



HCWIB

“Here For Each Other”

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• Things To Remember

- **Monday, September 6th**
- Contact Katie Carroll by 5 p.m. to reserve your place at the September 9th meeting. Contact her at reservations@hcwib.net or 830-248-1187.
- **Thursday, September 9th**
- General meeting & social will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon Huckabay's house.
- “No Shows” will be billed
- Board Meeting and Audit Committee will meet at 5 p.m. before General Meeting

KERA'S KORNER

Hello Ladies,

A big thanks to **Stephanie Chandler** for the excellent program on **Business Law** that she presented at our August meeting. Feedback from members was very positive, and they stated they learned a lot and appreciated the ability to ask questions and have an interactive program. Thank you once again for a great program **Stephanie**.

We are sharing the following list of ideas for service projects with you to receive feedback from members. We will be voting on what project to complete at our next meeting, which will be held at Sharon Huckabay's new home on September 9th. Following the meeting will be a social time to reconnect with friends. Please join us to discuss these ideas and to visit with Sharon in her beautiful new home!

The following ideas were presented at the August meeting. Refer to the minutes of the meeting included in this newsletter or contact the member listed for more details.

Adopt-a-cabin at Meadowlands – The cabin available at present houses boys ages 10-18. Contact: *Carolyn Dutson or Jennifer Farias*

Rainbow Senior Center – Fundraising gala, various small projects available. Contact: *Marie Hicks*.

Benefit Tables – would involve HCWIB purchasing tables at fundraising events and sending members to represent our group. Contact: *Stephanie Chandler or Kera Dutton*.

Christian Women's Job Corps – would involve individual or group commitments to the programming. Contact: *Pat Whittlesey or Kera Dutton*.

See you in September!

Kera

As more and more women join HCWIB, inevitable more and more women will be reading the newsletter. Why not take advantage of this and advertise with us.

The cost is only \$25 for a full 8 1/2 x 11 full page. If you prefer, split the cost with a fellow member, and go halves.

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MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Nancy Fitch & Shea Ash Peachtree Café & Catering

There we were then, 15 years old, high school buddies riding home together every day after Drill Team practice, talking about school, football games parties and boys. And here we are now, twenty odd years later, partners in a restaurant, riding home together every day after work, talking about business, bills, party menus...and boys. It's nice that some things don't change. After high school, we went off to colleges in different parts of Texas, then on to different parts of the world.

Nancy studied in Spain, and I lived in France, Austria and New York City. We stayed close through the years despite the miles and somehow both landed back in San Antonio. For years we toyed with the idea of having a restaurant & catering business together.

Nancy has been in the restaurant business for 15 years, first as a catering director for a large Riverwalk establishment, then progressed to more hands-on work as chef at Restaurant Biga, Bakersfield, and finally Rosario's. Through each career move, she made an effort to garner varied and useful experience to help her in someday having her own place. Meanwhile, during those same years, I worked as a hotel concierge, a language teacher and a computer trainer, nothing dealing with much with food. But Nancy and I have always had common interests in cooking, baking, fine dining and entertainment. We constantly talked about menus and ideas for the next big dinner party. Food talk has always dominated our conversations. We are Martha Stewart wannabes (although that's a dangerous thing to say these days in light of the Domestic Diva's current situation!). Finally, when a golden opportunity arose to buy a cute café in Boerne, we knew it was the right thing to do. And we did it!

The Peach Tree Café & Catering does a thriving business on Main Street in Boerne, feeding locals and tourists alike. We serve lunch Tuesday through Sunday from 11 until 2. Shortly after taking over, we added a great Sunday Brunch featuring homemade breakfast breads, complimentary mimosas and an excellent rendition of classic Eggs Benedict, along with other Sunday favorites.

The catering side our business is ever-increasing. We have catered a number of lovely soirées and gatherings here in town and at private residences around Fair Oaks and the Dominion and in San Antonio. Nancy and I have enjoyed catering several HCWIB functions already and look forward to more. Additionally, Peach Tree has been invited on many occasions to cater Wine Dinners at the Cellar on Main. The dinners begin again this month after the summer vacation. If you are interested in reserving a spot, they always prove to be fun evenings. Contact Sondra or Dwayne at the Cellar for more information.

Also beginning this month, Peach Tree's Fall Menu will be back in full swing. Every day we have our homemade potpies and Texas Chili with cornbread. Daily specials will be:

Tuesdays: Chicken & Dumplings

Wednesdays: Pork Chops with Vidalia Onion Gravy

Thursdays: Pecan Chicken Breast

Fridays: Shiner Bock Pot Roast

Coming Soon!

