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**September 2014**

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**Connections Newsletter**

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*Connections Professional Networking*

**Luncheon Friday, September 5**  
Petroleum Club

**Lunch Buffet \$18**

**Please RSVP\* By Wednesday September 3 to  
[connectionsprofnet@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsprofnet@gmail.com)**

*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](mailto: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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**September Guest Speaker**

**Rodlyn Cochran  
Bizzuka**



*For the past 3.5 years, Rodlyn has been employed as a Business Development Executive for Bizzuka which is a local website development and internet marketing company. Bizzuka specializes in helping businesses to improve their online presence by creating a custom website and attracting qualified clients or employees to their website through internet marketing strategies aligned with their business goals.*

*Rodlyn earned her bachelor's degree in Marketing and an*

*associate's degree in Business Management. Her career has been dedicated to working for technology companies to help businesses improve their technology infrastructure which includes: computers, software, office systems, telecommunications, website and internet marketing.*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *Nanette Heggie*

September 2014 President's Message: **Be Open**

As summer comes to an end, what if today, we relaxed a little bit? Not in the form of laziness, but in a form of stillness. Many of us don't know how to be still-- type A personalities with stressful jobs and high expectations...So what if we became still enough in our body and mind to relax and perhaps live in the moment? There are great possibilities, things we haven't noticed before, and fresh ideas there we might see if we are open to them.

When you find yourself becoming a little stale, unproductive and unenergized, simply try out the opposite for a day. The fast-paced person may become still ...And the relaxed person may try kicking it into high gear.

As Michael Abrash says: "It's essential to keep an open mind, and to be willing--better yet, eager--to try new things."

We often experience the discovery of new ideas and possibilities when we get to know others, and learn from them. Hopefully this month's Connections meeting will give you that opportunity...if you are open to it.

Nanette Soileau Heggie, CFP®  
Investment Partners of Acadiana

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**News &**  
*Announcements*

Members...Please email announcements and postings to Rebecca Taylor and she will share on  
Connections Facebook  
[Rebecca@acadianaprofile.com](mailto:Rebecca@acadianaprofile.com)

## **Welcome to our new Connections Members!!!**

Kimberly Price  
Fleur De Lis Candles  
[kimmieprice25@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmieprice25@yahoo.com)

Liz Champagne  
Green Nutrition Therapy  
[liz@greennutritiontherapy.com](mailto:liz@greennutritiontherapy.com)

### **"Spotlight on Business"**

**Debra Billeaud  
Billeaud Technology, LLC**

*Through Business Process Assessments, I basically help businesses select, apply and utilize technology to streamline back office processes resulting in the reduction of overhead expenses and maximization of revenue. My IT Project Management services, assist businesses with the achievement of their technology initiatives on time and in budget without over burdening existing operational staff. The Healthcare industry is also supported by assisting and consulting with regulatory compliance of Meaningful Use, Risk Analysis – Meaningful Use, HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and ICD-10 migration. I hold designation as a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) serving as a statement of my knowledge and competency.*

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Lafayette, LA 70506  
Ph: 337-849-6354  
[Debra@BilleaudTechnology.com](mailto:Debra@BilleaudTechnology.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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## August Meeting

A special thank you to our guest speaker, Debra Billeaud, Billeaud Technology.



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.

Please **RSVP\*** by noon on **Wednesday, September**

**3.** It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

**email: [connectionsprofnet@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsprofnet@gmail.com)**

### **Door Prizes**

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



Pat Sonnier...Retired  
Nanette Heggie...Raymond James  
Brandi Burns...Garden View Assisted Living  
Kim LeBlanc...Fleur de Lis Candles  
Melanie Herpin...Premier Designs Jewelry

Eileen Menard Martin...Ossun Elementary  
Debra Billeaud...Billeaud Technologies

Mark Your Calendar!

Connections Meeting – **September 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, September 8,**  
**June Brillhart's office at NOON. address: 400 E. Kaliste**  
**Saloom Rd., Suite 7100**

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

Mark Your Calendar - Future Connections' Meetings

**October 3**  
**November 7**  
**December 5**



**\$1000 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.

**FAITH HOUSE IMMEDIATE SUPPLY NEEDS**

Laundry Detergent  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Lysol & Floor Cleaner  
Diapers - Sizes 4 & 5  
Paper Towels  
Towels & Washrags  
Ethnic Hair care products  
Sanitary products  
Twin Sheets & Blankets  
Brooms & mops  
Paper Plates, Utensils, Bowls, & Cups



**ITEMS NEEDED FOR WHEN WOMEN MOVE OUT OF SHELTER**

Sheets/Blankets  
Carseats & Fans  
Pots/Dishes/Utensils Kitchen Tables/Chairs  
Furniture (Sofa, Bed, Dresser, Etc.)  
Suitcases

**Items can be brought to the Connections' Meeting and Mary Usner will deliver them to Faith House.**



## Connections Officers

Nanette Heggie- President  
Deirdre Detraz- President Elect  
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Cynthia Beslin – Membership VP  
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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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