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Dear Members and Friends:

May is here and summer is right around the corner! It is almost time to pull out the shorts and sandals--but before you do that, remember to put a big star on your calendar on May 12, 2010!!

Prior to each summer, NAIW Dallas, Inc., celebrates the season with its Annual May Banquet. This year's May Banquet is going to be very exciting! Sue Brewer, our Event Planning Committee Chairperson, and her committee have put together an outstanding program. We are offering 2 hours of continuing education including ethics and a primer to the new Medicare reporting rules. The continuing education program begins at 9:00. The luncheon will begin at 11:30. Prior to luncheon, be sure to visit our sponsors' booths. We will be raffling off prizes and gift certificates from our dedicated and generous sponsors and friends! At the luncheon, we will be honoring a deserving police officer and a courageous firefighter as well as awarding a scholarship to a local college student. Our key note speaker is Steve Blow of the Dallas Morning News. He is a gifted and entertaining speaker who always leaves the audience smiling. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit our favorite charities, which include Children's Medical in Dallas.

Please let all of your co-workers and colleagues know about the May Banquet! We still have tables available and we are anticipating a great program. The Banquet will take place on the second floor of the Royal Oaks Country Club. Due to the construction, all attendees should come in by the fitness center and take the elevator to the second floor. I hope to see all of you there! Let's put in all our efforts to make this a fantastic banquet and to raise some money for our charities!

Also, please remember we will not be having a regular Tuesday night meeting this month. Our May board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 5:30 at the Doubletree Hotel. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 8, 2010.

With kindest regards,

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ARRANGEMENTS

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th, at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, LBJ/Midway, Dallas, 75244. The cost of dinner is \$26.00 (cash or check).

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.

I hope to see all of you at our NAIW Week Luncheon on Wednesday, May 12th, at Royal Oaks Country Club.

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MAY PROGRAM

There will be no May program due to the annual banquet.

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COMMUNITY ACTION

I am always able to collect your gently used business clothes to be donated to the Bill Priest Institute. Please bear in mind that canned goods and non perishables food items are always welcome for the food banks.

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RESOURCE COMMITTEE

We are still looking for gift card donations for our NAIW Week Luncheon. Please contact me if you plan to give a door prize or gift card as soon as possible. This is our major fund raiser for the year which benefits our community projects and scholarship recipients.

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UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

National Convention June 9 – 13, 2010
Marriott Crystal Gateway
Washington, DC

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Don't forget to check our website at 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 June Connections Newsletter must be submitted to tanjamartini@hotmail.com by May 25, 2010.

Know someone looking for a job? Mary Jane Wooten's agency is seeking a CSR Assistant. The agency is off Interstate 30 just west of downtown Fort Worth. The agency does not provide any benefits but hours are flexible. It is a medium size agency family owned. If you know of anyone have them email Mary Jane at maryjane@lucienwright.com or call Cyndy Cates at 817 332-8288.

GIVING TIP

To promote a charity close to your heart or to find great events that need your help in your community or nationwide, please go to <http://dallas.events.org/>.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 23 – Tracy Wolf

MAY RECIPE

Chicken Tortilla Casserole

Ingredients:

- 6 chicken breasts, boiled & cubed
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 small can mild chilies / 1 small onion, diced fine
- 8 oz. Jack cheese / 8 oz. cheddar cheese
- 1 dozen corn tortillas (or 10 flour)

Preparation:

- Tear up 6 tortillas, place in bottom of 9 x 13 pan. (Spray with Pam first.)
- Mix soups, chilies, and onion together.
- Smear half soup mixture over tortillas.
- Top with half chicken and cheese mixed.
- Repeat layers.
- Bake uncovered 350° for 30-40 min.

MOTHER'S DAY FUN FACTS

The United States celebrates Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. In the 1880s And 1890s there were several attempts to establish a Mother's Day, but they didn't succeed beyond the local level. The holiday was created by Anna Jarvis in Grafton, West Virginia, in 1908 as a day to honor one's mother. Jarvis wanted to accomplish her mother's dream of making a celebration for all mothers, although the idea didn't take off until she enlisted the services of wealthy Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker. She kept promoting the holiday until President Woodrow Wilson made it an official national holiday in 1914. The holiday eventually became so highly commercialized that many, including its founder, Anna Jarvis, considered it a "Hallmark Holiday", *i.e.* one with an overwhelming commercial purpose. Jarvis eventually ended up opposing the holiday she had helped to create. She died in 1948, regretting what had become of her holiday. In the United States, Mother's Day remains one of the biggest days for sales of flowers, greeting cards, and the like; it is also the biggest holiday for long-distance telephone calls.

Happy Mother's Day! And Happy Birthday to our President, Tracy Wolf! 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 June issue, please submit your contribution to me no later than May 25, 2010.

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