

Hill Country Women in Business



May 2006 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 4, 2006

HCWIB Board Meeting
Folio Communications
248 North Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
830.249.9566
12:30 p.m.
BYO Lunch

Thursday, May 11, 2006

HCWIB General Meeting
El Matador Restaurant
1361 S. Main Street
Boerne, Tx

Social 11:30 a.m.
Meeting & Lunch 12:00 –
1:00 p.m.

Lunch is \$ 12.00
(includes drink, tax, and tip)

Reservations are required.
Please call **Lucy Ziegler** at
830.249.4777 or e-mail her
at lkzjpc@gvvc.com by 5:00
p.m. on **Monday, May 8th**,
to reserve your spot. Re-
member, cancellations and
"no shows" will be billed.

May Menu

Taco Salad

Choice of:

Ground Beef

Chicken

Vegetarian

Iced Tea, Water, Sodas and
Coffee (offered)

A message from the president

Dear HCWIB Members,

I was absolutely delighted with the participation at the April Roundtable! The discussion was educational, spirited and productive. Members generated a host of good ideas for future programs, socials and networking luncheons—in fact, enough ideas to last us two or three years! The Board will synthesize all of your suggestions to create a year-long program schedule that balances business and personal development programs. Thanks to all of you for your valuable input.

The one and only lunch meeting held last year was one of our best-attended, and overwhelming support for future lunch meetings was evident at the Roundtable. To accommodate those

members who cannot attend our evening meetings and to provide a relaxed forum solely for member networking, we plan to schedule one lunch meeting per quarter. Please join us for this year's first on May 11 at El Matador.

June is membership month for HCWIB. Last year our group grew by ten new members! Please make plans now to bring a prospective member to our membership social on June 8. Marie Hicks will host a wine-tasting party for us in her new home. Remember, HCWIB's strength comes from the diversity of our membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lunch meeting in May,

Jeanne

Christian Women's Job Corp. Luncheon's

I'm organizing food and reservations for the 3 lunches we will be providing for the Christian Women's Job Corp. **The dates are April 27th, May 2, and May 4th.** PLEASE respond either email or telephone if you plan to attend any or all of these lunches and let me know what you would like to bring as your luncheon contribution.

We will plan to meet at St. John's Lutheran Church no later than 12:15 each day and stay an hour to have lunch with the ladies. We are attempting to provide a protein, dessert, and salad or any combination of these. Please let me know what dish you'd like to bring and I'll be back in touch before that date to confirm. You are welcome to attend any or all of these dates – the more the merrier. NOTE: Help is needed for the **May 4th lunch.**

Thanks again to each of you for the generous gift of your time and support of these women! I'm so proud to be part of HCWIB!

Carolyn Dutson
830-981-8445 or e-mail cdutson@gvvc.com



Members on the Move

Patrice Davison of Davison Insurance Agency, LLC has just been appointed AFLAC!

Debi Lamb of Penguin Suits is celebrating their first year in their new location.

Misty Thomas of The Hair Co. received rhinestone jewelry and hair accessories. They also do makeup applications and prom hair.

Gayle Eason will be having an open house on May 6th (Sat) from 1:00 - 5:00 pm to show a new line of jewelry and handbags that she now carries. All members are welcome. It is for adults only. Her address is 29636 No Le Hace Dr. Fair Oaks Ranch. Phone # 830 981-9641.

Cynthia McKenna, LPC, NCC is offering a Women's Issues Support Group, which will run on Saturday mornings beginning May 1st. 8:30-10:30. For more info, call Cynthia @ 210-557-1715 or visit www.cynthiamckennacounseling.com

Happy Birthday, May Babies!

*Terry Essman, 5/06
Misty Thomas, 5/17
Leah Coyne, 5/21
Suzann Woodward, 5/23
Wendy Jones, 5/24
Sherry Moses, 5/24*

General meeting minutes

April 13, 2006

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. There were 16 members and 3 guests present. Rose Engelhardt won the door prize donated by Jeanne Buchanan of Folio Communications. Jeanne also asked for donations for future door prizes.

Carolyn Dutton reminded everyone about providing lunches for the CWJC on 4/27, 5/2, and 5/4 and asked for volunteers to help. HCWIB will be presenting a scholarship to them at the April 27th lunch at 12:30pm and invited everyone to attend. It will be held at St. John Lutheran's church. She will need to know if you are coming.

The June Social and Membership Drive will be a wine tasting held on the 8th at the home of Marie Hicks from 6pm to 8pm.

Meeting minutes for March were approved.

Leah Coyne reported \$2,135.47 in our checking account and \$2,558.81 in our savings account. Also, the 2005-2006 Books were audited on March 29th by Audit Committee at Suzanne Wood-

ward's office and all balanced. The new budget has been approved and was available for review.

Jeanne Buchanan announced Sherry Schmitz approved for membership in Suzanne Woodward's absence.

Amy Anderson asked about participation in the Bergesfest parade on 6/17 since 2 other meetings are already planned for the month of June. Volunteers should contact her. Details will follow.

Lynn Hoppe asked members to make sure data is correct on website and reminded those who have not to submit their 50 word description of their business.

