



Chapter Chat

Women in Cable
Telecommunications™

News and Information for NM-AZ Chapter Members

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ARIZONA

July 2008

Chapter members learn about golf and mentoring in Tucson



More than 70 Chapter members and non-members from New Mexico and Arizona cable operators participated in the Chapter's Second Annual "Get In The Swing With WICT" golf event. Held in Tucson at The Pines Golf Club, attendees spent a sunny afternoon learning more about the game of golf, while spending time with a team mentor who shared career insight and golfing tips.

The event began with a mini-golf lesson with the course pro who gave participants a few lessons on improving their drive, chipping and putting. Next, a panel of industry leaders shared their experiences and advice about the value of a mentor.

Volunteering to share their experiences was John Christopher, VP/GM of Comcast Southern New Mexico, Holly Capps, General Manager of Cox Media in Tucson, and Matt Short, Director of Project Engineering for Cox in Tucson. Moderated by Tiffany Payne, Comcast SW Area

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Know yourself. Know what you stand for. Know where you're going.

Executive Development Seminar

September 24-26, 2008

**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe
Rancho Santa Fe, California**

The Executive Development Seminar (EDS) is a distinctive learning experience equipping women leaders with the tools necessary to enhance their successes in the cable industry. You will practice strategies to build relationships in business, learn to embrace and appreciate differences among your peers, understand specific time management strategies to make the most out of time on the job, and focus on bringing complicated work situations back to the basics. In this 3-day journey with facilitator Elaine Yarbrough, you will recognize your unique contributions as a female, renew your energy that has been depleted by multiple life demands, and reconnect with other industry women who face the same challenges.

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Coming to Phoenix - Our Next Chapter event!

Planning For Your Future
Thursday, July 24, 2008

at Cox Communications, 1550 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix, AZ
Featuring Guest Speaker Anna O'Connell, Vice President & Financial Advisor,
Global Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch

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**Important
DATE!**

Golfers learn more about mentoring

Attendees then found their golf carts, introduced themselves to their teammates, and listened to the rules of the of the game.

All golfers were pleased to learn that traditional scoring was not being used; instead, the teams were to talk with their team's mentor – a leader in the industry or community who volunteered to share their golf skills and business knowledge with their team. At the conclusion of the 9 holes of play, all players reconvened for dinner, drinks and prize drawings.

The Board received some great feedback from the attendees. "Thank you for an awesome event! I have never golfed, and have never desired to golf. The clinic and event were presented in such a non-threatening way that I found myself thoroughly enjoying myself and felt I actually might like to try this again." "Great job on a successful event!"

A big thank you goes to the chapter's sponsors, **CableOne**, **Comcast Spotlight**, **Comcast** and **Fox Cable Networks**, and to the mentors who volunteered their time and wisdom:

Lisa Akhionbare, Senior Director Finance, Comcast, Albuquerque

Jim Arnold, General Manager, KOLD-TV 13, Tucson

Tom Basinger, VP Operations, CableOne, Phoenix

Celeste Bernal, Finance Manager, Comcast, Las Cruces

Holly Capps, General Manager, Cox Media, Tucson

John Christopher, VP/GM, Comcast, Las Cruces

Brad Dorsey, General Manager, CableOne, Phoenix

Chris Dunkeson, Government Affairs Director, Comcast, Albuquerque

Steve Fox, Vice President, CableOne, Phoenix

Jessica Haggard, Finance Manager, Time Warner, Yuma

Lisa Oakland, IS Director, Comcast, Albuquerque

Tiffany Payne, Public Relations Director, Comcast, Albuquerque

Ricky Rinehart, Area Manager, Time Warner, Yuma

Tiare Romero, Human Resources Director, Comcast, Albuquerque

Matt Short, Network Operations Director, Cox, Tucson



Executive Development Seminar

Who Should Attend?

Women who manage a staff and are directly responsible for a portion of their company's P & L, and are serious about polishing their senior leadership skills.

What do previous attendees say about the Program?

"It was a great experience reconnecting with our own power and focusing on our own journeys. We often forget that we are in charge of our own path and that we have made great decisions and choices along the way to be where we are today. It was great reflecting on the choices and being proud to be a women leader in today's society."

—Sharon Jones, Service Center Manager, Comcast

"The WICT EDS program provided me an unprecedented opportunity to network both professionally and personally with a diverse group of female professionals within our industry. Elaine Yarborough immediately creates an environment of trust, integrity and honesty that enables each participant to reach deep inside of herself to recognize and share her triumphs and challenges. Each woman comes away from the experience owning a better relationship with herself... strengthening the leader on the outside and the humanness that drives her, within."

—Darlene Stapleton, Director of Operations Customer Care, Time Warner Cable



**For more information, and to print the registration form:
visit www.wict.org/WICT/News/Events/EDS_Fall2008.htm**



West Coast Cable and Technology Leaders Training with Motorola

Chabot Space and Center, and Northern California WICT

Who:

Supervisory to mid-level managers in Cable, Affiliated Networks and Technical Vendors

What:

A special training for multiple companies to work together to solve challenges that face our industry and our company. Solve a specially designed industry Case study, created by Motorola and the Cable College specialized trainers. Present your findings, and be judged by industry executives on the creativeness of your solutions. Hone your analytical and teambuilding skills doing a simulated space mission.

When:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 ~ 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Where:

Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland Hills

Cost:

\$100 for WICT members; \$125 for non-WICT members (transportation is separate)

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Anna O'Connell, Vice President, CFP®

Anna O'Connell graduated from St. Olaf College and spent many years traveling the world teaching in various international schools. Anna began her investment career in 1993, with A.G. Edwards. In November 2007, she joined Merrill Lynch's Global Wealth Management Group where she leads a team of eight specialists and a registered client associate. Anna's group specializes in financial planning, retirement planning, estate planning issues, money management, and business lending. Anna is a Series 7 Registered Representative, Certified Financial Planner®, and is Life and Health licensed. She serves on the United Way Women in Philanthropy Council and is a member of the New Mexico Estate Planning Council.



Planning for your Future

Date: Thursday, July 24

Time: Noon – 2 p.m.

Location: Cox Communications
1550 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ

Come to this Interactive Retirement Planning Workshop, where we will answer questions like:

- Am I saving enough?
- When can I retire?
- What is the best way to invest my money?
- How does my 401k work?
- What is Stock?
- What is a Mutual Fund?

At this seminar we will provide you with the tools necessary to create a picture of where you are today and estimate what you will need to continue to save to reach your retirement goal. We will also discuss the importance of asset allocation, how 401k's work and why they are a wise place to save for retirement.

BRING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS YOU CAN TO THE WORKSHOP:

- Current 401K statement
- Current brokerage account statements
- IRA statements
- Bank statements
- Social Security statements



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Price: \$25 for Members
\$35 for Non-Members

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