



MAKE A LASTING CONNECTION IN 2015!



Connections Professional Networking

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Luncheon Friday, October 9, 2015

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Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club Lunch Buffet | \$18

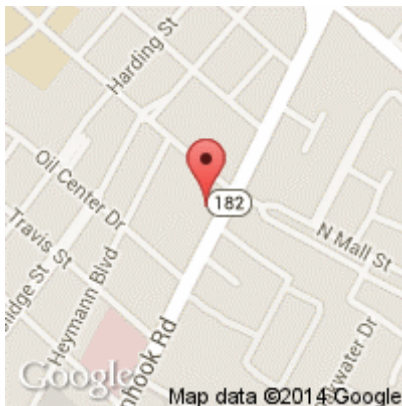
Please RSVP by noon Wednesday, October 7th.
It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

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.



Connections 30th Anniversary Celebration

This month we will feature the charter members as speakers, who will be commemorating the past 30 years of this organization.

Please join us for a wonderful lunch with great professional women. Come in to hear about our group's beginnings and strides made by its founders to create an organization that provided a platform for business women.

President's Message



The first official Connections meeting was held in October of 1985 with an attendance of 80 women sharing the same career oriented interest as the founding members. As the organization evolved, a Board of Directors was elected and committees were organized to set goals and plans for attainment. Education has always been an important focus, by way of guest speakers. The original purpose of Connections remains: to provide support in an arena conducive to sharing career experiences and needs amongst women, while providing models for our community, and celebrating the professional achievements of these local women.

Well, it all started 30 years ago...a few progressive,

What a grand vision for one organization! I am honored and humbled to lead such an amazing group of

business-oriented women started collaborating about the need for a networking group supporting females in the professional workforce. After a few informal meetings, Connections was born!

women and an organization proving to stand the test of time.

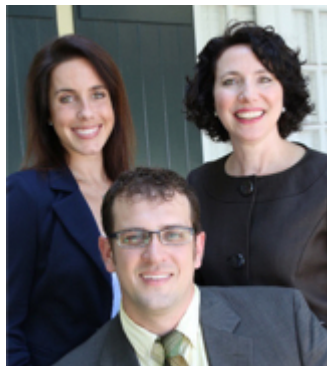
Sincerely,

Deirdre Detraz, ANPC

Connections President 2015-2016

Business Spotlight

HEGGIE
INVESTMENT PARTNERS
RAYMOND JAMES



Nanette Soileau Heggie, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, Financial Advisor, Branch Manager

After 6 years as an IRS tax auditor, Nanette has now worked for over 20 years as a Financial Advisor. She and her team provide financial and retirement planning along with comprehensive investment management services for individuals, families, foundations, and trusts. They work closely with business owners to establish and service corporate retirement plans, and have experience with advanced estate tax planning strategies in preparing for the sale of their businesses. They specialize in helping people with 401k and pension rollovers, when changing jobs and transitioning into retirement.

On Monday, September 21, 2015, *Heggie Investment Partners* officially became its own independent firm, with an all new name, logo, brochure and website. Their office is still located at 140B Rue Beauregard in Lafayette, LA, where we have been since first opening our doors as an independent firm in 2009. CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional and Financial Advisor, Nanette Soileau Heggie, serves as branch manager. Rounding out the Heggie Investment Partners team are fellow Financial Advisor, Drew Johnson, and Client Service Manager, Courtney Ardoin.

Their email addresses and direct phone numbers haven't changed, but the new main line is now 337-889-0270. **Please check out their new website at www.HeggieInvestmentPartners.com and help them spread the word!**

Thank you to Anna Olivier of The Jim Olivier companies for her tale of triumph and words of wisdom.





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

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

A special thanks to:

Jane Boudreaux - Mary Kay
Stacy Delatte - Melaleuca Wellness Co.
Nanette Heggie - Heggie Investment
Partners at Raymond James
Pat Sonnier
JoAnn Pugh

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.

Get involved with your fellow members!

In October we will be rolling out a member's only professional development library. Members are welcomed to donate books or other reading materials that helped them in their professional journeys. Members would be able to borrow books from the library and would bring the books back to the next meeting.

We need help in naming our library. Take out your thinking caps and get ready to get creative.

Mark Your Calendar!

Connections Meeting – October 9th

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, October 12th

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:

November 13

December 11

January 8

February 12



Connections Officers

Deirdre Detraz - President
Cynthia Beslin - President Elect
Eugenia Shedrick – Newsletter VP
Rebecca Taylor – Public Relations VP
Lana Fontenot – Membership VP
Debra Billeaud – Treasurer
Rodlyn Cochran - Program VP
Vonda Broussard - Secretary
Nanette Heggie – Board Member at Large and
Career Achievement
Joann Pugh -Scholarship Chairperson

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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