



The Business Buzz

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Wichita Falls Texas Business Women

October 2009



Imagine More With The President

We had a wonderful time at Fall Conference! Our Region 7 Director, Lana Bernardin, did an outstanding job. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed some great networking with other TBW members, and a great presentation by our Texas State President Beth Johnson. Congratulations to Rita Vokes for being elected to serve as Region 7 Director and Meredith Kennedy-Lee for being elected to serve as Region 7 Treasurer. Two state officers and some state committee chairs as well as many members of other regions also attended the conference. It was like a "mini" State Convention.

As many of you know, October 19th marks the beginning of National Business Women's Week (NBWW). This is a yearly event celebrated by clubs across the nation. Locally, we are planning our own activities as well. To kick off the week, on Tuesday, October 20th, we will celebrate with a reading of the Proclamation at the City Council meeting and then later that evening will be the Em-

ployer of the Year Reception (TBA), followed by a Happy Hour to meet and greet the Women of the Year candidates on October 21 and the Woman of the Year Banquet on Thursday October 22. This is where we will name our Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year. The Woman of the Year committee has sent invitations to many local businesswomen to attend our NBWW Banquet. I encourage everyone to attend all or at least some of these events.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings and special events this month since October is a very special month for TBW. Until next time.

Imagine More!

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TBW NEW MEMBER PROFILES

by Rita Vokes, 2nd V.P., Membership Chair

Please welcome our **SIX newest TBW Members:**

Josephine Cuevas is a college professor with Corinthian Colleges, Inc and works remotely with her students on line. She has a Master's of Business Administration and is married to Jason. They have a son, Jared. She puts God first and enjoys playing the piano. Her phone number is (940) 228-7157 and her email is Josephine_cuevas@msn.com. She was born on Aug 27.

Mary Jo Lasater was the recipient of a TBW sponsorship and came to our club "between jobs" but has just recently started a new venture with "The Traveling Vineyard," an in-home wine tasting business (sounds like FUN to me!) She books parties and brings a variety of wines from all over the world to people's homes for them to sample. She is certified in NASD series 10, series 7 and series 65 as well as has a Texas license for life and health insurance. She is single and enjoys reading, cooking, gardening (and wine tasting!) Her phone number is (940) 642-8997 and her email is MJLasater@nts-online.net Her birthday is Dec 31 and her sponsor is Teresa Schreiber.

Cynthia Taylor is in sales with IKON Office Solutions and has a Bachelor of Science degree. She is single and enjoys gardening, cooking and shopping. She also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Her phone number is (940) 691-0209 (wk); email her at cynthia-taylor@sbcglobal.net. Her birthday is January 3.

Patty Taylor is the Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association. She has a Bachelor of Science degree. She is single and enjoys hiking, camping and paper crafts. Her phone number is (940) 232-1119 (Home); 767-8800 (Work); email her at patty.taylor@alz.org She was born on March 4 and Jaime Feaster is her sponsor.

Jennifer Thomas is the owner of Everyday Experiences.com She has a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations from the University of Florida and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Her hobbies are shopping, reading, spending time with family and friends. Her phone number is (940) 704-2128 and email is jenniferthomas21@aol.com Aug 21 is her birthday and Sally Gray is her sponsor.

Debra Walker, FNP-BC, DNP is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice. She is a full-time faculty member at MSU in the graduate nursing program and works part-time with Dr. Bartel. She is in the process of starting her own business and should be "up and running" by December 09. Her hobbies include motorcycles and scrap booking. She is married and has five children. Her phone number is (940) 691-1504 (Home); 631-5428 (cell). Email her at Debra.Walker@mwsu.edu Her birthday is Feb 7 and Rita Vokes is her sponsor.

Seek out these new members and find out more about their work, interests and why they joined our club.

Mark your calendar for THURSDAY, 15 October. Join us for social networking at the **Oyster Bar and Grill on Kell** at 5-5:30 or whenever you can get there! Enjoy some liquid refreshments, snacks and great conversation with your TBW sisters!



