

The Wipette for October 2011



MISSION STATEMENT

The Women of Infinite Possibilities (WIP) is dedicated to touching the lives of a thousand women in a powerful way by providing opportunities for women to build relationships, learn about and support community needs, and explore the ideas and options of their own Personal Infinite Possibilities.

Meetings WIP generally meets on the Third Thursday of the month.

Meeting Place Christwood Retirement Community – 100 Christwood Blvd., Covington, LA 70433

Cost Members pay \$5 at regularly scheduled monthly meetings to cover the meeting cost. **Guests are welcome to attend the first meeting for free.** Please come and bring nonperishable food for the Food Bank! Annual membership is only \$30! **Contact Membership Director Cathy Reams at 985.264.0576 or by email at womeninfinitepossibilities@gmail.com**

<u>Standard Meeting Agenda</u>	<u>10 a.m. - 12 noon</u>	<u>Snacks are provided!</u>
10-10:30	Networking	
10:30-11:00	Business Meeting and Introductions	
11:00-11:45	Sponsor and Speaker presentations	
11:45-12	Q & A and Networking	
12 - 1p.m.	Light Lunch after most meetings	

Monthly Meeting Sponsor: Our meeting sponsor fee is \$25. The sponsor's name is included in all WIP meeting promotions and the sponsor is encouraged to place promotional materials on each chair. The sponsor also has the opportunity to tell us about her business for five minutes at the meeting! **Contact Legacy Director Becki Martin at bionicbecki@gmail.com** for details and to sign up!

Ideas for Speakers? Contact Dian Lusher dynelinc@gmail.com

Thursday, October 20 Meeting

- Davis Brister, Merrill Lynch: "I see the rainbow, now where is the pot of gold?"
http://wealthmanagement.ml.com/WM/pages/FA3.aspx?pageurl=HEBERTCHASSANIOL_GROUP
- Sponsor: Kim Mancini, Serenity Home & Gifts <http://serenityhomeandgifts.com/>

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

November 17 – **Pat Brister!** WIP Board Member and Legacy Elections!

- **SAVE THE DATE!** WIP Holiday Luncheon on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15** at Friend's Restaurant in Madisonville. Cost is \$27 – includes gratuity and a \$5 donation to charity – WIP will make a matching donation! RSVP and pre-payment required. Why not include it in your membership check? Sign up at the Welcome Table today!

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Join us for our Monthly Adventure-Tina Paretti 710-2565 tinaparetti@yahoo.com

- **October 22 Pontchartrain Vineyards - OPERA ON TAP** Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Gates open @ 5 p.m. Admission: \$5 (children 17 & under are Free). Bring your own lawn chair, picnic dinner, flashlight, and umbrella. No Outside Liquor Allowed.
<http://www.pontchartrainvineyards.com/>
- **Wed, Nov 9 Round Table Luncheon Margarita Bergen, Royal Sonesta Hotel**
Noel Scallan 504-553-2220 Email: nscalan@royalsonestano.com Tickets-\$42, includes parking and lunch - Let us know if you're coming and we'll car-pool to the South Shore!

Order your WIP T-shirt at the Welcome Table!

Fund Raising Table

WIP members are allowed to display a few items for sale at general meetings on our Fundraising Table. 10% of sales are donated to WIP for community projects. To sign up for a turn at displaying your wares on the Fundraising Table, contact **Legacy Director Becki Martin** at bionicbecki@gmail.com

Legacy "WIP gives back to the community!" Becki Martin at bionicbecki@gmail.com

Reminder ** TURN IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR LEGACY PROJECTS BY SUNDAY, OCT. 30 - SEE FORM!

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER HOPE HOUSE: Please bring the following items to

the October & November WIP meetings: stickers, bubbles, Play-doh, small coloring books, small notebooks, journals, felt, marbles, glitter, glue, straws, balloons, stress balls, soothing rocks, candy, & individual snacks. These items will be used by trained therapists working with victims of sexual child abuse.

