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A Word from the President.



To laugh often and much: To win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived.

This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Monthly Meeting

Our June meeting is a member meeting only and will be held at the Champions Golf Club starting at 11:30 am. Roll call will be called by our Woman of Excellence Pam Bunch of State Farm.

The Inspiration will be given by Carol Fellbaum Owner of a Dogs Life Pet Salon.

The Spotlights will be presented by: Nanci Decker/Cypress Creek FACE, Connie Smith/Minuteman Press and Gail Schubot/The

Schubot Law Firm.

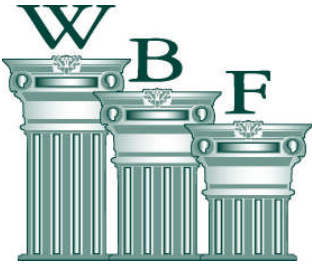
The Spotlight gives you the opportunity to inform the group of new things that are going on with your business. Each spotlight is 3 minutes in length and is asked to bring a door prize. If you are unable to present your spotlight please find a member to replace you.

Please remember there is a dress code and that you are to turn off your cell phones during the meeting.

The Executive Board

Meeting will be held on June 22, 2011 at 8:15 am hosted by Linda McAdams at The Sterling Bank Champions Branch.

Please remember the deadline for the newsletter is the 1st of every month. If you have a special event, a big sale or a story you would like to share about your business please send it to marysflowers1@att.net.



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Life Skills Classes Beginning in June

Article by: Pat Durham

Etiquette Classes

Social Events

Dining

Movies

Theatre

Restaurants

Gracious guest/host

Age Appropriate Gender Etiquette

Own age group and with adults

Introductions

Telephone

Written communications (including electronic mail)

Finishing

One day is dedicated to polishing their physical appearance

Life

Skills

For children

Pre- teens

and teens

Teen Classes

Applying for a Job

The Interview

The Resume

The Four Ps

Future Leaders

What makes a great leader?

Insight

Focus

The Power of Exchange

Handling the Critic

Event Planning

Recruiting

Presentations that educate inform and provide the information needed to present a confident and polished image.

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STERLING BANK RECEIVES THE CORNERSTONE AWARD

Article by: Linda McAdams

The Texas Bankers Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Texas Bankers association, presented a Cornerstone Award to Sterling Bank for its “upgrading Texas Classrooms” project, which provided a total of 38 grants of \$500 each to teachers in League City, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

The grants were used in various ways. Some were used to purchase pencils and journals, books, supplies for math and reading centers. Other grants were used for technology – headphones and audio books for listening centers; laptops to access web-based tools to learn and

practice advanced math concepts such as Algebra 2; video cameras to be used for science labs and observations and to explore the world of investigative journalism; and for an iPad to take advantage of numerous science apps. Grants were also used to purchase a lizard and necessary supplies for the class aquarium and for purchasing gardening supplies to help grow fresh fruits and vegetables and to teach lessons that eating these foods can prevent childhood obesity.

The Cornerstone Award was accepted by Executive Vice President Pamela Lovett at the Texas Bankers Association’s 127th Annual Convention held recently in Austin. This is the ninth

year the Texas Bankers Federation has recognized Texas banks for their outstanding community involvement through the Cornerstone Award competition. Projects have included neighborhood and housing development, small business and industrial development, main street revitalization, community celebrations and support of music or theater programs.

Serving Texas bankers since 1885, the Texas Bankers Association is the largest and oldest state bankers association in the nation.

Dog’s Life Volunteers at SPCA Super Saturday

Article by: Carol Fellbaum

– It was a “Super Saturday” at the Houston SPCA on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The event was held to place dogs that had been rescued in Waller County. Almost 200 Boston Terriers, Dachshunds, and Shih Tzu mixed dogs were rescued from a breeding operation and needed to be groomed and ready for adoption. By the end of the day, 76 animals found loving new homes including 52 dogs, 21 cats, and 3 pocket pets during the “Boston T-Zu” party. When Carol

Fellbaum, owner of A Dog’s Life Pet Salon & Boutique, found out about the need for groomers, Carol and her staff didn’t hesitate to answer the call. A Dog’s Life is open one Saturday a month – May 21st was that day and they were booked solid. The staff arrived earlier than usual at the shop and groomed some of their regulars that couldn’t be moved and cancelled the rest before closing the shop and heading to the SPCA. They arrived shortly after 9 a.m. with all of their grooming equipment in hand and

worked throughout the day getting the little four legged friends ready to find new homes. “It was one of the most rewarding things we have ever done to be able to take these little dogs who where in unimaginable condition and get them ready to find loving homes,” remarked Carol Fellbaum of the experience. “It’s nice to find a way for our staff to give back to the community by doing something we love to do.” A big thank you goes out to all the volunteer groomers and bathers including Carol Fellbaum, Cindy Rackel, Candius Coleman, Shelly Davis, Bonnie Coleman, and Glenn Paugh.



