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|   | ***Connections Professional Networking*****Luncheon Friday, April 10, 2015** |   |
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| ***Connections Guest Speaker*****Amy E. Schwarzenbach****Commandress.com**Amy E. Schwarzenbach is a contributing writer to Commandress.com, a blog about professional fashion and other “uniforms” for busy women for which she authors several reoccurring weekly columns. Class It Up draws on her legal industry experience – including some of the mistakes she saw along the way – to share ideas for taking professional women’s work wardrobe to the next level. Fashion Flashback features 1980's fashion retrospectives which inspire contemporary fashion choices.A formal legal recruiting professional, Amy came of age during the 1980's when feminism merged with new views on femininity – resulting in the first wave of modern power dressing. As a tween and teen, Amy paged through her mother's Talbots catalogs anticipating her future career - doing whatever - dressed in professional attire. But when Amy began her professional career in the 1990's, her wardrobe aspirations were stifled by grunge and a casual work environment where t-shirts, jeans, and shorts were de rigueur.  Things picked up for Amy's wardrobe in the aughts when she took a position in the legal industry as a law firm recruiter. Finally, Amy had the outlet to wear the clothing of the consummate professional. After twelve years helping attorneys and law students with their careers, Amy relinquished her full-time career to let her husband pursue his – and found herself cast adrift with an image crisis. Amy is currently reinventing herself and her wardrobe as a writer, wrestling & lacrosse mom, volunteer, logistical coordinator, chef, chauffeur, laundress, dog walker, and aspiring yogi.**Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!****Petroleum Club****Lunch Buffet $18****Please RSVP\* by noon  Wednesday, April 8. It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.****email: connectionsprofnet@gmail.com  or****RSVP on website**[**http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/**](http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/)***To prevent Connections 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 to Connections prior to arriving at the meeting to expedite registration.** |   |

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|   | President's Message

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| http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/_Assets/Board/HeggieNanette_150113_2558_RMay_22755%20(2).jpg |   | **Be Open**As springtime makes its’ appearance, I wish for you a renewed sense of openness to life.  Like the seasons, life has its cycles, and spring arrives to remind us of the endless possibilities that God has put before us! I recently read this quote from Ben Sweetland:    *The world is full of abundance and opportunity, but far too many people come to the fountain of life with a sieve instead of a tank, a teaspoon instead of a steam shovel. They expect little and as a result they get little.* Sometimes we are so focused on the things that have gone wrong (*or might go wrong)*, that we lose sight of what is going well, and the abundance of good things that are yet to come!  The next time you are worried or down about something, I hope you will make the effort to reach out to a friend, put on your favorite music, grab a book you love, go for a walk, pet a dog, or do something that will help to get your focus off of yourself and your negative thoughts.  Only then can you open yourself back up to the world of opportunity around you. Remember, that starting this month, **Connections meetings will be on** **the second Friday of the month.  So mark your calendars for April 10th**, May 8t**h**, June 12th , July 10th , August 14th , September 11th , October 9th , November 13th , and December 11th.**Nanette Soileau HeggieConnections President337.889.0255** |

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| Map to Petroleum ClubPetroleum Club111 Heymann Boulevard (Oil Center)***Buffet lunch $18***Please bring cash or **preferred method of payment check.**Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon. |
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| ***http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/_Assets/Luncheon%20photos/FullSizeRender%20(3)_New_New.jpg******Bring a door prize! It's a GREAT way to promote YOUR business!!***http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/_Assets/Icons/gift%20image.jpg**Thank you to our members and guests for the door prizes donated at the** **March meeting!!**http://soundoff.bizzuka.com/editor_images/image_0f35b73e/graduation%20cap.jpg**$1,000 Connections UL Lafayette Scholarship**Connections Professional Woman's Networking Organization awards a minimum of one UL Lafayette Scholarship per year with preference given to a mature woman student between the ages of 24 and 55 - one either returning to college for a career change, or a mature first-time student. Selection is based on academic merit, cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher, and professional promise by the Connections Scholarship Committee.Should you know of a woman meeting the criteria above, please encourage her to contact the UL Lafayette Scholarship Office in Martin Hall for a Connections Scholarship Application. **You may contact JoAnn Pugh for more information at joannpugh@hotmail.com.**  http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/_Assets/Board/connnections_board_members_300.jpg |

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| **Connections Officers**Nanette Heggie- PresidentDeirdre Detraz- President ElectConnie Marcantel – Newsletter VPRebecca Taylor– Public Relations VPCynthia Beslin – Membership VPJune Brillhart – TreasurerFritzie Fine- Program VPVonda Broussard - SecretaryRodlyn Cochran– Board Member at Large and Career AchievementJoann Pugh-Scholarship ChairpersonRenee Box - Arrangements ChairCONNECTIONS is a monthly newsletter published by the members of CONNECTIONS. For consideration of all information and articles, contact Newsletter Vice President and Editor, Connie Marcantel at 406-2650 or*connie@acadiana.bbb.org*. If you would like to become a member of CONNECTIONS, contact Cynthia Beslin, Membership Vice-President at 232-1737 or*cynthia.beslin@prudential.com*. | **CONNECTIONS PURPOSE AS BY OUR CONNECTIONS 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!! |

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|   | http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/_Assets/Icons/News%20Announcements.jpg***NEW* Connections website:**<http://www.connectionsforwomen.net/>**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*****Welcome New Members****Rachael Hebert****Allison Leach****Spotlight on Business*****Rose Moss - Sr. Sales Director******Mary Kay Cosmetics******I have been a member of connections for 29 years and have truly enjoyed the networking and*** ***friendships that I have made.******I am currently a Sr. Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics and have been with this wonderful*** ***company for 40 years.  I have truly enjoyed sharing one of the best products on the market with******lots of customers and using our motto of "Enriching Women's lives", by sharing the opportunity*** ***I have experienced the use of 18 automobiles, various trips and loads of prizes.*****103 Janet Circle****Lafayette, LA 70506****Phone: 981-1606****email: rrmoss@bellsouth.net*****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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| **Mark Your Calendar!****Connections Meeting** –**April 10**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, April 13****11:30 am at Abacus Restaurant on Pinhook**Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter is the 15th of the month.**Future Connections’ Meetings:****May 8****June 12****July 10****August 14****September 11****October 9****November 13****December 11** |

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