

Hill Country Women in Business

December 2007 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

**NO BOARD MEETING
FOR DECEMBER.**

Next meeting will be Jan
4th, 2008

**HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS
PARTY!!!!**

Thursday,
December 13th @ 6 p.m.

Free to HCWIB members
and a guest.

Location: (Becky Zook's)
Namaste Retreat
139 Oak Acres Lane
Boerne, TX

Directions:
IH 10 West, Exit 538, Ranger
Creek Rd
Continue on Ranger Creek
0.5 miles, Turn right onto
Oak Acres Lane

RSVP no later than Mon-
day Dec. 3 to Shari Keyes,
skeyes35@msn.com, 210-
478-6611.

Carolyn's Corner

Are you busy decorating for the holidays? Our November speakers provided some wonderful tips on how to decorate using things we already have in our homes while saving both time and money. Thanks to Shelby Luke, Shari Keyes, and Sue McCrary for sharing their time and decorating talents with us at the November meeting. It was a GREAT program ladies!

Please join us for the Christmas Weihnachts Parade on December 1st. Thanks to Patrice Davison for inviting everyone for Chili and Cornbread after the parade. This is a great way to begin your holiday season and enjoy the sights and sounds of Boerne in all her glory. We'll be on the trailer doing our "Parade wave" so come join in the fun.

The HCWIB Christmas party is on Thursday, December 13th. Becky Zook's delightful location at Namaste

Christmas Party Menu

And the menu will be...

Hors d'oeuvres:

Shrimp Cigars (spiced shrimp mixture rolled in phyllo)

Baked Brie with Cabernet Cranberry Sauce in Puff Pastry

Asparagus & Prosciutto Antipasto Platter

1st course:

Spinach Salad with Sautéed Apples, Cambazol

Spiced Pecans and Warm Sherry Vinaigrette

Entrees:

Pork Tenderloin with Apricot Demi-Glace
Or

should make for an enchanted evening. Check out the wonderful dinner menu being prepared by Peach Tree Café and Catering. Water and iced tea will also be provided, but you are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice (BYOB).

Please note the RSVP to Shari Keyes is a week earlier than normal to give our caterer adequate time to plan for the event so let's all RSVP no later than Monday, Dec. 3rd to Shari Keyes @ 210-478-6611 or email her skeyes35@msn.com. Remember this is your evening and is free to HCWIB members and guest so I hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season that fills your heart with joy!

Carolyn

Parmesan Chicken with Sherried Mushroom Cream Sauce

Accompaniments:

Manchego Mashed Potatoes

French Green Beans with Caramelized Onion, Bacon & Almond

Holiday Desserts:

Key Lime Pie with Gingersnap Crust

Signora Bimbi's Double Dark Chocolate Torta

with Candied Orange and Grand Marnier Whipped Cream

Nancy's Bread Pudding with Jack Daniels Hard Sauce & Crème Anglaise

Tea & Water Provided. BYOB.

HCWIB General Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2007

Carolyn Dutson, President, called the meeting to order at 610pm. Sue McCrary delivered the Invocation. Each member introduced themselves and their businesses.

New member Sonya Heckler, LPC, NPC was welcomed. We also welcomed guest, Susan Odom, counselor. Door prize was won by Cindy Ogle and the prize was donated by Lorrie Hengel.

Carolyn Dutson provided updates from the November Board meeting.

- Membership dues that are paid prior to 3/1/2008 will be discounted to \$45. After 3/1/2008, dues will be \$50.
- Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 Officers: Leah Coyne, Sharon Huckabay, Shari Keyes. The nomination form will be posted in the December newsletter.
- Nominating Committee for Woman of the Year: Leah Coyne and Jeanne Buchanan
- Audit Committee needing an additional member. Please contact Leah if you are able to help.

Vice President, Leah Coyne, provided Christian Women's Job Corp updates. The current class will graduate on 11/15 and luncheons will start again in February thru May 2008. Volunteers are needed for monthly lunch meals.

Charitable Contributions Form: HCWIB donates an amount each year based upon board recommendations. Members are asked to nominate a female candidate for this gift. The form will be posted in December newsletter and can also be found on www.hcwib.net. Contact Carolyn or Leah if you have questions.

Secretary Report: The October Meeting minutes were accepted: motion made by Debi Lamb and second by Lorrie

Hengel. (Lucy Ziegler, Secretary was not able to attend)

Treasurer Report: As of the November Board Meeting balance is \$6274.78.

Two major expenses coming up: HCWIB Christmas party will be held in December 2007 and HCWIB Insurance dues are in January 2008. (Kathryn Hubbard, treasurer was not able to attend)

Committee Reports:

Sharon Huckabay, Membership, introduced new member Sonya Heckler, LPC, NPC to the members.

Laurie Stewart, Newsletter, discussed the new Bulletin Board that will be added to the newsletter in December.

This is a way for members to inform each other about, programs, services, real estate, etc that will support the business needs of our membership. Misty Thomas, Program Chairperson, expects the January program to be tax related.

