



**Join us...
March 11th
5:30 p.m.
Fair Oaks
Country Club
for our next
Business &
Networking
Meeting**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead



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

The menu is yet a surprise - but we are planning on it being MMMmm good... If you need dining specifics, please contact Shelby.

**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.

If anyone is interested in doing the newsletter for HCWIB for this next year, please let Bobbie French know...Sadly, it looks like Monique will be moving, & Karen was looking forward to passing this fun job to another who would like to get more active and have fun getting to know our women better!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Marlene Ring March 4

Alena Morris March 9

Marie Hicks March 17

Phyllis Crockett March 31



IN THE NEWS!

One of our founding members Ginny Thompson won the 2009 Business Woman of the Year and also the 2009 Business of the Year Award given by the Boerne Chamber of Commerce.

Two of our other members, Suzann Woodward and Beth Coyle were also nominated.

The Chamber Awards banquet was January 30th at the Don Strange Ranch.

Way to go ladies!
You make us proud!!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR DUES

The renewal dues structure is:

\$50.00 if paid/post-marked 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 next meeting If you bring it to the meeting. Please **DO NOT** include it in the same check as your meal check.

Please remit a separate check for the dues.

Thank you !!!

MARCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well we are down to the last month of this HCWIB year. Much has been accomplished and much fun has been had by all of us. You have had a great board who has worked diligently to lead HCWIB to the next level. I have been blessed to have worked with these great ladies who so unselfishly give of their time. Bobbie and I worked to get our bylaws updated and accomplished this feat this past July. Bobbie kept us all moving forward to keep the Christian Job Corp ladies fed in each session. Linda Tom and Helene Bachmann have kept us organized and in the black. Leah Coyne, our wonderful ex-officio president, was always there to watch my back.

Our charitable contribution for the year was a check for \$1000 to the Kendall County Women Shelter fund. Carolyn Dutson and Shari Keyes kept all our meetings well organized and fun. We had a blast at all our social functions including the Christmas party at Marie Hick's house and our swim party at Helene Bachmann's house. Helene Bachmann later received the 2009 Woman of the Year award; a most well deserved honor. Under Gayle Eason and Lucy Ziegler's watch, we added 21 new members this year. This is an amazing number and many of these ladies have quickly become a great asset to our club. Lucy and Lynn Hoppe have kept our roster and website updated with the influx of all the new members. This has been a formidable task but they did it well. Have you noticed our picture in the local newspapers more often? That is due to our very active publicity chair, Sarah Hamilton, whom has kept on top of all the club's activities this year. Shelby Luke kept us fed and organized at all our meetings this year. She came through each and every month. Karen Goins presented us with a very professionally done newsletter. She will be a hard act to follow. Patrice Davison has done an outstanding job as chaplain to keep us all informed and praying when any of our members had family issues. Lynn Pendley assisted Patrice in letting us know when we needed to be there to support our fellow members.

We recently elected the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Your new board, after our next meeting on March 11th, will be Bobbie French as President, Marie Hicks as vice-president, Kelly Owen as secretary, and Bonnie Tom as treasurer. Bobbie will announce her committee chairs at the March meeting. Get involved and help these ladies as they strive to make our club even better this coming year.

I hope to see you all at the March changing of the guard meeting on March 11th at 5:30 pm at the Fair Oaks Country Club. Carolyn Dutson has done a wrap up video of all our activities this past year. She is refusing to let me preview it so we may all be in for some big surprises. Come join the fun!!!

Kathy Hubbard

IN OUR PRAYERS

Warriors, we need prayers for the following:



Misty Thomas has just received the news that she has thyroid cancer.

Sue McCrary and her husband. Jim will be having some heart surgery in the near future and needs our prayers as well as Sue for a surgeon's steady hand and an easy recovery.

We also need prayers for Suzann Woodward's mother who is having some eye troubles and has had to have an injection in her good eye. Pray that this works for her.

Keep Rose Engelhardt's great granddaughter, Tealyn Rose, in your prayers who is having medical difficulties and is on breathing treatments after infections

Also please pray for my assistant, Glenda, that she gets her kidney donor soon!

