

Happy New Year

A wise person once said,
"You Can Never Have
Too Many Friends"

When it comes right down to it, friends, loved ones and acquaintances who make you feel more alive, happy and optimistic are some of the most important treasures in life. All the money and power you can imagine are not likely to be as satisfying as good conversation, trust, dependability and laughter.

Today, I would like you to take a moment and think about the special people in your life, and the ways you can keep those relationships strong. Make it a priority to spend some time each month with at least one of them - whether by phone, e-mail, in person or perhaps at a WomanSage Salon. Human connectedness is a powerful tool and healer, one we should all embrace.

Being a member of a WomanSage community can open the doors to making new friends, enjoying new experiences and finding support.

It is once again time to renew your membership. This can be done at our January Salon or on-line at www.WomanSage.org

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2008 Is All About YOU!

By Jane Glenn Haas

Let me let you in on a few of the amazing plans WomanSage has for this year:

- On Feb. 12, we will host the first in a series of salons on YOUR FUTURE—should you retire? Start a new business? Volunteer? Do a little of each? What options are out there for you as the first of the Boomers edge toward the big 65th birthday? Helen Dennis, a leading expert in aging and workforce issues, will moderate a panel of WS members who will discuss early retirement, loss of identity, sense of purpose. In short, all the issues surrounding career change.

- At the same time, WomanSage will launch our new special interest focus on careers, jobs, starting a business, renewing an existing business.
- In coming months, we will talk about money, leisure time, changing jobs – all the growth areas opening up to us after age 50.
- Expect to see the WomanSage web site give you a place to advertise your interest in changing positions or an employer a ready market of potential job seekers.
- Don't forget to give us your feedback. Go to the womansage.org web site and complete the "Is Your Job Your Identity" survey. Tell us the topics you would like us to

feature at salon meetings. Send me a direct e-mail at jghaas@aol.com.

- And there's more!

Mark the date of May 17 on your calendar. You're going to lunch with WomanSage that day. Tell you more next month!



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WOMANSAGE:
CREATING A NEW
AGENDA

WomanSage is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to educating, empowering and fostering mentoring relationships among women at midlife.

WomanSage focuses on financial literacy; women's health; the self, inner and outer beauty; careers and transitions; caregiving; and relationships. WomanSage offers a news-based Website, a quarterly journal, annual conferences, monthly salon meetings and a network of special interest groups on topics of interest such as book clubs, dining, theater, civic engagement and travel.

Chapters In Cyberspace

WomanSage is entering its fifth year and we are growing by leaps and bounds. We are also bonding with women across the entire country. We have about 2,500 contacts all seeking to have the "salon" experience of the Orange County Chapter.

On our new website, we will be putting all the information that I have been sending out to our inquiries across the country.

It's not quite ready yet, but soon. If you have a friend in another part of the country, have them check out the chapters section of the website and they can find out detailed information on how to get a chapter going in their area.

Hope you had a wonderful holiday and are looking at a bright and happy New Year. Make sure you take time to

reflect on all the growth you created, or experienced in 2007 so that you can honor yourself and your life so far. Then look into 2008 with expectation of more fun, growth, and experiences that enhance your life.

Nancy M. DeJohn
National Chapter Chair
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Transition Makeover Participants to Speak

The 2008 WomanSage salons in Orange County will feature an update from one Transition Makeover participant each month. In this way, women will have an opportunity to understand what each has experienced from her own perspective. A commitment is asked of each woman before she is able to receive the benefits of a makeover, that she share her story so that others will learn from her experiences. What was she able to apply from the expertise of the life, career coach or the financial advisor and the image consultants? What do these professionals provide a woman in transition?

Watch for the first speaker at the February salon. We are sharing photos of the six most recent participants, taken by professional photographer and

WomanSage member, Julie Diebolt Price. She has captured the "after" image enhanced by image, make-up, color and hair stylists who have provided their services. Diebolt Price's donated service is designed to give each woman a professional photo that can be used as she moves into the next career phase of her life.

Grateful thank you wishes also go to the following who have donated to the makeovers as image consultants:

Terry Landers and his staff at Salon L, Newport Beach

Kim Grout, Aveda Richard Michael Salon, Crystal Court, Costa Mesa

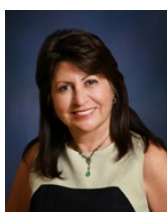
Robin Dunn, The Art of Hair, Laguna Niguel

Doreen Fontecchio, Adiana's Salon and Spa, Orange

Naomi Fox, Make-Up Artist, Dana Point

Barbara Charlton, Colorist and Make-Up Consultant

Please send any comments or questions about this program to Linda Scheck, lscheck@womansage.org.



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