

# Hill Country Women in Business

November 2006 Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

HCWIB Board Meeting  
Folio Communications  
248 North Main Street  
Boerne, TX 78006  
830.249.9566

12:00 p.m. BYO Lunch

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

HCWIB General Meeting  
Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club  
Social 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is \$17.00. Reservations are required. Please call Lucy Ziegler at 830.249.4777 or e-mail her at [lkzlpcc@gvtc.com](mailto:lkzlpcc@gvtc.com) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6th, to reserve your spot.

## November Menu

- Club Salad with Italian Dressing
- Grilled Salmon on Parmesan risotto with grilled vegetables and tomato vinaigrette
- Biscotti Amaretto Torte

Iced tea & water  
Coffee offered  
BYO wine/beer

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

## A message from the president

Hi, all,

"Heavenly Father, bless us,  
And keep us all alive;  
There's ten of us for dinner  
And not enough for five."

As Thanksgiving inches toward us, I'm mindful of the many blessings I have received. I count among them you, the members of HCWIB.

Some of you are close friends; others I admire from afar. Some of you inspire me with your kindness, your thoughtfulness, your caring. Others light me up with your easy smile, quick wit or laughing-like-you-mean-it. In others I find a

can-do-it-ness or a "Why not us?!" I'm grateful to others for their counsel, to others for their creativity and to still others for their confidence. This one's enthusiastic, that one takes measure. She leads with her heart; she leads with her brain. This one is a diplomat, and that one says what ever is on her mind.

My life is richer and fuller for knowing you, individually and collectively. And for that I give thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Jeanne

## Christian Women's Job Corp Luncheon

The next CWJC luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15. Please call Carolyn Dutson at 830-981-8445 or email her at [cdutson@gvtc.com](mailto:cdutson@gvtc.com) if you would like to volunteer to assist with lunch for these ladies. It is a wonderful way to spend your lunch hour and these women are so very appreciative of our assistance, that it's truly an uplifting experience.

Special thanks to Kathy Hubbard, Shari Keyes, and Jeanne Buchanan for their support of the CWJC luncheon in October. A memorial service for Susan Shaw (a current student) who passed away suddenly was scheduled that day, so with a quick change of plans CWJC provided a light lunch and dessert for the ladies prior to the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these ladies and especially Susan's family.

## Chamber Job Shadow

The Boerne Chamber of Commerce 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day was a GREAT success, according to Carolyn Dutson the coordinator for this years' event. The day began at 7:00 a.m. October 20<sup>th</sup> with over 100 participants at the kickoff breakfast at Fair Oaks Ranch County Club. Next, the junior and senior high school students spent the morning "shadowing" their business partners - they were all over our wonderful city - from the Police Department to CPA offices, Hair Salons, Photography studios, physicians & emergency care facilities (just to name a few) they were learning about Boerne and the business community.

Special recognition goes to the HCWIB members (Beth Coyle, Nancy Fitch, Carolyn Fosdick, Kathy Hubbard, Debi Lamb, Misty Thomas, and Suzann Woodard) who gave so generously of their time and talents.



### *Members on the Move*

Lucy Ziegler, a Licensed Professional Counselor, is starting a support group for adults with Aging Parents. In recognition of the fact that most of us have parents who are facing big changes due to age related issues, she will be starting a support group for Adults with Elderly Parents. The group will be meeting twice a month, first and third Tuesdays from 6PM to 8PM. Refreshments will be provided. Anyone interested are asked to call Lucy Z. for details @ 830.249.4777 or 210.289.6066 or e-mail her [lkzlp@qvtc.com](mailto:lkzlp@qvtc.com).



Gayle Eason jewelry open house is scheduled for Nov. 11th (Sat) from 11am to 4pm. She will be showing new fall fashion jewelry as well as holiday evening designs. Also handbags, watches and rings. Everyone will receive a gift with a purchase of \$30 or more and a second gift with a purchase of \$60 or more. She is also doing 2 door prize drawings. Credit cards are accepted and it is for adults only. Address is: 29636 No Le Haze Drive, Fair Oaks Ranch. Phone #830 981-9641.

## General meeting minutes

October 12, 2006

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Sue McCrary gave the invocation. There were 18 members present and 1 guest. Lynn Hoppe won the door prize donated by Sue McCrary of McCrary Interior Design.

Jeanne Buchanan announced that the next Board meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Folio Communications at noon and the next General meeting will be on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club. Patrice Davison encouraged all to attend and be motivated by speaker and author Thom Ricks.

New members Laurie Stewart and Mardi Collins were introduced. Sharon Huckabay introduced her guest, Rene Hinson, and everyone joined in a rousing round of Happy Birthday for the ladies with October birthdays.

Carolyn Dutson requested volunteers for the CWJC luncheon for October and November and several people volunteered to provide items for the meal. She also announced a Benefit Dinner, Dance and Raffle on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Madison Reese, Misty Thomas' nine-month old goddaughter, to help defer costs of medical treatment scheduled at the Mayo Clinic.

Amy Anderson reminded everyone of the Dickens Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2. This was such a fun event last year that she encouraged all to participate and wear their HCWIB t-shirts for the event. Clothing can be ordered at [www.cafepress.com/hcwib](http://www.cafepress.com/hcwib).

