

# Hill Country Women in Business



September 2006 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, September 7, 2006**

HCWIB Board Meeting  
Folio Communications  
248 North Main Street  
Boerne, TX 78006  
830.249.9566  
12:00 p.m. BYO Lunch

**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

HCWIB Luncheon Meeting at:  
Namaste Creekside Retreat  
with **fun, insightful surprises**  
139 Oak Acres Lane  
**Directions:** IH10W to Ranger  
Creek exit. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto  
Oak Acres Lane, follow to 139,  
which is a long grey one story  
house on the right, with a triple  
globe black light post and name  
on address post. Parking avail-  
able in both driveways and  
along street.

Lunch is \$12.00. Reservations  
are required. Please call **Lucy  
Ziegler** at 830.249.4777 or e-  
mail her at [lkzjpc@gvvc.com](mailto:lkzjpc@gvvc.com) by  
5 p.m. on **Monday, 9/11**, to  
reserve your spot.

## September Menu

Peach Tree Café Catering is  
offering a choice of:  
■ Turkey Sandwich with Swiss  
Cheese/Sprouts & Apple Walnut  
Pesto, or  
■ Italian Roasted Vegetable  
Pasta Salad with Roll  
Dessert, *Iced tea & water*

*Remember, cancellations  
and "no shows" will be billed.*

## A message from the president

Dear HCWIB Members,

Members braved the sultry dog days of summer to attend the program on CPR at the August meeting. Seguin fire-fighter/EMT Cody Blackburn described the essential ABC's for effective CPR. Members Bobbie French and Karen Daly, both of whom have taught CPR for years, ably assisted Cody in answering questions from the audience. This program captured the attention of our members, and brought to the forefront the importance of getting certified in CPR. Sign me up!

We had a great response to the recent survey about practical ways to add value to HCWIB membership. Many thanks to all who participated. Based on the survey results, a no-cost holiday party for members was the favorite among the proposed benefits. At our last board meeting, we unanimously approved the motion to have HCWIB fund the holiday party for members *and their spouses/guests*.

## Christian Women's Job Corp Luncheon

HCWIB is planning to host a luncheon on September 20th, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 15th. I am organizing food and reservations for the September lunch we will be providing for the Christian Women's Job Corp. The date is September 20th at 12:30. Please respond by either email or telephone if you are willing to attend and what you would like to bring as your luncheon contribution.

The survey also revealed the capacity for sharing that resides in this group. There was near unanimous support for giving back to the community. The board will evaluate our financial position in January, and weigh making a cash or in-kind donation to a deserving organization.

Survey results also indicated support for occasional fundraisers (or fundraisers, as one board member prefers to call them). As we add new membership benefits, we may need to supplement our coffers with fundraiser proceeds. We appreciate your willingness to help.

I hope you will join me at our quarterly luncheon meeting in September. HCWIB member, Becky Zook, will host the luncheon at her Namaste Creekside Retreat. Her garden setting on Cibolo Creek will provide a welcomed respite from the heat.

See you in September,

Jeanne

We will plan to meet at St. John's Lutheran Church, Faith Hall no later than 12:15 to set up and stay an hour to have lunch with the ladies at 12:30.

Thank you for the generous gift of your time and support of these women.

Call Carolyn Dutson 830.981.8445 or e-mail [cdutson@gvvc.com](mailto:cdutson@gvvc.com).



### *Members on the Move*

Becky Zook of Namaste is having yoga classes on Thursday evenings at 6:15. It is \$ 12 per person or \$ 45 for 4 people. Namaste can tailor make a retreat for your group with massage services, yoga, tai chi, nia, dream interviewing, face reading, energy work, and earth wisdom teaching. For more info call 830.385.2333, or [www.namasteretreat.com](http://www.namasteretreat.com).

Sarah Hamilton of Access Storage has 2 more offices left if anyone is interested (they have Boerne Wireless, too). She has climate controlled storage for documents if your office is cluttered, for finer furniture, for photographs and anything else you are cleaning and want stored. She can even store your boat or RV. For more info call, 830.249.3050 or [www.accessstorageboerne.com](http://www.accessstorageboerne.com).

### *September Birthdays!*

*Cherie Kassinger, 9/3*

*Katie Carroll, 9/8*

*Sharon Tschirhart, 9/13*

*Sherry Schmitz, 9/15*

*Cindy Ogle, 9/20*

*Pam Lewis, 9/24*

## General meeting minutes

August 10, 2006

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. There were 22 members and 2 guests present. Jeanne Buchanan won the door prize donated by Pam Lewis of Pam Lewis & Associates LLC. Jeanne Buchanan reminded everyone about providing lunches for the CWJC in Carolyn Dutton's absence. She noted HCWIB has committed to serving lunch the 3rd Wednesday of September, October, and November.

Patrice Davison announced the next General meeting will be a noon luncheon at Namaste on September 14th. Boxed lunches will be served. Shirley Wilson will facilitate our October meeting giving holiday decorating tips. Meeting minutes for July were approved. Jeanne Buchanan gave the treasurers report for Leah Coyne in her absence. She reported \$2,469.65 in our checking account and \$2,565.45 in our savings account.

Guests Norma Duncan with "Helping Seniors Move" and Vickie Schmidt with "Enchanted Springs Ranch" introduced themselves.

Lucy Ziegler reminded members to notify her before meetings of special requests for meals.

Suzanne Woodward passed out New Member Packs.

The next Board Meeting will be September 7th at 12:00pm at Jeanne Buchanan's office, Folio Communications, 265 N. Main. Rebecca Boles announced she is a 5 year Cancer survivor!

Jeanne Buchanan announced members who were voted Boerne's finest in the Boerne Star.

