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Monthly Luncheon — August 22, 2007

Senator Kirk Watson

Joelyn Weeks, Program Director



Senator Kirk Watson will be the guest speaker for the August 22nd EWTG Monthly Luncheon.

Senator Watson was elected to the Texas Senate in 2006 and represents State Senate District 14 in Austin. During the 80th Legislative session, his committee membership included Transportation and Homeland Security, Business and Commerce, Jurisprudence, and Nominations Committees. He also served on the subcommittee on Emerging Technologies and Economic Development. *Texas Monthly* recognized Senator Watson as Rookie of the Year in the magazine's recent listing of best and worst legislators.

Senator Watson is no stranger to the Austin community as he was first elected Mayor in 1997 and was re-elected in 2000 with a record 84 percent of the vote.

Prior to being elected Mayor of Austin, he served as Chair of the Texas Air Control Board from 1991 to

1993, the state agency that was charged with addressing air quality in Texas. He has also served as Chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, on the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Texas, and as Chair of the Texas Advisory Board of Environmental Defense.

As a cancer survivor, Senator Watson is also very passionate about making sure that all Texans—particularly children—have access to health care. He has been active in numerous health organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and he served on the original board of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Senator Watson graduated from Baylor University and subsequently was first in his class at Baylor Law School. He has been named an outstanding young alumnus of Baylor, Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year, and the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas. He and his wife Liz have been married for over 27 years and are parents to Preston and Cooper.

EWTG is honored that Senator Watson can share his time with us at the August 22nd luncheon. Make your reservations now by emailing ewtg@ewtg.org or calling 512.248-2044. EWTG luncheons are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Austin Woman's Club, 708 San Antonio Street.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 8 *August Minicourse*

Carver Branch Library, 1161 Angelina, at Noon. Topic: Overview of the 2008-2009 Appropriations Bill. Presented by: Glenna Rae Bowman, Office of Court Administration. For information and lunch option reservations, contact ewtg@ewtg.org or call 512.248.2044.

August 9 *Dallas Affiliate Meeting*

The Dallas EWTG Affiliate will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Arlington this month at 2561 Matlock Road. Guest speaker: Dr. John Vinings, a family and cosmetic dentist. Topic: A holistic approach to full body health. The cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to Chris McDaniel at 817.792.7259 or email: bossynursemom@netscape.net.

August 9 *Retiree Committee Meeting*

Mandola's Market, 4700 West Guadalupe (In The Triangle at Lamar and Guadalupe), at 5:15 pm. This monthly meeting is open to any EWTG member who is retired or who is interested in retirement issues. Contact Chair Jan Ozias at jwozias@earthlink.net to RSVP.

August 14 *Member Social and New Member Meet and Greet*

All members are welcome to drop by TGI Friday's on Town Lake after work from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Free appetizers, free parking and happy hour drink prices. Join us for camaraderie, networking and bat-watching! RSVP to ewtg@ewtg.org or 512.248-2044.

August 22 *August Luncheon*

Austin Women's Club, 708 San Antonio, at Noon. Speaker: State Senator Kirk Watson. **"Bring a Friend to Lunch"** and be eligible for a drawing - dinner for two at Texas Land & Cattle Steakhouse. The cost is \$20 per person. For information and reservations, contact ewtg@ewtg.org or call 512.248.2044.

September 1 *Woman of the Year Nomination Deadline*

Visit www.ewtg.org for nomination criteria and forms and don't miss this opportunity to be involved in the EWTG legacy.

September 30 *3rd Quarter Scholarship Deadline*

EWTG Scholarships are awarded for formal education, training, seminars, Leadership Texas and the 21st Annual Professional Development Conference. Guidelines and application forms can be found at www.ewtg.org.

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President's Corner When Passion Speaks

Connie Williams, President

When we are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others, there is a certain zest that shines internally and shows on our faces. Even if we whisper, that authentic passion will still speak.

At EWTG, we understand the benefits of being passionately involved in our communities. Over the years, our organization has been formally dedicated to utilizing our leadership talents to serve and transform our communities through numerous projects.