C. Coleman & Carol Fellbaum

T Carolyn Fashions Has New Home

Article by Barbara Tibbetts



T. Carolyn is a "one-of-a-kind" boutique, filled to the brim with the most magnificent suits, dresses, and gowns all selected for the woman who wants to look like a million without spending one! Barbara Tibbetts and Terrie Tibbetts Martin, mother/daughter, have captured the market with their 20-year history of selecting the most incredible styles to fill their shop.

In 1991 this mother/daughter duo branched out into the unknown.

T. Carolyn began in the Champion Forest Shopping Center in a 1500 sq. ft. store with 54 dresses and 3 dressing rooms. Shortly thereafter the

store was expanded to 2,500 sq.ft. added an additional 2 more dressing rooms. At the beginning of March, now 20 years later, T. Carolyn "graduated" to the Vintage Park Center where the new store is 6,300 sq.ft, includes it own women's dept. (14w-28w), women's under garments, purses, a selection of jewelry second to none, 15 dressing rooms and racks and racks of the most incredible dresses. Over the years Barbara and Terrie have built a clientele from, all areas of

Houston, the state of Texas, many other states, and several foreign countries. Dresses from their shop have been worn to the Bush and, the Obama inaugurations, several gubernatorial inaugurations, galas, cruises, receptions, and thousands of weddings by MOB's and MOG's. Offering their customers the finest selection of incredible fashions along with the services of professional, knowledgeable and helpful consultants has been the backbone of their success.

2011 Woman of Excellence Pamela Bunch

The Women's Business Forum Congratulates

Pamela Bunch
State Farm Agent

2011 Woman of Excellence

Join the Women's Business Forum as we honor Pamela at the
2011 FHPW *Women of Excellence Gala*
Saturday, September 17th, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

Women's Business Forum Donations

Article by: Mary Denney

Pearl Museum Donation \$1000.00

This donation will aid in children's projects such as after school programs and art appreciation. These programs are extremely valuable for young school age children who desire a development of their knowledge in the arts.

NAM Donation \$1000.00

This donation will assist our community effort in needs such as the food

pantry and school supplies for children who are unable to purchase the much needed and required items that are used in their school classes.

Patricia Harless will receive the horse as soon as we can get her back from Austin and her legislative responsibilities. Patricia has been instrumental, not only in the development of the

Pearl Museum (along with her mother, Pearl), but also in many other community endeavors. She has worked tirelessly for the improvement of our community. I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this horse other than Patricia.

*If you think you
can... YOU CAN!*

“Great Day Houston’s” Deborah Duncan will host event

Deborah Duncan has been at the forefront of radio, broadcast news and talk shows that have relied on her versatility, quick-wittedness and being in tune with what viewers want to know. Currently, Deborah hosts “*Great Day Houston*,” a morning talk show produced locally by KHOU-TV that airs weekdays at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 11.

When you look at how Deborah grew up, it is no surprise that she ended up in the communications business. Raised in a military family, Deborah attended five different elementary schools. At each

school, Deborah honed her interviewing skills by learning everything about her “new friends.” In high school, her drama teacher urged Deborah to reconsider going into medicine and instead pursue broadcasting. Deborah enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin and ultimately earned a degree in Radio-Television-Film.

While her career began with radio, Deborah’s foray into television news has included jobs at KEYE-TV and KVUE-TV in Austin, WFAA-TV in Dallas/Fort Worth and most recently KHOU-TV. She has also made great strides in

the talk show genre. Prior to *Great Day Houston*, Deborah hosted WFAA’s “*Good Morning Texas*,” “*Our Home*” with Lifetime Television and the “*Debra Duncan Show*” with ABC. Deborah is the recipient of many local and national awards for television excellence in addition to recognition for community service.



Deborah Duncan

Heritage Texas Properties is The Business of the Month

Each month we will spotlight a member business of the month, this month the business is Heritage Texas Properties Mrs. Nancy Grayson. Nancy has lived in the Champions area for over 34 years. She and her husband Irv have been very active in the community and enjoy their many friends here. Nancy has been a licensed real estate agent for over 20 years. She is recognized as a consistent “Top Producer” both in the Champions area and company-wide at Heritage Texas Properties. Her personalized service, expertise and general concern for her clients has

made Nancy’s reputation outstanding.