Alena Morris, Publicity. Christmas Parade is scheduled for 12/1/07. If interested, contact Alena Morris or Carolyn Dutson. You can still order HCWIB shirts from www.cafepress.com/hcwib

Cindy Ogle, Telephone & Historian Chairperson would like members to send special events and business news to her for the scrapbook.

Shari Keyes, Hospitality & Reservations Chairperson announced the Christmas Party to be held on 12/13/2007 at no charge for members and their guest. Menu bids are being gathered for the catered event.

Website is looking great. (Special thanks to Lynn continuing to do this for us from out-of-state!!)

We sang Happy Birthday to Carolyn Dutson and Jennifer Molina (Jennifer not able to attend).

Next board meeting will be Friday 12/7 at Huckabay Allstate Insurance agency.

Next general meeting will be Christmas party, Thursday 12/13/07 at Namaste Retreat. Becky Zook has offered to have the party at her place of business.

Thank you Becky!!

Meeting adjourned at 638pm.

Submitted by Laurie Stewart.

Members on the Move News...

Carolyn Dutson, Senior Care Insurance has completed all certifications and now includes AARP and Secure Horizon Medicare Supplements in her Insurance offerings. Please call her for more information at 830-981-8445.

Suzann Woodward, CPA: My news this month is I am married! Jim Fish and I married on November 10th and had the most perfect and beautiful wedding in the backyard of Mike and Beth Coyle's new home. Can you see me smiling? For our honeymoon, we had a 5 night cruise to Cozumel and Progreso, Mexico.



December Birthdays!!!

Dr. Ann Davis... Dec 11

Rodda Yates-Dunham.....Dec 12

Tracy Gerber... Dec 14

Helene Bachmann... Dec 15

Christine Bryan... Dec 25

Member in the Spotlight Sonya Heckler, PhD, ABD, LPC, NCC Solution Concepts Inc.



Sonya Heckler recently relocated to Kerrville from Abilene, Texas. Sonya has been an experienced counselor for over ten years and has served a diverse private clientele for the past six years in Abilene. She now offers professional [counseling](#), [neurofeedback](#), [biofeedback](#), and [brain entrainment](#) services in Kerrville through her business, Solution Concepts, Inc. SCI was established to provide services to community individuals and families.

All services offered by SCI promote health and healing for mental, emotional, medical, physical and developmental problems. These holistic therapies are safe, effective and non-invasive. They pose no significant side effects and problems are resolved rather than temporarily suppressed. Clients become able to perform well independently, without a need to depend on drugs. Clients participate in services in a warm, inviting, and friendly environment. SCI's services are available to children, adolescents, adults and families.

Sonya is a graduate of Texas Tech University, Hardin-Simmons University, and will complete her doctorate from Regent University in Spring 2008. She holds licensure as a professional counselor in the state of Texas as well as nationally as a National Board Certified Counselor.

She is a Texas Board Approved Supervisor for LPC Interns. Additionally, Sonya holds certifications as a Certified Parent Trainer, Certified Anger Management Therapist, and Certified Animal Assisted Therapist.

For more detailed information on the services offered by SCI, please call Sonya at 830-792-4357 and visit www.solutionconceptsinc.com. Sonya's office is located at 829 Sidney Baker (behind Donut Palace) in Kerrville. Please stop by if you are in the area.

Newest Member

Welcome Newest Member!!
Dr. Dawn Fradkin, Bergheim Pet Hospital and Clinic. 830-336-3113.
drdawn@bergheimpetvet.com

Chaplain Chimes

Special intentions we need to pray for... ..

Deanne Baker's husband, Mike, has been sick and had surgery; her sister is dying of cancer; her brother in law has been in the hospital; and she has been traveling back and forth from Baytown and College Station constantly to see them. Please keep her in your prayers that God gives her the strength and patience.

From Lisa Pickard: My friend, Karen Wetzels, father, Frank, has had a severe stroke. He is doing much better. Please say a prayer for all of them,

Frank & Mona and Karen. They have served our community a long time.

Amy Anderson has been having a very difficult time with morning sickness. Please pray for Amy so that she will have the strength to go through this.



CHRISTMAS PARADE UPDATE!!

The parade will take place on Saturday December 1st. We will be meeting at Patrice Davison's house, 127 Vista Verde Drive, Boerne at 3pm, to decorate the float. Parade starts at 5pm and afterwards we'll go back to Patrice's for chili dinner. You are welcome to attend with family or friends to decorate and/or participate!

For questions, contact Alena Morris 830-248-1263 or Carolyn Dutton 830-981-8445. Come join in the fun!



A Warm "Thank you" from Patrice Davison..... Thanks to everyone who helped bail me out of jail for Muscular Dystrophy Association Day. With the generous donations from HCWIB members, we raised enough to send a child to camp, buy a few wheelchairs and lots of other good things. You went way beyond just a good deed and I wanted to say a heart felt thank you!

“Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fish”
We wish you a lifetime of
happiness!



Top Left: Shari Keyes, Sue McCrary, Shelby Luke. Top
right: Gayle Eason, Sue McCrary, Sonya Heckler, Lorrie
Hengel. Bottom right: Sonya Heckler, Sharon Huckabay.
Bottom left: Susan Odom (guest), Debi Lamb.

