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|  | ***MAKE A LASTING******CONNECTION IN 2015!******Connections Professional Networking*****Luncheon Friday, September 11, 2015** |

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|   | Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!Petroleum Club Lunch Buffet | $18Please RSVP by noon  Wednesday, September 9th. It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.You may RSVP via e-mail or on our [website](http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=Link&VID=99679516&KID=254304&LID=702932).Email: connectionsprofnet@gmail.comTo prevent Connections from being charged by the Petroleum Club for no-shows, if you need to cancel your RSVP please do so by 10:00 am on the Thursday prior to the meeting. We need to confirm our numbers with Petroleum Club by 11:00 am the day before.To cancel, please send email to connectionsprofnet@gmail.com or call 658-9590.Connections accepts cash or checks. Please have your check made payable toConnections prior to arriving at the meeting to expedite registration.

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|   |  Petroleum Club111 Heymann Boulevard (Oil Center)***Buffet lunch $18***Please bring cash or **preferred method of payment check.**Meetings are being held in the lounge on the 1st floor, near the arch driveway, down the hall from the buffet. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon. |

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|  | President's Message

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| Well, fall is in the air!  It was a nice surprise to feel the hint of autumn with low temperatures in the 60’s recently. As the season’s solstice approaches later this month, another period of change is brought; falling leaves, cooler temperatures, changing foliage (mostly just the chicken trees around here!), bonfires, football, frisky animals, etc.  For my profession, fall also brings about a multitude of continuing education conferences and seminars. Like most licensed professionals, there is a requirement to complete a certain number of hours or units in a calendar year to maintain licensure or certification.   |  | We all understand this is a means to keep abreast of new information, products, and technology and merge those into our current positions. This is essential to ensure everyone in our field is “current” regardless of how long ago we completed our formal training. This practice of continuing education maintains our career responsibilities.What about the other aspects of our lives; emotional, physical, and spiritual? These also need to be nurtured and sculpted in order for us to experience a full life! Acadiana offers a wide variety of cultural instruction including classes in dance, language, and art. The recent publication by UL Lafayette Continuing Education is a great resource. There are also wonderful books on these very topics. Stay tuned for upcoming information on Connections very own “borrowing library” that will be available to members to “check out” such books.I encourage each of you to take some time and work on some personal growth in these other aspects of our lives.  Connections wants to help facilitate not only an environment of professional growth, but also personal well-being!Happy Fall!Deirdre Detraz, ANPCConnections President 2015-2016 |

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|   | Business Spotlight |   |
|  | Carolyn O. French Senior Vice President - Investments Financial Advisor UBS Financial Services Inc.1021 E St Mary Blvd. Lafayette LA 70503 337-266-6055 Direct | 800-333-2527 Toll Free    When Carolyn French began her career as a Financial Advisor in 1985, there were no other women Financial Advisors in Lafayette, and not many others in the nation. A typical meeting in New York consisted of 90 Advisors, and only two of them were women. Carolyn has encouraged the entry of women into the field of finance, and has also advocated for the development of a consultative teamwork approach to investing.     In 2007 and again in 2008, Barron’s, a widely recognized financial publication, recognized her as one of the 500 most successful women financial advisors in the United States. She holds the honor of membership in Barron’s “Winner’s Circle” within the field of finance. She is currently a Senior Vice President – Wealth Management with the French, Reyes, Huber Investment Group at UBS Financial Services, Inc.    Carolyn had previous careers in education, and held faculty positions at several universities, including University of Louisiana in Monroe, and University of New Orleans in New Orleans.  She holds academic degrees (B.A., M.A. and Ph.D.) in the social sciences, with postgraduate work in the field of finance at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. She served as a Socioeconomic Consultant with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. She has also held consulting positions with the Naval Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.     Carolyn balances professional achievement with many civic and community concerns.  She has served on the Boards of Directors of many organizations and has been involved in forming some of them, including CONNECTIONS, The Lafayette Public Education Foundation, Friends of Music, FoodNet, and the Shining Light Foundation. She has been involved in the Leadership Giving Campaigns of the United Way and the American Heart Association. Carolyn is an active member of the Rotary Club, an international service organization, and recently received their award for outstanding integrity in her field.     Among the most significant honors Carolyn has received are the Connections’ Career Achievement Award,” the “Women Who Mean Business” recognition, and the “Woman of Excellence” award for her work in the Lafayette community.***Bring your business card and at each meeting we will draw a name. Your business will then be "Spotlighted" in the next monthly newsletter.*** |   |
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|   | A Special Thanks to Deidre Toup, President of HB Rentals, for takingtime out of her busy schedule to tell us about herself and her journey! |  |
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|   |  **Bring a door prize!****It's a GREAT way to****promote YOUR business!!** | ***Thank you to our members and guests for the door prizes donated at the July meeting!!*****A special thanks to:****Debra Billeaud - Billeaud Technologies****Mariette LaBauve - Rodan & Fields****Pat Sonnier****Cookie Tuminello****Sandra Copelin - Wine Shop at Home****Rodlyn Cochran - KATC****Cynthia Comeaux - Xtra Hands****Agnes Cappello - Chef Agnes**  |   |