We all know the holidays will come faster than we want them to, so be on the lookout for our **Holiday Baking List**. If you run short on time, we're going to be doing lots of baking at Peach Tree! We will be preparing plenty of pies, cakes and cheese rolls, so be sure to get your order in early. Nancy and I will also be happy to discuss your needs for entertaining, whether you'd like to come by the restaurant to pick up some hors d'oeuvres for your party or you would rather have us come to your home and do the whole thing!

Peach Tree Café will again be offering dinner on the weekends during Dickens on Main. Our old-fashioned hot chocolate with whipped cream and a peppermint stick or our hot apple cider provide the perfect refreshment for those cold December nights.

Peachtree Café & Catering
448 S. Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Misty , Katie and Terry with **The Hair Company** will be headed to Austin on October 3rd for a Hair Show to learn the newest trends and techniques for hair and nails.

Lorie Hengel just returned from a Medical Mission trip to Guatamala where she helped with fitting the Mayans in Commanchaj with eye glasses, something not in the realm of business but she was trained to do this for this particular trip. She had to give a report of the trip at the Missions in August along with physicians, nurses and other medical personnel.

Beth Coyle of **Coyle Engineering, Inc.** has been selected as a finalist for the **2004 Entrepreneurial Spirit Award** given annually by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). She will be interviewed by a panel of judges on August 23rd and will know on October 20th whether she was chosen as one of the five winners in the Benefactor, Innovator, Visionary, Inspirational, or Mentor categories.

Coyle Engineering, Inc. Was designated a **“2004 Fast Track Firm”** by the San Antonio Business Journal, which lists the area’s fastest growing companies. Coyle Engineering was ranked #28 on the list with a 13.57% rate of growth over the past 3 years, and was one of 33 companies featured in the July 9th issue of the San Antonio Business Journal.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The 6th Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held at the Buckhorn Golf Course on September 13th. Please call Beth Coyle at 830-249-5533 for information on teams, sponsorships, and tee box sign information. Volunteers are also needed for the day—this is a great way to get to know business owners and network!. Call Paula White at the Chamber of Commerce at 830-249-8000 to volunteer.

The Chamber of Commerce is holding regular **Networking Breakfasts** on the fourth Tuesday morning (7-9 am) of each month. The next breakfast is coming up on August 24th at PoPo’s Restaurant in Welfare. Come meet PoPo’s new owners and get the work out about your business to 50-60 other business owners. Sponsorships are available, giving you the “spotlight” for the morning. Please call Joe Polasek at the Chamber of Commerce at 830-249-8000 for more information or to register for the breakfast.

CHAPLAIN’S CHIMES



Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day holiday.

MEADOWLAND TEACHER'S WISH LIST OF BOOKS

The donation made for curriculum materials was greatly appreciated by Meadowlands. The teachers are salaried by Boerne ISD, but other teaching materials are limited due to budget constraints. In addition to the requests that were funded by HCWIB, the teachers have asked that certain books be donated to the school's library. Following is a list of the titles needed:

- 1997 Golem by David Wisniewski
 1998 Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
 1999 Holes by Louis Sachar
 2000 Bud, Not Buddy by Chris Curtis
 2000 Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Sims Taback
 2001 A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck
 2001 So You Want to be President by Judith St. George
 2002 A Single Shard by Linda Sae Park
 2003 The Cross of Lead by Crispi
 2004 The Tale of Despereaux by Kate D
 2004 The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say



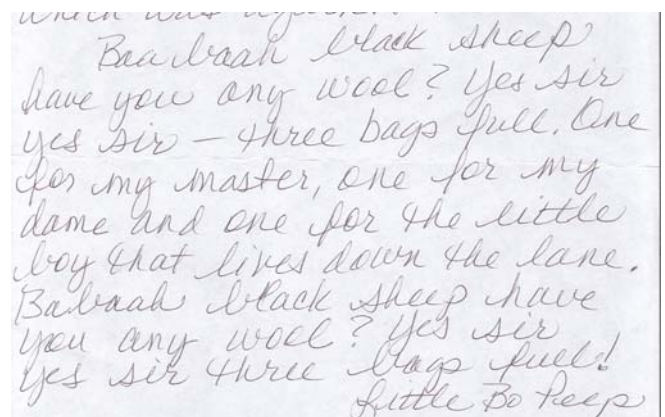
These books may be donated by buying them and delivering them yourself or by sending a check made payable to Roy Maas Youth Alternative Center. For further information please call their office at 816-2425 and ask for Jennifer

WATCH YOUR P'S AND Q'S BY DEBRA RODRIGUEZ

There are three zones in handwriting – upper, middle and lower. In this edition we will be discussing the middle zone. Middle zone letters are those that sit on the baseline and do not have extensions above or below the baseline. Those letters are a, c, e, m, n, o, u, w and x. The middle zones can range from microscopically small to very large. By applying some basic common sense, which writer would be more outgoing, the small writer or the very large writer? The large writer is more outgoing, of course.

