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President 2018

Letter from the President

Congratulations to the new officers and committee chairs for 2019!

Perhaps we can say our sub theme this year is to evaluate everything we are spending and determine how best to organize our committee work. As you know, we moved to the Tea Room several months ago and have been able to pass along some of the savings to lower the member fee for events such as the wine tasting and holiday party. We are still

carrying \$4,000 in restricted funds for scholarships and the MAD Committee will be researching its best possible use.

We have many returning board members who committed to working on the changes you approved. Some have started already - Thank you to Lauren Miller who volunteered to take on the newsletter challenge. It's been a while we know, but the "rest of the story" is for many years we've paid a monthly fee to have a non-member put it together for us.

It was so good to hear from many of you that the By-Laws changes were logical and clarifying. Some additional clarifications: The title changes (VP to Chair, Treasurer, and Breakfast Meeting Coordinator) reflect reality. The board spent several months re-working how to define Education/Networking/Special interests. We saw so much overlap and could make a case for "education" being part of everything. We are thrilled with our current Interest groups for movies (Stars Movie) and books (Book Babes).

Letter from the President (cont.)

They were created by members taking a leadership role as organizer. Some of you have told me you'd like wine, travel and theatre groups. All it takes is one person to step up to their strengths to get them going.

Moving into this century, social media is how we communicate through the website (newsletter, photos, postings, etc.). Member communications is how you hear directly from us as a member (Monday announcements and the membership renewal process).

In December we will do our annual survey, but would welcome hearing from you now if there is anything you want to see on the survey, any speaker you want to hear, and any suggestions you have to make our meetings more compelling. The Program committee from the current year traditionally books the January meeting to ease the transition so we are looking at February on for speakers.

At our September meeting, Perryn Leech shared Houston Grand Opera's resilience story. Our October annual member only meeting was a great chance for us to focus on getting to know each other – including our 11 new members so far this year. We always hear you want more networking time.

In November we will hear from Lincee Rya, accidental blogger who now writes for Entertainment Weekly and the Associated Press. Until we see you at the next breakfast, take a moment to visit and Like TPG-The Professional Group on Facebook, ask a friend to join you there, and check your member profile to make sure your photo and business category are both updated.

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TEXAS HOLIDAY FIESTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018, 6:00 PM UNTIL 10:00 PM

\$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. Price includes enchilada dinner and 2 tickets for wine or margaritas. Tea and water will be provided. The food is being catered by Cadillac Bar. Parking will be free in the Ben Taub garage, but we recommend you Uber!

Zoo Lights will be available if you would like to participate and, if so, tickets are \$19.95. The Zoo is conveniently located right across the street.

Deadline to register is Friday, November 30, 2018. A late fee of \$20.00 will be added to each registration placed on or after December 1, 2018.

NEWS FROM THE M. A. D. COMMITTEE

The TPG reading intervention team started a new semester at Sharpstown College Prep Academy the week of September 17. The group includes the returning Kathleen Knolle, Martha Raymond and Pam Longley as well as new members, Carol Desenberg and Maggie Muzikowski.

Liana Hillendahl and Pam Longley met with Kipp teacher, Felicia Salinas, to discuss the Girls' Leadership Group plans for the year. Nominations from the teachers have gone out for candidates among 7th and 8th grade girls and they are waiting for the go-ahead from the school.

The M. A. D. committee is planning a November event at Angela's House, which is tentatively titled "Hope, Gratitude and Inspiration".

TPGers and friends met at The Houston Food Bank on Saturday, September 22 in the warehouse distribution center, where we joined about 100 others (mostly HCC) inspecting and sorting donated food items. Everyone enjoyed it and want to do it again and we all wished we had TPG T-shirts!



Networking Committee News

TPG Game Night

Friday, October 26th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Teresa Doyle's house!

Let's Sparkle while playing Farkle! Enjoy delicious lite bites, water, tea, and soft drinks. *BYOB all other beverages. There will be prizes! The cost is \$15 per person. Guests are welcome too! Registration and payment required in advance online.

Hump Day Happy Hour

Come out and network with some pretty amazing women. We meet one Wednesday a month from 5-7 pm.

