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Conference helps get your “financial house in order”

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With financial order at the top of many New Year’s resolution lists, next month’s Money Wise Conference couldn’t come at a better time.

Although the forums are typically geared toward women, this is the first time Money Wise has been targeted for both genders. Silverdale resident Marcia Brixey, who has hosted 32 Money Wise Women forums throughout the Puget Sound, Idaho, Oregon and California since 2002, is hoping to now reach out to a new audience of men as well as women.

Space is still available for the Money Wise Conference on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Island Lake Conference Center, located at 12500 Camp Court in Poulsbo. The cost of the conference is \$12 for lunch.

Although men have always been welcome, Brixey encourages them to take advantage of this conference which is dedicated to educating and empowering participants to achieve financial fitness.

The conference is from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will feature several breakout sessions.

Participants can choose from a variety of sessions including “Better Budgeting,” “Countdown to Retirement: Are you Ready?,” “Building a Strong Financial Foundation,” “Goal Setting for Financial Success.”

“It’s an action-packed day. It’s educational, empowering and there’s lots of tools and tips to get your financial house in order,” Brixey said.

Local professionals will be presenting the workshops including David Lee of State Farm Insurance, Angela Sell of Edward Jones and Carolyn Frame of CFA NW Mortgage..

“We have a great lineup of speakers,” Brixey said. “All speakers are really dedicated to educating and empowering men and women.”

Also speaking at the event is Brixey, author of “Becoming a Money Wise Woman: Getting Your Financial House in Order” which will be presented to all first-time attendees.

Brixey founded Money Wise Women in 2002 after taking an early retirement from the Social Security Administration after 26 years. As one of the keynote speakers, Brixey will discuss getting money smart and ways to “put together the pieces of your financial puzzle.”

Joining her as a keynote speaker is Mikelann Valterra, author of “Why Women Earn Less: How to Make What You’re Really Worth.” Because the conference is for men and women, Valterra plans to slightly modify her discussion.

Brixey has received positive feedback from many past attendees including one woman who called it, “the most impressive event I have ever been involved in.”

The registration deadline for the Money Wise Conference is Saturday, Feb. 3. To register or for more information, visit www.moneywisewomen.net, send an e-mail to mww@silverlink.net or call (360) 308-0056.

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