

# Hill Country Women in Business



March 2007 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, March 1, 2007**  
HCWIB Board Meeting  
The Huckabay Agency  
Allstate Insurance  
1411 S. Main Street  
Boerne, TX 78006  
830-249-2987  
5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 8, 2007**  
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](mailto:lkzlp@gvtc.com) by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 5th**, to reserve your spot.

## March Menu

- Mixed Greens with a Cilantro Vinaigrette
- Build your own Pasta Bar to include: Wide Selection of fresh ingredients, Italian Sausage, Chicken and Bay Shrimp, A trio of sauces, and a choice of pasta to include Whole Wheat Pasta.
- Garlic Bread
- Seasonal Berry Shortcake  
Iced tea & water  
Coffee offered  
BYO wine/beer

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

## A message from the president

Dear friends,

How wonderful to see so many members at the luncheon meeting in February. I'm delighted that these networking lunches have proven so popular. Many thanks to Lucy Ziegler for making all of the arrangements.

I hope to see all of you at our March meeting. Amy Anderson will present a photographic review of the year, sure to elicit lots of giggles. We will recognize the 2006-2007 Woman of the Year, and pass the torch to our new leadership.

It has been my pleasure to serve as president of HCWIB. What a dynamic

group this is! As the end of my term nears, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and participation. Your encouragement and kudos have meant a lot to me. I'd especially like to recognize the members of this year's board and the committee chairs for their many efforts. They brought great ideas, spirited debate, adept counsel and much laughter to our board meetings. They made my job enjoyable, and made me look good. My thanks to all of them.

See you in March,  
Jeanne

## Christian Women's Job Corp February Luncheon

HCWIB hosted their first 2007 CWJC Luncheon. HCWIB volunteers; Terri Essman, Mardi Collins, and Laurie Stewart provided a delicious lunch for the new Spring Semester students on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Laurie's warm minestrone soup was such a welcome treat during the cooler winter weather that I think everyone had several helpings! The wonderful salad & bread selection provided by Mardi was the perfect accompaniment to the delicious entrée. Terri's dessert was out of this world and a most delicious finale to a wonderful lunch hour.

Thanks so much to each of you for giving generously of your time and talents. These ladies are so appreciative of our assistance that it is truly a heartwarming experience. If you've not volunteered to help, we still have openings for March 21<sup>st</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup> lunches.

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 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](mailto:cdutson@gvtc.com).



### *Members on the Move*

Sue McCrary of McCrary Interior Design recently attended the Dallas Super Market. During the market she attended the Keynote presentation: "Candice Olsen on Design". Candice Olsen of HGTV's Divine Design is one of the North America's leading professional interior designers. Her signature style incorporates creativity, practicality and timelessness to create sophisticated yet accessible designs. Candice illustrates her approach on various projects and elements of her designs. Sue met Candice at the reception following the presentation.

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

*Cynthia McKenna* is the new Ambassador for the Boerne Chamber of Commerce.

### March Birthdays!

*Alena Morris, 03/09*  
*Marie Hicks, 03/17*  
*Carolyn Fosdick, 03/20*  
*Kera Dutton, 03/31*

## General meeting minutes

February 8, 2007

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. This meeting was a quarterly luncheon held at Naples Restaurant located at 215 W Bandera Rd Suite 106. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. Mardi Collins won the door prize donated by Lucy Zeigler.

Since there were many new faces, Jeanne had everyone stand up and introduce themselves.

Jeanne announced the next Board Meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sharon Huckabay's office located at 1411 S Main St. starting at 5:30pm. It will be a joint meeting between the current board/chairs and the proposed slate of officers/chairs for 2007-2008.

The next General meeting will be our regular meeting at the Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club on March 8th. More details will be given in the upcoming newsletter.

Carolyn Dutson introduced proposed slate of new officers and committee members for next year that were present and listed those who were not.

Leah stated a Club balance of \$3647.00.

Jeanne reminded everyone 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.

Announced need ballots for Woman of the Year Award by 2/15/07. Ballots were available or can be emailed to Amy Anderson. The award will be presented at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25p.m.  
Alena Morris, Secretary

## Newest Member

Kay Ochoa of Hill Country Tutoring is new to the area and provides in-home academic tutoring for all grades through high school; Phone: 830.249.8855.

