



**MAKE A LASTING
CONNECTION IN 2017!**

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Upcoming Meeting
Friday, July 14, 2017

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 12th.
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, please cancel your RSVP by 10:00 am on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Our deadline to confirm our numbers with Petroleum Club is by 11:00 am on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

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.

Reminder

Please RSVP via the Connections website so that we can ensure that we have enough seating for those attending the luncheon.

Featured Speaker



Savannah Vinsant Thompson
2012 Olympic Trampoline Gymnast

Ever wondered what it would be like to compete in the Olympics?

Join us at our July meeting to hear Savannah Vinsant's presentation on her journey to the Olympics.

Vinsant is an American trampolining gymnast who calls Lafayette home. She represented the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics. She became the first-ever U.S. trampoline athlete to qualify for the finals. Savannah finished sixth place

during the trampoline finals. She was the youngest female trampoline competitor at the games.

Please join us for networking opportunities with other professional business women by completing the form below!

Vinsant resides in Acadiana and is the daughter of Neil and Remonda Vinsant.

President's Message



As your incoming President for this upcoming year, I am thrilled and honored to serve on the board as your President for 2017-2018. I am married to Mike Taylor, celebrating 21 years. We have 2 children; Michael Taylor, 20, a student at UL and Lauren Taylor, a sophomore at STM. I am the Sales Manager for Acadiana Profile Magazine and have been with the company for 12 years. I also work with various non-profit organizations in Acadiana.

We begin this year with 69 members the most we have had in many years. The current board is a group of the most dynamic, smart, generous women that I know. Our Members have a wide variety of professional jobs, they are leaders in our community, business owners and mothers & wives. Together we can support one another in business and help one another with our personal goals. I look forward to a year of supporting women and encouraging women to thrive.

Rebecca Taylor

Feel Free to email me at any time Rebecca@acadianaprofile.com

**Congratulations to the new 2017 / 2018 Board Members!
We cheer you on as you lead us into the new year!**



June Luncheon



Thank you Dr. Krystal Shelmire for sharing your profession and the many benefits of your practice that can help up improve our health and wellness.



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

Membership Renewals / New Memberships



Renew your membership or join our organization [today!](#)

Want to get more involved in Connections? Join a committee! We have several opportunities for volunteers to work closely on multiple projects with the board. Simply check off which committees you are interested in when you fill out your membership renewal and/or application at <http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/join>.



Advertise your business in the Connections Directory! The directory is a great promotional tool, as it is given to all members in good standing. For available ad space and pricing, click [here](#).



Our membership drive winner is...
(drumroll)

Anita Link!

Congratulations!

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: [Sarah D'Avy](#)

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:

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

**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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