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Connections Professional Networking

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Luncheon Friday, April 8, 2016

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Please join us for a wonderful networking experience!

Petroleum Club Lunch Buffet | \$18

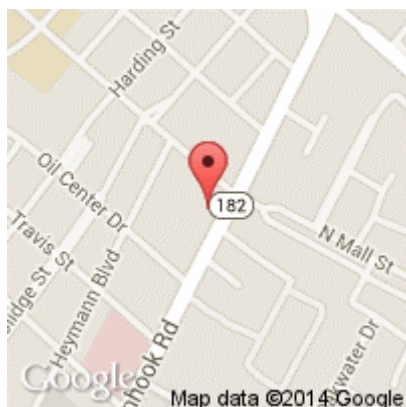
Please RSVP by noon Wednesday, April 6th.
It is important that you let us know if you plan to attend.

You may RSVP via [e-mail](#) or on our [website](#).
Email: connectionsprofnet@gmail.com

To 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.

Connections accepts cash or checks. Please have your check made payable to Connections prior to arriving at the meeting to expedite registration.



Petroleum Club

111 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.



Paige Beyt

Casselman Beyt Law Firm

Paige Beyt is the founder and owner of Casselman Beyt Law Firm, LLC. Paige primarily practices in the areas of Successions, Wills, and Estates, as well as Social Security.

Paige graduated from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU in 2012. During her time there, she was the Pro Bono Chair for the Public Interest Law Society. Paige also competed on several Trial Advocacy teams in state and national competitions, including the American Bar Association's Mediation Competition. She also participated in the Domestic Violence Clinic at LSU, where she represented women seeking protective orders in Baton Rouge Family Court.

Prior to law school, Paige obtained a B.A. in English with a focus in creative writing from LSU. In college, she was the managing editor of the Delta, LSU's literary journal.

In addition to her involvement with Connections, she is also a member of the Lafayette Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Inns of Court, and the 705.

She is married to Paul Beyt, a dentist practicing in Lafayette and St. Martinville.

President's Message



Welcome to the second quarter of 2016. I hope everyone experienced a joyous Easter season, but now it is time to turn our attention to tax season. This can be a torturous time for individuals or

upon these insightful ladies as a resource if needed.

I am always curious what an internet search will turn up on various topics. As I was researching the month of April, I discovered some interesting facts. April is National Garlic Month and National Kite Month!! Feel free to partake in this healthy food and bygone recreational pastime. April has also been designated to bringing awareness to Autism and Animal Cruelty Prevention.

April also means Connections Membership Drive is underway! Please extend an invitation, to your friends and colleagues, to attend a luncheon and join Connections so they too can enjoy the benefits of networking and professional education that our organization offers. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the luncheon where we will be presenting the proposed slate of next year's Board of Directors.

business owners. Our organization is blessed to have some wonderful tax experts as members. I highly encourage all who need assistance with their taxes, to call

Deirdre Detraz
Connections President
2015-2016

Business Spotlight

Fritzie Fine with Edward Jones was chosen as the Business Spotlight for this month. For more information on her work and business, click [here](#).

We would like to congratulate our Career Achievement Award recipient, Deirdra Detraz of HB Rentals.







Thank you to all of our awesome members that gave door prizes at the March Meeting



Bring a door prize!
It's a GREAT way to
promote YOUR business!!

Patricia Sonnier
Nanette Heggie - Raymond James
Gail Wolf
Rose Moss - Mary Kay
Michele Veillon - Elder Outreach
Karen Rue - Griswald
Rodlyn Cochran - KATC
JoAnn Pugh
Habitat ReStore
Cynthia Comeaux - Xtra Hands

News & *Announcements*

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ladies mark you calendars for upcoming connections luncheons.
Feb 12, March 11, April 8th & May 13.

We will be holding a Membership Drive from February through to May.
Let's grow our membership!! Bring guests to meetings.

The member who brings the most guests to the luncheons/referrals and they become members by the end of May will win a \$100 gift card (VISA/MASTERCARD).

Winner of the \$100 gift card announced in the JUNE 10th meeting....

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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

**Driven to Give to Impact Acadiana
Test Drive OR Ride in a Lincoln and
Receive a FREE Gift**

Saturday, April 2, 2016
9:00 am – 5:00pm
(only 20 minutes of your time)

Courtesy Lincoln
4010 Ambassador Caffery Parkway

**Everyone that counts toward our goal of 400
will be entered to win \$5,000.00
"Courtesy" of Carol Trosclair
(drawing to be held May 14th)**

For more info:
Carol Trosclair
(337) 255-8155
carol8155@cox-internet.com

ImpactAcadiana.org

Bookin' It Book Club

We will be seeking books to be added to the library for the month of February. If you have any books you wish to add to the book club, please bring it into the next Connections meeting.

How does it work?

Bring in a book you would like to donate to the library. We would be seeking professional development books. It can be one that has helped you in your

career and in your work. It will be added to the library and members will be able to check out the books at meetings. The book would be due back at the next meeting. Any donations anyone would like to make to it would be great.

Mark Your Calendar!

Connections Meeting – March 11th
Networking and business card exchange begins at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon at the Petroleum Club.

Future Connections' Meetings:

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12



Connections Officers

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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

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY.

SECTION FOUR: TO PROVIDE MODELS FOR THE
COMMUNITY.

Enjoy yourself at our meeting!!

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