## Board Meeting Changes

The March Board Meeting will be a joint meeting with the incoming board members. It will be held on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 at Huckabay Agency, Allstate Insurance 1411 S. Main Street.

Beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, all board meetings will be held the first Friday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at:

*The Huckabay Agency*  
*Allstate Insurance*  
*1411 S. Main Street*  
*Boerne, TX 78006*

Committee Chairs are welcome to attend as well.

## Membership Renewal

Due are \$ 50 if paid before April 1<sup>st</sup> and after April 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a \$ 10 late fee (\$ 60). Get your membership renewal in and save money.

## Boerne Expo

The Boerne Expo is March 30-31 at the Kendall County Fairgrounds. Some of our members will have booths....so be sure to visit.

## Member in the spotlight Stacie Wright, Consider It Organized

Stacie Wright, owner of Consider It Organized in Boerne, Texas, is a professional organizer in the San Antonio/Hill Country area who specializes in home organization. She is an organized person by nature, who truly loves to help other people get organized. In fact, in her younger years she found joy in helping her friends and family organize their rooms, not knowing that she would be able to make a career of it someday! With a passion for helping people achieve visible results and reduced stress, she decided to start organizing professionally. Stacie has had formal training in residential organizing, and has organized garages, kid's rooms, closets and other home spaces. She focuses on creating a space that is both functional and beautiful for her clients to use and enjoy. She is very good at managing a room that seems overwhelming.

Stacie is also a public speaker and has spoken on organizing topics for various organizations in the Boerne and San Antonio areas.

Stacie is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), and is actively involved in the Professional Organizers of San Antonio/hill country (POSA). Stacie is also a member of Hill Country Women in Business (HCWIB). Through these organizations, she continuously strives to stay informed on the latest trends in the industry.

Before starting her own business, Stacie graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She worked as a business consultant with Accenture until she became a stay at home mom, which is her favorite job in the world!

Stacie and her husband both graduated from Boerne High School in 1993, and moved back to the area in 2000. They have been married for 9 years and have two glorious children, Kaylin, 6, and Tyler, 3.

## Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for upcoming events/dates. Hill Country Women in Business (HCWIB); Boerne Chamber of Commerce (CC):

March 1- HCWIB Board Meeting  
Allstate Insurance

March 8- HCWIB General Meeting Fair  
Oaks Ranch

March 11- Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12-16- Spring Break

March 15- CC Business After Hours-  
Hosted by Bee Creek Communications

March 17- St. Patrick's Day

March 21- HCWIB hosting CWJC  
Luncheon

March 27- CC Networking Breakfast  
Hosted by TMI-Episcopal School

March 30- HCWIB members last day to  
renew HCWIB membership for \$ 50

March 30- CC Boerne Expo Preview  
Mixer- Kendall Country Fairgrounds

March 31- CC Business Expo



*More Members on the Move:*

*Cynthia McKenna*, is leading a workshop titled: *Dealing with Difficult People* Northside ISD  
When: Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Where: Clark High School  
San Antonio  
Cost: \$ 18.00  
To register call:  
210.397.8100

*Amy Anderson* of Shutter-Happy Photography attended the Children and Family Photographers of America conference in Austin. It was three fun-filled, informative days with speakers focusing on marketing, workflow, and creativity. Thanks to the conference, she is adding a new line of purses, changing her pamphlet, and website design, and buying a trampoline for the studio.

Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it."

--[Stephen Leacock](#),  
Canadian economist and  
writer, *Nawbo SmartBrief*

# Nominees for 2007-2008

## Board Nominees

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

## Committee Chairs

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  
Telephone: Cindy Ogle, Karen Daly, Vicky Schmidt, Becky Zook  
Website: Lynn Hoppe

# Current 2006-2007 Officers & Committees

## Board Officers

President: Jeanne Buchanan  
Vice President: Carolyn Dutson  
Secretary: Alena Morris  
Treasurer: Leah Coyne  
Ex-Officio: Sharon Tschirhart

## Committee Chairs

Chaplain: Sue McCrary  
Hospitality/Reservations: Lucy Ziegler  
Membership: Suzann Woodward  
Newsletter: Pam Lewis  
Programs: Patrice Davison  
Publicity: Amy Anderson  
Telephone: Rebecca Boles  
**Website:** Lynn Hoppe