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*“In this engaging debut, Ryckman goes behind the scenes with some of today’s most powerful female movers and shakers, sharing how they are forming all-girl salons, throwing dinners at their homes, and mingling outside board rooms to advance their careers, raise capital, and support each other personally and professionally...Emboldening, encouraging, and entertaining, this book is essential reading for any woman who wishes to further her career while remaining true to herself.” —Publishers Weekly*

**Read about, Revel in, and Join the Ongoing Story of the New Women’s Movement**

## **STILETTO NETWORK**

**Inside the Women’s Power Circles That Are Changing the Face of Business**

Many have clever names, like “The Harpies,” “Babes in Boyland,” and “Chicks in Charge.” Some “do lunch” at posh eateries and host annual tropical island retreats, while others meet in members’ apartments over beer and pizza. Some feature guest speakers and establish discussion topics in advance, while others keep their agendas loose and open. They’re the new girls’ clubs, and they’re shaking up the old boys’ network. Despite their differences, these coteries share a common mission: bringing bright, ambitious women across industries together to support, empower, and promote one another in the workplace—and beyond.

In **STILETTO NETWORK: Inside the Women’s Power Circles That Are Changing the Face of Business** (AMACOM; May 16, 2013; \$22.95 Hardcover), **Pamela Ryckman** identifies and delves into the dynamic women’s movement that’s thriving in major cities, from Manhattan to Anchorage, from Atlanta to Hollywood, and making a huge impact on American business and women’s lives. A journalist who followed her hunch that something meaningful was happening, started interviewing successful, caring women from various sectors, and “found I couldn’t stop,” Ryckman offers a riveting testament to how women—from their twenties to their seventies—are convening to collaborate and compare notes, debate with, raise up, and celebrate other women. “This book is about groups that make women big, bold, and brave,” Ryckman states. “But it’s also about what happens when women leave the table, when the talking stops and the action

starts. It's about how they mine their collective intelligence to realize their dreams or champion cause...It's about women banding together to achieve their destinies and change the world."

With intimacy and vibrancy, **STILETTO NETWORK** tells the stories of uplifting all-female groups and the inspiring, influential women behind them. Among many powerful, charismatic, and generous women, Pamela Ryckman introduces her readers to:

- The AWE-some ladies (members of Alliance of Women Entrepreneurs) in Philadelphia who helped Joan Lau survive the nightmare of being abruptly left at the helm of a dying biotech company and pushed her from a timid manager to a confident, sought-after CEO.
- Investment banker Nancy Peretsman's all-girls' nights at the Allen & Company ranch in Cody, Wyoming, featuring knowledge-sharing from techies that propelled the career of Susan Lyne, head of Gilt Groupe, a fast-rising fashion flash-sale site valued at \$1 billion.
- Market research pioneer Carol Hyatt's Leadership Forum, hosted in her Manhattan apartment and devoted to helping women with "big motors" find each other and have faith in their own ability to launch a business or land a coveted promotion.

From TV producer Kim Moses and her Hollywood cabal, The Vault, to the women business leaders in Anchorage that make up 4C2B—"Force to Be," as in reckoned with; from ChIPs (short for Chiefs in IP) in the Silicon Valley to the ultimate getaway club for accomplished, powerful women, Belizean Grove, **STILETTO NETWORK** sheds light on a glorious revolution in the way women are joining forces—for the greater good of women, business, and the world. Through telling their stories and drawing lessons from their successes, Pamela Ryckman aims to not only identify and celebrate this movement, but to catalyze it as well.

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