National Business Women's Week

by Meredith Kennedy, NBWW/WOY Chair

During the third week of October Wichita Falls Texas Business Women will recognize the 90th National Business Women's Week and celebrate the advancement of women over the past 90 years. During this week, we recognize a local business that has promoted women in the workplace. This year, we are excited to announce that Midwestern State University has been chosen as the Employer of the Year. Please plan to attend all the great activities we have planned for the week:

- October 20, 2009, Proclamation at City Council
- October 20, 2009, Employer of the Year Reception at Midwestern State University
- October 21, 2009, Happy Hour to meet and greet the Woman of the Year candidates at the Oyster Bar
- October 22, 2009, Woman of the Year Banquet at the Holiday Inn by the Falls

This year's keynote speaker at the Woman of the Year Banquet is Kathy Roberts, Professor, Midwestern State University, who will speak about women's equality, voting, and leadership. The following women have been nominated for Woman of the Year:

- Cheryl Cogdell
- Sheryl Moses
- Sandra Sims
- Brenda Wehmeier-Brothers
- Cheryl Zachary

Invitations to the Woman of the Year banquet will be sent soon. Please make your reservation to attend this wonderful event and support our local Woman of the Year.

If you have any questions about National Business Women's week, please contact Meredith Kennedy at 766-1388 (work) or 733-8418 (cell).

October Birthdays

1—Margaret Scales; 10—Sandra Sims; 17—Martha Hall; 20—Joyce Guess

Happy Birthday Ladies!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

TBW meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at noon, Luby's, 1801 9th St, (back entrance says "Monarch Catering"), Wichita Falls, TX.

OCTOBER

- 6 Board Meeting—noon—Kemp Center Texas Room
- 8 Regular Meeting—Noon—Luby's
- 15 Social Networking 5:00-6:30
Oyster Bar & Grill, 4214 Kell (next to Breland's Fitness Center)
- 19-23 National Business Women's Week
- 20 Proclamation at City Hall 8:20 am
- 20 Employer of the Year Reception 5:30 pm
- 21 Social Networking—Meet Woman of the Year Candidates
Oyster Bar & Grill, 4214 Kell (next to Breland's Fitness Center)
- 22 Woman of the Year Banquet—Holiday Inn, 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 5 Board Meeting— noon— Kemp Center
- 12 Regular Meeting—Noon—Luby's
- 19 Social Networking 5:00-6:30
Oyster Bar & Grill, 4214 Kell (next to Breland's Fitness Center)

December

- 3—Board Meeting—Noon—Kemp Center
- 10—Regular Meeting—Noon—Luby's
- 17—Social Networking 5:00-6:30
Oyster Bar & Grill, 4214 Kell (next to Breland's Fitness Center)



Rita Vokes (r.) presents New Membership Certificate to Paula Johnson (l.)



New Member,
Kristin Alexander



New Member,
Josephina Serraro de Puckett



Rita Vokes (left) and President Sheryl Moses (right) present new member ship awards to Nadia Saipoo, Mary Jo Lasater, Cynthia Taylor.



A Look Back at September's Program Meeting

by Edwina Wight, Pres. Elect/Issues Management

Our September program meeting was given by Immediate Past President Sandra Sims. She began her program with a short clip titled "Did You Know", that featured information on the global sharing of information. Wow!!! It was mind boggling! Sandra covered the Social Media for Business and the Social Media for Professional Development and finally, Social Media for just fun. There are just "pages" for businesses/churches. On all the sites, you share your personal information with your comfort level. It is a great non-confrontational way to stay in touch with people, friends, family and business contacts. You need to determine your goal in connecting and the level you are interested in. You need to monitor your children's online activities. You can connect with other parents and get parenting tips. For all the websites that Sandra talked about, you can easily access them thru this site: www.delicious.com/sandra72/tbw.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will not be having a noon program meeting in October. In place of this will be our Woman of the Year banquet that evening at the Holiday Inn.

