



NEWSLETTER

Women Making a Difference in Business and the Community

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Rhonda Parker
President 2020

Letter from the President

It's a New Year and a New Decade!

I am honored to be the 2020 President of this wonderful organization. Our 2020 theme is Show Up! Reach Out! Give Back! And that is just what I plan to do. Show up at the monthly breakfasts and all the wonderful events that are being planned for this year. Reach out to other members by making new

connections and friends, along with reaching out to the organizations that TPG partners with such as Angela House & KIPP. Give back to the TPG club with your time on a committee or volunteer with the organizations mentioned earlier.

My goal this year is to connect with our community by Showing Up, Reaching Out and Giving Back. I look forward to all of the exciting things this coming year has to offer and hope you do too!

SHOW UP!
REACH OUT!
GIVE BACK!

Letter from the Ex-Officio



Mary Magin
President 2019

December, 2019

This is it, TPG! My last letter as President. Thank you! It has been a privilege to meet and get to know you better this past year. Frankly, I'm looking forward to sitting at any table I want for the monthly breakfast. I've missed table topics with you.

Thank you so very much to the 2019 TPG Board for their work this year putting together interesting breakfast presentations and opportunities to volunteer, network and learn. We re-joined FHPW in this year giving members another outlet for networking and philanthropy.

Welcome! To the 13 women who joined TPG this year. We're delighted to have you and look forward to getting to know you better.

Give your new TPG Board your support so that they can support you.

Thank you once again for allowing me to be President of TPG. You are an extraordinary group of women and I am truly grateful for the honor. I wish you a Peaceful and Happy Holiday Season and a new year that exceeds all your hopes and expectations.

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In January, Marianne Spencer awarded the Star pin to Shirley. Sonia accepted the award on Shirley's behalf. Congrats!



TPG Halloween Game Night! Hosted by the one and only Sister Teresa!



Such a fabulous time at the TPG Autumn Afternoon Tea!

TPG BOOK BABES



Selection for 2020

January – Ticker by Mimi Swartz
 February – The Last Widow by Karin Slaughter
 March – The Andromeda Evolution by Michael Crichton
 April – How to Walk Away by Katherine Center
 May – America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
 June – The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

Reading list is subject to change. Please see Monday Announcements for current list

Meeting Dates

Meetings are held from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 at 21 Briar Hollow Lane, Houston, TX 77027

Registration online is required.

Bring \$10.00 for brunch.

January 18
 February 22
 March 28
 April 25
 May 23
 June 27
 July 25
 August 22
 September 26
 October 24
 November 28
 December 19



February 4 Breakfast

Don't forget, Nikky LaWell will be taking TPG Member portraits beginning at 6:30 a.m.

She makes everyone look great! Thanks, Nikky!

Join us to hear Bob Ethington!

Director of Research & Economic Development for Uptown Houston District
Bob will be speaking about new development in Uptown, The Boulevard Project, METRO Rapid Transit and the master plan for Memorial Park.



Uptown Houston is the very heart of a city that pulses with the energy of its diverse residents and visitors. Nestled alongside the re-envisioned Memorial Park and the world-famous Galleria, Uptown Houston is our boardroom, our playground, our sanctuary, and our home. It is a unique urban environment where international business professionals, fashionistas, city dwellers, and tourists from around the globe all converge for life's

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at the George Theater

When: Sunday, February 16, 2020
2:30 PM until 5:00 PM

Where: The George Theater
5420 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056

A.D. Players presents Guess Who's Coming to Dinner by Todd Kreidler based on the screenplay by William Rose. Ticket will be given to you the day of the event. Note: Guests/non-members are available to sign up starting on January 29th. Cost will be \$50 for Members and \$55 for guests/non-members. Dinner to follow at Seasons 52 - please register on the separate event if you are attending dinner as well!

Registration is required before Tuesday, February 04, 2020. Payment In Advance Only



Happy Birthday!

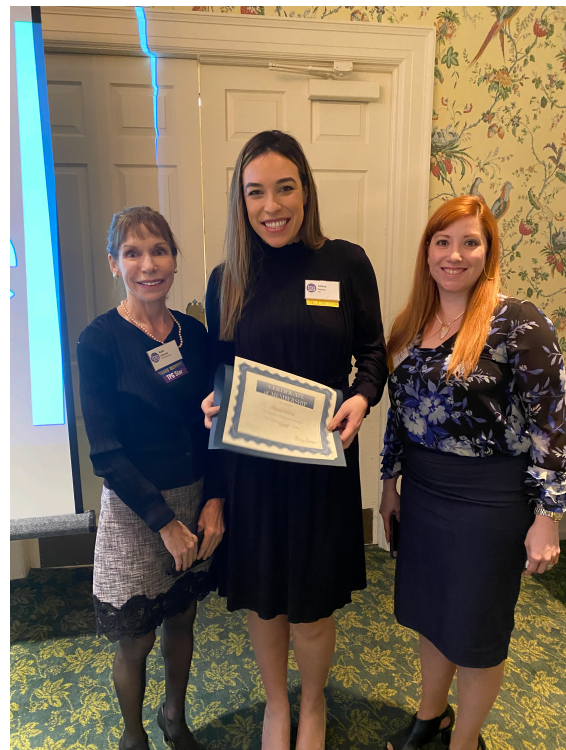


- 1/12 Angela D Vabulas
- 1/12 Carol Desenberg
- 1/14 Kathleen Knolle
- 1/17 Jan LeBlanc
- 1/17 Elizabeth M Assad
- 1/18 Sharron Mapel
- 1/20 Pamela S Longley
- 1/21 Anne Swanson
- 1/23 Liliana Padron
- 1/24 Karen R Brown
- 2/2 Cindy Jennings
- 2/4 Cheryl B Watkins
- 2/8 Claudia Ruggiero
- 2/10 Cathlin M Webster
- 2/11 Gale Y Evans
- 2/11 Sarah A Cortez
- 2/12 Norma Garza Guille
- 2/16 Joellen Snow
- 2/23 Carla Vigilante
- 3/5 Susan B Loberg
- 3/5 Sally S Andrews
- 3/9 Sue Liska
- 3/19 Stacey J Ransleber
- 3/27 Karen A Smith
- 3/27 Lorry F Harju
- 3/30 Susan V Missiha

Welcome New Members



December Breakfast Meeting



January Breakfast Meeting

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.

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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.



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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.