The large middle zone writer, like our Little Bo Peep, is less realistic than the smaller writer. The height of her letters takes her away from the baseline (the line of reality) so she sees things less logically. She thinks BIG and because she does not believe she can fail, she gladly takes on things that others might not even try.

She is an extrovert who wants to act upon the world. She is spontaneous and friendly and is determined to stand out in a crowd and behaves in ways that will put her at center stage with the spotlight on her. Her large ego, as reflected in the large MZ reveals a need for approval and admiration. Refusing to recognize her limitations, she is always ready to try anything at least once. She has to be careful that she does not make mountains out of molehills and turn something small into a major issue.



To anonymously have your handwriting analyzed here in this column, send your sample to BPI Laboratories at 215 W. Bandera Rd., Ste. 114-437, Boerne, TX 78006. Send at least 2 paragraphs spontaneously written on unlined paper using a ball point pen and signed with an anonymous name.

AUGUST 2004 MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

HILL COUNTRY WOMEN IN BUSINESS

General Meeting

August 12, 2004

President Kera Dutton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Thirteen members were present. Chaplain Kathy Hubbard opened the meeting with a brief invocation.

Board Reports

- Kera reported that feedback from the membership suggested that the monthly meeting date and location remain the same for now. The subject will be revisited after observing meeting attendance over the next couple of months.
- Kera encouraged the membership to consider donating books to Meadowlands. The list of desired books is available to review in the newsletter.
- Speaking on behalf of vice president Sharon Tschirhart who was out of town, Kera urged anybody wanting a hard copy of the monthly newsletter to contact Sharon, who is maintaining a "snail mail" mailing list.
- Secretary Jeanne Buchanan solicited approval of the minutes from the July meeting. Carolyn Dutton motioned to approve them, Kathy Hubbard seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- Due to illness, treasurer Donna-Michelle Werner was unable to attend so a treasurer's report was not available. Donna-Michelle will reschedule the audit committee meeting, which was cancelled.

Committee Reports

- Carolyn Dutton reported on her continued research to identify a potential service project that HCWIB could undertake. This prompted considerable discussion among the membership:
- Carolyn said that Patrice Davison-Marshall approached the Knights of Columbus about the possibility of HCWIB partnering with them on a project, and they said that they were not interested. The Lions' Club and the Chamber of Commerce were also contacted and they "passed" too.
- Carolyn talked to Jennifer Farias about possible volunteer opportunities at Meadowlands. Jennifer suggested that HCWIB could "adopt a cabin," which requires an ongoing time commitment, or the club could host a single event for the residents, such as a BBQ or Christmas party.
- Carolyn asked Marie Hicks to speak about fundraising opportunities available for the Rainbow Senior Center. The Center's fundraising gala is held in March. After discussion among the members, it was decided that, at the minimum, HCWIB would advertise the gala in the monthly newsletter and encourage members to purchase or sell tickets. A monetary donation may be considered. Marie also said that volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program, the Senior Center thrift shop and to update the menu on the Center's Website.

- Kathy Hubbard suggested that member participation in any service project must be optional as many members are already fully committed to other causes.
- Guest speaker Stephanie Chandler suggested that HCWIB purchase a table at the Senior Center gala and invite participants in Dress for Success, Christian Women's Job Corps or a like organization to attend as HCWIB's guests.
- All of the above information will appear in the newsletter for members to consider for appropriate action.
- On behalf of Program chair Kathleen McBride, Kera announced that the next meeting would be a social hosted by Sharon Huckabay on September 9 at 6:00 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting will also be held on September 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Announcements

Shea Ash and Nancy Fitch will be September's featured Members in the Spotlight.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 following appropriate motions.

/s/ Jeanne Buchanan

Secretary

REMEMBER There will be no program in September

Thursday, September 9th, 2004— Regular Meeting

Home of Sharon Huckabay

Meeting & Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

MENU - Catered by Peachtree Cafe

Homemade Lasagna topped with eggplant

Salad of mixed greens, tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Cheese bread

Dessert—A very light Tiramisu (Lady fingers soaked in liquor) and very delicious

Drinks—Ice tea, coffee, water

Wine will be served with the meal however you can bring a bottle of wine to share if you like.

Dinner: \$15.00 for Members & Guests

RSVP Deadline Date: Monday, September 6th, 2004

Directions: Take Fair Oaks Parkway to Dietz Elkhorn, turn right. Go to No Le Hace, turn left. Take immediate first right to top of hill, turn right onto Grand Coteau. House is on left—address is 29318 Grand Coteau.

Members can email Katie Carroll at crrll1@kwc.com or call 830-248-1187

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20th of any given month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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