



## **APRIL 2010 THE CONNECTIONS**

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Dear Members and Friends:

April is upon us! Spring is truly one of my favorite seasons in Texas. Usually, it is not too hot or too cold--but that can change without a minute's notice. The trees and the grass are starting to turn green again. The winter clothes are headed back to the closet! I hope everyone is taking a little extra time to enjoy the season. Before we blink, it will be over...

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm (Board Meeting at 5:15 pm) at the Doubletree Hotel in Farmer's Branch at Hwy 635 and Midway Rd. We have a really special meeting planned this month. Our own Sidney Bartlett will be presenting a topic for the NAIW "I Can" Series entitled "I Can--Ethics:Shades of Black & White." The course will last 30 minutes and includes a certificate of completion. Workbooks are \$10 and need to be pre-ordered. Please let Sidney (se2bartlett@yahoo.com) know by April 2, 2010 if you will be attending so we will have an idea of how many workbooks to order. But don't worry if you don't pre-order the workbook! We will have some extra workbooks available and can order more if necessary. Please let Susie Lowry (slowry2@lowryco.com) know if you will be attending the meeting by Friday, April 9, 2010 so she can secure your reservation with the hotel.

I will also present a report from the Region VI 67th Annual Conference in Galveston at the meeting. I cannot wait to tell you all about the events, business sessions, awards, dinner, and fellowship we experienced in Galveston. The weather was gorgeous and the facility was amazing. I cannot tell you all how grateful I am that you allowed me to serve as your delegate at the conference. I was so proud to represent our association. Thank you sincerely for placing your confidence with me.

Finally, please remind all of your co-workers, friends, and colleagues about our May Banquet on May 12, 2010. Sue Brewer and her committee have been working diligently to make this a fantastic event. Please help spread the word and also let Sue know if you know of potential sponsors. Remember, we will not have a May dinner meeting due to the banquet.

I hope to see each one of you on April 13! Please enjoy the sunny, long days and stay well.

With kindest regards,

Tracy Wolf  
NAIW Dallas, Inc.  
President 2009-2010  
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## ARRANGEMENTS

The April Dinner Meeting will be held on April 13, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, LBJ/Midway, Dallas, 75244. The cost of dinner is \$26.00 (cash or check). Reservation Deadline - noon Friday, April 9, 2010.

### April Menu

Dessert

Tea

Coffee

Board meeting will start at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Cocktails are available at the bar at your own expense.

Susie Lowry

Arrangements Chairman

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## APRIL PROGRAM

This month we have our very own, Sidney Bartlett, leading our very first NAIW Dallas "I Can" series. We look forward to seeing everyone, regardless of whether you are taking the class. This is NAIW Dallas' first "I Can" series and we are certainly looking forward to the presentation. Thanks Sidney for leading the class. Sidney has ordered the requisite materials for the course at \$10 a piece for all of you who emailed Sidney or Christina by the April 2, 2010 deadline. The course description is as follows:

I Can - Ethics: Shades of Black & White: Now, more than ever, ethics plays a big role in the daily decision-making process. It can be very beneficial to establish ethical standards before a professional situation or crisis arises. This course will guide you in your commitment as an ethical person. The case studies, along with discussion, will help you adopt an ethical business performance with the high standards that your profession requires.

We will also present a report from the 67th Annual Region VI Conference in Galveston, Texas.

Christina McCracken

Program Chairman

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## COMMUNITY ACTION

We will continue to collect work related clothes, purses, shoes and jewelry for Bill Priest Institute. They want the clothes on hangers and ready to wear so that the students can go out on job interviews. I have receipts available for these donations. Also, the food pantry is always in need of various items such as cereal, diapers, canned meat, beans, rice, toilet paper, soap, body lotion and other non perishable items. The grocery stores, including Wal-Mart, are now giving their day old breads, desserts and other items to the food pantries throughout Dallas. In the past, these items were thrown away when they could have been frozen and used later.

Also, we are looking for a silent auction item to bid on for the upcoming May event. This is a great way to make money for the Children's Medical Hospital's cancer unit. We did this a couple of years ago with an original oil painting and received over \$200. If you have any other ideas on this, please let me know.

Once again, thanks for all you do for our community.

Linda Tate  
Community Action Chairman  
[ltate2@lowryco.com](mailto:ltate2@lowryco.com)

## RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Door Prize Donations are always welcome for our dinner meetings. Please bring wine, gift cards, movie tickets, or any items that would be fun to have to the meeting so we can continue our raffle program. Raffle tickets are sold during the dinner meetings for \$5.00 for 3 tickets or \$2.00 for 1 ticket. Let me know if you have some fund raising ideas to help our charities.

