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## **Chamber Offers New Women's Lunch Series** ***Women Excel in Bloomington kicks off on January 28<sup>th</sup>***

**Bloomington, IN – January 14, 2010** – The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the launch of a new, women in business networking, lunch series – **Women Excel in Bloomington (WEB)**. The series, which is part of The Chamber's newly expanded programming for 2010, consists of informative lunches aimed to create a relaxed but dynamic environment where women can learn from the experiences of other women, brainstorm ideas, and discuss issues relevant to them.

The first **Women Excel in Bloomington** lunch is scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature a panel of women from diverse sections of the community who will share excerpts of their professional and personal journey to the point they are at now. Confirmed guests include: MaryFrances McCourt, Treasurer – Indiana University; Susan Rudd, Sales Manager – French Lick Resort & Casino; Melanie Hart, President – TASUS Corporation; Pam Thrash – WBWB-radio personality; Sherry Dunbar, Women's Volleyball Coach – Indiana University; and other dynamic panelists. In addition, they will share lessons they have learned, and discuss the mentors who made the most significant impact on their lives – both professionally and personally.

“Being able to tap into a readily available resource - other local women - is a logical and incredibly supportive way for women to grow personally and professionally,” said Kelley Brown, director of marketing and public relations with The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. “The WEB Lunch Series was established to give women an informal venue to discuss issues, concerns and opportunities faced by women in business and in our community. Its focus is both to be both educational and interactive.”

Lunches will take place every other month, providing women an opportunity to develop relationships and expand on discussions. In May, a WEB awards ceremony and lunch will be held, recognizing women's leadership in the Bloomington business community.

The first WEB Lunch is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm on January 28 at Chapman's Restaurant at 4506 East 3rd Street. Doors open for registration and additional networking at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$23 for Chamber members and \$30 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased on The Chamber's website ([www.ChamberBloomington.org](http://www.ChamberBloomington.org)) or by calling The Chamber at 812.336.6381.

**About the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce:**

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit membership organization serving as our community's leading advocate for business. We offer unique leadership opportunities, meaningful volunteer activities, and exclusive business-building programs focused on critical economic, civic, and social priorities. Chamber members support each other and community initiatives, sharing information and resources to help create economic opportunity and community well-being. At the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, we believe that better business leads to a better community.

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