



## THE PROFESSIONAL GROUP HOUSTON

Women Making a Difference in Business and the Community

**"Grow With US"**  
Established 1982

**The October 2017 Newsletter**

**Please join us for our Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

**Complimentary Breakfast Meeting**

**MEMBERS ONLY—Annual Business Meeting**

 **Please plan to attend this important meeting. We have several important business matters, including the election of the 2018 Board, and fun activities on the agenda.**

**[Register at www.tpghouston.org](http://www.tpghouston.org)**

**Please note that if you were registered for the September breakfast and/or registered for the October breakfast before the fee requirement was removed, a credit has been issued to your account which may be used for the November breakfast meeting or any other future event.**

**You must register for the breakfast in order to attend as we will need an accurate count for the Junior League. No "walk-ins" can be accepted.**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

**Vote for the 2018 Board Members by October 1, 2017**

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.

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# President's Message

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Warm Greetings to Everyone.

I don't ever recall another time in our history when the TPG breakfast meeting was cancelled because Houston was so devastated. Everyone in our wonderful city has experienced a life-changing event. Some of us, obviously, more impacted than others. It seems that regardless of the life-threatening situations, we have witnessed and experienced wholesale kindness, selflessness, and generosity in spite of this hardship.

Consider the following quote:

"We face up to awful things because we can't go around them, or forget them. The sooner you say 'Yes, it happened, and there's nothing I can do about it,' the sooner you can get on with your own life. ... What we have to get over, somehow we do. Even the worst things."

— Annie Proulx, *The Shipping News*

I would add to that quote...What we have to get over, somehow we do, with the help of our family, friends and neighbors.

Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who has been impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

If any member needs assistance, please contact a TPG board member or a member of the M.A.D. Committee with your needs and we will make every effort to organize support.

On behalf of The Professional Group (TPG) and the Making-A-Difference (M.A.D.) committee, our club is making the following donations to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund – Greater Houston Community Foundation (<https://ghcf.org/hurricane-relief/>) - \$2,000

Houston Food Bank (<http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/>) - \$1,000

Houston SPCA (<http://www.houstonspca.org/programs-and-services/disaster-services.html>) - \$1,000

Yours sincerely,

Lynda Broussard

2017 TPG President

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October is

National Breast Cancer

Awareness Month

Please remember to have your  
mammograms done.



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## MAD Committee Clothing Drive for Angela House

Since the September meeting was cancelled, we will collect for Angela House at the October meeting!

Last chance: If you have been thinking about purging your wardrobe, now is the time! The MAD Committee will be collecting gently worn clothing (mainly size 12 and above), shoes (mainly size 7 and above), and accessories such as costume jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, etc. at the October breakfast meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Trish Strangmeyer Felt at [trishphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:trishphoto@yahoo.com)

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**Keep our members  
in the  
spotlight!**

**Your committee news and photos belong here!  
We love to highlight our TPG activities and accomplishments.  
Send to Kim Jenkins by  
Thursday, October 5 for the November issue.**

## COOKING CLASS WITH MONICA POPE

Saturday, October 14 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$65. Members or nonmembers

Sparrow Cookshop

3701 Travis at Alabama, Houston

Register online for the class

Contact with questions: Linda Bridges,

[bridges\\_linda@swbell.net](mailto:bridges_linda@swbell.net) or call 713-725-4920

## Let's Sparkle with Farkle

### TPG GAME NIGHT

The Networking Committee invites you to a Fun-Filled Evening of Farkle

Friday, October 20, 2017 • 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location to be determined.

No charge to register online.

Guests are welcome: \$15.00

Go to [www.tpghouston.org](http://www.tpghouston.org), Event Calendar and click on October 20 Game Night

For questions or more information contact:

Teresa Doyle: 713-498-8498; T

[Teresa.doyle@comcast.net](mailto:Teresa.doyle@comcast.net)



## UPDATE: 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:

October 28 — "Lincoln and the Bardo" by George Saunders

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 the Newsletter.**

### 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](mailto: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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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,**

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Member On  
The Move?**

New job, new address, new husband, new outlook on life...If you have news about yourself, your family, or your company, we would love to share it in the newsletter.

Maybe you've recently received an award or been accepted to head a project; maybe you've had a grandchild or taken a fabulous trip. We want to get to know you better!

Email **Kim L. Creque-Jenkins**, [kjenkins@bentransact.com](mailto:kjenkins@bentransact.com) to be included in the October newsletter!

**Monthly Sponsorships  
Still Available**

**\$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](mailto:rap@attorneyresource.com) or 972-984-0654.**



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**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO TPG MEMBERS**

Nan McCreary	October 7
Shirley A. Downing	October 7
Margie Poole	October 16
Trish Strangmeyer Felt	October 16
Suzanne E. Speak, SHRM-SCP, SPHR	October 20
Myra L. Mayer	October 24
Joyce Greenfield	October 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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## **Breakfast Reservation Form – Tuesday, October 3, 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](http://www.tpghouston.org) by **Saturday, September 30, 2017** The process is easy and very user friendly!

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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](mailto: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 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.**

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](mailto:cjennings@carltonstaffing.com)

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