

Hill Country Women in Business

April 2007 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Thursday April 5, 2007
HCWIB Board Meeting
The Huckabay Agency
Allstate Insurance
1411 S. Main St
Boerne, TX 78006
830-249-2987
5:30pm

Thursday April 12, 2007
HCWIB General Meeting
Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club
Social 5:30pm
Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm

Dinner is \$17.00
Reservations are Required

Please call Shari Keyes
210-478-6611 or email her
at skeyes35@msn.com by
5pm Monday April 9 to re-
serve your spot.

April Menu

- Club Salad
- Pecan Crusted
Chicken with Dijon
Cream Sauce
- Red Bliss Mashers
- Seasonal Vegetable
- Dark Chocolate
Mousse

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

Carolyn's Corner...

Amid misty eyes and lots of hugs the changing of the guard is now complete for another year. Jeanne Buchanan's leadership as President of HCWIB last year was nothing short of amazing. She was thoughtful, professional, creative, and lead this organization with a great deal of heart. Thank you Jeanne for a special year that was in fact, priceless.

Congratulations to both Leah Coyne and Jeanne Buchanan, our 2006-2007 Women of the Year. You each contributed tirelessly to the success of HCWIB and your efforts were sincerely appreciated! Speaking of appreciation, I want to extend a special thank you to Sharon Huckabay for hosting the transition meeting for board members at her offices on March 1st and for volunteering to continue to do so the remainder of the year.

Our April general meeting will be a quick review of program ideas for the coming year and then our own *Dr. Elizabeth McRae M.D.* will be speaking on 3D Skin Rejuvenation. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the latest in skin care and also participate in the selection of speakers and activities for the year.

Happy Spring and we'll see you in April,
Carolyn

Christian Women's Job Corp

By Laurie Stewart & Leah Coyne

As you may have heard, many of our HCWIB members have been actively involved in assisting the CWJC by offering their services as teachers, mentors or volunteering food donations for the monthly luncheons. In March, our lunch volunteers were Jessica Cullitan, Lucy Zeigler, Pam Lewis, Marie Hicks, and Leah Coyne. Thanks Ladies!

I'd like to share a bit of information about what CWJC is and what the members really do. Hopefully, this will open your eyes to this unique and inspiring organization right here in Boerne, Texas!

This non-profit organization opened its doors in 2005 to serve women who live in Kendall county and surrounding areas seeking to move from dependency to

self-sufficiency. There are no restrictions as to race, religion or ethnic background. The candidates either receive public assistance or do not have any substantial support system or income.

CWJC offers a FREE full-time 12 week program offering Job and Life Skills training along with an opportunity to develop spiritually in a Christian environment. Daily bible study is offered for all participants. The teachers and mentors are all Christian women. CWJC has a dedicated board of directors and each participant is provided a mentor who will remain in contact for 3 months after graduation. The mentor assists the participant to put her new job skills to use right away and encourages continued positive life skills.

HCWIB members Marie Hicks, Pam Lewis, Jessica Cullitan - a new member who owns "Dream Dinners", and Leah Coyne provided our monthly luncheon for Christian Women's Job Corp on Wed-



Members on the Move

Kathleen McBride will have her glass art on display for the month of April at Bear Moon Bakery & Cafe. Special events focused on her work at Bear Moon will take place during the Boerne art community's 2nd Saturday Art and Wine on April 14 and on the weekend of April 20, 21 & 22 for the Boerne Area Artists Association's Parade of Artists.

Patrice Davison would like to make sure that our members' homes and contents are insured correctly against fire damage. This may be especially important to consider with the drought predicted for the upcoming year... per Patrice, "we have had 4 houses burn to the ground in 1 week and none of them had enough insurance on their contents!"

Pam Lewis of Pam Lewis & Associates, LLC has acquired a new client in the development of a base formulation for their biotech drug for accelerated wound healing.

Gayle Eason recently attended the Dallas wholesale market, Apparel and Accessories show. She will be having a jewelry open house Saturday May 19 to show all of the beautiful pieces she ordered while at the show.

Wednesday, March 21st. A fabulous menu consisting of an incredible shrimp and sausage jambalaya - a-la Dream Dinners; green salad with citrus and purple onion; hot bread; and a to-die-for Marie Hicks chocolate cake were served. Needless to say, no one left hungry!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for their culinary expertise, time and commitment to CWJC!

For those who have yet to donate time and talent to this monthly food-fest, please consider adding it to one of your monthly schedules. Like so many things in this ol' world, you get more than you give! Email Leah Coyne at coyne@qvtc.com, if you're interested in lending a helping hand.

