



December 21, 2012

Light a Candle, 2012

'Tis the Season. Happy Chanukah just past, Winter Solstice present, and Christmas yet to come, to you, our readers, casual or regular.

Same message I wrote in this column one year ago; there are some messages of which I never tire. It is the time of year for holidays, for the gathering of year-end gifts, and maybe even a little vacation. (**The Arts & Business office will clang shut today, Friday, December 21, and re-open on Tuesday, January 2.** This is the last e-news of 2012.)

Time to illuminate/reflect upon your hard-won triumphs of 2012. My most motivational note of 2012 was this:

I cannot stop thanking you for including me in this terrific initiative—I value every single minute of every day. Thanks to [the Arts & Business Council], I found not only answers for many professional questions and dilemmas, but also new friends, colleagues, and contacts. I found the mentor I was looking for.

Who are the artists, the audiences, the students, the citizens who are making similar comments... because of what **you** do?

Time to set performance goals (or you can call them New Year's Resolutions) for 2013. Let us help you achieve them—check out the programming we offer. We want to help advance your career, whether you are an [undergraduate](#) looking at the business-side-of-the-arts, or an [emerging leader](#) looking for a vital network of peer mentors, or a mid-career professional looking to succeed to and in a [leadership](#) position. We want to link you, our arts readers, with you, our business readers. Engaging business teams as change agents in the arts, engaging business individuals as [pro bono consultants](#) and even as [board members](#). We want to give you the greatest gift we can—all Happy New Year long: the gift of each other. Let us [connect you](#) with new friends, colleagues, and contacts. Let us celebrate you.

Don't give up: light a candle to your past triumphs. Don't give up: light a candle to your future transformation. Don't give up.

Best wishes for your success in 2013,
from the merry band at ABC/NY,



—Will Maitland Weiss, Executive Director
— Karen Zornow Leiding, Deputy Director
— Stephanie Dockery, Program Coordinator

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

—Buddha

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