

**MAKE A LASTING
CONNECTION IN 2015!**

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***Connections Professional
Networking***
Luncheon Friday, March 6, 2015



***Connections Annual Career
Achievement Award Program***

Jessica L. McGee

***Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President,
Corporate Operations***

AMG Integrated Healthcare Management

Connections will be honoring its Career Achievement Recipient and we want you to be a part of this celebration! Please join us as we recognize the *Connections* 2014 Career Achievement Award Recipient, **Jessica L. McGee**, of **AMG Integrated Healthcare Management**.

The *Connections* Career Achievement Award is an honor presented to women in the Acadiana area who represent the epitome of professional accomplishment and achievement, and who present themselves as desirable role models. These women have received peer professional recognition based on achievement or advancement in their particular field of endeavor and demonstrated their willingness to share their skills to enhance their own professional reputation and growth.

Jessica L. McGee's history of professional accomplishments and success over the years, as well as her involvement mentoring others are truly an inspiration for all women. Many qualities and commitments often make up career achievement. As you join us to honor Jessica, you'll learn more of those things which have made her such a successful individual in her field and our community.

Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club

Lunch Buffet \$18

Please RSVP* by noon Wednesday, March 4. 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 Lucky

In this St. Patrick's Day month, I wish you all the luck of the Irish!

As Louis Pasteur once said
"Luck favors the mind that is prepared."

Some people claim that they are just not lucky, but my experience is that if you put yourself out there, and always put forth your best efforts, eventually good things will come of it. Do your part by getting the proper training, building your network of contacts, and learning your industry, and you too may discover you are "lucky"!

This month we have the privilege of honoring an amazing woman with the Connections Career Achievement Award. Like many women before her, Jessica McGee, has had to overcome many challenges to succeed in her career and in her other life roles of daughter, sister, mother, and friend. Jessica took on every challenge with an amazing “Can Do” attitude, which helped her succeed. We are all lucky because, at this month’s meeting, we will all get to hear her story.

Finally, please note that our **March 6th** meeting will be on the first Friday of the month, but our **April 10th** and **May 8th** meetings, and **all future Connections meetings will now be on the second Friday of the month.**

I hope that you choose to make this month’s Connections meeting one of the things that you do to prepare yourself for luck and success. See you on the 6th!

Nanette Soileau
HeggieConnections
President337.889.0255

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

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

Deirdre Detraz, ANPC

APEX PREVENTION

I have been running a cardiovascular prevention center locally, under the direction of a group of cardiologists, for 4 years. And while the center was the first of its kind in the area, the program was limited to one particular protocol for the screening of patients. There are several nationally recognized prevention models from all over the country. Medicine is evolving and so is prevention. I felt the need to expand my services to include not just one but several prevention methods available to clients.

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Lafayette, LA 70508

Phone: 739-7278

www.apexprevention.com

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 –March 6

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, March 9

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.

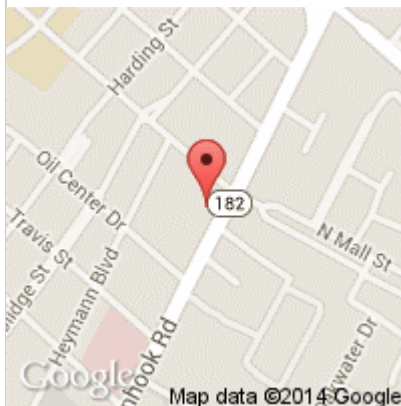
Future Connections' Meetings

April 10

May 8

June 8

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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 door prizes donated at the February meeting!!

Gail Wolf...retired

Nanette Heggie...Investment Partners of Acadiana

Lisa Stevens...Dr. Guilbeau/Dr. Stelly

Pat Sonnier...retired

Marretta LaBauve...Rodan & Fields

Rose Moss...Mary Kay

JoAnn Pugh...Retired

Lisa David...Delta Dental



Laura Myers...Life Advantage

Rodlyn Cochran...Bizzuka

Debra Billeaud...Billeaud Technologies



\$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!!