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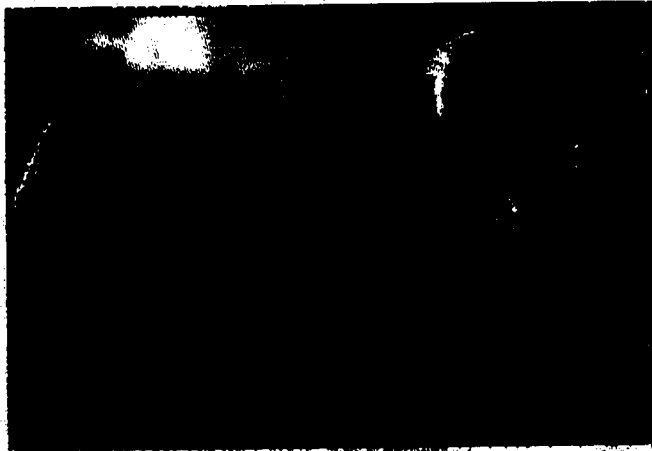
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Second Shift, Chapter Two

Second Shift, the Chappaqua-based group for professional women who have a career and also take care of their families, has spread its wings. With more than 280 current members, Mara Weissmann, Second Shift founder and director, has decided it is time for



chapter two. "The concept has been in the works for a while and I have finally found several terrific women who will be working with me to establish the Southern Westchester Chapter of Second Shift," says 43-year-old Weissmann.

It was Laura Wilker, Leslye Davidson and Ruth Raisfeld who assisted Weissmann at the Southern Westchester kick-off meeting in June. Some 46 women attended the evening event, which was held at a local restaurant. Like their northern counterpart, the new chapter will hold quarterly meetings where members share a meal allowing time for low-key socializing, networking and support. Guest speakers will be invited to three of the four meetings.

Weissmann, a Chappaqua resident, attorney and mother of two young boys, started the original group because she was tired of feeling isolated. Some days she won-

dered if she was the only mother who worked full time outside the home. "My focus was to start a community-based organization bringing together women who had careers and children," she says.

Weissmann makes it clear that she believes all mothers work. "This group is not divisive," she explains. "We stress the commonality we have with all mothers and all women." The goal is to help members share ideas and strategies that can help them find and maintain balance between family and work obligations.

The next meeting will be in November with guest speaker Ellen Galinsky, president of the New York City-based Families and Work Institute and a parenting and work-life expert. Contact Mara Weissmann if you are interested in membership at maraworks@netscape.net.

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