

HCWIB

hill country women in business



FEBRUARY 2010

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**Come to the Luncheon for some
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And bring your renewal check...**

The renewal dues structure is:

\$50.00 if paid/postmarked by April 1, 2010

\$60.00 if paid after April 1, 2010

You can either mail your renewal dues to:

HCWIB, P.O. Box 1574, Boerne, TX 78006

Or, bring it to our Luncheon. If you bring it to the Luncheon please

DO NOT include it in the same check as your meal check.

Please remit a separate check for the dues. Thank you !!!

This Month We Are Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at:

Boerne WineSeller

412 River Road, Suite 104, Boerne

It will be a lovely catered affair!

RSVP to Shelby Luke at: 830-446-1102 / shelbylluke@yahoo.com

Dinner* & Social - \$17
Lunches* & Social - \$15

Sorry ... No shows and late cancellations will be billed

[unless you email Shelby no later than 48 hours before the meeting].

Please call if an emergency comes up the day of the meeting.

BOERNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Feb 1 Steering Committee for
Leadership Boerne

Feb 2 Networking Breakfast Spon-
sored by Schreiner University

Feb 2 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
TX Assoc. of Professionals Credit U

Feb 3 Ambassador Meeting

Feb 3 Government Affairs Forum
on the Military's Impact in Our
Community

Feb 4 Business Education Council

Feb 4 Ribbon Cutting- Brunton
Publications/TX Prop. Journal

Feb 5 New Member Orientation
The Information Speedway

Feb 8 Executive Board Meeting

Feb 9 Ribbon Cutting
Tejas Appraisal Company

Feb 11 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home

Feb 11 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
The Fortunate Ones

Feb 11 Business After Hours Mixer
Sponsored by Salon Infusion

Feb 16 Chamber Board Meeting

Feb 18 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Creative Designs

Feb 22 Lunchbox Lesson (Feb
2010) How to Get/Grow a Website

Feb 23 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
for Cruise Holidays

Feb 25 Business After Hours Mixer
Sponsored by Century 21 Ruple
Properties

FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are already into the second month of 2010. This year seems to be flying by at a rapid rate. I hope you all are having productive years in your business and on a personal basis.

We accomplished a lot in HCWIB in January. We announced your choice for charitable contribution for this year. We were then able to give a check for \$1000 to the Kendall County Women Shelter fund. They are gradually reaching their goals so they can start building this much needed shelter in our community. Sadly the statistics for spousal abuse is rising both here in Kendall County and in the adjacent Bexar County. Now is the time for this shelter to be built. Thank you to each of you that have gone out of your way to help this worthwhile project. We also announced the slate of officers for the upcoming year. This included Bobbie French as President, Marie Hicks as vice-president, Kelly Owen as secretary, and Bonnie Tom as treasurer. We will vote on these officers at our February meeting. Bobbie will also announce her committee chairs. I can tell you it looks like an awesome board will be lead you in our next term.

We also nominated the choices for Women of the Year. Many ladies had the opportunity to vote at the January general meeting. If you were not there, you can vote with the application that is in this newsletter. Please mail your application to HCWIB as we would like to present this award at the February meeting.

We will resume our lunches for the Christian Job Corp on February 18th. Thank you ladies for volunteering to share your food and love with these ladies. If you have any questions regarding this program, fell free to contact Bobbie French.

If you missed the January meeting, you missed a great evening. Mark Figart wowed us with loads of information on social networking. I had no idea how very little I really knew. It is amazing what you can do with this media these days. It would behoove any of us in business to take advantage of the marketing potential of this media.

The February meeting will be a luncheon with no speaker. We will have extra time to relax and get to know each other a bit better. It will be on the 11th. I hope to see you all there. Have a blessed month.

Kathy Hubbard

CWJC

 next class begins on Feb.15, 2010.

HCWIB provides a lunch the 3rd Thurs. of each month. It is a great opportunity for you to extend a helping hand. If you wish to provide a lunch please let Bobbie French know at (830-981-4568).

Linda Briley- Misty Thomas - Marie Hicks, volunteered to provide lunch on Feb. 18th. Jackie Crouch - Diane Eiserloh - Bonnie Tom, volunteered to provide lunch on April 15th Thank you ladies for your help with this worthy cause.

Did you know that the Christian Job Corps supplies outfits for the graduates and is able to do this through your donations?

If you have anything you don't need please take it to Hill Country Family Services and let them know it is a donation for the Christian Job Corps. Your donation will be placed aside for use by the CJC. Please only business clothes in excellent condition. Family Services is located at 118 Advogt on the north end of town.

Christian Job Corps, 216 W. Highland Street (In Jasik Hall on the grounds of the Benedictine Convent) 830-331-9916.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Bonnie Tom's mother who is 86 and struggling with getting old. She will be having knee surgery and we know how that can be hard on the elderly.

Say a prayer for Rose Engelhardt's pastor, Mike Harkrider. He is going to be having surgery on his neck.

Keep praying for Sharon Tschirhardt who is having major trouble with her back and will be undergoing injections in the near future, as well as Patrice (me) who is also going to be going thru injections in the next couple of weeks.

Pray for Karen Goins' folks who are going through some especially tough times due to their health problems. Her mom is struggling with COPD and heart issues and her father just learned he is going blind in one eye (macular degeneration). Neither are candidates for the surgeries that could potentially help the most.

As always, pray for our leaders, the people of Haite, and our military (most of them still just boys and girls) out there...