CWJC is located at Faith Hall, St John's Lutheran Church, 217 E Rosewood Ave, Boerne. www.cwjkendallcounty.org
Below, CWJC's motto and mission:
*"Give a woman a fish and she will eat for a day.
Teach Her How To Fish, And She Will Eat For A Lifetime"*



Membership Renewals

It is that time of year. Your HCWIB dues are due. If you have not yet paid, please send \$50 now to HCWIB PO. Box 1574 Boerne, TX 78006
If you wait until April 1st, you will need to send a check for \$60.
Humbly submitted by your treasurer, Kathy Hubbard

Welcome New Members!!

Kathy L. Webster, Connections Speech-Language Therapy, 830-755-8067
Jessica Cullitan, Dream Dinners, 210-698-5531
Phyllis Baacke, Premier Designs, 830-331-9013

2007-2008

New Officers/Committee Chairs

President: Carolyn Dutton
Vice President: Leah Coyne
Secretary: Lucy Ziegler
Treasurer: Kathy Hubbard
X-Officio: Jeanne Buchanan
Hospitality/Reservations: Shari Keyes
Membership: Sharon Huckabay
Newsletter: Laurie Stewart
Programs: Misty Thomas
Publicity Deanne Baker
Telephone: Cindy Ogle
Chaplain: Pam Lewis
Website: Lynn Hoppe

Chaplain Chimes

Special intentions - please pray for... ..

Kathy Hubbard's sister, Mary Beth Nall, who at the age of 60 was diagnosed with rapidly progressing Alzheimers.
Sharon Tschirhart's sister, Beverly, is having heart problems and Sharon's brother-in-law, Bill, is also having heart problems.

Sue McCrary's mother is home from the nursing home. We pray that she will be able to stay at home with a care giver during the day.

March Meeting Minutes Note:

March General Meeting Minutes will be submitted for membership approval at April's general meeting.



Members on the Move

Sue McCrary recently changed her business name to McCrary Interior Decorating. She has also resigned her license as a designer- but can still do many of the same things! Sue was recently quoted in a San Antonio Express News article- the reporter's interview included questions about colors that are popular in homes today, neutrals, paint manufacturers, color names and numbers for each color referenced.

Amy Anderson and her consultant, Jennifer, have taken on an art donation project. They are in the process of donating portrait sessions to the families and clients of the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center, A+ Pediatrics, and Little Smiles Dentistry. Once the photograph sessions are completed, they will be donating the portraits as art work back to these businesses.

The businesses have expressed that this is such a blessing, because while some of their clients could afford to hire a professional photographer on their own, they are also going to be giving away these free sessions to some families who could never afford to hire a professional.

Member in the Spotlight Kay Ochoa Hill Country Tutoring Services



Location: 414 Live Oak St., Boerne, TX

In-Home Academic Support through All Grades

- Reading • Creative Writing • English • Social Studies • Math

Kay Ochoa, owner of Hill Country Tutoring Services, provides academic in-home support to parents and students who are struggling with challenges around school work. The business was established to fill the academic gap between the hard work of parents and teachers and the student who still struggles to understand. Kay brings a fresh and knowledgeable pair of eyes into the situation and focuses attention on the child until he or she moves past the barrier. The goal of her business is "the academic success and independence of the student."

Kay is a State Board of Education certified elementary and secondary teacher who graduated from the University of Texas in Austin. In 2004 she earned a Master's degree in education from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Her professional life has moved from public to private school and ranges from the high school to elementary levels.

Hill Country Tutoring Services keeps several objectives in mind when developing a program for your student.

- Keep the student as the central focus of the program

- Teach skills that apply directly to the actual classroom learning situation
- Contact classroom teachers when necessary (with permission of client)
- Nurture a climate of love and encouragement around the child. Refrain from judgment toward the child or his ability level

In reality, every struggling student comes attached with a concerned parent. Sometimes a tutor can render aid quickly. The student returns to success with a few tutoring sessions. Sometimes the student's bewilderment is long-standing and the tutor takes longer to build the trust and understanding that will finally move the strongholds of poor self-esteem and frustration that characterize the child's reactions to school. In other words, Kay will access each situation on its own terms and tailor her approach to the learner and family based on that understanding.

Kay will visit you in your home or business and discuss your situation with you at no charge. She will meet your student and talk with him or her. You hire Hill Country Tutoring Services only when you are certain that Kay and your child can make a winning team. Reach Kay at (830) 249-8855.

HCWIB Telephone Help Wanted!!

