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|  | ***Connections Professional Networking*****Luncheon Friday, May 8, 2015** |  |
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| ***Connections Topic for May*****Women & Money****A Question & Answer Session****The format for the May Connections luncheon will be an introduction to Women and Money followed with a question and answer session. The session will be conducted by:****Nanette Heggie****Certified Financial Planner & Financial Advisor****Investment Partners of Acadiana****Fritzie Fine****Financial Advisor****Edward Jones****Cynthia Beslin****Financial Professional Associate****Prudential Financial****Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!****Petroleum Club****Lunch Buffet $18****Please RSVP\* by noon  Wednesday, May 6. 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/**](http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=Link&VID=99679516&KID=249312&LID=684582)***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.** |  |

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|  | **President's Message**

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|  |  | **Thank You!****I want to send out a big THANK YOU to Deirdre, Vonda, June, Cynthia, Fritzie, Rodlyn, Rebecca, Renee’, Connie, and all the ladies of Connections for your help in making this a great year for Connections!   As many of you know, I came into the role of president of Connections quite unexpectedly this year when the original president-elect, Tammy Johnston, had to resign due to family obligations.  Like many of life’s other unexpected changes, this time as president has given me the opportunity to develop new skills, bond with an amazing group of ladies, and learn the necessity of reaching out for help when it’s needed.  I am so grateful to all you ladies who pitched in when I needed you!****I recently read this quote by Zig Zigler:  “Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for. “****I sure like the sound of that!   You can’t complain and be grateful at the same time.  When we are grateful, we aren't as grumbly, we feel less entitled and are more appreciative. Gratitude helps us see the abundance of good around us rather than the lack of good.****On May 8thwe say “Thank You” to the old board, and welcome****in incoming president, Deirdre Detraz, and her new Connections board.  I hope that you will be there to help us Celebrate!****Nanette Soileau Heggie****Connections President** |

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|  | ***NEW* Connections website:**[**http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/**](http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=Link&VID=99679516&KID=249312&LID=684583)**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******Bring your business card and at each meeting we will draw a name. Your business will then be "Spotlighted" in the next monthly newsletter.***

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| **Mark Your Calendar!****Connections Meeting –May 8Networking 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, May 11****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:****June 12****July 10****August 14****September 11****October 9****November 13****December 11** |

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| **Petroleum Club111 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.** |
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| ***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 April 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 OfficersNanette Heggie- PresidentDeirdre Detraz- President ElectConnie Marcantel – Newsletter VPRebecca Taylor– Public Relations VPCynthia Beslin – Membership VPJune Brillhart – TreasurerFritzie Fine- Program VPVonda Broussard - SecretaryRodlyn Cochran– Board Member at Large and Career AchievementJoann Pugh-Scholarship ChairpersonRenee Box - Arrangements ChairCONNECTIONS is a monthly newsletter published by the members of CONNECTIONS. For consideration of all information and articles, contact Newsletter Vice President and Editor, Connie Marcantel at 406-2650 or*****connie@acadiana.bbb.org*****. If you would like to become a member of CONNECTIONS, contact Cynthia Beslin, Membership Vice-President at 232-1737 or*****cynthia.beslin@prudential.com*****.** | **CONNECTIONS PURPOSE AS BY OUR CONNECTIONS CONSTITUTIONSECTION 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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