

# WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the Marion Women's Business Council! You have taken an excellent step toward become a great part of the networking system of the women in Marion.

WBC was started in 1994 by six business women that wanted and needed guidance from each other in developing, growing, and managing businesses. They helped each other find financing, manage employees, find quality employees, work with vendors, and a variety of other issues in a corporate environment. This process continues today. Business women, employees, and new entrepreneurs can still benefit from the WBC members' talents, experiences, and knowledge. This system of networking may be new for women, but men have been using it for years (mostly on the golf course). Our group makes those same connections over a great lunch.

Business connections within this group are vast and reaching. Helping others and gaining the help you need, benefits all our members. Each meeting we address topics of interest to women in business. We have speakers on many topics who are experts in their fields. They share with us a multitude of ideas, personal experiences and facts. We learn about everything from our health to our wealth and have fun doing it!

Membership Dues are \$50 per year, a small price to pay for such an open door of networking opportunities. The WBC membership year is from September through August.

Luncheon/Meetings are from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm., September through May, on the second Monday of every month. We have the pleasure of meeting at the META Solutions building (formerly TRECA) on Delaware Avenue. The cost of each Luncheon is \$13.00 with the exception of our ATHENA Awards Luncheon. The ATHENA event lunch cost is \$18.00. Throughout the year there may be a few "after-hours" events to attend. Any additional costs for those events are disclosed at the announcement of the event.

RSVP is required for every event! You will be notified by email of the deadline to RSVP for each event. Our caterer relies heavily on our RSVP numbers to have the proper amount of food for our attendees. They work diligently to provide an accurate number of meals in order to help keep the cost of the lunches affordable to our members. If for some reason you are unable to attend a luncheon after you have RSVP'd, you will still be responsible for the \$13.00 charge for the meal.

Guests are always welcome to our luncheons. You will need to RSVP for them, and they too will need to pay the \$13.00 for the meal. Guests during the 2015-2016 year will have their name entered into a drawing to receive a FREE Marion Women's Business Council membership for the following year! Members who bring a guest will be entered into a drawing to receive a FREE membership for the following year, too!

Payment may be made to WBC on either an annual or a monthly basis. Annual payments should include the \$50 Membership Due, \$13 each for 8 regular Lunch Meetings, & \$18 for the ATHENA Award Luncheon for a total of \$172.00. Membership Dues, Luncheon costs and Special Event costs are non-refundable. If you choose to pay monthly, you will be required to

pay the day of the luncheon. We will no longer be able to send bills after the event. If you need some sort of special billing for reimbursement from your employer, please contact the Treasurer, Cindi Bentley at 740-396-0197 to discuss the options available.

**Name Badges** will be provided at no cost to all first year members with payment of their Membership Dues. This special name badge is to be worn at the luncheons and will need to be returned to the registration table at the end of each luncheon. If a member misplaces their name badge, they may purchase a replacement badge for \$12.00.

The Women's Business Council website is [www.WomensBusinessCouncil.com](http://www.WomensBusinessCouncil.com). It can be used to view our current membership, our luncheon schedule, any upcoming special events, and the history of WBC. You may advertise your business on the site for a \$30.00 annual fee.

**ATHENA** is a special event held each year in March. The ATHENA International Organization is an elite club. They retain and maintain standards for the award given in their name, to benefit a deserving women (or gentleman) that has the qualities of mentoring, giving, and displaying business success. The banquet for Marion is held during the March Luncheon and draws an attendance of 100 or more members, 5-10 nominees and nominators, dignitaries, and business sponsors. This award opportunity has been in our community for 15 years. We are very proud of the winners and nominees from this area. All are accomplished and worthy of the award.



# Marion Women's Business Council Membership Application

Marion Women's Business Council is dedicated to helping women in business reach new heights. WBC provides a monthly forum for the sharing of ideas and a supportive environment of peers and mentoring groups devoted to the exchange of information. Luncheon/Meetings give women starting in business the opportunity to network with women established in business. Women's Business Council presents stimulating guest speakers each month that offer valuable information and answers to business questions.

The Membership Year is September-May. Membership Dues are due at the time of Registration in the amount of \$50. "Late In the Year" Registrations will be accepted for January-May Membership at the cost of \$25. Company Paid Memberships may be transferable by written request.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook Link \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your job responsibilities &/or company functions in 50 words or less:

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Return this completed form to the address below with your check made payable to:

Women's Business Council  
P.O. Box 19  
Marion, Ohio 43301-0019