



***Connections Professional Networking
Luncheon Friday, January 9, 2015***

***What You Need To Know About Taxes
In The New Year***



Guest Speaker

June Brillhart, Senior Tax Accountant

Postlewaite & Netterville

Upon graduating from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1976, June joined SOLOCO, an oilfield service company owned by Newpark Resources, as a staff accountant. At that time, the oil industry was

booming. She rose through the company ranks to the position of Controller and office manager of their plant in Vatican, LA.

In 2008, Newpark restructured, moving all of their accounting services to Houston. Deciding to stay in Lafayette and weather the ups and downs of the oil industry for many years, June made a profession career move to public accounting. She went to work for a local CPA firm that merged with Postlethwaite & Netterville in January 2009. Today she holds the position of Senior Tax Accountant with P&N, specializing in all areas of tax return preparation and general ledger accounting and working with non-profit organizations.

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club

Lunch Buffet \$18

Please RSVP* by noon Wednesday, January 7. 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/>

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 Courageous!

As we begin the New Year, the world is full of possibilities, a clean slate for us to write on. Let's enter 2015 with Courage: focusing on what can be, and pushing back the fear that can sometimes cause us to back away from challenges or trying new things.

I recently read that when we are courageous, we give others the strength to be courageous. And when we are not courageous, we give others permission to not be courageous. Our child, niece, nephew, spouse, peer or maybe someone we don't even know, receives unspoken permission to be less than what is possible for him or her, when we choose the "easier" or "less than" choice.

Today to do ONE thing that takes courage. It will be a great start, and will make the next courageous step that much easier...In 2015, I hope you will choose to spend one hour of each month with your friends here at Connections. Let's make this a courageous New Year!!!

Nanette Soileau Heggie
Connections President
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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](#).

Spotlight on Business

Renee Box/Coast Capital Mortgage

Renee Box uses her background in education to smoothly guide home buyers along the path to homeownership, expertly educating and guiding each client through the transaction with patience, compassion, and confidence.

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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 - January 9

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, January 12

11:30 am at Abacus Restaurant on Pinhook

Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter is the 15th of the month.

Future Connections' Meetings

February 6

March 6

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Petroleum Club
111 Heymann Boulevard (Oil Center)

Buffet lunch \$18

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

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon.

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



Door Prizes

Thank you to our members and guests for the gifts for the December meeting.



\$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!!

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