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### Fund-Raising

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### Membership

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Sign up! The more involved you are, the more you'll get out of WRN.

## We Invite You...

to join our dynamic and knowledgeable group as a guest at our next meeting. For more information, please call Alexis Christy at 215-723-2961 or email connect@wrnmontco.com

## Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving is done and Christmas and Hanukkah are right around the corner. It is easy to get so caught up with the "To Do" list that we forget what the season is all about. We are so busy, shopping, decorating, and cooking, along with working that we can miss the time to enjoy what's important to us and show our gratitude for what we have.

I just want to take this time to be thankful for WRN. It has been a place for me to meet dynamic, inspiring women from whom I've learned a lot — from running my business more efficiently, to taking better care of my health and spirit. In the 6 years or so that I have been a member, I have gained business, benefited from other's products and services and made solid friendships. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the development of such a vital, growing organization. I am thankful for all who have helped me build a strong successful business and have shared your expertise and services with me.

Thanks to everyone who has shown an interest in learning more about WRN by attending our luncheons and to all the members who have joined and rejoined this year. I want to extend a special thanks to all the speakers who broadened our knowledge, made us laugh and think.

I have learned that when you are stressed out, upset, or frustrated, you should stop and take the time to think about something you appreciate. It could be your family, your pet, or a beautiful sunset or the warmth of your home. The good feeling will cancel out whatever is bothering you for that moment. It can help you gain perspective and realize all that you have in your life for which to be thankful. I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!

*Laurie Landis*



Laurie Landis  
President

## The December Program

2nd Wednesday of the Month

### Bring A Bra Holiday Luncheon

Join us for a meeting full of networking fun and games. Get to know more about your fellow WRN members and guests and their businesses. We will be also be presenting our annual donation to **Laurel House**, the only emergency domestic violence shelter in Montgomery County. Many of the women coming to Laurel House flee their homes in the night with just the clothes on their backs. Donations of personal items are the most needed, yet hard to ask for. Please bring a new, unwrapped bra to donate — larger sizes are most needed. If you are interested in providing additional items, you may view the Laurel House Wish List on our website.

The meeting will be held **Wednesday, December 8th** at the Gypsy Rose Restaurant on Route 113 in Collegeville. 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 Alexis Christy at 215-723-2961, or send your email to connect@wrnmontco.com now. You can also register online at our website: www.wrnmontco.com! Deadline is December 6th.



WRN Connections is a monthly publication of the Women's Referral Network of Montgomery County. It is available as a PDF via email or on our website: [www.wrnmontco.com](http://www.wrnmontco.com)

All articles, news, information, thank you's and advertising should be submitted by the day of the monthly luncheon meeting or via email to [WRN@hartcen.com](mailto:WRN@hartcen.com) no later than the day after the luncheon.

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## Check us out on the web!

You can see this newsletter in lovely color by checking out our website: [www.wrnmontco.com](http://www.wrnmontco.com) and clicking on the "news" link. It's great!

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.



## Women's Referral Network

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Women Connecting  
for Success

## Network and Donate

You are invited to a [Wine Tasting Holiday Event](#) at Jacques Dessange Spa in Ardmore on December 7th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. PhillyWIT is the local chapter of WorldWIT—the largest network of professional women online with 35,000 members. Come join us for a festive evening with wine and light hors d'oeuvres. To register, contact Kim Huggins at [salientstrategists@comcast.net](mailto:salientstrategists@comcast.net). Registration fee is \$10 and \$15 at the door.

We will be collecting used toys, clothes, hats, scarfs for Salvation Army.

**Remember to make your lunch check for only lunch!**

*The 50/50 raffle is cash!*

## Honored Charity for the December Meeting

### Laurel House

Holidays are difficult for families of domestic violence victims who are forced to flee their home for safety, or worse yet when their life is taken at the hands of an abuser. Because of women and children who have been terrorized in their homes, Laurel House, with more determination than ever, decided that we will become a household name. We have committed ourselves to raising public awareness about domestic violence. We are the only comprehensive domestic violence shelter in Montgomery

County. Over the past year, Laurel House provided safe refuge for 195 abused women and 142 children, answered 1,020 crisis calls for help, provided 2,000 hours of counseling to children who witnessed the violence and provided over 13,000 hours of counseling to women. But we can't stop there. We need every person, every community to know of the services available. We can't do it alone. We need to break the silence around domestic violence.