This component of our mission allows us to see the future in the faces and everyday lives of the people we serve. Viewed up close and personally, our passion for making a difference is visibly stunning.

We are really fortunate to have Chair Gaye McElwain and the Community Services Committee at the helm this year introducing us to the GENaustin organization. Over the past few months, the Community Services Committee has worked diligently to provide our members with meaningful community service projects. Do you know what the response was from EWTG members? It was, "You organize it. We'll be there. We'll bring others."

At the July Minicourse, our members got involved by donating magazines, school supplies and other needed items. We are assisting GENaustin to help young girls obtain the skills they need to grow personally and professionally. Research studies have suggested that volunteering is beneficial to your health. Isn't it amazing that while we are helping to educate others for growth, we are gaining personal benefits as well!

Your decision to get involved is an avenue of hope for so many individuals. A helping hand at the right time is often what's needed to help others improve the quality of their lives. As we prepare ourselves to meet the needs of our community, I can assure you that your involvement will help others see possibilities instead of obstacles. I have observed and experienced the fullness of character that our members have in moving forward to success against incredible odds. EWTG has the energy, strength and environment that I am grateful to be a part of.

EWTG is here to help our members make the most of every opportunity. Before the school year begins, you'll have two more opportunities to donate items to GENaustin. Bring your donated items to the August 8th Minicourse and the August 22nd Luncheon.

In all of our activities, such as professional development programs and projects, and at the heart of our mission, we have this passion for community service. We love to make a difference in the lives of others. Within EWTG, throughout Texas, as well as nationally and internationally, we as members and as Americans are continually seeking to meet the needs of our communities and to improve the quality of life for others. OUR PASSION HAS A VOICE.

If you would like to receive the current adopted minutes from EWTG Board meetings, please contact EWTG's Executive Director, Jennifer Royster, at ewtg@ewtg.org or 512.248.2044.

Program Committee: August 8 Minicourse

Overview of the 2008-2009 Appropriations Bill

Presenter: Glenna Rhea Bowman, CPA

Joelyn Weeks, Program Director

We are less than one month away from the start of the 2008-2009 Biennium that begins with a new state budget. House Bill 1 also known as the General Appropriations Bill passed by the 80th Legislature goes into effect on September 1, 2007.

Glenna Rhea Bowman, CPA, and Chief Financial Officer with the Office of Court Administration, will present an overview of the 2008-2009 Appropriations Bill at the August 8th EWTG Minicourse. Glenna is also an EWTG member and has served as an EWTG resource for explanations of the state budget and appropriations bills at our annual conferences and in other Minicourses over the years. Glenna's presentations have always received high ratings because of the knowledge and information she shares with the group.

Please make plans to learn about 2008-2009 Appropriations Bill on Wednesday, August 8th. The Minicourse will be held at the Carver Branch Library, 1161 Angelina, (just off East 11th Street).

The Minicourse session is conducted during the lunch hour. You can bring your own lunch or make reservations for the Mangia Pizza and Salad lunch at a cost of \$6 per person or \$3 for salad only. Bottled water is also available for \$1. Pizza serving begins at 11:30 am and the program will begin at noon and end by 1 pm.

For information and reservations, contact EWTG by email at ewtg@ewtg.org or by telephone at 512.248.2044. Please state whether you want to purchase pizza and/or salad when you make your reservation. Also, because EWTG provides the pizza at cost based on reservations, please be mindful that EWTG may have to invoice those who order pizza but are unable to attend.



Join us for the Summer EWTG Member Social and New Member Mixer!

- Who:** New members who would like to meet the board, other EWTG members and learn about EWTG; experienced members who would like to catch up with old friends and share their experiences with new members; and all EWTG members who would just like to relax and socialize after work.
- What:** EWTG Member Social and New Member Mixer
- When:** August 14, 2007, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- Where:** TGI Friday's at the Radisson on Town Lake.
111 Cesar Chavez at Congress.