The next Board Meeting will be May 4th, 12:30pm at Jeanne Buchanan's office, Folio Communications, 265 N. Main.

The next General Meeting will be a Luncheon on May 11th. Details to follow. Meeting was adjourned.

There was no speaker for the meeting. All participated in a Roundtable Discussion of ideas for events for the upcoming year.

Alena Morris, Secretary

Berges Fest

Berges Fest is coming up, one of the best celebrations in Boerne, a true tribute to our German heritage! There will be a parade to kick off the weekend on the morning of Saturday, June 17th. HCWIB would like to participate, but we need volunteers. We'll need a truck, a flat bed trailer, hay bails, and plenty of bodies (members and family).

We must have the vehicle lined up by 9 that morning for judging, but we don't have to be on the float in line until 10:30. The parade will start at 11:00 and will proceed north on Main St. So please call Amy Anderson @ 830-249-7591 or e-mail : amy@shutter-happy.com.

Chaplain Chimes

Prayer requests were made by:
Leah Coyne for Barsha Aycock who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.
Rose Engelhardt's daughter Donica who is pregnant will be traveling from Australia with her young daughter.
Sue McCrary for her husband who is recovering from a broken leg and her son Clint who has a serious medical challenge. Also for her mother-in-law who has suffered a heart attack, and for the death of her uncle.

Chaplain: Sue McCrary

Member in the spotlight Debra R. Lamb, Penguin Suits, Inc.

Debi Lamb is the owner and founder of Penguin Suits, Inc. - **Your Marketing Department**. Penguin Suits specializes in developing a customized business presence for our clients. Penguin Suits, a full service graphic design and marketing company, is experienced in all the latest multimedia creation and editing software. Whether you need newsletters, stationery, postcards, invitations, mailings, brochures, or a web site, Penguin Suits can develop it for you. For all the things you do not have time to do for your business, call Your Marketing Department.

Sounds great, but why Penguin Suits? Well 13 years ago when Debi moved to Texas from NY with her husband and two week old baby, she needed something to do. After settling in a new city with a new baby, roughly 2,000 miles away from any of her family or friends, Penguin Suits was born. It started out with Debi hand-painting unique clothes for her son Drew. The first item painted was a little penguin suit for Drew complete with bow-tie, tail, and matching socks with flippers. Of course since he was precious, everyone loved it and wanted an original one-of-a-kind, hand-painted outfit for their bundle of joy. It blossomed into a business that included customers all over the Texas and as far away as Germany and Canada. It was a great start toward the Penguin Suits of today.

Almost 14 years since the original "Penguin Suit" was painted, the company is about to celebrate its first anniversary in our Boerne office, and our fourth year as Penguin Suits Inc. - Your Marketing Department.

Debi says, "I feel so blessed. Each and every day I get to live my dream; I have the best job in the world working to promote businesses and designing beautiful and informative marketing materials."

Stop by the office at 100 W. Hosack Street on the Corner of Main and Hosack near St. Peters and to see the original Penguin Suit hanging in Debi's office. It was the beginning of everything.

Debi Lamb has a BA in Marketing and Advertising from the University of Buffalo NY. She is a member and an active ambassador for the Boerne Chamber of Commerce. Debi is a member of the Boerne Business Women's Network, the PTO at Boerne Middle School South, Kendall Elementary and is responsible for the quarterly newsletters for both schools. She is a member of National Association of Women Owned Businesses San Antonio Chapter and a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Penguin Suits, Inc. is a Certified Women Owned Business and a Certified HUB business.

Debi and Cecil Lamb have been married for 19 years and have two beautiful children Drew, 13, and Cecilie, 9. Living in Boerne for the past 10 years has given Debi more than just a new home and business; it's given her many blessings for which she and her family are grateful. In her spare time you can find Debi singing in the Choir at St. Peter's Church, working out at the YMCA, or running the kids around all over town in the Penguin Mobile. You can't miss us. Call or stop by soon - Penguin Suits is anxious to make your dream a reality.



More Members on the Move:

Becky Zook of Namaste Retreat will be starting yoga classes at 5:30 Thursday evenings and 8:30 Friday mornings in May. The cost is \$45 for 4 weeks or \$12 for drop ins. Becky is up and running and ready for group overnights as well as meetings. It is also a wonderful space for reunions.

Kathleen McBride finally has her new 'mega-kiln' for her fused glass art up and running. The new kiln will allow for structural and art glass pieces up to 6 feet x 4 feet. Also, you can see Kathleen's artistic fused glass talents at the Parade of Artists to be held in venues all over Boerne. Kathleen will be displaying her creations at The Daily Grind on Main Street.

Carolyn & Todd Dutson are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl. Jordyn Ely-sabeth Stuessy was born March 30th in Moore, Oklahoma. She weighed 7lb 3oz was 20 1/2" long and Grandma was there within 24 hours to check out (spoil) the first granddaughter in the family. Carolyn reports that the proud new parents, Kevin & Casey Stuessy are doing fine, enjoying their new baby girl and planning a trip to Boerne in July.

Round Table Meeting was a Success



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