

Hill Country Women in Business

December 2006 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

NO BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY IS Thursday, December 14th - 6:00 p.m.

*Leah Coyne's House
152 Mark Twain*

*Note: If the weather is nice,
people are welcome to come at
5:30 to enjoy the sunset.*

Directions:

1. From Boerne Town Square take **HWY 474** – 6.3 miles
2. Turn right onto **KREUTZBERG ROAD** – go 2.8 miles
3. Turn left onto **MARK TWAIN DRIVE** – go to end of the cul-de-sac
4. Last driveway on the left **152 MARK TWAIN DRIVE**
5. Follow caliche driveway to the house.

Please call **Lucy Ziegler** at 830.249.4777 or e-mail her at lkzlpcc@gvtc.com by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 4th**, to reserve your spot..



A message from the president

Happy holidays to all,

I hope your holiday plans include attending the HCWIB Christmas party on Thursday, December 14th. This year the party is free for HCWIB members and their spouse/guest, and it promises to be a fun evening.

Leah Coyne is graciously opening her home to us for the party. Your HCWIB Board of Directors will bring the appetizers, and Peach Tree Café & Catering will provide the rest. Water and iced tea will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your beverage of choice (BYOB). To give Peach Tree plenty of time to plan for the event, please RSVP to Lucy

Ziegler @ 830.249.4777 or e-mail her @ lkzlpcc@gvtc.com by Monday, December 4th.

Many thanks to Amy Anderson and Patrice Davison-Marshall for organizing the HCWIB's participation in the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2nd. What a fun way to kick off the holiday season!

Hope your holidays are filled with family and friends, many smiles and many pleasures. May the spirit of this special season fill your heart with peace and love, and may every joy of Christmas be yours!

Jeanne

Christmas Party Menu

HCWIB holiday party is Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm. The menu is:

Hors d'oeuvres

A variety of handmade hors d'oeuvres specially prepared by your exquisite board members.

Entrées

°Beef Tenderloin with roasted potatoes and shallot demi-sauce

°Crab and Shrimp Cakes with Chipotle Holiday Sauce with Texas Slaw

Desserts

°English Bread Pudding with Jack Daniels Caramel Sauce and Crème Anglaise

°Chocolate Mousse Cake with Raspberries

Tea & Water Provided. BYOB!

Weihnachts Parade

All involved in the parade, please arrive in your HCWIB wear to Patrice's home 127 Vista Verde Drive in the Bentwood subdivision by 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd. At that time, we will decorate the trailer and then proceed to the staging area by 5:00 pm. Parade begins at 6:00 pm.

Pizza to eat, water to drink, Santa hats to wear, and hay bales to sit on will be provided.

Bring family and friends and come ready to celebrate the season and to represent HCWIB.



Members on the Move

Tracy Gerber new address is 426 Sixth Street, Comfort, Tx. 78013.

Laurie Stewart has recently moved to a new broker, Bradfield Properties, in Boerne. Her husband, Allen and her work as a realtor team and are excited about the opportunity to serve the hill country community. Her new e-mail address is: lauriestewart@bradfieldproperties.

Misty Thomas of the Hair Company just received new inventory of jewelry, handbags, mineral cosmetics, lotion and bath duo's, and pedicure stocking stuffers. They also offer European Facials, Glycolic Peels, Eyebrow and Eyelash Tinting, eyebrow shaping, and Body Waxing. She welcomes Minka Seiter, their new nail technician, specializing in pedicures and manicures. Call for appt. Tues. – Sat. 249-2246. Gift certificates are available.

Bobbie French was recently selected as a biographical candidate to represent Boerne, in the forthcoming edition of the Global Directory of Who's Who.

General meeting minutes

November 9, 2006

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Patrice Davison gave the invocation. Patrice also won the door prize donated by Sharon Tschirhart.

Jeanne Buchanan announced there will not be a Board Meeting in December unless circumstances arise to merit one.