Don't miss out on an evening of fun and fellowship with free parking, free appetizers, Happy Hour drink prices, and a knockout view of the Congress Street Bridge at sunset. Please RSVP to EWTG at ewtg@ewtg.org or (512) 248-2044.



Too Busy To Complete A Woman Of The Year Nomination? Think Again!!

Each year at EWTG's Annual Conference, the organization recognizes an outstanding member as the EWTG Woman of the Year! **The Woman of the Year Award honors an individual who is a leader in her profession, her community, and within this organization.** Our Woman of the Year represents the best of who we are as women and leaders.

In the busy, day-to-day hustle and bustle of work and family obligations you are probably thinking *"I don't have the time to complete a nomination form for woman of the year."* Well, think again! Read the quote below and see if it changes your perspective.

"Time goes by so fast, people go in and out of your life. You must never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to you." ~ Anonymous

We tend to find the time for the things that mean the most to us. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate that special EWTG colleague for Woman of the Year! Maybe this person is a friend or a mentor or maybe you only know them by name, but are inspired by their accomplishments. Whatever your experience may be, simply nominating them for this award is a huge honor that they will carry with them forever.

As an EWTG member you have the privilege of nominating a fellow EWTG colleague for this prestigious award and being part of EWTG history — it is up to you to make the time!

Nomination forms are available online at www.ewtg.org and the submission deadline is September 1, 2007. Please carve out a little time in your busy schedule and nominate that special EWTG woman who has made a difference in your life or in the lives of others!

EWTG Community Service Projects Continue

With GENAustin and Lisa's H.O.P.E. Chest

Gayle Greever McElwain

August is the last month of EWTG's donation drive supporting GENAustin's move to the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders. The Community Service Committee collected generous donations at the July Mincourse and luncheon and appreciates the support EWTG members have given to this great cause. If you would like to make a donation, please bring your items to the Mincourse on August 8th or the luncheon on August 22nd. Please refer to the GENAustin "wish list" for information on requested donation items. If you prefer, you can make a financial donation in the form of a check made payable to GENAustin. To learn more about this organization, visit www.genaustin.org.

As we move into the fall, EWTG members will have an opportunity to help others and also experience the liberating feeling of having more closet space! Lisa's H.O.P.E. Chest (Helping Others Progress Economically) is an Austin-based, non-profit organization that provides gently used professional clothing free of charge to women and men in need. This clothes closet is different from others because it is designed specifically to help individuals in transition dress professionally at work and for job interviews.

EWTG members are encouraged to clean out their closets and bring gently worn fall and winter career clothing, coats, and gently used accessories, purses, and shoes to the September and October EWTG luncheons and Mincourses (September 12 & 26, October 10 & 26). The H.O.P.E Chest accepts cleaned professional clothing and accessories for women and anything wearable for men, including suits, shoes, and work clothes such as blue jeans and t-shirts. They have a greater need for women's sizes 12 and above, especially plus sizes. If you prefer, a check made out to Lisa's H.O.P.E. Chest is always welcome and tax donation receipts will be available. Clare Dyer will help the Community Service Committee collect and deliver the EWTG donations to Lisa's H.O.P.E. Chest. To find out more about this worthwhile organization, visit <http://www.lisashopechest.org/>.



GENAustin Wish List

Magazines	Glue Sticks/ Glue	Pencils
Newspaper	Journals	Markers/Felt Pens
Hangers	Construction paper	Binders
Sponges	Poster Board	Manila file folders
Ziploc bags	Crayons	Notebook paper
Napkins	Printer paper	Tape/Masking Tape
Kleenex	Legal size hanging folders	Scissors
Paper Towels	Different sized envelopes	Rubber bands
Lunch sized paper bags	Stamps	Push pins
Cardboard Boxes	Pens	Costco Gift Cards
Disposable clear plastic cups		Office Max Gift Cards

GENAustin's mission is to foster healthy self-esteem in girls by engaging them to explore and define their personal values and to build skills that empower them with confidence and courage to make wise choices. Visit the GENAustin website at www.genaustin.org for information on their numerous programs.

