

Hill Country Women in Business



February 2007 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 1, 2007

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

Thursday, February 8, 2007

HCWIB Luncheon Meeting
Naples Restaurant
215 W Bandera Rd Ste 106
11:30 – 12:00 Social
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Meeting

Lunch is \$15.00. Reservations are required. Please call Lucy Ziegler at 830.249.4777 or e-mail her at lkzjpc@gvvc.com by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 5th**, to select your choice & reserve your spot.

February Menu

Salad and Bread

Choice of:

- 1) Lasagna or,
- 2) Chicken Piccata

Iced tea & water

Coffee on request

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

A message from the president

Hi, ladies,

Thanks to all for the kind comments about the marketing program in January. I'm glad you found the presentations by Lynn Hoppe, Debi Lamb and me educational.

All hands on deck! We need your active participation as our 2006-2007 fiscal year winds down and we pass the baton to the next "administration."

Please read this newsletter carefully. We present a slate of new officers and committee chairs for your consideration. They will be formally nominated at the February meeting. We also have included the ballot for selecting the Woman of the Year. Congratulations to my fellow nominees Leah Coyne and

Lynn Hoppe for the talent, enthusiasm and can-do attitude they bring to HCWIB. Please cast your vote for the member you believe has most advanced the mission of HCWIB, and return the ballot to last year's Woman of the Year, Amy Anderson, by February 16. The award will be presented at our March meeting.

The February meeting will take place at lunch. Our quarterly luncheons have proven to be a very popular venue. I hope you all can attend. It's a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and network.

Until the luncheon (and warmer weather),
Jeanne

Board Nominees

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers to serve for the 2007-2008 term:

President: Carolyn Dutson
Vice President: Leah Coyne
Secretary: Lucy Ziegler
Treasurer: Kathy Hubbard
Ex-Officio: Jeanne Buchanan

Committee Chairs

The nominating committee proposed that the following members serve as committee chairs for the 2007-2008 term:

Chaplain: Pam Lewis

Hospitality/Reservations: Shari Keyes, Mardi Collins, Gayle Eason

Membership: Sharon Huckabay, Rose Engelhardt

Newsletter: Laurie Stewart

Programs: Misty Thomas, Rebecca Boles

Publicity: Deanna Baker, Norma Duncan, Bobbi French

Website: Lynn Hoppe

Telephone: Cindy Ogle, Karen Daly, Vicky Schmidt, Becky Zook



Members on the Move

Sue McCrary of McCrary Interior Designs has completed drapery design and installation for the San Antonio Port Authority, Boeing facility. The job was with Dimensions Contracting, a repeat customer. Their first job together was draperies for the Wachovia Investments Building remodel earlier this year.

Sharon Huckabay just received year-end figures and she attained Honor Ring and National Conference for Allstate. They also won Fall Life Campaign, which means a trip to Las Vegas. The other award ceremonies will be held in St. Thomas (Honor Ring) and Maui (National Conference).

Kathleen McBride ran and finished the Houston half-marathon on January 14th.

February Birthdays!

Lynn Hoppe, 2/02
Bobbie French, 2/03
Mary Ashley Jimenez, 2/04
Debi Lamb, 2/07
Rose Engelhardt, 2/09
Patrice Davison, 2/13
Laurie Stewart, 2/14

General meeting minutes

January 11, 2007

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. Lynn Hoppe won the door prize donated by Folio Communications.

Jeanne Buchanan announced the next Board Meeting will be held on February 1st @ 12:00pm at Jeanne Buchanan's office, Folio Communications, 265 N. Main.

The next General meeting will be a quarterly luncheon on February 8th. Details including location will be given in the upcoming newsletter.

Carolyn Dutson reminded everyone about providing lunches for the Christian Women's Job Corp. on the 3rd Wednesday of February, March, and April.

Leah Coyne announced our savings account has been closed and funds were transferred to our checking account giving the club a balance of \$4,281.51.

Jeanne announced that it is time to renew memberships. Renewal Dues are \$45.00 if paid by March 1st, \$50.00 if paid by April 1st, and \$60.00 if paid after April 1st. Lucy Ziegler passed out renewal forms.

Jeanne Buchanan, Carolyn Dutson and Sharon Tschirhart will comprise the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers. The slate of officers and committee chairs will be included in the February newsletter. Elections will be held in March, with offices to be assumed in April.

Announced that as last year's Woman of the Year, Amy Anderson will recruit two others to submit at least three nominations for Woman of the Year. The ballot will appear in the February newsletter. Votes may be cast by completing and mailing the ballot

in the newsletter, completing a ballot at the February general meeting, or by emailing the ballot to Amy. The award will be presented at the March meeting. Lynn Hoppe suggested putting the ballot on our website.

Suzanne Woodward passed out New Member Folders and updated Membership Lists.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20p.m.

After the Meeting, Jeanne Buchanan, Debi Lamb, and Lynn Hoppe gave wonderful presentations on Marketing tools and strategies for our businesses.

CWJC Luncheon

We have enough volunteers for February 21st CWJC Luncheon. We want to thank everyone for all your help & generous donations. Be sure to place the next luncheons on your calendar. These will be March 21st and April 18th. Please e-mail Carolyn Dutson at cdutson@gvvc.com or call her at 830-981-8445 if you can help.

News on Dues

The HCWIB Board voted to keep annual membership dues set at \$ 50.

SPECIAL: If you pay your dues by **MARCH 1st**, you pay only \$ 45 (savings of \$5). \$ 50 if paid before April 1st and after **April 1st**, there will be a \$ 10 late fee.

Get those dues in early! Attached is an application renewal form.

