



**MAKE A LASTING
CONNECTION IN 2017!**

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Upcoming Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2017

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 10th.
It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

You may RSVP via [e-mail](#) or [online](#).

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.

Petroleum Club
[111 Heymann Boulevard \(Oil Center\)](#)

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.

Buffet lunch \$18

At the luncheon payments can be made by check or cash.
Payments may now also be made in advance via [PayPal](#).

**Luncheon payments completed online the day of the event will require proof of payment. You can take a screenshot of the payment on your cell phone, have a receipt sent to you via Facebook or print out the receipt.

Featured Speaker



Stacey Judice
Community Chronicles
Owner / Editor

Stacey Comeaux Judice is owner and editor of the Community Chronicles, a positive newspaper that serves Upper Lafayette and South St. Landry Parishes. After completing two associate degree programs from Louisiana Technical College, T.H. Harris Campus in 1994, Judice was hired as Registrar first at the T.H. Harris Campus. After marrying a Lafayette resident, she transferred to the Lafayette Campus in that same position. Her love for writing and telling a good story is what prompted her to begin Community Chronicles six years ago. Through Community Chronicles, Judice's dream of becoming a published author became reality as one of

the authors of Images of America Carencro which hit the stands in 2014. Judice is a wife to a Lafayette Fire Department Captain, Jason, and mother to three boys, Jacob (19) who is training to be a soldier in the United States Army, Seth (16), and Caleb (11).

President's Message



Dear Connections Members,

This Spring, we have consistently achieved higher attendance, and we look forward to continuing that momentum. In our efforts to bring you new opportunities, we will be hosting our Spring Member Mixer on Tuesday, May 9th at Bonefish Grill from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We hope that you will join us for an after-hours informal gathering to get to know each other better. You can even use this opportunity to recruit new members. Board members will be available to discuss the benefits of membership and sign up new members. Appetizers will be complimentary and are being sponsored by Bonefish Grill and Connections. We will still have our regular meeting on Friday, May 12th, so keep that on your schedule too. Thanks to Lana Fontenot, our Program VP, we will be treated to another dynamic speaker in our series of “words of wisdom” from professional women around Acadiana. Be sure to chat with our guest speaker - Stacey Comeaux Judice, owner and editor of the Community Chronicles - after the meeting too.

As a reminder, we are wrapping up our Membership Drive and we are better than ever. Our numbers are growing, and it is because of you. Let's keep this going and be sure to bring a friend to the next meeting/mixer and show everyone what we are all about. Our Membership Drive contest will end on June 1st, and the winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card at the June meeting. There are quite a few of you in the running to win, and I can't wait to see who ends up on top! Don't forget that you can renew and pay for your membership on our website too.

At next month's meeting, we will be installing our new Board Members. Please make plans to attend and welcome our new Connections leaders.

And finally, I wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms and soon to be moms.

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

– Unknown



Best Regards,

Cynthia Beslin, Connections President

Business Spotlight



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In 2015, Misty Carrier chose to go into business with the nation's premier cutting edge realty firm, EXP Realty. Through her partnership with EXP, Misty is able to connect to a wide variety of technological resources and tools to help with buying or selling residential properties. With an extensive background in management,

including managing both medical groups and bands, as well as training in real estate investments, Misty is a qualified marketing specialist. She brings Southern hospitality and a hard work ethic to the table as she works to help her clients navigate the world of real estate.

Misty has lived in the Lafayette area for more than 14 years, and she loves calling Acadiana home. From enjoying Zydeco music with her husband Chubby to singing with the praise team at Family Life Church, Misty's warm and friendly spirit exudes a joie de vivre so typical of Lafayette's climate. As a home educator, Misty loves staying active with her 13-year old daughter Maya. Together they enjoy portraying characters through historical re-enactments and traveling around Louisiana and beyond.

Misty Carrier ... Dedicated to Helping Lafayette with Real Estate from A to Z.

**Are you aching for some after hours networking?
Look no further!**

**Join Us
Tuesday, May 9th @
Bonefish Grill
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

It's Our Connections Spring Member Mixer!!

31 years
connections

Connections Member Mixer



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Tuesday, May 9th @

**BONEFISH
GRILL**



1912 Kaliste Saloome Road—River Ranch in Lafayette

Tuesday, May 9th

5:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

Appetizers Compliments of Bonefish Grill & Connections. "Hooked on Tuesday" special available... 3 course meal starting at \$14.99. Featured Spring Cocktails: Pomegranate Sage Martinis and Wild Orchid Hawaiian Martinis.

RSVP and Register prior to
Monday, May 8th:

<http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/email-us>

Meet us at our Spring Member's Mixer

at Bonefish Grill in River Ranch

for friendship, networking and good times.

Get to know your Connections members better in 2017!

For More Information Contact Cynthia Beslin at 337-523-6180

RSVP Today!

<http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/email-us>



South Louisiana Community College

Applications for the Connections Scholarship for Women at South Louisiana Community College are being accepted from March 15 until June 1.

Applicants must be between the ages of 24 and 55, currently attending an SLCC campus, have a 3.0 GPA or above, and meet other requirements.

The scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2017 Semester beginning in August.

If you know a student who would qualify for this scholarship, please refer her to solacc.edu/scholarships.

April Luncheon



Thank you Missy Rogers of Noble Plastics for sharing her journey, her success and her wild side. We definitely want to be at your next race!







Thank you to everyone that gave door prizes for the April meeting.

Jeannine Prather - Jeannine's Bookkeeping
Cynthia Dauphin - Shining Light Foundation
Cynthia Comeaux - Xtra Handz
Pat Sonnier - Retired
Rose Moss - Mary Kay
Rodlyn Cochran - Bizzuka
Lisa David - Delta Dental
Kristie Buford - Your Way Cuisines

Donating a door prize is a great way to advertise yourself and your business.



Membership Update

Thank you to everyone that voted at the last meeting.
Our membership dues will now be \$50/year.

Renew your membership [today!](#)

**MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE**

As you all may know we have continued our Membership Drive. The member that brings in the most guests that become Connections Members will win a prize. The award will be a \$100 Gift Card!

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](#)

We are now accepting PayPal!



Connections is now taking online payments for our luncheons and membership dues. You can find the payment link for our luncheons on each event

page. To become a member or to renew your membership online, click [here](#).





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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Future Connections' Meetings:

June 9th

July 14th

August 11th

**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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