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The AUGUST 2017 Newsletter

Join us for our Tuesday, August 1, 2017 Breakfast Meeting

Meet Kim Ogg:

An Update on the State of the Harris County District Attorney's Office



DA Ogg emphasizes collaborative efforts between the Harris County District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement to narrow the focus of police and prosecutors alike on the violent offenders who pose the largest danger to the public.

Licensed by the State Bar of Texas in 1987, and recognized as a specialist in Criminal Law by the Board of Legal Specialization since 1992, DA Ogg has a track record of public service and thirty years professional experience to rely on as she works to reform the Harris County criminal justice system.

A native Houstonian, DA Ogg received her law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston in 1986, and her undergraduate degree in Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.

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President's Message



Hope

Last month's speaker was Cristina Vetrano, President and CEO of CanCare who has been in her position for just over one year. Cristina said that she wanted to "further the work of an organization that has been dedicated to its mission for 26 years." The mission of CanCare is to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families. CanCare connects volunteers who have overcome the disease with patients who are undergoing treatment for a similar type of cancer.

Our table topic centered on the discussion of how cancer has impacted our lives. I think all of us, unfortunately, can say we know a friend or have a family member who has experienced cancer or who is undergoing treatment. Cristina noted that "Support provided by someone who has traveled down this road before and come out triumphant is an essential piece when faced with the emotional challenges of fighting cancer." The volunteers provide hope that a healthy, cancer free future is possible.

The very moving poem below was written by a CanCare volunteer.

Hope is the *compass* that guides when our life goes off course.

Hope is the *anchor* that holds when our health is drifting away.

Hope is the *medicine* that heals when our body is diseased.

Hope is the *power* that strengthens when our muscles become weak.

Hope is the *comfort* that soothes when pain invades our body.

Hope is the *joy* that delights when our heart is full of sadness.

Hope is the *smile* that flashes when we are about to cry.

Hope is the *love* that binds when we receive a hug.

Hope is the *friend* that answers when cancer knocks on the door.

Larry Latimer 2009

Tongue Cancer Survivor and CanCare Volunteer

I'm excited about two things in the month of August! First is hearing our District Attorney, Kim Ogg speak at the breakfast meeting on August 1 and second is that August is Restaurant Weeks in Houston. Teresa Doyle and the Networking Committee have put together a wonderful group of restaurants to visit where we can gather round the table and experience a delicious meal with friends while helping Food Banks in Houston. Be sure to register for the breakfast meeting and for one (or all) of the TPG Restaurant Weeks opportunities.

Lynda Broussard

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Fun at the Buffalo Bayou Cistern Tour in May



On May 6, 2017 the TPG members and guests met to tour the Buffalo Bayou Cistern Tour with the special Museum of Fine Arts installation of "Rain — Magdalena Fernandez at the Houston Cistern".

The Cistern was built in 1926 as a drinking water reservoir, decommissioned in 2007 and was rediscovered when the Buffalo Bayou Park project was underway. We saw a light show which was projected against the 221 columns holding up the 25 foot ceiling of the Cistern in geometric shapes.

If you have not taken a tour of this unique artifact from Houston's waterworks then we encourage you to do so.

TPG BOOK BABES

If you enjoy reading, please join the TPG Book Club. It's a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and friendship. Guest are welcome! Registration is open on the TPG website. For more information, contact **Corine Prieto**, **TJ Jeter-McAvoy**, or **Rhonda Parker**.

TPG Book Club Reading Selections for the rest of 2017:

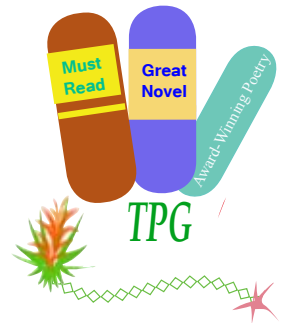
August 26 - "What Remains of Heaven" by C. S. Harris

September 23 - "The Spy" by Paulo Coelho

October 28 - "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie

November 25 - "The Dry" by Jane Harper

December 16 - TPG Book Babes Holiday Party



PLEASE NOTE:

Reading selections

are subject to change.

Updates will be posted

in Monday Announcements

and in the Newsletter.



Second Quarter 2017 Star Pin Award

Congratulations to **KIM JENKINS**, who is our latest Star Pin recipient! She is shown left at our July meeting with **Sally Andrews**, prior Star Pin recipient.



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Mentor Matchup

In the spirit of our 2017 mantra "Grow With Us", TPG will begin a Mentor Matchup. One of the benefits of this effort is to foster the ability to mentor, share our skills and learn from each other. Mentor Matchup will be a new column in the newsletter. This column will provide members the opportunity to place their name in the Mentor Matchup site on the newsletter as either a Mentor – sharing skills and abilities or as a Mentee – looking for a special skill or ability.

