

Remarkable Women's Conference Offers Workshops Spanning Topics from Boardroom to Bedroom

AUSTIN, TEXAS (May 8, 2008) When Ragen Chastain approaches you at a networking event and asks you about yourself, you had better have more than your name, elevator pitch and business card ready.

Chastain is just one of the remarkable women entrepreneurs from Innovative Abundance Partnerships LLC, which created and organizes The Remarkable Women's Conference each year. This year's conference is being held at the Norris Conference Center on Anderson Lane, June 6th-8th.

"We recognized a void in local conferences for women," states Chastain, Conference Coordinator. "There was a real need to provide space where women could make meaningful connections beyond the exchange of business-speak and business cards, where they can connect on a deeper level than simply rushing around a room dropping business cards and closing deals."

Others in the business of networking have to agree. "I have attended between 28 and 30 trade shows, events, craft shows and conferences a year for the last two years and I have never had such wonderful and significant connections than I did at the Remarkable Women's Conference," says Tonya Hoffman, owner of Your Local City, a high-profile networking organization based in Austin.

So what's the difference? Let's start with this year's Keynote presentation by Patti Card Smith, president and general manager of KVUE-TV, the ABC affiliate in Austin. None of the usual dry business fare on glass ceilings here; the title of Patti's presentation is "What It Means to be the Pebble In the Pond", an introspective, insightful look at practical steps that lead towards a life rich in fulfillment, purpose, and passion while giving thought to actions one can take to make life and work more meaningful. Conference workshops cover topics spanning the spectrum from building successful sales teams to building successful relationships, from sexual intimacy to sexual harassment, and from finance management to intentional manifestation. And, admission to the tradeshow on Sunday is free, and features free massages, acupuncture, health and wellness demonstrations and samples, coaching sessions, and door prizes.

Connections made at the conference are then nurtured throughout the year with happy hours, workshops, networking events and an International Women's Day celebration each March. The increased popularity of the conference also draws men now as well. "We believe that supporting women doesn't mean excluding men," Chastain points out. "We definitely encourage men who want to connect with Remarkable Women to come to the conference."

The conference also strengthens community connections by donating a portion of proceeds from Remarkable Women's Conference events to local women-centered

charities. This year's funds will be donated to GENAustin, an Austin-based charity engaged in fostering self-esteem in girls.

About GenAustin: GENAustin, Girls Empowerment Network, is an Austin based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that fosters healthy self-esteem in girls by engaging them to explore and define their personal values and to build skills that empower them with confidence and courage to make wise choices in their social lives, their education, and eventually their careers.

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About the Remarkable Women's Conference: The Remarkable Women's Conference is organized and hosted by Innovative Abundance Partnerships LLC, a consortium of women entrepreneurs. It was created to fill a void in local conferences by providing space for women to make meaningful connections without the limitations of standard business networking or simple social networking. The Remarkable Women's Conference consists of both the annual conference itself, as well as year-round events such as happy hours, workshops, career and life coaching, panel discussions and networking events. It provides a "holistic" approach in addressing all areas of a woman's life in its coaching, support and networking programs. The annual conference and year-round events provide training, assistance, encouragement and support in both the personal and professional lives of women from all walks of life, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, race, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. Their programs cover topics ranging from home, family, business, health, relationships and workplace. In addition, a portion of all proceeds from their events is donated to local women-centered charities.

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