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Connections Professional Networking

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Luncheon Friday, December 11, 2015

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Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club Lunch Buffet | \$18

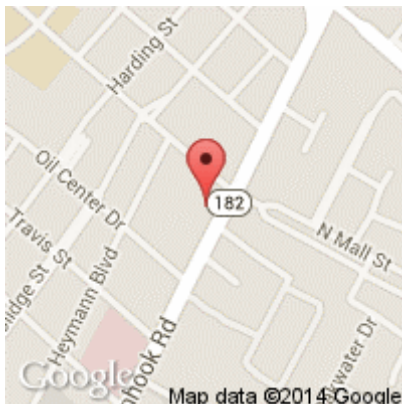
Please RSVP by noon Wednesday, December 9th.
It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

You may RSVP via [e-mail](#) or on our [website](#).
Email: connectionsprofnet@gmail.com

To prevent Connections from being charged by the Petroleum Club for no-shows, if you need to cancel your RSVP please do so by 10:00 am on the Thursday prior to the meeting. We need to confirm our numbers with Petroleum Club by 11:00 am the day before.

To cancel, please send email to connectionsprofnet@gmail.com or call 658-9590.

Connections accepts cash or checks. Please have your check made payable to Connections prior to arriving at the meeting to expedite registration.



Petroleum Club

111 Heymann Boulevard (Oil Center)

Buffet lunch \$18

Please bring cash or **preferred method of payment check.**

Meetings are being held in the lounge on the 1st floor, near the arch driveway, down the hall from the buffet.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon.



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Our December meeting will be our holiday get together. We will feast, talk and follow our annual tradition: Our Gift Exchange!

We will play a White Elephant / Dirty Santa style game. Get prepared to pick and steal!!! If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, you will need to bring in a gift. Gift prices can range from \$15-20. Gifts must be wrapped.

President's Message



year, and gearing up for next year. Those with school-aged children are challenged with finding supervision and entertainment for the kiddos during the long holiday breaks. Holiday shopping seems to exponentially increase crowds in stores and traffic....you know what I mean?

The point of mentioning these frustrations is for our mental readiness. Preparation is key to "surviving" the holidays. This Christmas season is supposed to be filled with wonder, joy, and cheer. It is quite easy to have our joy stolen from us if we are unprepared. So please make arrangements for it to take twice as long to get home from work, added time checking out at the grocery store, and minimal trips to, or avoidance of congested shopping areas.

Well, now is the time to start welcoming winter. After a few nights recently with low temperatures in the 30's, it is undeniable the season is changing once again. And a very busy time, I might add. For those of us running businesses, December is a time to be closing out the fourth quarter, wrapping up the end of the

Let us not lose sight of the real reason for the season. May everyone feel the warmth and embrace of blessings through family and friends during the holidays. Merry Christmas to all!

Deirdre Detraz
Connections President 2015-2016

Business Spotlight

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Hi, My name is Jane Boudreaux, and I live in Lafayette. I am a Christian, and love people. I am originally from Texas, and love Acadiana because people here really celebrate life. My career is with the Mary Kay Cosmetics Company, and I am an Independent Beauty Consultant. I help people with skin care concerns, by teaching classes, and helping with the right makeup. I love to give facials because it is exciting to see the before, and after pictures of the ladies I meet. We now have a new Product line for sensitive skin or advanced aging skin. Thank you, my friends, and customers in Connections because I feel my customers are my friends as well.

Thank you Carloyn Doerle Schumacher from Connections and our membership. We enjoyed your talk on your journey and overcoming obstacles as a woman in the business world.





Thank you to our members and guests for the door prizes donated at the November meeting!!

A special thanks to:

- Gail Wolf
- Rodlyn Cochran - KATC TV3
- Nanette Heggie - Heggie Investment Partners
- Janice Weber
- JoAnn Pugh
- Pat Sonnier
- Carolyn French - UBS
- Frances McIntosh - Intentional Coaching
- Cynthia Comeaux - Xtra Hands

Bring a door prize!
It's a GREAT way to
promote YOUR business!!

News & Announcements

NEW Connections website:
<http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/>

Members... You can bring marketing materials, business cards and brochures/flyers to the meeting and place on the door prize table to promote your business!!

Members... You can email announcements, accomplishments, business tips or share good news to Rebecca Taylor and she will share on Connections Facebook page.

Send to: Rebecca@AcadianaProfile.com

Faith House, an organization we have donated to, has a list of immediate needs for their shelter.

Immediate Needs: Laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, paper plates, utensils, bowls and cups, towels and washrags, floor cleaner, brooms/mops, diapers (size 4 and 5), sanitary products, ethnic hair care products, Lysol, sheets and blankets (Twin Size)

For women moving out of the shelter, they are also seeking: Furniture (Sofas, beds, dressers, etc.) sheets/blankets, pots/dishes/utensils, kitchen tables/chairs, carseats, fans, and suitcases.

Please contact Mary Usner at (337) 234-2715 for donations or questions.

**For the month of December we will also be seeking holiday clothing for women and children. We will also be seeking attire that can be worn for interviews.

Please contact Mary for info on receipts needed for donations dropped off at our luncheon meeting.

Saavy Sisters Bok Club

It's here! We are unveiling our new book lending program. By popular vote, It will be called the Savvy Sisters Book Club. We will be seeking books to be added to the library.

How does it work?

Bring in a book you would like to donate to the library. We would be seeking professional development books. It can be one that has helped you in your career and in your work. It will be added to the library and members will be able to check out the books at meetings. The book would be due back at the next meeting. Any donations anyone would like to make to it would be great. It will be active starting the meeting for December.

Mark Your Calendar!

Connections Meeting – December 11th

Networking and business card exchange begins at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon at the Petroleum Club.

Connections Monthly Board Meeting:

Monday, December 14th

11:30 am at Abacus Restaurant on Pinhook

Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter is the 21st of the month.

Future Connections' Meetings:

January 8

February 12



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CONNECTIONS PURPOSE AS BY OUR CONNECTIONS CONSTITUTION

SECTION ONE: TO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL , EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR CAREER-ORIENTED WOMEN.

SECTION TWO: TO PROVIDE AN ARENA IN WHICH CAREER-ORIENTED WOMEN CAN MEET ONE ANOTHER.

SECTION THREE: TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY.

SECTION FOUR: TO PROVIDE MODELS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Enjoy yourself at our meeting!!

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