The HCWIB Christmas party is on December 14<sup>th</sup> and Leah Coyne has graciously offered her home for the event. Jeanne gave the treasurer's report in Leah's absence and stated a total of \$2,664 in checking and \$2,570 in the money market account.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Jeanne Buchanan read a heartwarming note of thanks from Pam Lewis who re

cently lost her father. She expressed thanks to everyone for their prayers and support.

Other announcements included Lucy Ziegler's appreciation to the members for making advance reservations and special food requests. She also noted that cancellations should be made, even if on the day of the event, in order to provide accurate catering information.

Lynne Hoppe answered questions regarding updating the web site and encouraged all members to provide their information to her.

Kathleen McBride announced the Boerne Art & Music Festival (October 20-22) and provided brochures with event information. The festival is sponsored by the Cibolo Arts Council with free music and dancing in the Ye Kendall Inn courtyard Saturday evening.

Lori Hengel announced the University United Methodist Church performance of Hidden in Plain View on October 27-28. She also displayed a beautiful commemorative quilt which will hang in the Carver Center after the performance.

Patrice Davison introduced Shirley Wilson, owner of the Flower Shop, as the evening's speaker. Shirley provided a number of great holiday decorating tips and generously donated her floral Halloween display to be auctioned with the proceeds going to support Madison Reese.

Special thanks to Shirley for her great ideas and extremely generous donation! The auctioneer, Jeanne Buchanan, did a superb job of managing the bidding and getting top dollar for little Madison from the winning bidder, Shari Keyes. Misty thanked everyone for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25p.m.

*Carolyn Dutson  
for Alena Morris, Secretary*

## Member in the spotlight Helene Bachmann, Legal Funding Group, LLC

Helene Bachmann is President of Legal Funding Group, LLC which is located in Boerne, Texas and owned by Helene and her husband Jeff. Helene runs the company on a day to day basis interfacing with clients, attorneys and paralegals. LFG arranges immediate cash advances to personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death and product liability victims with pending lawsuits or claims. Providing cash before a lawsuit case settles with no credit requirement is what makes LFG "A Ready Resource" for its clients. The advances are non-recourse, which means if a client has been given a cash advance and they lose their case, they do not repay any money.

Helene graduated from Hunter College in New York City and began her career as a second grade teacher in New York. After deciding that she was more suited for the business world than education, she relocated to California and worked in several different fields. She spent many years in the textile, toy and medical device industries in the capacities of Telecommunications Manager, Office Manager and Human Resources Manager.

Helene and Jeff have been married for 32 years and moved from Southern California to Boerne in February 2006. Since moving to the Hill Country, Helene has become involved with the Women's Group at the Fair Oaks Golf and Country Club, HCWIB and works as a volunteer Monday mornings at the Rainbow Senior Center in Boerne and Tuesday mornings at their Seasons Gift and Thrift shop in Boerne.

On the personal side, Helene's favorite times are spent attending live theatre performances, doing water aerobics, on the golf course with Jeff and traveling with him. Helene and Jeff have been

fortunate enough to have traveled worldwide and have many, many photo albums and a travel photo gallery at their home to remember it all by.

## Chaplain Chimes By Sue McCrary

Please pray for Pam Lewis and family in the loss of her father, Joe M. Dornak on October 8th.

Also pray for the leaders of our country that they make the right decisions for us.

Please send any prayer requests to Sue McCrary @ [ismccrary@gvtc.com](mailto:ismccrary@gvtc.com)

## Website

Lynn Payge Hoppe is requesting each member check their listing on the membership directory and emailing any changes to: [lynn@lpcomputerservices.com](mailto:lynn@lpcomputerservices.com).

## Christmas Parade

We are still in need of some supplies and more members for **Saturday, December 2nd** at the *Weihnachts Fest Parade*. 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 parade. Call Amy Anderson if you are interested in attending at 830-249-7591 or e-mail her [amy@shutter-happy.com](mailto:amy@shutter-happy.com).



### *More Members on the Move:*

*Amy Anderson* attended the Texas Professional Photographers Association's Fall Seminar in San Antonio. It was a two-day conference, with a children and family photographer giving away her secrets of marketing, keeping organized, providing excellent customer service, and delivering quality products.

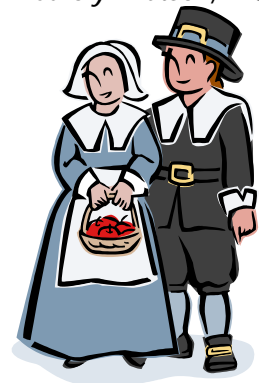
Pam Lewis of Pam Lewis & Associates is celebrating her 5th year in business. With requests for more information by clients, she decided to have her company image polished up a bit. She had her company logo updated, created a company capabilities brochure and completely revamped her Website.

Please visit:

[www.pamlewisassociates.com](http://www.pamlewisassociates.com)

### *November Birthdays!*

*Marilyn Bell, 11/05*  
*Jennifer Molina, 11/08*  
*Carolyn Dutton, 11/24*



## Festive Holiday Decorating



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