The next General meeting will be our Christmas Party on December 14th at the home of Leah Coyne. Peach Tree Café will be catering the event and our Board members will be providing the appetizers. Tea and water are being provided and members are invited to bring other beverages of their choice. There is no cost to members and their guest. Cut off for reservations are December 4th. **PLEASE NOTE:** Leah would love help getting ready for the party at noon on the 14th.

Patrice Davison introduced her guest.

Jeanne announced Stacie Wright approval for membership.

Jeanne also gave the treasurer's report in Leah's absence and stated a total of \$2,454.37 in our checking account and \$2,572.19 in the money market account.

Carolyn Dutson announced Board's approval of taking cash donations to provide lunches for the Christian Women's Job Corp. Leah will set up a sub account to track. The November lunch is covered, but help is needed for January. The current class at CWJC will hold their graduation November 16, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Lutheran Church.

Amy Anderson discussed arrangements for the Christmas Parade. All participants should meet at Patrice's home at 127 Vista

Verde on December 2nd at 4:00 pm. Jeanne will donate hay bale use and Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to participate and wear their HCWIB t-shirts for the event. Clothing can be ordered at www.cafepress.com/hcwib.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Lynn Hoppe reminded everyone to check their website listing regularly to keep it updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Finally, Patrice introduced our guest speaker, Tom Ricks. Tom is an Artist, Author, and Toast Master who gave a wonderful presentation on the many types of paintings and prints, as well as what to look for when thinking of investing in artwork of your own.

Alena Morris, Secretary

Chaplain Chimes

By Sue McCrary

Please pray for Bobbie French's grandson who was bitten by a dog. He still has swelling but seems to be handling it well. They will know in December if more surgery is needed.

Jeanne Buchanan's father continues to decline from Alzheimer and Parkinson diseases

Lucy Zeigler's mom with Alzheimer

Sue McCrary mother with Alzheimer
Please send any prayer requests to Sue McCrary @ ismccrary@gvtc.com.

Santa Claus is a Woman.....

I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she. Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they - with amazing calm - call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree.

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets, and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted and strapped on to the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions. Add to this the fact that there would be unavoidable delays in the chimney, where the Bob Vila-like Santa would stop to inspect and repoint bricks

in the flue. He would also need to check for carbon monoxide fumes in every gas fireplace, and get under every Christmas tree that is crooked to straighten it to a perfectly upright 90-degree angle.

Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man:

- Men can't pack a bag.
- Men would rather be dead than caught wearing red velvet.
- Men would feel their masculinity is threatened...having to be seen with all those elves.
- Men don't answer their mail.
- Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described even in jest as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly."
- Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them.
- Having to do the Ho Ho Ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to pick-up women.
- Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

I just wish she'd quit dressing like a guy!!!

Thanks to Susan Birkenseer

Christian Women's Job Corp Luncheon

Shari Keyes and Jeanne Buchanan provided November's delicious lunch for the ladies at Christian Women's Job Corp. Thank you both so very much for the delicious meal and your support of this wonderful organization!

Six very proud ladies graduated on November 16th and the next class will begin in February 2007. HCWIB will be providing lunches the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning (February-March-April).

If you'd like to offer your support, please call Carolyn Dutton at 830-981-8445 or email her at cdutton@gvtc.com.



More Members on the Move:

Julie Galvan of Home Instead Senior Care has a service program that is starting November 27th. It is called "Be a Santa to a Senior" project. Two trees will go up at the Boerne Christmas Shoppe and Walgreens. Names of seniors that need gifts will be available for those who would like to purchase a small gift and leave it in the drop box at those locations.

Beth Coyle of Coyle Engineering is among the firms selected for the annual "Aggie 100", a list of the fastest growing companies owned and operated by Texas A&M students. Beth & Mike are both Aggies, class of 1982. The company was featured in a full page article in the September 18th issue of *Forbes Magazine*.

Suzann Woodward is engaged to Captain Jim Fish, a ship captain in the merchant marine. They are planning an early November 2007 wedding. Congratulations!

December Birthdays!

Tracy Gerber, 12/14
Helene Bachmann, 12/15
Vicki Schmidt, 12/15
Lisa Pickard, 12/18
Becky Zook, 12/29

Tom Ricks- Artist, Author, and Toast Master



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