwnetwork.com.

January Speakers

Meagan Brown, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones U.S.A, will discuss the investment services she offers to individuals and small businesses. **Charlotte Gaylord** will describe City National Bank's Private Client Services' focus on affluent individuals, law firms and non-profits.

Notes from Our Members

Merry Selk has joined the staff of the *Partnership for the Public's Health* as Communications Specialist, working with the Ning/social media site, websites, and publications for this wonderful social change organization.

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Past Spirits and this year's winner Sue Ballinger. We transformed the Holiday Showcase into a Holiday Celebration, inviting former members; it was so great to see them again! More importantly, we celebrated our 2009 Spirit of PWN recipient **Sue Ballinger** at the luncheon. PWN also helped those in need with donations to the SF Food Bank. Thanks to **Grace Furst** for dropping off the donations.

I would sincerely like to thank the 2009 board for all of their dedication, hard work and support from start to finish. It certainly took a village to accomplish successfully what we did. - **Kathleen Horvath**, President *Mimi Greene's Good Wishes From Afar* **Mimi Greene**, last year's Spirit Award Winner, was unable to attend our Holiday Celebration. She sent flowers and congratulations to this year's winner, Sue Ballinger. Thanks, Mimi!



Last year's Spirit Award Winner Mimi Greene
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Photos from our December Lunch



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Member Profile – Azeb Clark



Born and raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Azeb left a war-torn country at 17 to come to the US, and became a citizen in 1990. She put herself through college, and after obtaining an International Economics and Finance Masters from Columbia University, she joined an investment management firm in Hong Kong. Occasional travels back to the West Coast resulted in her falling in love with San Francisco, so she settled here about ten years ago.

Azeb is the founder of Morningside Investment Advisors, a fee-based wealth and investment advisory boutique providing unbiased advice to help clients protect and grow their wealth. The most rewarding business success was three years ago, she says, when she left a Wall Street firm to put up her shingle. "When 98% of my clients transferred their accounts to join me in my newly established firm, it was a strong testimonial that I was doing a reasonable job for my clients."

Azeb is passionate about education and literacy, and supports EthiopiaReads.org, a non-profit that spreads literacy by teaching children to read. The organization has opened over 40 libraries since 2002. When she's not working, Azeb loves to travel with her husband and two daughters.

2010 Meeting Dates—First Friday of each month except for holiday weekends.

Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, Mar. 5th, Apr. 2nd, May 7th, Jun. 4th, Jul. 9th, Aug 6th, Sep. 10th, Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd