

## 5 Tips for Connecting with BWN Members

We got so much great feedback from our member survey. Thank you to everyone who submitted their thoughts. One of the most common questions was...

*"I joined BWN to build my network... how can I connect with even MORE members?"*

We have the answers! Below are 5 tips for connecting with other BWN members.

And, keep reading for details on our August events. **There is no luncheon in August**, but mark your calendars for [happy hour](#) and our monthly [coffee](#)!

Making Connections with 200+ Amazing BWN Members:

### 1 - Attend Events

BWN hosts three monthly events:

- Coffee on the second Wednesday
- Luncheon on the third Wednesday
- Happy Hour on the fourth Wednesday (August is the exception with a happy hour on the third Wednesday, and nothing on the fourth Wednesday.)

More details are available on the [BWN Event Calendar](#)

### 2 - Refer to the Member Directory

Available to members only, the [online directory](#) is a great way of finding other members. Looking for someone who works in a specific industry? The "Advanced Search" option allows you to filter for type of business. You will have to log-in to access the directory.

### 3 - Join a Committee

BWN depends on volunteer committees to "do the work" of running the organization. We welcome you to [learn more and join a committee](#): Scholarship, Marketing & Communications, Programs, Hospitality and Membership. Serving on a committee is a great way to provide valuable support and form meaningful relationships with other members.

### 4 - Join a Cohort or Club

Cohorts provide an opportunity for professionals in related industries to get to know one another outside of other events, sharing ideas and resources, establishing referral partnerships, and offering insight and support. Existing cohorts include: Advisory Services; Serving the 50+ Community; and Health & Wellness. BWN also has a very active Golf Club! Members enjoy lessons and events throughout the year, and skill level ranges from beginner to expert. All are welcome! [Learn more about cohorts and clubs.](#)

### 5 - Start a Cohort or Club

Is your industry not yet represented by a cohort? Or, do you have an idea for a new club, such as a book club, Bunco, or hiking? Anyone with an interest in bringing together people who share a similar mission or common interest is encouraged to contact Jenn Gruber, [jenngruber@msn.com](mailto:jenngruber@msn.com), for more details and support. We welcome your involvement!

While there is no luncheon in August, the BWN Board is hosting a special [Happy Hour](#) on August 16 at Xenia. Tickets are just \$10 and include two drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options!). Guests are welcome, so bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing and fun evening with your BWN colleagues.

Keep reading for details on our August events. Be sure to mark your calendar for our monthly [coffee](#) on Aug 9!

[REGISTER FOR THE AUGUST HAPPY HOUR TODAY](#)

## Upcoming BWN Events

You are invited to join us.  
Registration is required for each event.  
Click on each section below to register.  
Become a member and attend  
our member-only events.

AUGUST 9 [COFFEE @ CAFE COLUMBIA](#) • COLUMBIA ↓



**BWN AUGUST COFFEE**

August 9  
8:30am-10:00am  
Cafe Columbia  
5550 Sterrett Place  
Columbia  
Host Sue Bullock

REGISTER NOW

AUGUST 16 [HAPPY HOUR @ XENIA](#) • COLUMBIA ↓



**08  
16  
23**

XENIA  
8850 Columbia Parkway • Columbia

**BWN AUGUST  
HAPPY HOUR**

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
HOST: BWN Board

REGISTER NOW

## MEMBER ORIENTATION

*We're glad you're here!*

October 25, 2023 • 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Everyone welcome & encouraged!



## Annual Awards Nomination Period Ongoing

**BWN**  
*Boss Lady  
Awards*

Nominate Someone Who Merits Recognition

## Welcome New Members

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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[Ford Hospitality](#)

## Notice & Invitation

The [BWN Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages are public but the [BWN Facebook Group page](#) is open only to current BWN members. If you are a current member and would like to be, we'd love to have you join us!

[JOIN OR RENEW](#)

## About BWN

BWN is a Community  
Where Business Women  
Grow Together

Business Women's Network believes women are more successful when they are in community with other women. Our mission is to provide opportunities for motivated, professional women to empower one another, so that together we can grow our business and our leadership skills. What sets us apart from our other networking organizations is our warm and welcoming energy and our commitment to making genuine connections.

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