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|  | ***NEW* Connections website:**[http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/](http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=Link&VID=99679516&KID=254304&LID=702933)**Members... You can bring marketing materials, business cards and brochures/flyers to the meeting and place on the door prize table to promote your business!!****Members...You can email announcements, accomplishments, business tips or share good news to Rebecca Taylor and she will share on Connections Facebook page.****Send to:*****Rebecca@AcadianaProfile.com***

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**Connections Directory****Get connected through our Directory!**Do you need to update your information? Do you need to update your membership?Please see us before the meeting concerning this. Do not miss the opportunity to be included in the directory. Your membership must be up to date to be included.

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**Faith House, an organization we have donated to, has a list of immediate needs for their shelter.****Immediate Needs**: Laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, paper plates, utensils, bowls and cups, towels and washrags, floor cleaner, brooms/mops, diapers (size 4 and 5), sanitary products, ethnic hair care products, Lysol, sheets and blankets (Twin Size) **For women moving out of the shelter, they are also seeking**: Furniture (Sofas, beds, dressers, etc.) sheets/blankers, pots/dishes/utensils, kitchen tables/chairs, carseats, fans, and suitcases. Please contact Mary Usner at (337) 234-2715 for donations or questions.  |   |

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|   | Get involved with your fellow members!In October we will be rolling out a member's only professional development library. Members are welcomed to donate books or other reading materials that helped them in their professional journeys. Members would be able to borrow books from the library and would bring the books back to the next meeting. Ask for more information about involvement in September's meeting. |   |
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|   | Mark Your Calendar!**Connections Meeting – September 11th**Networking and business card exchange begins at 11:30 a.m.Meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon at the Petroleum Club.**Connections Monthly Board Meeting:** **Monday, September 14th****11:30 am at Abacus Restaurant on Pinhook**Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter is the 21st of the month.**Future Connections’ Meetings:****October 9****November 13****December 11****January 8****February 12** |   |

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| **CONNECTIONS PURPOSE AS BY OURCONNECTIONS CONSTITUTION**SECTION ONE: TO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL , EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR CAREER-ORIENTED WOMEN.SECTION TWO: TO PROVIDE AN ARENA IN WHICH CAREER-ORIENTED WOMEN CAN MEET ONE ANOTHER.SECTION THREE: TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY.SECTION FOUR: TO PROVIDE MODELS FOR THE COMMUNITY.Enjoy yourself at our meeting!!  |   | **Connections Officers**Deirdre Detraz - PresidentCynthia Beslin - President ElectEugenia Shedrick – Newsletter VPRebecca Taylor – Public Relations VPLana Fontenot – Membership VPDebra Billeaud – TreasurerRodlyn Cochran - Program VPVonda Broussard - SecretaryNanette Heggie – Board Member at Large and Career AchievementJoann Pugh -Scholarship ChairpersonCONNECTIONS is a monthly newsletter published by the members of CONNECTIONS. For consideration of all information and articles, contact Newsletter Vice President and Editor, Eugenia Shedrick at 337-852-3027 or e*ugenias@worknet2k.com*. If you would like to become a member of CONNECTIONS, contact Lana Fontenot, Membership Vice-President at lana.fontenot@solacc.edu. |   |   |

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