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Words of Wisdom

**Your attitude is the
first thing people
notice about you.**

We Are “Women of Influence”

The month of March was bittersweet this year – my one and only daughter turned 21 years of age. The idea that she is no longer a teen was hard last year and this year – very bittersweet. Attending Arcadia University, my daughter comes home almost every weekend so I probably do not see big changes in her (like parents with kids only coming home on holidays and breaks) but her independence, confidence and self-discipline has been rewarding to observe. I've done all I can do and ...since I've given her wings I must let her fly.

The question is have I been influential as a role model. My Mom says I will never know how much I have influenced my daughter until I see how she raises her own children – that's a long time to wait for a grade, don't you think?

I recently read a book called *How to Be Like Women of Influence* by Pat and Ruth Williams. In the introduction of this book, Ruth Williams, the co-author, stated that in 1998 a book was published by Michael H. Hart entitled, *The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History*, not a single woman made Mr. Hart's list.

Mrs. Williams goes on to explain that during the first 100 years of our country's history the woman's role was limited to mothering and teaching – few other alternatives existed until after the Industrial Revolution. The absence of women in Mr. Hart's list made a part of me bristle until I read on to discover that the oversight did not consider the subliminal influence women had on the ...Influential Persons in History.

I think it is somewhat safe to assume all of these “influential persons (male)” had mothers or at some point, a female authority figure acting as a character catalyst. We all affect the lives of others around us and in particular – our children. I thought it interesting that the subtitle to the aforementioned book was *Life Lessons from 20 of*

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The April Program

2nd Wednesday of the Month

PowHERful Communications: For Women Who Want to be Heard by Kirstin Carey, Orange Tree Training

You will learn how to be a Powherful and effective communicator at work, at play, and at home - WITHOUT having to communicate like a man. By the end of this program, you will know how to avoid the pitfalls of communication that make women appear weak and unsure.

The meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 12th** at the Bay Pony Inn in Lederach on Route 113. We will start with registration and networking at 11:30 am; lunch will begin at noon. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests. Make your reservations early! Call Tracy McGovern at 215-858-8195, or send your email to connect@wrnmontco.com now. You can also register online at our website: www.wrnmontco.com! Deadline is April 9th.

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All articles, news, information, thank you's and advertising should be submitted by the Friday after the monthly luncheon meeting or via email to WRN@hartcen.com no later than the Friday after the luncheon.


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Newsletter Submissions

Please send Member News or Recognition to the editor by the Friday after the monthly meeting.

Articles submitted must have a general interest and are subject to editing if accepted for future publication.

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Women Connecting
for Success

The Women's Referral Network (WRN) of Montgomery County introduces you to fellow professional women in your community and serves to promote business opportunities among and for women. Network to make the connections you need to propel your business or career. Learn from others and share your success.

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the Greatest (Women of Influence). The life lessons were stated in one word that described the example set by 20 influential women.

Eleanor Roosevelt	- Compassion
Mother Teresa	- Love
Anne Frank	- Courage
Margaret Thatcher	- Resolve
Sandra Day O'Connor	- Values
Oprah Winfrey	- Sincerity
Gold Meir	- Wisdom
Rosa Parks	- Strength
Helen Keller	- Vision
Marie Curie	- Persistence



To name only a few...

This book is amazing material. What it says about women as role models is fascinating. I think it would be very difficult to summarize the accomplishments of these great women into just one word – but, the words they chose for each woman rang true in my mind. How great would it be to be one of these 20 awesome women honored?

As I read I could not help asking myself what example I was setting for other women in business. Have you every asked yourself the question – if I were to die tomorrow – what one word would describe the example I left behind? What would it say on my grave marker? Will the influence I have on other women in business but memorable or best forgotten? Hmmm? *Cher Frederick*

Because of your generosity...

WRNMontco members have been so generous with give-away gifts, promoting their businesses, that we have had as many as 5 give-away gifts at a luncheon. Drawing for these great give-away gifts is a great segue to our Scholarship Fund 50/50 Drawing and although it is very nice to receive the gifts – we hope you will embrace and support a new use for gifts donated by our members.

Most of our guest speakers volunteer their time and talents and in return they receive their lunch free – which they hardly have a chance to enjoy. It has long been a desire to show appreciation in a more tangible way and your generous donations will provide a sampling of unique gifts from members of our networking group. Wouldn't you agree, it will be great to give our speakers an appreciation gift to use and enjoy even after they leave the luncheon.

Rosemary Roynan, Gift Baskets From Heaven, LLC, has accepted the job of preparing a "Speaker's Basket" using items donated by WRNMontco members. In return for Rosemary's services, she will receive free display of her business card in our June newsletter and the privilege of putting her business card and price sheet in each basket.

In the past, our members have been so willing to donate a give-away gift that having 2 give-away gifts for raffle at the luncheon and 2 give-away gifts for use in a speaker basket should be achievable. If you would like to contribute a give-away gift that promotes your business, and gives members and speakers an opportunity to experience your product or service – then - please sign-up with Tracy McGovern for luncheon give-away gifts and Rosemary Roynan for speaker basket giveaway gifts.