Discussed last month's survey results with the following announcements:

- Club will host upcoming Christmas party/dinner for members and spouse/guest. Lucy will get information from caterers for dinner and desert. Board will provide appetizers.

This will be the "practical benefit" for club members for 2006.

- Charitable donations and fundraisers will be postponed until New Year to assess available funds at the end of 2006.
- Jeanne will update current club brochure to enhance with more marketing language and simplify questions. She noted the best way to gain members is by inviting guests to meetings. There was not much interest in membership directories since they become outdated almost immediately.
- Amy Anderson has set up ability to order HCWIB T-Shirts for group functions. Those who are interested can go to [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) themselves and do so.
- Discussed fundraisers will be needed to continue to provide free benefits and how the fellowship creates a "FUN" atmosphere to strengthen relationships among members.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

The speaker for the meeting was Cody Blackburn who gave a presentation on CPR and safety.

Alena Morris, Secretary

## HCWIB Clothing

Hill Country Women in Business clothing is available- cute t-shirts, comfy sweats, stylish polo's, and cool tanks. We encourage everyone to stop by the Café Press store and purchase a t-shirt today. Go to <http://www.cafepress.com/hcwib>. Order by mid-November to have your shirt delivered in time for the Hill Country Christmas Parade.

Amy Anderson

## Chaplain Chimes

Sue McCrary's mother-in-law, Helen McCrary passed away at Town and Country Manor here in Boerne and her memorial service was held in Big Spring on July 14, 2006.

Sue McCrary

Member in the spotlight

## Sharon Tschirhart, BPI Laboratories, L.L.C.

Sharon Tschirhart is the founder of BPI Laboratories, L.L.C. of San Antonio. She is a Life Member, Fellow and Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Examiners (ABFEI) and a Member of American College of Forensic Examiners International (ACFEI).

She is Board Certified by ACFEI (American College of Forensic Examiners) in Forensic Document Examination and Behavioral Profiling. She is court qualified and holds several memberships in various organizations such as the Vanguard Network of Professional Handwriting Professionals and the National Association of Document Examiners. Sharon is certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and is an Instructor for Law Enforcement in the states of Arkansas and New Mexico. She is author and Instructor for the CASE Method of Detecting Deception and Menacing Behavior (Communication Analyzed and Systematically Evaluated) and is the author of numerous articles on the subject of Forensic Document Examination. Law enforcement, private industry and attorneys in the United States and abroad seek after her expertise. Sharon has over 40 years of experience in both fields. She developed the brain polygraph, which is used by law enforcement to detect deception from the content and form of handwriting. The accuracy of her work has not gone unnoticed by her clients. "Bantek, a Nationwide Armored Car/ATM service provider has been utilizing the Services of BPI since June 2003, when we first used her services for a Major internal theft investigation. Their expert behavioral profiling and handwriting analysis enabled our investigative unit to obtain an arrest and cash recovery of over \$280,000, and a subsequent Federal conviction. Since that time we have continued to use the services of BPI, not only for investigative

matters, but also for investigator training and the behavioral profiling of management candidates. BPI is tops in our book and we and look forward to a continued relationship."

Michael L. DeVille, Vice President & Chief Security Officer  
Bantek. Sharon has been a member of HCWIB since 2002 and has held several offices. She is our ex-officio and past woman of the year.

## The "Best of the Best" are Among Us:

Congratulations to those HCWIB members who made the "Best of the Best" list.

Bobbi French- Silver/Personal Trainer

Amy Anderson- Silver/Photographer

Suzann Woodward-  
Bronze/CPA/Accounting Firm

Misty Thomas-Bronze/Beauty Salon

Shirley Wilson-Gold/ Florist

Sherry Moses-Bronze/Therapeutic  
Massage

Debi Lamb-Bronze/Website Designer

Sharon Huckabay-Gold/Insurance Co.

Kathy Hubbard-Bronze/Ophthalmologist



*More Members on the Move:*

*Cynthia McKenna* of Counseling and Life Coaching has been accepted as a member of Leadership Boerne class for 2006-2007.

*Lucy Ziegler* has been asked to present two workshops this fall for continuing education credits for counselors; (1) Rape Trauma Syndrome, and (2) Ethics.

*Wendy Jones* has moved to Kerrville. Her new address is P.O. Box 293211, Kerrville, TX. 78029 and her new phone number is 210.289.4557. She is still appraising, just servicing more of the Hill Country. She is also buying jewelry and estates, so if anyone wants to sell any jewelry, she is the one to contact.

*Amy Anderson* of Shutter Happy is now children's and family studio, with a focus on maternity, baby, children and family portraits. There are new portrait clubs and new reward cards to earn prints, merchandise, and sessions.

*Carolyn Dutson* has expanded Senior Care Insurance to include Long Term Care and Health Insurance, Health Savings Accounts, and various Fixed Rate Annuity offerings. Call Carolyn 830.981.8445 or e-mail her at [cdutson@gvtc.com](mailto:cdutson@gvtc.com).

## Survey Results- July 2006

22 Responses prioritized 1-4, with 1 being the highest.	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
No-Cost Holiday Party for Members	9	7	1	3
No- Cost Membership Social for Members	2	4	8	5
No- Cost Membership Social for Prospective Members	6	7	5	2
Free HCWIB t-shirt for each member	2	1	4	13
	<u>Yes</u>		<u>No</u>	
Should HCWIB give back to the community?	19		1	
Through financial contributions?	16		1	
Through in-kind support?	14		1	
Do you see value in the following resources?				
Membership Directory	8		12	
New recruiting brochure	16		4	
Would you support a fundraiser?	17		3	