



NEWSLETTER

Women Making a Difference in Business and the Community

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Rhonda Parker
President 2020

Letter from the President

Season of Change

We are in the last quarter of the year, which is my favorite time of year... Fall. It's when the leaves change colors, the weather changes to cooler nights and less humid days. It is at this time that I often reflect on the current year, along with the year to come. Change to me is "adapting" or "modifying" things in your life. Those things can relate to your job or the stage of life you are in. Some of you have changed careers, retired, become "empty nesters" or even

expanded your family with grandchildren. These things are all part of the season of change during our life cycle.

2020 has been unique and unlike any year we have ever experienced before. We've seen change in our society in so many ways. Things such as the way we have contact and communicate with one another, how and where we do business and even the way we educate our children. Whether we like it or not, we have had to accept all these extreme changes in our lives over the past several months.

Our TPG club has also experienced change, but in many positive ways. We have updated our logo, adapted to having our meetings and special events via Zoom, modified the guidelines on accepting new members to meet today's professional women's needs, and TPG has become more present on social media platforms, which will allow us to adapt to future seasons of change.

October 2020

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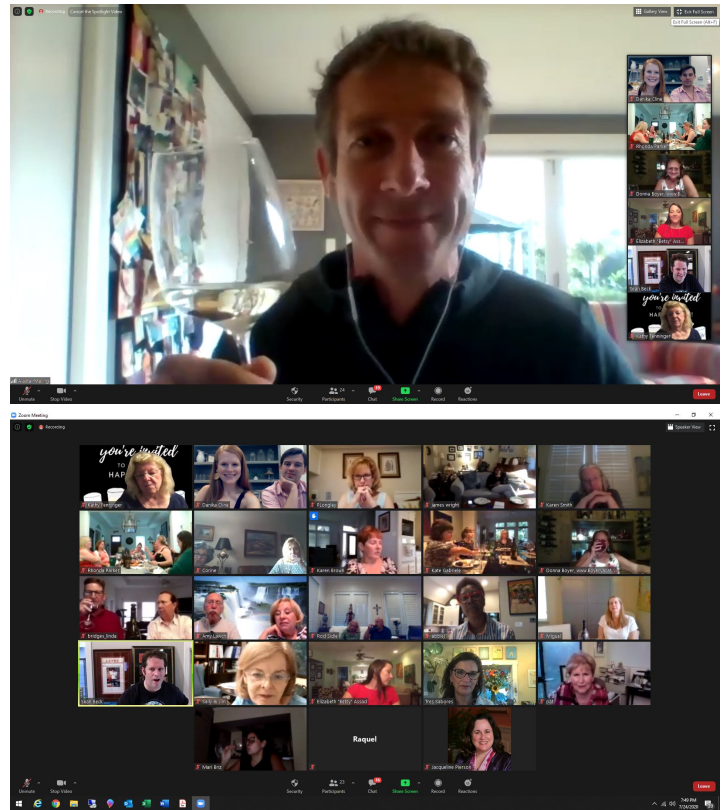
In the coming days, I will be sharing the benefits of renewing your membership for 2021. I look forward to hearing about the positive impact our organization has had on you this past year. The board and I are always available to hear suggestions and ideas.

It has been an honor to serve as the 2020 TPG President.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Parker

WHAT HAPPENED THIS QUARTER



RIGHT: Attending the Federation of Houston Professional Women annual "Women of Excellence" Gala! We are so honored to have Pam Longley representing TPG as our Women of Excellence for 2020!

LEFT: The Special Interests and Events Committee hosted a virtual wine dinner with Backstreet Cafe on July 24th. Sean Beck, Sommelier at Backstreet Cafe, was the moderator. The group tasted three wonderful wines with special guest winemakers. One of the special guests was from Wairu, New Zealand! We also had a fabulous four course dinner to enjoy while tasting our wines in the comfort of our own home via Zoom! Thank you to all who participated!



Happy Birthday!