Please let me know if you have some fund raising ideas for NAIW Dallas. Scholarships, as well as donations to our charities will be given out at our May Luncheon. NAIW Dallas supports the following charities:

1. Children's Medical Center (Donations given to Nancy Johnson's Craft Program for the children;
2. Bill Priest Institute (Clothes donated help women dress for job interviews); and
3. North Texas Food Pantry (Food and cash donations help families in need).

Susie Lowry  
Resource Chairman  
[slowry2@lowryco.com](mailto:slowry2@lowryco.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

And the Oscar goes to...

The winner for each category will be presented with the award during our Banquet on May 12, 2010 at the Royal Oaks Country Club. The categories are Student of the Year Award, Police Officer of the Year Award, and the Firefighter of the Year Award.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michelle Ward  
Scholarship Chairman  
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## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS AND BANQUETS

### **NAIW DALLAS ANNUAL BANQUET**

May 12, 2010

Royal Oaks Country Club

### **National Convention June 9 – 13, 2010**

Marriott Crystal Gateway

Washington, DC

## 2010 CE INFORMATION FOR THE DFW AREA

For information on CE courses please go to <http://www.naiwdallas.com/education.htm>.

For information on free monthly 3, 4, or 6 hour CE courses, please go to:

[www.blackmonmooring.com](http://www.blackmonmooring.com)  
[amber@dalworth.com](mailto:amber@dalworth.com)  
[www.dalworth.com](http://www.dalworth.com)  
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For additional information on seminars that offer 1 hour of CE monthly in the DFW Metroplex, please go to:

www.dallasclaims.com  
www.maryroth.com  
www.TheNationalAlliance.com  
www.cceucation.com  
www.ceu.com  
www.irmi.com  
www.cceducation.com

www.fortworthclaims.com  
www.InsureDallas.org  
www.kfeducation.com  
www.touchstonebernays.com  
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## GREAT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Don't forget to check our website at [www.NAIWDALLAS.COM](http://www.NAIWDALLAS.COM).

To ensure timely circulation and posting of the NAIW Dallas Connections Newsletter, all articles, Committee Chair reports, and any other contributions for the Connections Newsletter must be submitted no later than the 25th day of the preceding month. Any contributions for the May Connections Newsletter must be submitted to [tmartini@aksmithlaw.com](mailto:tmartini@aksmithlaw.com) by April 25, 2010.

Mother's Day will be here on May 9, 2010.

## MAY AWARDS LUNCHEON UPDATE

We need everyone's help to make this the best luncheon ever. Please send out your letters, e-mails, etc to different people who might be able to attend the seminar and luncheon. The Club is charging us \$300.00 for the seminar room, \$85.00 for each valet (we are required to have 2 valets = \$170.00). Our minimum charge for sit down lunch is \$21.00 +28.50% tax and gratuity. We selected the least expensive meal at \$22.00 +28.50% gratuity = \$28.27. Next year we might want to re-visit the place where we hold the luncheon, but for now that is the cost.

### Award Luncheon Fees:

Seminar: \$20.00

Seminar & luncheon-members \$35.00

Nonmembers & walk-ins \$40.00

This year we will have Table Names on Cardboard to direct the different companies to their tables.

We are in need of sponsors for the lunches - 10 free ones in all:

- (2) Firemen
- (2) Policemen
- (2) Scholarship
- (1) Speaker
- (1) Nancy from Children's hospital
- (1) Singer
- (1) Color Guard scout leader

We are also in need of sponsors for the food/beverages for the seminar. We need to raise \$250.00 for the beverage service.

Working together, we can do this again this year. Be sure to have the folks who make their reservations, note if they will attend the Seminar only or Seminar and Luncheon. They can put the info on their check when they send it to Susie at 8828 N. Stemmons Freeway #340, LB 60 Dallas, Texas 75247. If you have questions about how or where to send money, please contact Susie Lowry at [slowry2@lowyco.com](mailto:slowry2@lowyco.com) or (214) 638-7000 .

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Sponsor Letter for our upcoming May Banquet. We need as many sponsors as possible and need your help to get that done. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Brewer at [sbrewer@usic.com](mailto:sbrewer@usic.com) or (972) 719-2748.

### [GIVING TIP](#)

Upcoming charity events in DFW. For more information, please go to:  
<http://listings.guidelive.com/richardson-tx/events/charity+volunteer>

#### **Dining Out in Dallas**

Wednesday, April 7 6:30p

Frontiers of Flight Museum, Dallas

Sharpen the knives, fire up the burners and ready the forks: Dallas' best chefs are ready to head into battle, and culinary favorite Blythe Beck will lead the charge.