October 17th at Americas
2040 West Gray
Houston, TX 77019

November 14th at Present
Company - Bar & Grill
1318 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77006

Book Babes

Saturday, October 27, 2018,
11:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Reading selection is "Haunted Ground" by Erin Hart. Please make sure to bring \$10 cash for brunch.

Contact Rhonda A Parker for
information 713-622-3112
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Networking Meeting (4/3/18) Data

Items on our Bucket List

- ♦ Alaska Cruise (Sue)
- ♦ Visiting more National Parks (Honey)
- ♦ Visit Ellis Island (Cheryl Watkins)
- ♦ Going to Scotland (Michelle Wiss)
- ♦ Prague or other historical/architectural sightseeing (Sabina Gartler)
- ♦ Hot Air Balloon Ride over Napa (Rhonda Parker)
- ♦ Climb a mountain (Monique Johnson)
- ♦ Working/volunteering in India or wing walking (Danielle C.)
- ♦ Galapagos Island/Easter Island/Bali (Corine Pruitt)
- ♦ Got to Australia and New Zealand (Ann Houston)
- ♦ Walking on the Great Wall of China (Mary Magin)
- ♦ Trip to Italy (Dayna Burnett)
- ♦ Travel to Australia (Claudia Ruggiero)
Visit New York City with girlfriends (Sarah Ward)
- ♦ Floral Gardens in the Netherlands (Elaine Ousley-Nevarez)
- ♦ See the Northern Lights (No name)
- ♦ Write Memoir (Beth Garrett)
- ♦ Go to Australia, New Zealand (Pat Hogan)
- ♦ Travel, Travel, Travel (Lynda Broussard)
- ♦ Europe (Sandra Crook)
- ♦ Visit Antarctica (Donna Boyer)
- ♦ Conduct a professional orchestra (Kay Boyd)
- ♦ Bora Bora (Paige Herrin)
- ♦ European Travel (Patti Bailey)
- ♦ Train Ride through the Canadian Rockies, Alaskan Cruise (Trish Felt)
- ♦ Travel to as many National and State Parks as possible, Alaska Cruise, Visit Egypt (Candi Clement)
- ♦ Machu Picchu (Amy)
- ♦ Hiking in the Dolomites (Nan McCreary)
- ♦ Going back to Ireland (Teresa Doyle)
- ♦ Williamsburg, VA (Angela)
- ♦ Antarctica – her last continent (Vickie Brunet)

Where else do we network?

- ♦ BNI (Sue)
- ♦ Rotary, Houston Canoe Club, Care giving Industry (Honey)
- ♦ NAPO (Sabina Gartler)
- ♦ Legal Association Organization (Rhonda Parker)
- ♦ Rotary Club of Houston, NAVA (Monique Johnson)
- ♦ Prison Entrepreneurship Program (Danielle C.)
- ♦ ATD (Ann Houston)
- ♦ Running groups (Maria Camacho)
- ♦ PWBG/ WOW (Pat Hogan)
- ♦ PNEG, GHBA, HLSR (Sandra Crook)
- ♦ H-Town Connection, Cyfair Chamber of Commerce (Donna Boyer)
- ♦ Rodeo and Barrabo's (Paige Herrin)
- ♦ Women in Wine (Nan McCreary)
- ♦ Houston Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (Teresa Doyle)
- ♦ My gym (Vickie Brunet)
- ♦ Rotary – volunteer programs (Kathy Fenninger)
- ♦ Hireba and CRA – real estate groups (Pam Longley)

Networking Data (cont.)

What we do we like to do for fun?

