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Annual Meeting and Boat Cruise

Enjoy the sights and sounds of a beautiful June evening while you network with Western New York women entrepreneurs during the induction of the chapter's new officers. We will offer a delicious buffet and a cash bar for our cruise on the Niagara River.

The Grand Lady will take off from the Rich Marina, located at 5 Austin Street (off Niagara) in Buffalo.

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Networking: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. • Dine, drink and cruise until 8:30!

Location: The Grand Lady

Rich Marina • 5 Austin Street (just off Niagara Street) in Buffalo

Cost: \$35 / member • \$40 / guest

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Our Mission

NAWBO Buffalo Niagara is the premier organization for women business owners who aspire to accomplish growth, education, and connections.

member news





Pictured with Jennifer (r) is NAWBO Buffalo Niagara President Marilyn Miller. Photo on the right, Katharine is shown with Buffalo Business First reporter.

NAWBO Members Honored at SBA Small Business Week Awards Luncheon in May

Jennifer Cooper was awarded the chapter's Member of the Year Award and **Katharine Smith** received the District Director's Special Recognition Award at the 2014 Small Business Week Awards Luncheon on May 7.



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June WIL Honoree Dr. Maureen Millane Director, Career Services and President, Transformation Consultants

Maureen founded Transformation Consultants in 1989. She works primarily with not for profits and small business owners and provide

executive coaching, board governance, board retreats, professional development and facilitate strategic planning. She also works as the director of career services at Daemen College.

Maureen is most proud of founding the Women's Business Center at Canisius College. She wrote and secured a \$1.5 million (\$750k matching) competitive federal grant and founded the Women's Business Center in Buffalo. Their mission is to provide entrepreneurs, small and potential business owners, the critical skills, knowledge, tools and support network to increase their successes and positively impact the economic development in their communities. This was the first time the grant was awarded to a university and the WBC recently celebrat-

ed its 10-year anniversary.

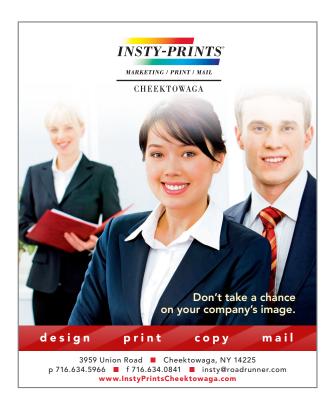
NAWBO Buffalo Niagara was at the table from the

beginning and has served on the advisory board. The chapter also participated in the Women's Leadership Conferences held at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

Maureen gives back to the community. She serves on the Washington Intern Institute, Washington, D.C. board of directors; she is chair of The Women's Group 2012; Leadership Buffalo Class of 2012; acts as a docent at Albright Knox Art Gallery; and serves as secretary on the board of directors, P2Collaborative of Western New York.

She will lead the discussion on *LEAN IN* book (Sheryl Sandberg) for the Buffalo Niagara Human Resource Association. In April 2014 Maureen was the keynote speaker K-16 educational pipeline: interventions for success for Western New York Grant Makers and in fall 2013, she was selected by the NYS Council for the Humanities as a Scholar Facilitator for an adult reading series discussion on the theme of work.

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