#### **Martinis for Mutts**

Thursday, April 8 7:00p

Candleroom, Dallas

This annual event, presented by Paws in the City, raises money to help homeless pets of all breeds (or no breed at all) find loving homes.

**Cotes du Coeur**

Saturday, April 10 7:00p

Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas

Cotes du Coeur is a springtime black-tie gala featuring a live auction with one-of-a kind experiences and an unparalleled silent auction comprising over 2,000 wines during a superlative dinner.

**Passion 4 Fashion**

Friday, April 16 8:30p

Station 4 and the Rose Room, Dallas

The Lone Star Ride Fighting AIDS announces the “Passion 4 Fashion” benefit presented on April 16 by Saks Fifth Avenue in the Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs in Dallas.

**Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Divas and Dahlias**

Thursday, April 22 11:00a

Dallas Arboretum, Dallas

This fabulous and fun party has been an ongoing fundraiser for the Women’s Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, raising money to support The Dallas Arboretum and A Woman’s Garden.

**Get Kidz Fit Fest 2010**

Saturday, April 24 1:00p

Dallas Fair Park Centennial Building, Dallas

The Dallas Area Coalition to Prevent Childhood Obesity invites your family to be a part of Get Kidz Fit Fest 2010 on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas.

**Stiletto Strut - American Heart Association**

Thursday, April 29 7:00p

Neiman Marcus Downtown Dallas, Dallas

Hot-footed stiletto clad ladies will band together taking a stand against heart disease as they strut their stuff in a sassy walk around the block circling Neiman Marcus downtown.

**America Scores Dallas Charity Poker Night**

Friday, April 30 7:00p

Fig, Dallas

America SCORES Dallas will be hosting

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 21 – Cathy Williams  
April 21 – Debby Gilliam  
April 25 - Pamela M. Scofield

## APRIL RECIPE

### Turkey Scallopini Piccata

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
4 pieces of turkey breast, sliced thinly  
1/2 cup chicken stock  
Juice of 1 lemon, or more to taste  
1 tbsp capers, drained  
4 stalks pickled asparagus, but into pieces (optional)  
1/2 tsp cornstarch, dissolved in water (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. In a large skillet heat olive oil over a medium-high heat. When the oil shimmers, add the turkey scallopini, making sure they don't overlap. Cook until golden, about 3-4 minutes and then turn them and cook the other side. If you don't have enough room for all of the turkey, cook it in batches.
2. Add chicken stock, lemon juice, capers and asparagus and heat through. If using fresh asparagus, continue cooking until it is tender. Taste for lemon seasoning. Add cornstarch if using, and cook for a few minutes more.

Serve at once.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: APRIL

April 1, 1998 - A federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton because the case had no "genuine issues" worthy of trial.

April 2, 1792 - Congress established the first U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

April 3, 1860 - The Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri and delivered letters to California in 10 days. The riders each rode about 100 miles before handing off to the next rider. The service lasted less than two years due to the completion of telegraph lines.

April 3, 1944 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that African Americans can not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries in violation of the 15th Amendment.

April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King was killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee. He championed non-violent resistance to end racial oppression and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

April 5, 1986 - A bomb exploded at discotheque frequented by American military in West Berlin, killing two U.S. soldiers. U.S. intelligence blamed the attack on Muammar al-Qaddafi of Libya.

April 6, 1896 - After a 1500-year break, Athens hosted the first modern Olympics.

April 6, 1994 – The Rwandan genocide began after a plane carrying the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi was shot down. They met to discuss how to end the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic rivalries. After their deaths, over 500,000 persons were killed and 2 million fled the country.

April 8, 1913 - The 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified requiring direct popular election of U.S. senators. Previously, they had been chosen by state legislatures.

April 9, 1866 - The Civil Rights Bill of 1866 was passed by Congress granting blacks the rights and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

April 10, 1945 – U.S. troops liberated Buchenwald concentration camp, which was established in July 1937 to hold criminals, Jews, and homosexuals. Of 238,980 inmates, 56,545 perished.

April 10, 1998 - Politicians in Northern Ireland reached an agreement aimed at ending 30 years of violence between Protestants and Catholics.

April 11, 1968 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 into law.

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 launched from Cape Kennedy. After an oxygen tank exploded 56 hours into the flight, Astronaut John L. Swigert said, "Houston, we've had a problem here." The 3 astronauts transferred into the lunar module, began a perilous return trip to Earth, splashed down safely on April 17.

