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The JUNE 2017 Newsletter

Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Guest Speaker: MONICA POPE

Celebrated Houston Chef



Dubbed the "Alice Waters of the Third Coast," German-born, Texas-reared chef Monica Pope has been revolutionizing Houston's culinary scene since she debuted her first restaurant in 1992. Pope shares her passion for connecting local farmers and consumers with cooking classes, an online cookbook, *Eat Where Your Food Lives*, plus Sparrow Bar + Cookshop and Beaver's restaurants. Pope has enjoyed national recognition in the form of a James Beard award nomination and a spot competing on the 2010 second season of *Top Chef Masters* on Bravo. She is the only female Texas chef to be named Best New Chef by *Food & Wine* magazine thanks to her inventive, "eat where your food lives" cooking style.

Hailed by *Travel & Leisure* magazine as "one of the most ingenious restaurateurs around," Pope first learned to cook from her Czech grandmother and went on to earn her Chef's title from Prue Leith's School of Food and Wine in London. After working in Europe and San Francisco, she returned home to Houston to open the Quilted Toque, which was followed by a succession of acclaimed restaurants, including Boulevard Bistrot and t'afia. Pope is the founding chair of Recipe for Success Foundation's Chefs Advisory Board and is a current Board Member of the Houston-based non-profit, which is dedicated to fighting childhood obesity. She regularly appears as an RFS media spokesperson and national advocate and was invited as part of an RFS delegation to the White House for the launch of Michelle Obama's Chefs Move to Schools initiative.

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President's Message



HALFWAY

If you missed the May TPG breakfast meeting, then you missed "The Top 10 Things Every Texas Consumer Should Know." Our speaker, consumer rights advocate and attorney Dana Karni who created the list, gave an informative talk with lots of interested participation from our members.

Dana is a powerful resource for Texas consumers, defending credit card law suits, helping clients correct credit reporting errors, defending against automobile fraud and deceptive trade practice issues.

Without recapping her entire Top 10 list, below are two points you may find useful:

- Check your credit score at least once a year. For a free credit report, go to www.annualcreditreport.com
- If you'd like to stop receiving all those pre-approved credit card offers, you can opt out by going to: www.OptOutPrescreen.com

We appreciate the valuable information Dana Karni shared.

The year seems to be speeding along — June is the halfway point! Our club has been busy with activities for everyone and with making changes to improve the organization.

You may have already noticed, we have a new design and layout for the *TPG Website*, *Monday Announcements* and *Newsletter*. Our purpose with the new design is to make our communications more attractive, easy to read and user friendly. You'll find these communication vehicles continue to contain all the important information vital to our club.

In the first half of the year we also developed changes to the By-laws, making it easier for potential members to join and we began offering monthly sponsorships for members who want to showcase their business or event.

In addition to our regular monthly breakfast meetings with amazing speakers, we've had: **Hump Day Happy Hour** gatherings each month all around the city, making it easy for members to socialize outside of meetings; **TPG Book Babes** (book club) meetings each month — reading and discussing a variety of books while enjoying brunch.

Other fun and philanthropic activities have included:

- RAD System of Self Defense training
- MAD committee contributions to Angela House and KIPP Academy
- A networking breakfast meeting with 20 guests
- CPR & First Aid training
- Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern Tour and Lunch
- Networking Game Night

2017 is six months old. TPG has more growing, diversity, learning and fun planned for the next six months. I hope you will check the TPG calendar online and participate in some of the educational, social and philanthropic activities.

