



**MAKE A LASTING
CONNECTION IN 2017!**

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Upcoming Meeting
Friday, March 10, 2017

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 8th.
It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

You may RSVP via [e-mail](#).
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 10:00am on the Thursday prior to the meeting. We need to confirm our numbers with Petroleum Club by 11:00am the day before.

To cancel, please send email to connectionsprofnet@gmail.com.

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 am.

Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon.

Connections Career Achievement Award 2017

The Connections Career Achievement Award is an honor presented to women in the Acadiana area who represent the epitome of professional accomplishment and achievement, and who present themselves as desirable role models. These women have received peer professional awards based on achievement or advancement during the year in their particular field of endeavor and demonstrated their willingness to share their skills to enhance their own professional reputation and growth. Potential candidates are nominated by Connections members and selection is made in February for the previous year's accomplishment.

About our award given to the Career Achievement Recipients: "FEMINA" Derived from the Latin word for "woman," the Femina Award originated at a prestigious women's exposition in the Netherlands. As such it is an appropriate designation for female career achievement.



2016 Award Recipient
Diedre Toups
President of HB Rentals

What will you do to strengthen a woman whom you know? I challenge our Connections members to do something positive this month in honor of working women everywhere. What does that mean? It can be as simple as complimenting a co-worker on the amazing job she is doing - but be specific. Tell her exactly what it is that she does which makes her stand out amongst the group. How about becoming a mentor to some fine young lady you know... mentors come in all forms, and they don't have to necessarily be in your particular line of work. Perhaps you can go out and meet 3 resilient and inspiring women in your home town from diverse backgrounds in recognition of International Women's Day! How about this... Go out and buy some Girl Scout cookies – who doesn't love a Girl Scout and her famous cookies... supporting Girls Scout girls makes for stronger women tomorrow. Promote and support the American Legion Auxillary's Girls State program, and also the Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business' program called Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy. These two programs teach high school girls skills in life, business and government. How about reaching for the stars. Too bad we don't live in California, but this one is really cool. Look up Sally Ride Science Junior Academy, a series of hands-on STEAM workshops that let middle school and high school girls take on the roles of space explorer, oceanographer, videogame designer and more. Sally Ride was the first female astronaut in space, and a real trailblazer. I imagine that you all can come up with much more creative ways than me to celebrate International Women's Day! More ideas can be found at: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/BeBold>. Whatever you do, be sure to take a selfie with each woman/girl and write a small blurb on how they are being **#BoldForChange** and share it on social media! Don't forget to tag it! **#IWD2017 #beboldforchange2017**. Share it on our Connections Facebook page too! We want to hear about how you are making a difference for women.

Have a Great Day and Go Out and Make A Difference!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Beslin

Connections President

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Inspire, motivate, lift up!!

So, in keeping with #BeBoldForChange – Here are some famous and not so famous women who have spoken very eloquently in the past. Their words are timeless, and can help guide us to be a positive force for women.

Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.
Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. – Mother Teresa

Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. – Eleanor Roosevelt

If you stumble, make it part of the dance. – Unknown

Nothing makes a woman more beautiful, than the belief that she is beautiful. –Sophia Loren

Little girls with dreams, become women with vision. – Unknown

One of the things that I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged.
Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself. – Lucille Ball

Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people – your family, friends, and co-workers, and even strangers you meet along the way. – Barbara Bush

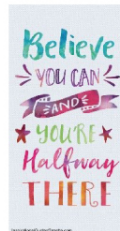
Being happy never goes out of style. – Lily Pulitzer

Be happy with what you have - while working for what you want. –Helen Keller

Life provides losses and heartbreak. But the greatest tragedy is to have the experience and miss the meaning. – Robin Roberts

My best success came on the heels of failures – Barbara Corcuran

Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know that so it goes on flying anyway. – Mary Kay Ash



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 Anita Link and she will share on Connections Facebook page.

Send to: Anita Link - anita@stpierrepromos.com



Adore Women's Conference

step away from your busy schedules to hear author Vicki Courtney share biblical truths with real life application.

March 10-11, 2017

The Bayou Church

For more info, [click here](#).



March 20th



Driven to Give Event Impact Acadiana

Details:

Stop by Courtesy Lincoln on Saturday, April 8th and be entered to win \$5,000 plus other prizes for test driving or riding in a Lincoln! If 500 people give 20 minutes of their time to participate, Courtesy Lincoln will donate \$10,000 to Impact Acadiana - a community non-profit dedicated to helping local UL students pursue their career goals!

What: Test Drive a Lincoln (or Ride in a Lincoln)

When: April 8, 2017

Where: 4010 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy (by IHOP)

Time: 9am - 5pm

More: Questions? Contact Carol Trosclair
(337) 225-8155

carol8155@cox-internet.com



**Thank you to everyone that gave door prizes for the February meeting.
Donating a door prize is a great way to advertise yourself and your
business.**



Faith House, a women's organization that we support, 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, car seats, fans, and suitcases.

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

February Meeting

Thank you to Bernadette Lee for sharing your experience in radio and media, and your great storytelling!







Mark Your Calendar!



Remember – Due to the fact that our next meeting falls on Good Friday, we have moved our date.

Our Next Meeting Will Be on April 7th.

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

Future Connections' Meetings:

May 12th

June 9th

July 14th

**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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