Legislation

by Penny Miller, Legislation Chair

November Constitutional Amendment Election

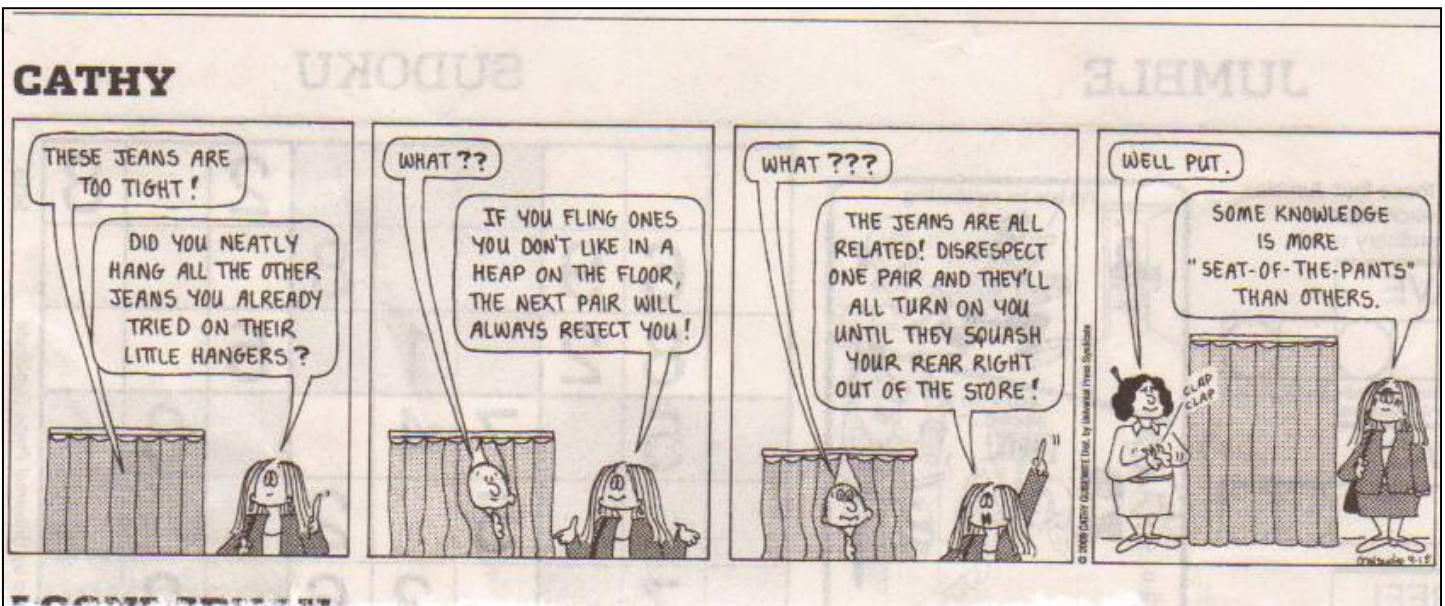
Texas will have several constitutional amendments on the ballot in November. If you would like to know more, Dr. Mike Preda from Midwestern State University will be speaking about the amendments at the next monthly League of Women Voters meeting. The meeting will be October 7 at Luby's Cafeteria. If you wish to eat, please select your food and have a seat in the meeting room before the meeting starts at noon. The meeting will end by 1:00. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge to attend, other than any lunch you might choose to purchase from Luby's. If you would like more information, contact Penny Miller at 867-9761.



BRAGS:

We welcome your brags! If you have anyone (person or pet) that you want to brag on, feel FREE to e-mail me and they will be posted here. You do not have to be a member to brag. And it's FREE!

E-mail brags to Cheryl at tlumina99@nts-online.net.



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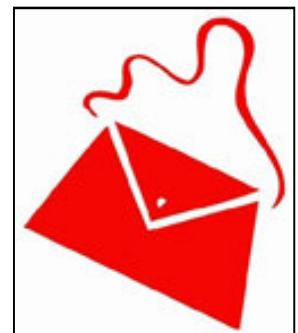
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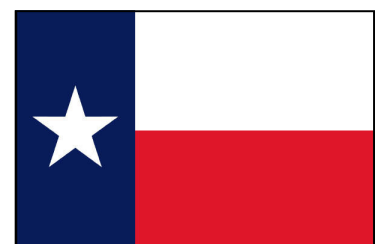
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