



Connections Professional Networking Luncheon Friday, December 5, 2014 Holiday Luncheon



In the spirit of the season, **please bring a wrapped \$15 gift** to the luncheon (no door prizes this month). We will have a **"Dirty Santa" gift exchange**. Everyone who brings a gift will be able to pick a gift or steal one from someone else.

In the spirit of giving to those less fortunate, **we will also be collecting for Faith House**. You may bring **an unwrapped or monetary donation** for the women and children at the facility. Items can include bath items for women and children, toys, gloves, scarves, gift cards to Walmart or other department stores, etc.

We always have a joyous time at this event and lots of laughs. We hope you will come and enjoy it too!

Petroleum Club

Lunch Buffet \$18

**Please RSVP* by Wednesday Dec 3
on our website <http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/>**

To prevent Connections 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.

President's Message



Be Joyful!

As the calendar year comes to an end, we look forward to holiday celebrations with friends and family. Each December, with grateful hearts, we here at Connections collect donations and gifts for the less fortunate ladies at Faith House...We also use this time to joyfully celebrate with our friends!

Sometimes we forget the importance of laughter in our lives. Not only is it great for our physical and mental health, but it helps us to not take offense so easily. If we can laugh at ourselves, we might be able to love ourselves and others more. And we all know the benefits of a healthy self-esteem.

This year we will continue our Connections tradition of playing a round of "Dirty Santa". For those of you who have never played...In the game of "Dirty Santa",

everyone who wants to play brings a \$15 wrapped gift, and through a random drawing each person takes a turn choosing a new gift or "stealing" one that's already been opened. You may or may not get the gift of your dreams, but you almost certainly will have a few laughs and a good time.

I hope that you will join us for our celebration, and that your entire holiday season is filled with peace, joy and a little laughter!

Nanette Soileau Heggie,
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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

Notice...Please make the following address correction in your membership Directory.

Rebecca Taylor's address is 128 Demande Suite 104, Lafayette LA 70503

Annual Career Achievement Award nominations are currently being accepted. It is an honor for a business women in our area to be named for this award.

For more information about the award visit our [website](#).

If you know of an outstanding person you would like to nominate, please click on the link **for an [application](#)**.

Congratulations



Eugenia Shedrick of Worknet Staffing!!! Eugenia was recognized by the Acadiana Society of Human Resources in November.

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Bring your business card and at each meeting we will draw a name. Your business will then be "Spotlighted" in the next monthly newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar!

Connections Meeting –December 5

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, December 8

Abacus Banquets & Receptions

11:30 address: 530 W. Pinhook Rd Lafayette

Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter –
December 15.

Future Connections' Meetings

January 2

November Meeting

A special thank you to our guest speaker, Frances McIntosh, registered Dietician and Health Coach.

[Read More](#)



Petroleum Club
111 Heymann Boulevard (Oil Center)

Buffet lunch \$18

Please bring cash or **preferred method of payment check.**

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Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon.

Please **RSVP*** by noon on **Wednesday, December 3.** It is important that you let us know

if you plan to attend.

email: connectionsprofnet@gmail.com or

RSVP on website <http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/>

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



Door Prizes

Thank you to our members and guests for the many door prizes donated for the November meeting.

Rodlyn Cochran...Bizzuka

Frances McIntosh...Intentional Coaching

June Brillhart...Postlethwaite & Netterville

Karen Rue...Griswold

Nanette Heggie...Investment Partners of Acadiana

Vonda Broussard...AMG Integrated Healthcare

Debra Billeaud...Billeaud Technology

Liz Champagne...Green Nutritional Therapy

Cynthia Comeaux...Xtra Handz



\$1,000 Connections UL Lafayette Scholarship

Connections Professional Woman's Networking Organization awards a minimum of one UL Lafayette Scholarship per year with preference given to a mature woman student between the ages of 24 and 55 - one either returning to college for a career change, or a mature first-time student. Selection is based on academic merit, cumulative GPA 2.5 or

higher, and professional promise by the Connections Scholarship Committee. Should you know of a woman meeting the criteria above, please encourage her to contact the UL Lafayette Scholarship Office in Martin Hall for a Connections Scholarship Application. **You may contact JoAnn Pugh for more information at joannpugh@hotmail.com.**



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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!!

would like to become a member of
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