10/6	Karen Sotallaro
10/6	Raquel Santos Ramos
10/7	Nan McCreary
10/7	Shirley A Downing
10/8	Vicki L Brooks
10/16	Margie Poole
10/16	Trish Strangmeyer Felt
10/20	Suzanne E Speak
10/28	Joyce Greenfield
10/30	Susan Parish
11/1	Patti H Bailey
11/2	Liz Cloud
11/4	Marianne K Spencer
11/8	Sonya J Scott
11/13	Karen McCullough
11/15	Mari Briz
11/21	Leona M Urbish
11/21	Abbie J Brothers
12/5	Lynda Broussard
12/6	Pat Y Hogan-Korge
12/8	Joni Weir
12/15	Marilyn D Drane
12/21	Kristie Manning

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Corine Prieto has started writing articles for the Houston Business Journal.

Check out her first article here: https://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2020/09/18/a-checklist-for-building-client-consultant-business-success.html?iana=cco_author_news

My business has survived and just wanted to let the group know that all is going well. March and half of April were a bit hairy, however once Easter hit, we have been able to keep the ball rolling. Now, with the fall season upon us, we will be busy with the upcoming holidays.

Take care, Elaine Nevarez @ Elaine's Florist & Gift Baskets

Here are 10 Travel Ideas with minimum travel from Donna Boyer:
[Minimum Travel, Maximum Vacation](#)

Families, couples, and groups are all looking to get together with the least stress and health concerns. It is time for out-of-box ideas that you may have not considered in the past. Here are 10 ideas to achieve a MAXIMUM vacation with minimal travel. All these recommendations are customizable for your interests and special requests.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We sure are missing you ladies! We are looking for stories and articles to include in the next newsletter. Now is the time to tell us how YOU are doing! Is there a local hero that you would like to spotlight? Do you have any tips for baking that perfect loaf of bread? What have you binge watched lately? Did Carole Baskin really kill her husband? If you have any interesting stories or articles that you would like to be considered to be included, please email Lauren Becerra-Gongora at lbb5626@gmail.com

New to TPG? Join a Committee!

TPG has many committee opportunities open to all members. Committees are an essential part of this organization for planned events throughout the year. These committees are a great way to get involved and meet other TPG members. If you have interest in being on a committee please contact the committee chair.

Communication · Deb Korkmas · dkorkmas@edens.com

Guests & Member Services · Kate Gabriele · kategabriele@yahoo.com

Meeting Coordination · Cindy Jennings · cjennings@carltonstaffing.com

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TPG Membership Requirements

To become a member of The Professional Group, a woman must:

- Attend one breakfast and/or committee-sponsored event as a member-sponsored guest
- Have a background in either corporate or entrepreneurial profession. Retired women are welcome!
- Be sponsored by an existing member, fill out the online application and be approved by the Board.

Don't have a sponsor? Have questions? Please contact the chair of Guests and Member Services, Kate Gabriele, and she will be happy to introduce you to one of our members. Send an email to membership@tpghouston.org

Caring and Concerns

If you or someone you know in TPG has an immediate need due to illness or other critical circumstances, please contact Caring and Concerns at tpgcaring@yahoo.com.



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TPG Monthly Sponsor

TPG Monthly Sponsorship is a great opportunity to feature your business or organization at a Monthly Breakfast Meeting, in the Monday Announcements and TPG Quarterly Newsletter.

For details please contact Teresa Doyle at teresa.doyle@comcast.net

Guidelines:

- Must be a current TPG member.
- Sponsorship is on a first come basis.
- Registration for sponsorship is posted on the TPG website under Events Calendar. It is up to the sponsor to register for this event.
- The cost of sponsorship is \$100. The fee must be paid when reserving a sponsoring month and does not include the cost for the breakfast. You will still need to register for the breakfast as normal.
- Sponsorship is limited to one within a six-month period.
- Sponsor may not switch or trade with someone for another month without the Board's approval.
- Sponsors are responsible for their own items at the breakfast meeting. They may arrive at 6:30 am to set up. Items must be taken off the tables no later than 8:45 am.

Any changes to the sponsorship program or calendar must have board approval.



The purpose of The Professional Group is to provide women of diverse professions with opportunities for building relationships and networks of personal and business associations through informative monthly presentations, professional development programs, educational and social activities, and philanthropic endeavors.