Please note: It will be up to each Mentee to reach out to the Mentor to express interest in forming a relationship with the Mentor. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor or Mentee, please contact **Claudia Ruggiero, 713-898-7444** or email her at cgwoods@gmail.com and she will add you to this listing. Best of luck to all of our participants!

July Meeting Highlight



The speaker for July was Christina Vetrano, CEO of CanCare. Her story was compelling and touched all attendees.

News from Florida



Hi,

I am starting to really miss our friends and of course TPG which has been part of my life for so many years.

We are staying at my Aunt's vacation home in an area called Sun City Center. We think this is the area we want to live in, but finding a house is a bit challenging. We will find a place I am sure, we have only been here less than a month, and the first week was getting organized.

Unfortunately my husband Steve is having hernia surgery on Aug. 3, he will have a 6 week recovery. Lifting all those boxes did him in. I also have to requalify for my certification the following week,

so I am studying and working on my assignments now. I am sure things will all work out.

This is the rainy season here, so the birds flock on the golf course at the back of my Aunt's house.

Best Regards,

Jane Brennom

jbrennom@att.net

REMINDER FROM THE TPG CARING AND CONCERNS GROUP

**The Chair for the Caring and Concerns Committee,
a sub-committee of Philanthropy,
is Kim Jenkins.**

**She can be reached by email at tpgcaring@yahoo.com
(checked daily)**

**If you need assistance,
or if you know a member who may have a need,
please let her know.**



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\$100 to be a TPG Monthly Sponsor

One (1) TPG Sponsor will be featured at monthly Breakfast Meetings. Such Sponsor will be able to present a 60 second "elevator speech" about their business and shall receive a full-page Company write-up and logo in the monthly TPG newsletter for such month. Sponsors may also place Company "swag" goodies with business cards at every table at their breakfast meeting.

Now accepting monthly sponsors for June through December 2017.

Guidelines:

- Participants may sign up for only one sponsorship within a six-month period.
- The \$100 fee must be paid when reserving a sponsoring month.
- The \$100 fee is non-refundable if the participant cannot fulfill their monthly commitment.
- Participants may not switch or trade with someone for another month without the Board's permission.

For information, please contact Rhonda Parker at rap@attorneyresource.com or 972-984-0654.

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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO TPG MEMBERS

Jules A Harris-Moore	August 7
Barbara H Staley	August 9
Carol Gradziel	August 15
Lauren Miller	August 16
Amorette N Bryant	August 26
Mary Magin	August 27
Kathleen Fenninger	August 28

Did we miss listing your birthday? We really want to congratulate *you*. We need your help in updating the TPG Website!



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Good old summertime,
"Back in your own back yard."

Interested in advertising your business or services to fellow TPG members?

There is space available for advertising in our monthly newsletter! Advertise your business for the low cost of \$25 a month or reduce the cost further by paying \$125, in advance, for six months of advertising.

The standard ad size is that of a business card. At no additional cost you may include a link to your website which will be printed below your business card ad.

Not only are you able to network with fellow TPG members, your advertising dollars help to defray the cost of our newsletter and website.

If you are interested in exploring an ad in the monthly TPG Newsletter, please email:

Kim Jenkins,

kjenkins@bentransact.com

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Breakfast Reservation Form – Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Coffee and Networking at 6:45 a.m. Buffet served promptly at 7:00 a.m.

Register for the breakfast online at www.tpghouston.org by **Thursday, July 28, 2017** to receive the lowest price. The process is easy and very user friendly!

Registrants & Fees	Member \$25.00	Fee After 7/28/2017	\$35.00
	Guest \$35.00	Fee After 7/28/2017	\$35.00

PLEASE NOTE: Once you have registered, you owe the fee for the breakfast even if you do not attend.

Club Express Tips:

- You will receive two emails: an email confirmation of your reservation and a second email with confirmation of your online payment. If you do not receive two confirmations after registering online, please contact Cindy Jennings at cjennings@carltonstaffing.com
- If you don't see the "Register" box, scroll to the right, or scroll down. If you cannot remember if you have registered, click on "Registrants" on the event page and you can see all who are registered.
- If you have trouble, change your browser. Close out and open Mozilla Firefox rather than Internet Explorer.

NOTE: Online reservations end at midnight on THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2017. Make checks payable to The Professional Group. Your cancelled check serves as your receipt. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Reservations are not transferable to another member or guest and cannot be made by telephone. No reservation will be accepted after the deadline without approval of the Meeting Coordinator, on a space available basis. To request approval after this deadline, email cjennings@carltonstaffing.com A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to the base cost, IF space is available, and IF the reservation is accepted.

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