April 12, 1861 - The U.S. Civil War began as Confederate troops opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 13, 1743 - Thomas Jefferson was born in Albermarle County, Virginia. He authored the American Declaration of Independence and later served as the 3rd U.S. President.

April 14, 1828 - The first dictionary of American English was published by Noah Webster as the *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was mortally wounded at Ford's Theater.

April 14, 1986 - President Ronald Reagan ordered U.S. warplanes to bomb Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for the April 5 terrorist bombing in West Berlin that killed 2 U.S. soldiers. Muammar al-Qaddafi infant daughter was among the 37 person killed.

April 15, 1817 - Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc founded the first American school for the deaf in Hartford, Connecticut.

April 15, 1912 - The *Titanic* sank after striking an iceberg before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the *Carpathia* which arrived 2 hours after *Titanic* went down.

April 16, 1995 - Iqbal Masih, a young Pakistani boy, was shot to death at a labor conference in Sweden. At age 4, he was sold into servitude as a carpet weaver and spent 6 years shackled to a loom. At age 10, he escaped and began speaking out against child labor and attracted worldwide attention.

April 17, 1989 - The Polish labor union Solidarity was granted legal status after nearly a decade of struggle, paving the way for the downfall of the Polish Communist Party.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere occurred as he rode out of Boston to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 19, 1993 – The Branch Davidian religious cult compound burned to the ground with 82 persons inside, including 17 children in Waco, Texas following a 51 day standoff.

April 19, 1995 - At 9:02 a.m., a massive car-bomb explosion destroyed the entire side of a nine story federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 persons, including 19 children.

April 20, 1999 – The deadliest U.S. school shooting occurred at Columbine High School in Colorado, as 2 students armed with guns and explosives stormed the school and killed 12 students, 1 teacher, and wounded 20 others before killing themselves.

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by Sam Houston and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces and achieved independence.

April 22, 1864 – An Act of Congress included "In God We Trust" all newly minted U.S. coins.

April 24, 1800 - The Library of Congress was established.

April 25, 1967 - The first law legalizing abortion was signed by Colorado Gov. John Love, allowing abortions in cases in which a panel of three doctors unanimously agreed.

April 26, 1986 – An explosion and meltdown at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine spread a radioactive cloud that covered most of Europe. The plant was encased in a concrete tomb to prevent the release of further radiation.

April 26, 1994 – The first multiracial elections held in South Africa resulted in Nelson Mandela as president and F.W. de Klerk as vice president.

April 27, 1865 - The worst steamship disaster in U.S. History occurred as an explosion aboard the *Sultana* killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

April 28, 1789 - Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against Captain William Bligh on board the *Bounty*, setting him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23 foot open boat. Bligh survived a 47 day voyage while Christian sailed the *Bounty* to Tahiti and burned the ship.

April 29, 1992 – L.A. Riots erupted following the announcement that a jury acquitted 4 Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

April 30, 1948 - Palestinian Jews declared their independence from British rule and established the new state of Israel.

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Happy Easter! I hope you enjoyed reading this edition of the Connections Newsletter and found it useful. Please feel free to send suggestions, corrections, or future contributions to me. If you would like your contribution to appear in the May issue, please submit your contribution to me no later than April 25, 2010.

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**National Association  
Of Insurance Women  
International (NAIW)**

**NAIW Dallas, Inc.  
NAIW WEEK  
Luncheon**

NAIW Week has been a traditional celebration for the national organization since 1965. It highlights the importance NAIW places on providing professional education, an environment in which to build business alliances and the opportunity to make connections with people of differing career paths and levels of experience within the insurance industry.

**NAIW-Dallas, Inc.** hosts a luncheon May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas, Texas, Steve Blow, a columnist for The Dallas Morning News will be our Guest Speaker. But we need you for as a sponsor.

### **SPONSORS NEEDED**

We are looking for vendors, individuals, organizations, and firms to **Sponsor** this Luncheon. At the Luncheon, we will be presenting awards to deserving Police and Fire personnel for their outstanding performances in their line of duty.

In keeping with our education focus, we will also be presenting a **scholarship** to a deserving student from a local college or university.

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:**

SPONSOR LUNCH(ES)(need 8)	\$40.00
DOOR PRIZES	Gifts or gift certificates over - \$50.00
PURCHASE TABLE FOR EIGHT	\$240.00
BOOTH	\$150.00

Sponsors will be recognized in our programs and during the Luncheon.

If you would like to be a Sponsor, please contact: Christina L. McCracken at 214-231-4723 or [cmccracken@gordonrees.com](mailto:cmccracken@gordonrees.com).