

Hill Country Women in Business



October 2006 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 5, 2006
HCWIB Board Meeting
Folio Communications
248 North Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
830.249.9566
12:00 p.m. BYO Lunch

Thursday, October 12, 2006
HCWIB General Meeting
Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club
Social 5:30 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is \$17.00. Reservations are required. Please call **Lucy Ziegler** at 830.249.4777 or e-mail her at lkzlp@gvtc.com by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 9th**, to reserve your spot.

October Menu

- Field greens with balsamic vinaigrette
- Roast Pork loin with cranberry compote, sweet potato mashers and winter vegetables
- Chocolate Overload torte

Iced tea & water
Coffee offered
BYO wine/beer

Remember, cancellations and "no shows" will be billed.

A message from the president

Hi, Ladies,

I bet all of you who attended the September luncheon at Namaste Retreat will agree that Becky Zook has created a little slice of heaven on earth along Cibolo Creek. Some of us were ready to spend the rest of the day on her back deck! Thank you again, Becky, for your hospitality. And kudos to Peach Tree Café & Catering for the yummy lunches—especially the chocolate brownies!

Speaking of lunches, HCWIB has volunteered to provide lunch to the women enrolled in the Christian Women's Job Corps program on the third Wednesday of each month. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to network with these women who are eager to learn how they, too, can be successful businesswomen. Won't you call Carolyn Dutson and sign up to bring something for lunch in October or November?

Christian Women's Job Corp October Luncheon

HCWIB is hosting another luncheon on October 18th, and I am organizing food and reservations for the lunch we will be providing for the Christian Women's Job Corp. The September luncheon was a big success with salad, chili, cornbread, cake, cookies and tea. Thanks to *Jeanne Buchanan, Leah Coyne, Sharon Huckabay, Linda Tom and Pam Lewis* for this wonderful food.

What about that salad everyone raves about or your specialty dessert that always disappears in nanoseconds?

The cooler mornings are signaling the impending arrival of fall. And we know what that means—the holidays are just around the corner! Don't panic, help is on the way. At our October meeting, Flower Shop owner Shirley Wilson will demonstrate how we can decorate our homes for the holidays. Looking for some holiday fun for your kids or grandkids? Amy Anderson has just the ticket—she will be recruiting members to ride in the fun-filled Weihnachts Fest Parade on Main Street on December 2. And Leah Coyne has graciously agreed to host the HCWIB holiday party in her home on December 14. With all this in store, let the fall begin!

Jeanne

Please respond by either email or telephone if you are willing to attend and what you would like to bring as your luncheon contribution.

We will plan to meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, Faith Hall no later than 12:15 to set up and stay an hour to have lunch with the ladies at 12:30.

Thank you for the generous gift of your time and support of these women.

Call Carolyn Dutson 830.981.8445 or e-mail cdutson@gvtc.com.



Members on the Move

Pam Lewis of Pam Lewis & Associates has received her certification for current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) for Phase I Clinical Drug Applications.

Becky Zook of Namaste Retreat Center is starting yoga classes on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30 and Wednesday night at 5:30. Call 830-385-2333 to register or go to: www.namasteretreat.com.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

The annual MD drive is coming up early November and we have two members that are going to jail to raise money for this cause.

Sharon Tschirhart and Patrice Davison are asking for donations to bail them out of jail. It can be as small as \$1.00 or as large as you wish to give. Call or e-mail these jail birds if you are interested in donating on their behalf.

October Birthdays!

Sharon Huckabay, 10/02
Sarah Hamilton, 10/08
Christina Hallum, 10/10
Julie Galvan, 10/13
Amy Anderson, 10/14
Patricia McMullan, 10/14
Lorrie Hengel, 10/24
Emily Rose, 10/27
Nancy Fitch, 10/29

General meeting minutes

September 14, 2006

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 12:06pm. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. Parliamentary formalities were set aside for this meeting so that members could network and enjoy the beautiful setting.

This luncheon was held at Namaste Retreat. Becky Zook from Namaste shared information about the center and Grace Cisneros talked briefly about "Face Reading". There was no program.

Sue McCrary reviewed prayer requests from group.

Carolyn Dutson requested help for providing lunches for the CWJC on September 20, 2006. She reminded everyone HCWIB has committed to serving lunch the 3rd Wednesday of September, October, and November and encouraged members to contact her to participate.

Jeanne Buchanan announced Christmas party needs to be moved to different location due to parking issues. It will now be held at Leah Coyne's home. Jeanne also reminded everyone how to purchase HCWIB shirts on-line and Suzann Woodward modeled hers for the group. Finally, she reminded everyone that dues paid after September are only \$25.

Guests included Jessica Cullitan with "Dream Dinners" and Tami Kegley with "Bella Creo Art Gallery".