Cindy Ogle is seeking volunteers for the telephone committee. If anyone is interested please contact Cindy at 210-317-6272 or email cogle@gvtc.com

April Birthdays!!

- Kathleen McBride 04/04
- Cynthia McKenna 04/20
- Cynthia McMullan 04/22
- Linda Tom 04/06

Making Headlines...

Nancy Fitch, local chef at the Peach Tree Café, 448 S. Main St., Boerne was featured in the March 13th edition of SA Express News/SA Restaurant Guide for her creative "minimalist recipe" Sweet and Sour Brisket. (How yummy does that sound?)

Congratulations Nancy!! It was exciting to see you in the Express News, however we already know you're a fantastic chef!!



Sweet and Sour Brisket

- 1 (about 4 pounds) well-trimmed brisket
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 4 cups red wine
- 4 cups brown sugar
- 4 cups beef stock
- 1 cup cider vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Season brisket with salt and pepper and brown on all sides over medium-high heat in an oven-proof dish. Add wine, brown sugar, stock and vinegar, and bring to a boil. Cover with foil and bake 4 hours. Remove from oven and let cool. (It can cool overnight in refrigerator). Skim off all fat in sauce. Slice brisket against the grain and return to sauce to reheat. Note: This is good served over whipped sweet potatoes.

Makes 12 servings



Nancy Fitch

On a different note... Did you know that as HCWIB members, we are also members of the Boerne Chamber of Commerce?? This allows us to attend Chamber events as HCWIB members. Also... Visitors to the Chamber website www.boerne.org are linked to the HCWIB website www.hcwib.net

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!! Promote your business

by providing a small gift as a door prize for one of our HCWIB meetings!

If your business doesn't lend itself to promotional items like mine (I can't provide an insurance policy as a door prize) then any small gift or gift certificate from your favorite Boerne location would be a wonderful choice!

If you'd like to provide a door prize, please email Carolyn Dutson at cdutson@qvtc.com HCWIB will promote your business and thank you for your donation in both the newsletter and at that month's meeting. If you've ever won a door prize, please volunteer to help and if you've not won, maybe by donating you'll increase your chances!!

Thanks in advance for your support.



More Members on the Move:

April's speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth McRae, M.D. Her topic will be "[The 3-D Approach to Skin Rejuvenation Plus those Pesky Veins!](#)"

Everyone ages at different rates and in different ways. Some have redness, age or sun spots. Others have large pores, fine lines, wrinkles or lax skin. You might have one, two or all of these conditions. 3D Skin Rejuvenation takes a three-tiered approach to rejuvenating your skin for all these conditions:

PHOTO GENESIS

A light based procedure, addresses the problems right at the skin's surface—redness, a mottled complexion, freckles and sun damage.

LASER GENESIS

Utilizes a laser to minimize fine lines and wrinkles, shrink pores and decrease or eliminate redness found deeper in the tissue. Laser Genesis stimulates the creation of new collagen, giving your face a more youthful appearance.

TITAN

Is the newest category for skin fitness. The titan uses infrared light to heat tissue in the deep dermis.

CWJC Luncheon February 2007



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HILL COUNTRY WOMEN IN BUSINESS

General Meeting – March 8, 2007

President Jeanne Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Sue McCrary gave the invocation.

Jeanne announced the next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th at Sharon Huckabay's office located at 1411 S Main St. starting at 12:00 noon.

The next General meeting will be held at the Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club on Thursday evening, April 12th.

Leah Coyne stated a Club balance of \$4820.42.

Jeanne reminded everyone it is time to renew memberships. Renewal Dues are \$50.00 if paid by April 1st, and \$60.00 if paid after April 1st.

New members Marlene Ring, Phyllis Baacke, and Jessica Cullitan were welcomed. Birthday girls Alena Morris, Marie Hicks, Carolyn Fosdick and Kera Dutton were recognized in song and Shari Keyes owner of Royal Treatment and Design donated the door prize.

Jeanne Buchanan then thanked last year's officers and introduced the 2007 proposed slate of officers. There were no additional nominees from the floor. The motion was made to accept the slate of officers and they were approved by the membership present. The gavel was passed to the new President Carolyn Dutson who introduced her officers and committee members. She then adjourned the meeting at 6:25p.m.

Our program began with Amy Anderson's Year in Review Slide Show. Amy then presented the Woman of the Year Award to our dual winners, Jeanne Buchanan and Leah Coyne. Carolyn Dutson closed the meeting by presenting the President's Plaque to Jeanne Buchanan as a thank you for a successful year.

Alena Morris, Secretary