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EWTG Professional Development Conference

The 21st Annual EWTG Professional Development Conference is *quickly* approaching. This all-day event provides an exciting opportunity for participants to meet with and learn from other state government, higher education and industry professionals. Your Conference Committee is working hard to plan an educational and fun conference this year!

Save the Date: Monday, November 19, 2007

As in previous years, the Annual EWTG Professional Development Conference will be held at the beautiful **Renaissance Hotel** in Austin, Texas.

The keynote speakers at this year's event will include:

Commissioner Hope Andrade, Texas Transportation Commission;
Linda Larsen, Positively Speaking; and
Claudia Stravato, EWTG Founding Member and CEO of Planned Parenthood in Amarillo.

Also on tap for the conference:

- more than 30 professional development sessions, covering a wide variety of topics and issues;
- a silent auction, which funds the EWTG Scholarship Program;
- select exhibits and vendors;
- the prestigious Woman of the Year Award presentation; and
- countless networking opportunities!

~ REGISTRATION TIMELINE & FEES ~

Early Bird Registration begins in late August

Registration Timeline	Member	Non-Member	With New or Renewing Dues
Early Bird – by September 30	\$125	\$160	\$175
October 1 – 31	\$175	\$210	\$225
November 1 and after	\$225	\$260	\$275

Don't forget to submit your nomination form for EWTG's Woman of the Year. The nomination deadline is September 1.

Conference information and Woman of the Year nomination forms can be found at www.ewtg.org.

Watch your email for conference updates, including session details, keynote speaker bios, parking information, and hotel arrangements for those traveling to Austin to attend the conference.

We hope you will all plan to attend this year's conference and bring a friend!

21st Annual Conference Keynote Speakers Confirmed



Morning Keynote Speaker Hope Andrade, Commissioner Texas Transportation Commission

EWTG is pleased to announce that our morning keynote speaker for the 21st Annual EWTG Conference is Hope Andrade. Ms. Andrade is a commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees the statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Governor Rick Perry appointed her in December 2003.

Ms. Andrade, of San Antonio, has been in business since 1979 and remains actively involved in the day to day operations of the companies she has co-founded. Using her education from Our Lady of the Lake University and The University of Incarnate Word, Andrade built upon many valuable skills creating service-sector businesses. These skills were further enhanced by her participation in the Entrepreneurship Program at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Ms. Andrade has earned many recognitions including the Esperanza Award (Hope for Children) by the Southwest Mental Health Center (2001); Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration (2000); the Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award by the Republican National Committee (1999); and induction to the Leadership Hall of Fame by Leadership San Antonio (2000).



Lunch Keynote Speaker Linda Larsen

EWTG is excited to announce that Linda Larsen will be the keynote speaker during the lunch hour of the conference. Linda Larsen, CSP, is not your typical business woman. Yes, she is the founder and CEO of a successful communications company she started over 18 years ago. And as such, she is passionately committed to helping people upgrade their thinking, improve their communication and increase their bottom line. But more than that, she is willing to do whatever it takes to get her message across and make it stick.

Linda's passion and spontaneous humor stem from over 20 years as a professional actress in film, television and on the legitimate stage. Her experience and training (she holds an undergraduate degree in Behavioral Sciences from the University of Florida and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Florida State University) give her the unique ability to combine the entertaining, dynamic aspects of live theater with practical, high value content to produce lasting, positive changes.

Her critically acclaimed book, *True Power*, is the riveting and true story of how she was kidnapped and held at gunpoint by an escaped convict for over 5 hours. Her escape, and the positive, practical strategies she used to rise above one of life's most potent challenges led *Investor's Business Daily* to feature her in its *Leaders & Success* column.



Closing Session and presentation of the *Woman of the Year* award Claudia Stravato

Claudia Stravato is the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle. In this capacity, she serves as a strong voice for women's health and the services we need to maintain good health. She will deliver her remarks at the closing session of the conference culminating with presentation of the 2007 *Woman of the Year* award.