Love, Patrice

CWJC

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

February's lunch was provided by Linda B Riley , Misty Thomas, Marie Hicks. I understand it was a great lunch. Thank you.

We will not provide a lunch in March due to Spring Break.

Jackie Crouch - Diane Eiserloh - Bonnie Tom, volunteered to provide lunch in April on the 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-the north end of town.

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

Bobbie French

Getting to Know You: HCWIB Member: **Shirley Merritt MD**

A major turning point in my life was when I decided to go to medical school at age 35 with a kindergartner and fourth grader at home. My husband filled in the gaps for me and I graduated at age 39 with the joy of fulfilling a dream. My life was enriched by the friends made in school and residency. Our training encouraged considerable growth and I established Shirley Merritt MD, PA in Friendswood, TX where I practiced from 1991 to 2004. I also worked for Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, training psychiatry residents during that period of time when the Ben Taub public clinic was most challenging (and most rewarding) as we stived to provide the poor with the best health care with limited resources. The tragedies in people's challenge the limits of their and my abilities.

I have hope in that I am not alone in in these struggles. My philosophy of life is that people are God's children and should be treated the way I would want to be treated while at the same time balancing my own needs.

My personal mission, outside of work, is to bring hope to the underserved in the world and I participate in one or two mission trips a year to places like Guatemala and Venezuela, where I grew up.

Boerne Personal Growth and Psychiatry's mission is twofold. To work in cooperation with the person seeking personal growth and freedom from limiting fears and self doubts. We also seek to empower people with serious mental illnesses to live as freely as possible despite brain dysfunction. Medications are helpful for this many times, but talking therapies, thinking changes, social growth and relationship changes are an important part.

My hero is Abraham Lincoln, for his force of character, who persisted and grew beyond all odds. Closer to home, my hero is my mother who was the firm foundation as we grew up in many locations in Venezuela and the U. S. It takes great strength to be the force in the background.

I love seeing people be able to smile again and pick up their life and soar. Being able to keep on moving is good too.



Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.

~Henry David Thoreau



Two Office warehouses available@Access Storage
Finished office spaces and attached warehouses - 2600 sq ft can be leased for \$1300/mo (\$.50 sq ft) and the other is 1950 sq ft and can be leased for

\$1200/mo (\$.615 sq ft). Those are the rates on a 1 year lease. Call me if you are interested and please let others know!!!

Call Sarah 249-3050

HCWIB's Woman of the Year: **Helene Bachman**



Comments from your Friends (just some of why she was chosen!)

Helene is the best because.....She is precise and knows her stuff!

Helene inspires me by.....Her willingness to always help out, whether it is with Hill Country Women in Business or in your personal needs.

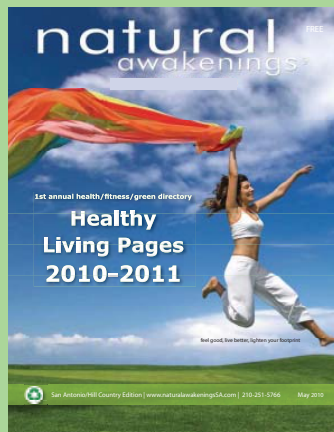
Helene is the best because.....SHE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO DO HER PART.

Helene inspires me by.....HER SERVANT ATTITUDE.

Helene inspires me because of how much she cares about others. She has a way of knowing how "the other person feels" and responds thoughtfully from her heart.

Helene is the best because she has such a servants heart. She works diligently on her work at hand, but also jumps in as reinforcement when recognizing a weak link! (the board will know who wrote this one!)

Her humility inspires me, and I am so pleased she received this honor.



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

If you do something wonderful with pets, kids, or adults that creates health, wellness or joy in living, she can help.

The cost is as little as \$35 for a basic listing or \$75 for a PREMIUM listing (w/35 word descriptive & logo/photo)

If you order by March 10, HCWIB members will get a 2nd category free!

Call Karen at 210-251-5766 or askkaren@gmail.com

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"Say Goodbye" to our 2010 Comittee Chairs

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Won't You Join Us!