



Connections Professional Networking



MAKE A LASTING CONNECTION IN 2016!

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Upcoming Meeting
Friday, September 9, 2016

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club Lunch Buffet | \$18

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 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 10:00am 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.

Featured Speaker



Donna F. Landry
Chief Operating Officer
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center

Start Where You Are

Donna Landry brings some 28 years in healthcare and community leadership to her job and civic engagement in Lafayette and beyond. She currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center and CEO and Board Chair of Heart Hospital of Lafayette.

She previously held the titles of Chief Administrative Officer of Schumacher Group and Chief Operating Officer of Lafayette General.

Donna is the 2016 board chair of the United Way of Acadiana and serves as well on boards of the ULL Foundation, Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation, Park Place Surgical Hospital, Emergency Medicine Advisory Board for Lafayette Consolidated Government, ULL Communications Advisory Council, and District 6200 of Rotary International. A former chair of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, a Leadership Lafayette graduate and recipient of numerous local and state recognitions, she is a mentor in the 705 Mentor Program and has also served multiple terms on the boards of the Lafayette Parish Public Education Stakeholders Council (LaPESC), Evangeline Area Boy Scout Council, YMCA and other organizations.

She and her husband Greg have two adult children, a daughter in Austin and a son in Baton Rouge.

President's Message



"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela says it all with his statement. What a time we have all had over the last weeks. When you first witness the overwhelming amount of flooding water and debris, it does seem impossible. But somehow we are a resilient bunch. We are beginning to put back the pieces, one day at a time. I know that many of you have been personally impacted by the flood. Whether it was your home or someone close to you, we have all been affected. How can we not. To see the totality of how much water flowed through our streets was shown over and over again on the news and on Facebook. Please know that we are here for you in your time of need. Just let us know what we can do.

My hope is that I get to see many of you at our next meeting. I truly miss all of you when we don't get together. Sharing is the way we heal and sharing is how we move forward. Connections is a great way to keep moving forward, even when things are hard. So please join us for friendly conversation, networking and progress.

Best Regards,

Cynthia Beslin

Club President

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 Taylor - Rebecca@acadianprofile.com

Connections Board Vacancy

We are currently seeking members for a key role on our board. We are seeking members interested in participating in the Secretary position on the Connections Board for the 2016/2017 year. Please see Cynthia Beslin, Connections Board President, if you are interested in this vacancy.

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.

Bookin' It Book Club

We will be seeking books to be added to the library for the month of February. If you have any books you wish to add to the book club, please bring it into the next Connections meeting.

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Our next Connections meeting will be on October 14th

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:

November 11th

December 8th

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

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