Lynda Broussard

2017 TPG President

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Meetings are held at **The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks**, on the **first Tuesday of each month** except as otherwise scheduled. Join us for a breakfast buffet and conversation at **6:45 a.m.** Free parking is available in the attached garage. As a courtesy to our speaker and others in the audience if you have to leave early, please sit at a table in the back of the room during the breakfast meeting. *Professionally Speaking* is distributed monthly by The Professional Group for its members and current guests. All submissions to the TPG Newsletter need to be sent in a Word document to **Kim Jenkins, VP/Newsletter, kjenkins@bentransact.com** by the due date—always the Thursday following the Breakfast Meeting. Please mention TPG in the subject line. *The deadline for submission of articles and advertising for the July 2017 newsletter is at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017.* *Professionally Speaking* is designed and published monthly by **Vicki S. Henrichs of Henrichs Publishing.** Contact vicki164@yahoo.com Visit the site www.letterwise.net

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JANICE MAYES-CLAYTON

President & CEO, Mayes Clayton Group

Sponsored by TPG President, **Lynda Broussard**, **Janice Mayes-Clayton** joined TPG to network with other professional women, to make new friends and colleagues, and to participate in TPG business and philanthropic activities.

Janice is a seventh-generation Texan and native Houstonian who, in 1998, founded the Mayes Clayton Group, a Houston-based Commercial, and Residential Independent Insurance Firm. The cornerstone of the independent firm is service; with more than 300 carriers the MCG is able to offer exceptional pricing, coverage, and service for businesses and households.

Janice is an active volunteer in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo promoting education for youth and has served as Executive Vice Chairman. She volunteers with the youth department at Houston's First, teaches First Place 4 Health and is a Law instructor for an American Bar Association Program.

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**.



Book Club Reading Selections:

- June 24 - "Born A Crime" by Trevor Noah
- July 22- "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood
- August 26 - "What Remains of Heaven" by C. S. Harris
- September 23 - "The Spy" by Paulo Coelho
- October 28 - "Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil" by John Berendt

PLEASE NOTE:

Reading selections
are subject to change.
Updates will be posted
in Monday Announcements
and in the Newsletter.

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Hope to see you there!

Networking Hump Day Happy Hour

Networking Opportunity to gather with friends and meet new friends!

Wednesday, June 14

5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

P. F. Chang's — Highland Village

4094 Westheimer Road

Houston, TX

—Registration is recommended—

See Monday Announcements



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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 or 972-984-0654.



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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

(checked daily)

If you need assistance, or

if you know a member who may have a
need, please let her know.



Your committee photos and articles along with other great TPG news
belong in our monthly newsletter!

Kim Jenkins welcomes your sharing the details of
our fabulous members.

Contact Kim at kjenkins@bentransact.com



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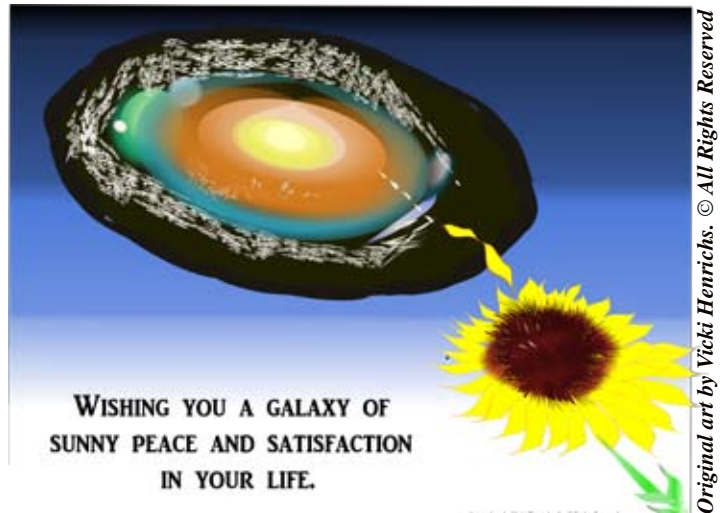
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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO TPG MEMBERS

Susan K. Thompson	June 6
Ann C. O'Connor	June 8
Paula E. Howe	June 12
Jessica J. Rodriguez	June 24
Berkely Arrants	June 28
Susan E. Howard	June 28



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



**Interested in advertising 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:

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► Special Reminder:

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the June 6 Breakfast Meeting
when we welcome Monica Pope as our speaker!**