Discussed participation in upcoming Garage Sale at Swope Realty as a fundraiser. Group indicated time frame too short and preference to have tables at the same event in the Spring which benefits the CWJC.

The next Board Meeting will be October 5th at 12:00pm at Jeanne Buchanan's office, Folio Communications, 265 N. Main. Meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Alena Morris, Secretary

HCWIB Clothing

Hill Country Women in Business clothing is available- cute t-shirts, comfy sweats, stylish polo's, and cool tanks. We encourage everyone to stop by the Café Press store and purchase a t-shirt today. Go to <http://www.cafepress.com/hcwib>. Order by mid-November to have your shirt delivered in time for the Hill Country Christmas Parade.

Flower Shop

Shirley Wilson, owner of the Flower Shop will be our guest speaker this month. She will demonstrate how easy home holiday decorating can be. Don't miss out!

The Flower Shop offers many products and artistic floral presentations. Visit their website at:

<http://florist.ftd.com/theflowershopboerne/>
or go to 437 S Main, Boerne, TX 78006
Toll Free: 800-807-5280
Local: 830-816-2042

Weihnachts Fest Parade

Plan to join HCWIB on *Saturday, December 2nd* at the *Weihnachts Fest Parade*. Boerne's annual night-time Christmas Parade winds through the Historic downtown district. Pre-parade events include performances by choirs, dulcimer players, bands and more. Also many shops are open late. Call Amy Anderson if you are interested at 830-249-7591 or e-mail her amy@shutterhappy.com.

Member in the spotlight Mandy Hoffpauir, Pet Butler of Greater San Antonio



Mandy Hoffpauir is the owner of Pet Butler of Greater San Antonio. She has a very different company in deed, Got Poop? We Scoop! Now some people just might say "are you serious?" You better believe it! Mandy Hoffpauir goes to your house and apartments, scoops your dog poo out of your yard and hauls it away with her. Sounds strange right? She is the owner of the 11th franchise of Pet Butler, America's pet waste clean up. There is now 47 Pet Butlers across the Nation. The road that leads her here has been a challenge. Mandy was a Veterinary technician for 7 years, 4 in Hampton Virginia and 3 in Dallas. She then decided to try a different road, one that her Father and husband were in, Semiconductor Engineering. She left the Vet industry of big Corporate America. Mandy worked at Texas Instruments in Dallas TX for three years and attended College to pursue Electronic Engineering Degree. Her Husband, Eric who also worked at Texas Instruments, got let go in Jan. of this year and everything changed from there. In fear she thought she would be next, started to look for another job. With no luck, saw a funny add for a job to be a pooper scooper. She thought it was funny, but after looking further into it, her husband applied. Come to find out we could "doo" this job our self and start our business. Mandy then left her job, risked it all and moved here to start Pet Butler of San Antonio. Now serving all the Hill Country and San Antonio, she and her husband are busy bee's scooping. Mandy has been married for 9 years and has 5 dogs of her

own. So scooping the dirty deed is nothing new to her. Being in the pet industry

for 7 years before hand helped out too. Mandy had always wanted to own a business of her own and Pet Butler was the perfect match! Now 27 years old is a proud business owner that provides a healthy service for you, your family and for the community. Since being here the business has exploded, and is well on its way up!

Chaplain Chimes by Sue McCrary

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kathryn Hubbard in the loss of her brother

Rose Englehart as she travels to Australia to help with a new grandbaby

Cindy Ogle who lost her father earlier this summer

Sue McCrary whose sister has had a stroke and her mother with Alzheimer

Pam Lewis whose father is terminally ill.

Jeanne Buchanan's father continues to decline from Alzheimer and Parkinson diseases

Lucy Zeigler's mom with Alzheimer

Bobbie French's 6 year old grandson was attacked by a dog. They hope all the operations on his face are over



More Members on the Move:

Sarah Hamilton The hot summer months are on their way out and this is a great time to rent storage! Take advantage of the cooler temperatures and clean out your garage, your home, your office, or help an elderly parent move unused but treasured belongings into storage. HCWIB members enjoy special discounted rates on prepaid rent, waived administrative fee, no deposit, free disc lock, and will even let HCWIB members borrow the moving truck for 1 day! Call Access Storage today at 249-3050 and ask for Sarah Hamilton!

Wendy Wenger recently celebrated her relocation to Kerrville with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce. She is offering appraisal services and estate buying also. She will continue to service the San Antonio area and well as expanding to service more of the Hill Country.

Alena Morris of Prestige Carpet Cleaning and Floor Care received the silver award for Carpet Cleaning in Best of Boerne.

Namaste Creekside Retreat Luncheon



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