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**The September 2017 Newsletter**

**Join us for our Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Breakfast Meeting  
when we welcome**

**Dr. Rebecca Richards-Kortum**

**Bioengineer and global health pioneer**

**Founder, Director**

**Rice University 360° Institute for Global Health**



**Rebecca Richards-Kortum's research has been instrumental in improving early detection of cancers and other diseases, especially in low-resources settings.**

**She is currently working with colleagues and undergraduate students to develop a set of technologies to eliminate preventable newborn death in sub-Saharan Africa.**

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# President's Message

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## Priorities

It's easy in the business of our lives to become a reactor — a person who responds to everything the moment it comes up. (Hmmm, that could be me!) When we don't set priorities, we tend to follow the path of least resistance. This approach might work for some, but it could be a recipe for disaster if you are the Harris County District Attorney.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg was our August speaker and the meeting "Table Topic" was, "If you were D.A. for a day, what would be your priorities?"

Given all the possible options for a county with 4.5 million people, setting priorities could be a difficult task. It would be so easy to get caught up in the demands of day-to-day work; however, Ogg presented herself as a leader who has well-defined priorities.

One of her priorities appears to be changing the way Harris County prosecutes misdemeanor marijuana charges. Ogg said approximately \$26.6 million of Harris County tax dollars are spent on the arrest and prosecution of misdemeanor marijuana offenders. Comparatively far fewer tax dollars are spent in the Houston area on the apprehension and prosecution of violent criminals responsible for rape, robbery and burglary.

The idea has been discussed for some time because there are obvious economic and social benefits; however, some disagree arguing people caught with marijuana are breaking the law (and they're right!). After all, the District Attorney is responsible for upholding the laws not setting new ones; however, I believe Ogg's commitment to change prosecution of marijuana possession is less about creating new laws and more about setting priorities.

At some point in our business and personal lives, don't we all have to decide what is most important and funnel time and resources toward those important things?

Do you consciously and regularly set priorities in your life?

Do you live your priorities?

It's not always easy but it IS a way to get more accomplished and feel more in control of life. Here are some ideas about setting priorities:

- Be aware of how you are currently spending your time.
- Assess how satisfied you are with the way you are spending your time.
- Think about and rate the important areas of your life such as career, relationships, personal development, finances, health, fun and service.
- Set new priorities to start doing more of the important things.

I'm grateful for the privilege of deciding what is important to me and having the freedom to live my priorities.

Lynda Broussard

2017 TPG President

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## M. A. D. committee news – September, 2017

We will be collecting clothing (size 12 and up), shoes (size 8 and up), jewelry and other accessories for Angela House for the final time at our September 5, 2017 TPG meeting.

The workshop for the ladies at Angela House on September 23 for job interview skills will be led by **Angela Vabulas**. **Cindy Jennings** will supply the information about EEOC guidelines to help the women navigate through and prevent potential interview discrimination. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the workshop, please contact **Trish Felt** at [trishphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:trishphoto@yahoo.com). Volunteers will be doing role playing with the ladies and there will be a meeting scheduled (to be announced) before the workshop to practice. We will also be bringing light refreshments to the workshop.

**KIPP REPORT:** After **Kim Ogg's** answer to **Mary Magin's** question, "What can we do to support you?", to which Kim said "Go sign up to read with a child at KIPP", we had nine volunteers sign up for the **TPG Reading Program at Kipp Sharpstown Academy!**

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### Cooking class with Monica Pope

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

**\$65. Members or nonmembers**

**3701 Travis at Alabama**

Contact Linda Bridges: [bridges\\_linda@swbell.net](mailto:bridges_linda@swbell.net)

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### Let's Sparkle with Farkle

#### TPG Game Night

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

Join us for fun, light bites, water and tea.  
BYOB for booze. No charge to register online.

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

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## 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:

September 23 — "The Spy" by Paulo Coelho AND a second book — "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie

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.

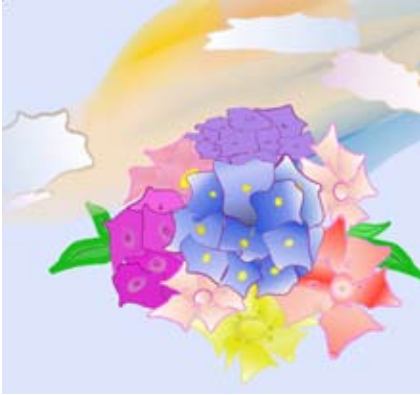
Updates will be posted

in Monday Announcements

and in the Newsletter.

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## Our Condolences



TPG sends sincere condolences to our SONYA SCOTT upon the loss of her father, who passed away August 1, 2017.

Our thoughts are with Sonya and her family.

### 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.**

### August Meeting Highlight

#### **Hump Day Happy Hour**

**When:**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

**5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

**Where:**

**Salt Air Seafood Kitchen**

**3029 Kirby Drive**

**Houston, TX 77098**

**No charge to register online**

**Go to [www.tpghouston.org](http://www.tpghouston.org) Event Calendar**

**and click on September 13 Hump Day Happy Hour.**



TPG thanks August speaker District Attorney Kim Ogg for her outstanding and stimulating presentation.

## 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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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](mailto:kjenkins@bentransact.com)

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO TPG MEMBERS

Theresa Sewell	September 9
Jacqueline T. Pierson	September 16
Elaine Ousley-Nevarez	September 17
Sandy J. Dahlke	September 20
Kaitlyn L. Sharp	September 22
Pamela K. Moore	September 23
Amy Lawch	September 24
Joan M. Gallagher	September 24
Corine Prieto	September 26
Tanya Boucher	September 26



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*Wishing e you a delightful autumn with  
star-studded nights and gentle winds.*

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



**Are You A  
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

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## Breakfast Reservation Form – Tuesday, September 5, 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 **Thursday, August 31, 2017** to receive the lowest price. The process is easy and very user friendly!

Registrants & Fees	Member \$25.00	Fee After August 31, 2017	\$35.00
	Guest \$35.00	Fee After August 31, 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](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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 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](mailto: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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