Claudia's service to the State of Texas for more than 30 years includes her roles as Director of Professional Education at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Deputy Comptroller for Comptroller Bob Bullock, in addition to other positions. As a founding member, Claudia helped organize EWTG's first meeting, wrote the original EWTG constitution and bylaws and prepared and distributed the first EWTG newsletter – before our organization had a formal structure. She was honored as EWTG's *Woman of the Year* in 1994 and remains an active EWTG member.

Scholarship Committee News

Sandra Smith Awarded \$200 Scholarship

The EWTG Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the award of a \$200 formal education scholarship to Sandra Smith, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration for the Texas Ethics Commission. Sandra will use the scholarship for completion of her Master's Degree in Ethics and Leadership. Since becoming a member in 2000, Sandra has delved into the volunteer spirit of our organization by attending numerous EWTG sponsored events and by participating on the Finance Committee (2005) and the Development Committee (2006). In addition, her professional background includes positions at several state agencies including the Funeral Service Commission, Chiropractic Board, and currently the Ethics Commission.

According to Sandra, the greatest EWTG membership benefit for her has been the ability to network and get to know the women of EWTG on a personal and professional basis. She is excited and proud that EWTG has awarded her this scholarship and looks forward to achieving her educational goals and serving as a role model for members and life-long learners.

We congratulate Sandra on her scholarship and wish her continued educational and professional success!

It's Not Who You Know... It's What You Do With Who You Know

by Linda Larsen, CSP and 2007 Conference Keynote Luncheon Speaker

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Six degrees of separation. How does it go again? You are only six people away from anyone on this planet because someone you know, knows someone.. who knows someone... who knows someone..... You get the picture.

Do we actually use that awareness? Interestingly, men do more than women. Let's take a look at some important facts: What is networking: According to Colleen Clarke, author of *Networking*, it is the art of creatively and resourcefully tapping the market of "people resources" available to you. The purpose is to give and to receive information - to exchange ideas. It is a time and energy saving process designed to create win-win situations.

Why is it important: We need people - to realize any and all of our dreams and goals. The more people you know, the more help you may have - AND the more you can help them achieve their goals, as well. To succeed in today's world you must be vigilant. You must be constantly looking for potential customers, contacts and win-win relationships.

Fact: Most people have at least 100 contacts.

Fact: 80% of the jobs available are found through the hidden job market.

Fact: One referral generates 80% more results than a cold call.

Men have been networking since the beginning of time. Does the term, "good old boy network" ring a bell? When a man needs something - he calls up a business associate, a tennis buddy, a friend and asks. He utilizes the system and it becomes a quid pro quo situation. You help me find "x" or accomplish "y" and rest assured, I'll help you when you need something.

Women, on the other hand, sometimes are reluctant to ask for help. We think we should be able to figure it out ourselves. We are driven by that need to be perfect and get it right and be 100% certain before we open our mouths. We do NOT want to look foolish or ignorant. And, the bottom line is - it's not about looking foolish. It's about being smart and utilizing the resources that are all around you.

Here are 10 ways for you to increase your networking savvy:

1. Make networking a regular ongoing routine.
2. Treat EVERYONE with kindness and respect (even when it would be most justifiable to do otherwise!).
3. Set clear goals.
4. Get really good at active listening.
5. Send thank you notes (vitaly important).
6. Toot your own horn (remember, there's a fine line between self-confidence and arrogance).
7. Ask if you can use your referral's name when following up on a lead they give you.
8. Look for opportunities to give back to those who assist you.
9. Do what you say you will do.
10. Join organizations and groups specifically designed to create networks.

Bottom line: "Hoping" that you will get the breaks is futile. Opportunities occur for you when you understand the dynamics of networking and use that awareness to your advantage. Networking helps you achieve your goals more effectively. It can save you valuable time, money and energy. It can also assist you in establishing mutually supportive relationships that can last a lifetime.

Linda Larsen, CSP, helps individuals think strategically, communicate effectively, and celebrate success. She is an international keynote speaker, trial consultant and author of the book, True Power, and the best selling audio program, 12 Secrets to High Self-Esteem. She can be reached at www.lindalarsen.com or 941-927-4700.

