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**Women Making a Difference in Business and the Community**

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**The December 2017 Newsletter**

**Please join us Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**Guest Performers:**

## **The Harbor Lights Choir**

**You won't want to miss our last Breakfast meeting of the year!**

**December 5, we will gather together and begin this Holiday Season with the Harbor Lights Choir from the Salvation Army.**



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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.

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# President's Message

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## Here's Looking at You, Kid

I can't believe another year is coming to a close and with it, my TPG Presidency. A year can really fly by; and with so much happening in 2017, it was easy to lose track of time.

Our November speaker, film critic Nick Nicholson, reminded us of another way to lose track of time — go see a movie! Movies play a vital role in our lives and our cultures and are usually a pleasant way to spend a few hours.

Around the world, storytelling — and the movie-going experience bring great stories to life. Today, there are more stories and more storytelling mediums than ever before. Producers and filmmakers are continually finding new talent and technologies to weave these tales. At the same time, theater owners are investing in the best ways to bring movies to life with better sound, screens, and special effects. This collaboration — and relentless innovation — among production, distribution, and exhibition is an important reason the global film industry remains strong.

Our member, Beth Garrett, who is a Regional Account Director with NCM Media Network\*, shared some movie statistics with me.

According to Beth, the movie industry could not be stronger. She says, "Cinema is and remains a uniquely immersive experience with its wall-to-wall 50-foot screens, surround sound and its dark environment." Over 750MM movie patrons per year view movies across 1600+ theatres and 20,000+ screens in the NCM network alone which doesn't include other movie theatre exhibitors, such as Landmark and Ipic. In Houston alone, NCM operates in 40 theatres across 661 screens, reaching millions every month, and that doesn't include their competition, such as Screenvision, that operates in River Oaks and a few other theatres in the Greater Houston area. Houston is ranked No. 7 in the country for movie theatres and remains strong, along with the Dallas-Fort Worth Market ranked No. 5 in the nation.

The movie-going experience is very much alive and well. Make sure to check out the new movie club information also in this month's newsletter.

It has been my pleasure and a great honor to serve this year as your president — a memorable experience for which I am grateful.

Kind regards,  
Lynda Broussard  
2017 TPG President

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## December is WORLD AIDS AWARENESS MONTH



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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Leona M. Urbish, PhD Biography

Leona M. Urbish, PhD, is re-joining TPG after an absence of approximately three years, during which she was living in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was President of TPG in 2009.

Leona most recently retired as Associate Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Prior to TAMU-CC, she held similar positions at Rice University and other higher education institutions in the State. Before her academic career, she worked in the private sector as Corporate Secretary and Vice President for a privately-held energy company. Leona received her doctorate from The University of Texas, and has been President or Director of a number of State, professional, civic, and church organizations.

She currently is the Principal of FIRO, LLC. Through FIRO, LLC, she designs and provides robust, strategic and sound research and analytics. She deliberately keeps her client base small in order to leave time to enjoy her family life with husband Glenn Tesch and their four-legged, furry children—two dogs and two cats. For family fun these days, she and family take trips in their motor coach all over the country.



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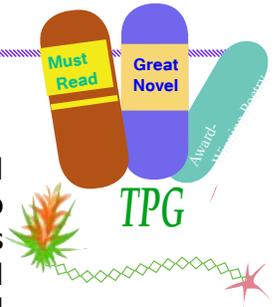
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## UPDATE: TPG BOOK BABES

If you enjoy reading, or want to add to your social calendar, then you need to check out the TPG BOOK BARES. It's a wonderful group of ladies who enjoy discussing books, having fun and forming new friendships! Guests are most welcome! Registration is open on the TPG website. \$10 cash will be collected at the meeting for food & drinks. Registration is still required so that there is a head-count of attendees for food. For questions or more information, contact **Corine Prieto, T.J. Jeter-McAvoy, or Rhonda Parker.**



**SPECIAL NOTE:** Location for the book club meetings changes due to Harvey recovery, so please check the TPG website for updated meeting locations for each event

### UPCOMING BOOK BABES EVENTS:

- **December 16th – TPG Book Club Holiday Pot Luck and “White Elephant” Book Exchange Party.** Please bring a gift-wrapped book to participate in the book exchange and a pot-luck dish to pass. Limited seating available, so register online quickly! For more information, contact **Corine Prieto or Rhonda Parker.**

### Reading List for the first quarter of 2018:

**January – “About Grace” by Anthony Doerr**

**February – “Palace of Treason” by Jason Matthews**

**March– “Shadow of the Wind” by Carlos Ruiz Zafón**

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## TPG Halloween Themed Game Night in October

The TPG Networking committee planned the second game night of the year, and it was a scary good time playing Farkle! In October **TERESA DOYLE** hosted the event, and you can be sure there was lots of fun to be had in her Halloween themed decorated house. Even the food was frighteningly good! The big winners of the night were **Danika Haselden, Honey Leveen, Linda Bridges** and **Susan Smith**. It was a spooky good time!



Appreciation goes to November speaker, film critic Nick Nicholson.

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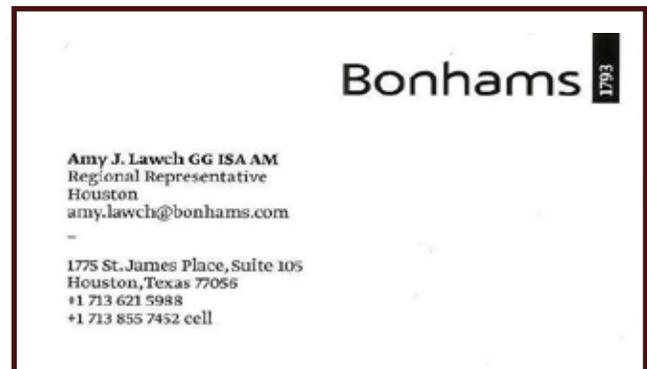
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**Lynda Broussard**                    **December 5**

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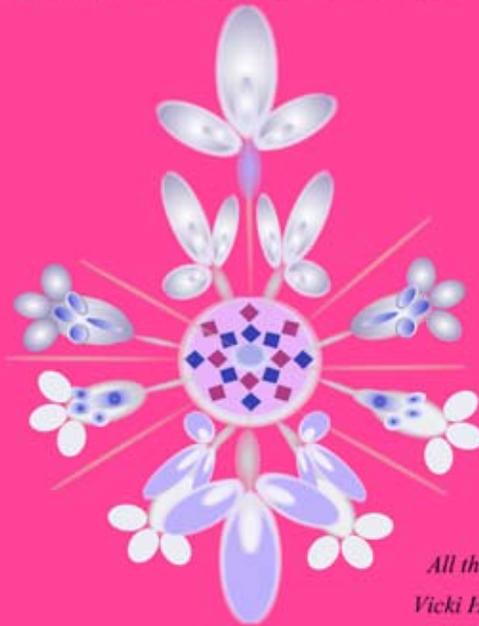
**Sandra Crook**                        **December 29**

**Did we miss listing your birthday?**

**We really want to congratulate you.**

**We need your help in updating the TPG Website!**

*Holiday wishes that your fondest dreams blossom into peaceful and successful days this season and through the coming year.*



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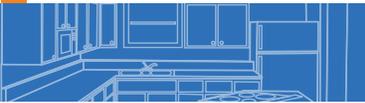
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## **Breakfast Reservation Form – Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

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

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Club Express Tips:

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- 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.
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