Thank you,
Patrice

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Lynn Hoppe ~ Feb. 2

Bobbie French ~ Feb. 3

Rose Engelhardt ~ Feb. 9

Patrice Davison-Marshall ~ Feb. 13

Sue McCrary ~ Feb. 13



Debi Lamb invites you to

Boerne Community Theatre's annual FUNDRAISER



Come Join their
February 26

Mardi Gras Gala
at 7pm

Tickets are \$60 each or 2 for \$100
Table Sponsorships are Available too
10 seats per table - \$1500, \$100, \$750

Karen Goins' NATURAL AWAKENINGS "healthy living" magazine is looking for businesses to include in its 1st annual HEALTHY LIVING DIRECTORY (due out in May, 2010)

Premium listings start at just \$75*. 1/4 page color ads with premium listings and artwork included are just \$325*. Full page color ads with premium listings and artwork included are \$900*. Basic listing, \$35.

Categories we are accepting range from Medical, to Personal Services, to Fitness, to Counseling/Coaching, any Eco-friendly or Fair Trade business, or Personal Growth/Creativity, Hair and Skin services, Massage, etc.

Call Karen at 210-251-5766 or email: askkaren@gmail.com for more info.

Featured HCWIB member: **Bonnie Tom**



What is your philosophy on life? *I believe that you should treat people as you would want people to treat you - no matter how you are treated. I learned this when I went to high school at Ursuline Academy. Sometimes I wish I did not have this philosophy. On one hand it is not good for business because people take advantage. On the other hand, it is what makes me so successful at Tomboy Tools treating customers and hostesses the way I would like to be treated!*

What is your personal mission? *At this point in my life, Tomboy Tools mission, Women, Tools, Knowledge...Pass it on, has become a personal mission in that I can offer the business opportunity and change people's life as well as empower women to be independent AND save money and time. I have found my passion! It is so exciting learning how to fix things at my home. I did not grow up being handy - quite the opposite. I have led a very sheltered life. I have four brothers. I was always the girl! If I can learn how to do things, anyone can! I do sell the most wonderful tools which are designed for women. The knowledge that goes along with the tools is free. I may not know the answer to your questions about minor home repairs, but I will do my best to find out.*

Who is your Hero and why? *Mother Teresa and my mom. Mother Theresa believed anything was possible. If she wanted to travel somewhere, she just showed up and it worked out. She is my hero in that I never believed it would be possible that I could fix a toilet, repair drywall, replace light fixtures, be confident that I knew how to caulk, and on and on. My mom is also my role model. Despite great stumbling blocks to overcome, my mom lives life to the fullest. I would love to grow up and enjoy life as much as she has. I have found that whatever I want to do is possible. I used to let things get the best of me. I once bought a compound miter saw to do crown moulding. In my past life, I would have let all the parts and instructions defeat me. When I bought my compound miter saw when I first started in Tomboy Tools, I researched which saw to buy, brought it home, and did not give up. I was teaching a class and knew I had to open the box and put it together. Not getting it assembled was not an option!*

What is it about your chosen profession that puts a smile on your face? *This is the most unlikely profession I would have imagined for myself. I did not do home parties, I have never sold anything nor let my children take advantage of friends and relatives selling school project fundraisers. Now I love to help someone do a home party. I love to sell Tomboy Tools! I am just offering to share what can help others get their minor home repairs done for themselves. I am so very proud of myself and what I have learned to do. I want to share my knowledge with others. I guess I turned the sales pitch into an offer to help others making the party about others and their needs. I turned a home party into a venue to teach what someone can do themselves instead of pay to get it done.*

I can hardly wait to get up each morning to see what else I can learn and can then pass along to others. I have found the most incredible business. It is such a niche. If anyone would like to take advantage of hosting a home party to teach your friends and have a blast having a girls night out, learn how you can also change your life doing what I do, or earn money for your non-profit organization having a Tomboy Tools party, or just own such incredible tools that are pink for a purpose (some of the proceeds of many of our pink tool kits go to breast cancer research), just let me know. Tomboy Tools has changed my life! I have never enjoyed something so much in my life!

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Won't You Join Us!

Cast your vote for the Hill Country Women In Business Award

Woman of the Year 2009

Two outstanding women were nominated for the 2009 Woman of the Year award

Kathy Hubbard & Helene Bachmann

Please indicate your choice for Woman of the Year by checking the appropriate box.

Print, sign, date and return your ballot to Shari Keyes at the January General meeting, the Feb. 4th Board meeting or mail to 29102 Oakview Bend, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015. Deadline is Feb. 4

Kathy has graciously requested her name be withdrawn from the nomination.

Although she feels all of her board and committee members have been instrumental in this year's successes, she stated "I have had the opportunity to work with Helene on the board for the last two years. She has been my 'go to lady' for the duration. Whatever needs to be done, she is there.

I cannot imagine anyone more deserving of the Woman of the Year award."

Helene Bachmann is well known, to those involved with HCWIB, as an awesome asset to the board and to the HCWIB family. For the past two years, Helene has served as Treasurer, collecting the dues, paying the bills, reviewing insurance, balancing our statements and updating our budget.

Last year, when a change occurred, Helene assumed the duties of Membership, in addition to her Treasurer duties. She has worked diligently to keep current the HCWIB Membership rooster so that it could be correctly updated on our website and for newsletter sharing.

For the past two years, Helene has volunteered to take minutes for the Board meetings and General meetings when the Secretary was unavailable. She stepped up to the plate and ran meetings when our president, Kathy Hubbard, had conflicting schedules. She has assisted at the Membership Desk when others have been unable to attend. She even edits the minutes of the board and general meetings, as well as the newsletter.

Helene hosted, at her home, the March "changing of the guard" Leadership Transition between the 2008 and 2009 HCWIB Board and Committee Chairs. She also hosted the July Social Pool Party, which was big hit to all who attended.

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

Date _____