In 2001 Nancy’s Son, David Patton, joined her as a licensed real estate agent to form the Grayson-Patton Team. In 2007, Summer Patton, David’s wife, joined as the third member of the team. In 2008 the team won the Small Business of the Year award from the Lone Star College System. Since the team was one of 130 businesses nominated by the community and only five of the fifteen were selected, it was a big honor. Judged on business dynamics and community contributions, the team’s award was due in large part to Nancy’s strong volunteerism which includes Green Medians Steering Committee, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International

Committee, The Pearl Museum, The Barbara Bush Library, and the Champion Forest Women’s Club. Nancy is also a member of Women’s Business Forum and the Northwest Forest Republican Club, the West Virginia University Alumna Association, the Houston NW Chamber, and the Shining Stars Guild of the Texas Repertory Theater Company. Nancy serves on the Boards of the American Heart Association, the Centrum Arts League and F.A.C.E. Nancy holds undergraduate and master’s degrees from West Virginia University.

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All Businesses Need Insurance

Article by: Pamela Bunch

The dream of owning your own business has become a reality for many members of the Women's Business Forum. However, your enterprise could be in jeopardy if you do not have business insurance.

You need business insurance. Many entrepreneurs may not have the financial resources to handle adversity if it should come. Adversity can happen in many ways: fire can destroy your inventory, a power outage could cause your goods to spoil or a customer could be injured accidentally while visiting your location.

Business insurance can protect you from these hazards and others by providing many or all of the coverages listed below:

- Accidental direct physical loss coverage for your business personal property
- Broader off-premises property coverage
- Loss of income coverage
- Extra expense coverage

These are just a few samples of what's available.

Contact your insurance agent to see what coverages are right for your business.

If you do not have State Farm Insurance, contact State Farm Agent Pamela Bunch for all your commercial and personal insurance needs.

Pamela Bunch would appreciate your business and your referrals a BUNCH!

Our WBF Quarterly dues
are due
July 1st

W.B.F. Quarterly Dues
are due
July 1, 2011.

Email invoices will be forthcoming.

You may bring your \$100 check, payable to WBF,
to the June 8 meeting.

Treasurer

and 2011 W.O.E. ☺

Pamela Bunch will gladly accept.

Thanks a BUNCH

for your timely dues payments.

May 31st reading and Members

Provided By Linda McAdams

I just finished reading *Savannah Blues* by Mary Ann Andrews and have a renewed appreciation for the south with the love of saving older homes which can be acknowledged as an important part of our history or heritage. Even though in this story it was the location of a murder I kept being reminded that in some instances we move too quickly to tear down the old to replace with something newer. When it comes to development perhaps we should truly evaluate the history and how best to preserve some aspects of it since new is not always the better choice in the long run. Case in point are the many vacant lease spaces, vastly empty parking garages, vs. the beautiful Heights area where the new takes on the history of the area from the outside with one accomplishing the modern conveniences on the inside which add to our comforts like central air conditioning and heating, gas or electric stoves with proper ventilation and of course the microwave.

With these thoughts in mind, you may contact Brenda Pennington to fill in one of the lease spaces, contact Barbara Tibbetts who did build out and filled in one of the vacant spots to learn about the successful decision it turned about to be, have Gail Schubot review the lease and all documents before signing anything, contact Jenice Boaz to decorate your home vs. tear down, contact Nancy Grayson to find that perfect home, contact Lauren Simmons to stage your current home while it on the market with Nancy Grayson, plan an Open House or Special Event using Tonja Rice and then decorate it with flowers from Mary Qualls, contact Pat Durham to fine tune ones etiquette before the Open House/Special Event, contact Violet Jones to create a fabulous landscape, be sure to use Judy Crocker for the closing, Pamela Bunch for insurance, for the aches and pains at any stage contact Lauren Olson and Virginia Alford, contact Mary Denney for a new creation to wear to your Open House/Special Event, make sure to let Pam Bailey know who to contact to manage the HOA in your area, get your dog groomed before everyone shows up at your event, contact Kelly Hammons in case you need a new job to pay for the new place, with all of the changes going on you may need to schedule some special talking time with Pat Long, you may need to contact Kim McCully for a computer support since the older one may have a headache from the moving, Lori Quinn can help you with the fees that may be tax deductible from the sale and purchase of the respective homes, contact Connie Smith to have the "We have moved" note cards printed, contact Jackie Williams for new framing of your favorite art pieces to match the décor of the homes, check with Barbara Thomason about the businesses in the area that you will want to use which will of course includes yours truly.

Don't forget about the kiddos when making the changes because they do not want to miss any sessions with Angela Jackson just because you decide to change zip codes. Visit with Darcy Mingoia and Sandra Steele about any changes to be considered for higher education and special funding that may be available (needed) tied to the expenses of relocation. Make sure your new neighbors with children know about Joy Bayley and her available services.

Once settled in be sure to treat yourself to a night out at The Texas Repertory Theatre and Cypress Creek FACE events. See what happens in my head as I read and note that one simple book created special thoughts of just about every one of my friends at Women's Business Forum.

P. S. If your name was omitted, it was not intentional but at some point I really needed to get back to my paying job. "-))