- ♦ Making Holiday Ornaments (Sue)
- ♦ Chillax in Galveston (Honey)
- ♦ Golf, reading (Cheryl Watkins)
- ♦ Hunting, Fishing, Karaoke, watching movies (Danika Haselden)
- ♦ Gardening, learning (Sabina Gartler)
- ♦ Drink wine with friends, go to special events around town, travel (Rhonda Parker)
- ♦ Cycle, run marathons, hiking, travel (Monique Johnson)
- ♦ Hiking/walking with friends and trying new restaurants (Susan Missiha)
- ♦ Sing with the Houston Masterworks Chorus (Danielle C.)
- ♦ Read, Travel, hang out with kids/grandkids (Mary Magin)
- ♦ Read, dinner parties, entertaining (Dayna Burnett)
- ♦ Bike, hike (Claudia Ruggiero)
- ♦ Hiking, running, traveling, reading (Maria Camacho)
- ♦ Golfing with Nan (Sarah Ward?)
- ♦ Walk and talk (Elaine Ousley-Nevarez)
- ♦ Gardening, walking fast, concerts, plays (No name)
- ♦ Movies, travel classical concerts (Beth Garrett)
- ♦ Ski and Travel (Lynda Broussard)
- ♦ Cooking/Entertaining (Sandra Crook)
- ♦ Volunteer with HLSR, Boys and Girls Country, cake decorating, photography, gardening (Donna Boyer)
- ♦ Singing, visiting, movies, reading (Kay Boyd)
- ♦ Reading, movies, spending time with my daughter, handling my portfolio, theater (Patti Bailey)
- ♦ Garden/Travel with our Vintage Chevy Club (Trish Felt)
- ♦ Travel/Gardening (Carol Desenberg)
- ♦ Travel, gardening, visiting with her granddaughter (Candi Clement)
- ♦ Keep up with Texans and Astros (S. Andrews)
- ♦ See grandchildren and travel (Amy)
- ♦ Hike and taste wine (Nan McCreary)
- ♦ Read, cook with family and drink champagne (Teresa Doyle)
- ♦ Plan parties (Angela)
- ♦ Travel, read, workout (Vickie Brunet)
- ♦ Cruise, read, theatre (Kathy Fenninger)
- ♦ Read, act, wood burning (Lauren Miller)
- ♦ Needlepoint, cooking, reading, and enjoying friends (Susie)
- ♦ Travel, gardens, theatre, symphony, dominoes, read (Martha Raymond)
- ♦ Hiking, gardening, volunteering (Pam Longley)
- ♦ Meet with good friends (Ann O'Connor)
- ♦ Travel for research for my plays (Trish Barry Rumble)
- ♦ Play golf (Norma Guillen)



2018 STAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Quarter 1 - Lauren Miller

Quarter 2 - Danika Haselden

Quarter 3 - Teresa Doyle



Programs

Our November guest speaker will be Lincee Ray, blogger and pop culture entrepreneur of ihategreenbeans.com. She is a native Texan and now writes for Entertainment Weekly and Associated Press.

“I began blogging accidentally when I wrote a recap for the beloved show everyone loves to hate — The Bachelor. What began as a place for closeted fans to commune and discuss the wonder that is Our Host Chris Harrison slowly morphed into a place where I share stories about everyday life.

One day, my Bachelor recap landed on the desk of an editor at Entertainment Weekly. That sweet woman quickly deduced that I am a pop culture weirdo who probably watches all of the teenybopper shows on The CW. She was right. When I’m not watching TV for a living, you can probably find me speaking to various groups of women, including business and church groups. If all else fails, look for me in a darkened movie theater or at a live music venue.

I taught myself to say the ABCs backwards as a child. It kills at parties. I really do hate green beans and am a little too enthusiastic about Netflix, mix tapes and holiday-themed Oreos.”



“I also believe that it’s important to tell your story—even the ones that make you seem a little crazy.”

New Member Spotlight

Welcome to all of our new 2018 members!

Deborah Healon

Karen Sotallaro

Nataly Hesser

Donaday Chapman

Liz Cloud

Susan Boyle Zeveney

Ginger Abbott

Marilyn D Drane

Vicki L Brooks

Heather A McConnell

Victory Iyamah

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St. Anne Catholic Church

Christmas Brass & Harp

Sat. Dec. 1, 2018, 4:00 pm | Rutter: *Gloria* | Britten: Ceremony of Carols | Pinkham: Cantata
S. Main Baptist Church

Brahms & Other Classics

Sat. Feb. 23, 2019, 4:00 pm | Works by Brahms and other Choral Masters
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