Member in the spotlight
Laurie Stewart, Realtor



Laurie Stewart is a realtor with Bradfield Properties of Boerne. She is currently working as a hill country residential specialist. She has been working actively as a realtor since 2005. Laurie and her husband Allen work together as realtor team.

Laurie completed her real estate education through the San Antonio Board of Realtors. Prior to this, she was a commissioned Air Force officer and has worked as a registered nurse for 23 years. Her educational degrees include a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing management. Laurie has always been actively involved in assisting her husband with their family-owned custom home building and remodeling business over the past 20 years.

She is currently a member of the San Antonio Board of Realtors and the New Braunfels/Canyon Lake Board of Realtors. She is also an active member with the Hill Country Women in Business. Her church affiliation is with St. Peter's of Boerne.

Laurie and husband Allen have lived in Bergheim for the past 7 years and they have two children, Dylan (20 years) and Hannah (18 years). Dylan attends Texas A&M and Hannah will be attending UT Austin this fall—so she has the opportunity to root for both the Aggies and

Longhorns!! Favorite interests include spending time with family and friends, walking the family dogs: Natalie (Labrador) and Matilda (Australian terrier), food and wine enthusiast, home and garden improvements.

You can contact Laurie thru email, LaurieStewart@BradfieldProperties.com, cell 210-725-3955, or office location at 128 W Bandera St, Ste 2, Boerne, TX 78006.

Newest Member

Welcome **Renee Hinson** of Renee Hinson Insurance Agency

Everyone's Talking

Sharon Tschirhart is the photographer at her church. This means she takes photos of all the baptisms. This past Sunday, January 21st the Uncle to the baby being baptized was at church and Sharon was able to get lots of pictures and even one of her with this handsome dude. His name is Noah Wyle (in case you don't watch ER). Noah plays Dr. Carter on ER. He is just as nice and gracious as his brother, Aaron, who goes to St. John. Thanks for sharing this with us, Sharon!



More Members on the Move:

Cynthia McKenna is offering a class through NSISD community education. **More than "Just Friend"- Recovering from an Affair** on Feb. 22nd @ 6:30 pm @ Clarke High School, or contact Cynthia at 210.557.1715. She also offers **Lunch & Learn** opportunities and **Staff Development Seminars**. Call Cynthia for details.

Beth Coyle will be one of the featured artists in the 5th Annual St. Peter's Women's Auxiliary Art Auction and Exhibit the evening of March 31st. Everyone is invited to attend for wine, cheese, live music & art dedicated to raising college scholarship funds for the youth of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Beth is one of three artists who will be featured on *Discover Boerne* with Debi Lamb in a segment scheduled to run through the month of February.

Debi Lamb of Penguin Suits has been nominated for the 2006 heart of Boerne Honors Business of the year for it's new product *Discover Boerne* which begins its second season by expanding its audience to 1,000,000 people on February 3rd. Everyone is invited to attend the premiere Party on February 2nd @ 6pm @ Enchanted Springs Ranch.

January Meeting



Photos Provided by: Amy Anderson of Shutter Happy

Cast your vote for HCWIB's Woman of the Year 2007-2008

Please indicate your choice by checking the appropriate box. Print, sign, date and return ballot to Amy Anderson at the February 1st Board Meeting, the February 8th General Meeting, or by mailing to Amy Anderson 103 Vista Verde Drive, Boerne, Texas 78006. Ballots must be returned by February 15, 2007 to be counted.

Leah Coyne (of Coyne Inc.) was a tremendous asset to our group, always ready to step up to the plate for anything she could do to help HCWIB. She attended many, if not all, board meetings and general meetings. She was a big asset to our efforts with the Christian Women's Job Corp with her donation of time, food, and encouragement. Leah helped decorate for and was ready to participate in the Berges Fest parade. She donated her generator for the Christmas parade despite not being able to attend. And Leah also donated her home and graciously hosted our wonderful Christmas party. And all of this was in addition to her regular duties as treasurer!

Jeanne Buchanan (of Folio Communications) has gracefully presided over HCWIB this past year as our president. She was the driving force to put quarterly luncheons into our calendar rotation and to put the round table discussion back into effect so that more people could attend meetings and get involved in how our organization should run. She was also an asset to our efforts with the Christian Women's Job Corp with her donation of time, food, and encouragement. She eloquently wrote our press release for our membership drive. She donated hay for our Christmas parade despite not being able to attend. And Jeanne has made it a point to personally welcome prospective members to our meetings and make new members feel at home.

Lynn Hoppe (of LP Computer Services) joined our group in January and almost immediately took over the task of redesigning and the workload of maintaining our HCWIB website. Not only did she help give the site a more elegant feel with the new colors and design, she also made the site more functional and easier to navigate. With her addition of the password-protected page, we all now have access to everyone's information that was unavailable until then. In addition to all of the redesign work, Lynn also found time to write helpful articles for our newsletter during the year. And Lynn stayed dedicated to the group by attending many, if not all, general meetings, making sure she was available to anyone that needed to add new information to the site.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

**HILL COUNTRY WOMEN IN BUSINESS
2007 – 2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please complete this renewal notice & send completed form with payment to the address below.

Renewal Dues: \$ 45.00 if paid / postmarked by **March 1, 2007**
 \$ 50.00 if paid / postmarked by **April 1, 2007**
 \$ 60.00 if paid after **April 1, 2007**

Mail to: Hill Country Women in Business
 P. O. Box 1574
 Boerne, Texas 78006

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Name of Business:	
Business Address	
City, Zip:	
Type of Business:	
Business Telephone:	
Business Fax:	
e-mail:	
Home Address	
City, Zip:	
Home Telephone:	
Spouse's Name:	
Number of Children:	
Birthday (Month & Day only):	

Please indicate the Committee/Board Positions that may interest you or match your special skills.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reservations | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
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