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## Women's Idea Network expanding in 2010

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West Chester Township resident Debbie Christy McCurry firmly believes that women in business need to mentor, support, and nurture one another – both professionally and personally.

It's why she began the Women's Idea Network LLC three years ago in West Chester and plans to expand to a dozen Greater Cincinnati locations by year's end.

"This is my dream. They call me the networking queen," said McCurry, 54. "My goal is to 1,000 members by the end of the year in 12 chapters."

Her dream started when as a property manager she wanted to get some of the women renters together for a luncheon to learn how to network.

"It started taking off and I got calls from ladies asking to bring other ladies," McCurry said. "There was an interest and need for women connecting with other women. Instead of the five or six I foresaw, we had 29 ladies at that first meeting."

Since then the group has expanded to an average of 80-100 women attending the monthly meetings. Women come from across the region and range in age from their 20s to 70s. About half are business owners, the rest are employees. Participants range from physicians to stay-at-home moms who operate businesses from their home.

And although the focus of the groups is the promotion of business, the personal side of women's lives is never overlooked.

"I find that women are so nurturing. They love to connect, to reach out," McCurry said. "You look beyond the business card. I like to say networking with a heart. We nurture one another on the business and personal side."

Luncheon meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at the Beckett Ridge Country Club, 5595 Beckett Ridge Blvd., in West Chester Township.

The theme for the Jan. 20 meeting is A New Beginning, What changes will you make in the new year, both personally and professionally.

The meeting runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15. Reservations are due Jan. 15 and can be made by calling 513-847-1011.

McCurry is also looking for women to assist with starting chapters in other communities as well as expanding membership.

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