Covington Food Bank: Let's refocus on filling the shelves in anticipation of the holidays! ***Please bring a full bag of food in November for the food bank. The cupboard is bare!***

Recycling: WIP educates members on recycling efforts throughout St. Tammany.

Safe Harbor: WIP contributes time and money to the domestic violence haven for families in St Tammany.

Keep Mandeville Beautiful The director of Keep Mandeville Beautiful is looking for volunteer PUPPETEERS to participate in environmentally themed puppet shows.

Habitat for Humanity Women Build: Saturday, October 29 in Abita Springs!

Members! Please pay your annual dues NOW! Only \$30 per year!

Membership is \$30 annually and \$5 per meeting. Members are advised of additional fees for adventures and events. **Contact Membership Director Cathy Reams at 985.264.0576 or womeninfinitepossibilities@gmail.com**

Personal Empowerment Group (PEG) participation is one of your membership perks!

We are looking for members to lead PEGs in 2012! Please contact **Jax Frey at 985.377.3324 or jax-art@charter.net**. PEGs are small groups of WIP members who meet 3-6 weeks. It's a wonderful

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way to connect with other WIP members and an opportunity to learn a lot about who you are! Participation in PEGs is one of your many benefits of membership in WIP!

Habitat for Humanity Women Build!

WIP has signed up to help build a home in Abita Springs

on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

Here's the link where you can go to donate your \$30 for the Women Build program. Once you've donated your money and indicated that you're participating in a group, Katie said that the easiest thing to do is **send her an email stating that you are volunteering for the Women Build Program and that you are a Women of Infinite Possibilities Volunteer on Saturday, October 29.** This will guarantee that you will be assigned to the WIP Women Build team! Spots are limited. Sign up today! Since it is close to Halloween, I warned Katie that some of us may be in **Halloween costumes and she said that she'd expect it! Just make sure you tie back your long hair and wigs and that your costume doesn't have long-flowing sleeves!**



Did you make a volunteer group for
Women Build 2011?

Help your group members sign up in
three easy steps!

- 1) They need to make a minimum donation of \$30 at www.active.com/donate/habitatstw2011wb
- 2) Have them go to the Volunteer Calendar page at www.habitatstw.org/sys-php/matrix/view.php and complete the express registration form.
- 3) Email volunteer@habitatstw.org with this message: Please add me to the **GROUP NAME** group volunteering on **DATE** with Women Build.

Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West • 1400 North Lane • Mandeville, LA 70471 • www.habitatsttw.org • office 985-891-1172

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www.wipgroup.org & Facebook

P.O. Box 2424 Mandeville, LA 70470

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Women of Infinite Possibilities Board of Directors Proposed Slate – Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting. We'll also vote on Legacy Projects!

Officers

Sandra Slifer - President (final term)
Treasurer – Orlette Prezbindowski

Mary Maciasz - Vice- President
Secretary – Sheri Botman

Directors

1. Jane Aldrich
2. Donna Beakely
3. Jax Frey
4. Dian Lusher

5. Becki Martin
6. Cathy Reams
7. **Open Slot ***

* Tina Paretti, our Adventures Director, has taken on new job responsibilities and informed the board recently that she will be unable to continue serving on the board. We are seeking a member to fill out the slate today! Tina has done a wonderful job organizing Adventures and contributing to the general operations of the WIP board. Thank you for your many contributions in making WIP such a wonderful organization!

Revised WIP Bylaws require

- Four officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary
 - President is term-limited to serving a single two-year term
 - Other Officers are limited to serving no more than two two-year terms
 - Seven elected directors – serve one year term and are not term-limited
 - Board may appoint four additional directors to a one-year term
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- An annual budget will be presented to our members for approval in January for the next fiscal year (March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013)

Standing WIP Committees include:

- Nominating Committee – five people (two board members & three members)
- Women's Day Out Committee – shall plan the annual all-day meeting held in July
- WIP Expansion & Growth Committee – shall recommend ways WIP can fulfill our Mission

Other Committees include a **Budget Committee (will be appointed in early November)** and a Financial Review Committee.

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