July Luncheon Recap

Susan Steeg, Justice of the Peace – Precinct 3

Joelyn Weeks, Program Director

Susan Steeg impressed luncheon attendees with her new role as Travis County Justice of the Peace of Precinct 3 (JP). Judge Steeg is a long-time and active EWTG member and has served on the EWTG Board and various committees.

Many EWTG members attended the luncheon to hear Judge Steeg, their former colleague and coworker talk about her new job and responsibilities. Judge Steeg retired from state government as the General Counsel of the Texas Department of Health in 2004.

Susan described her roles and responsibilities as well as shared some interesting stories about the day in the life of a JP. Judge Steeg's role keeps her busy with activities such as small claims court, dangerous animals, illegal towing cases, Class C misdemeanors for traffic tickets and minors in possession, truancy issues, evictions, and weddings. She is also the local registrar for county birth and death certificates, magistrate for DPS and ex-officio notary public for her precinct.

Judge Steeg is one of five JP's in Travis County. Texas counties are required to have JPs in Precincts and the constitution allows five to eight JP's. Not only does she serve as Judge, she is also a "department head". She is responsible for the administrative duties and runs the clerk's office in her jurisdiction. As the department head, Judge Steeg manages a \$1 million budget and has 20 FTEs (comprising full-time, part-time and temporary staff). Her office generates \$3.4 million in revenue through fees and fines. Her office deals with over 1900 new cases each month which includes 1200 criminal cases, 200 civil cases and 250 school attendance cases. Additionally she signs many documents and orders.

As Judge Steeg described her role, she commented that the skills required for her varied responsibilities were developed during her many other years in state government. Skills such as administrative, HR, budget, and planning all have application in her new position.

Luncheon attendees commented that they had not understood the role of a JP until Judge Steeg's address. It was indeed a pleasure to have Judge Steeg speak to the group and hear about her new role in public service.



July Luncheon Speaker Judge Susan Steeg and EWTG Vice President Carol Jackson



Judge Susan Steeg with her sister Judy Simkin, Mother Shirley Steeg and EWTG member Diane Parker (right to left).

July Minicourse Recap

2007 Legislative Summary

Joelyn Weeks, Program Director

Chris Bailey, State Auditor's Office, and Stephanie Muth, HHSC, teamed up to present an overview of the 80th Legislature at the July 11th EWTG Minicourse. Chris talked about employee-specific items of interest. Stephanie talked about changes within the HHSC arena.

Both presenters have extensive background in monitoring legislation and subsequent implementation because of their roles in their respective state agencies. Chris Bailey works for the State Classification Office at the State Auditor's Office, the agency responsible for maintaining the State's Compensation and Classification System and providing information on employee compensation issues to the Legislature. Chris also provides advice and guidance to state agencies, conducts research and analysis of statewide workforce and human resource issues, and prepares reports on those topics for the Texas Legislature.

Stephanie Muth has served as the Director of External Relations for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) since 2004. During her ten years of state government, she has worked in Government Relations at the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of Human Services. She also worked for three years at the Texas House of Representatives as a legislative director and a committee director. Stephanie earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Florida and a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas.

Chris announced that the state budget for 2008-09 had just been certified and that state employees would realize a 2 percent pay increase effective September 1. She also stated that there were no changes to the current coverage in retirement or health benefits for state employees. Additionally, any new employee hired after January 1, 2008 will be automatically enrolled in a 401(k) with 1 percent contribution from their salary unless the employee chooses to opt out. Changes resulting from the session relate to wellness programs in state agencies, new leave codes for wellness activities, changes in military leave options, submission time for travel reimbursements, background check reports, and written ethics policies in agencies.

Stephanie talked about HHSC related programs. She gave some context to changes by highlighting some of the requirements from the 78th and 79th sessions. As a result of the 80th session there will be additional resources for the investigative side of child protective services. Rate increases for child care and mental health services for children were approved. There were also changes in relating to CHIP.

Chris and Stephanie were a great team in that their areas of focus and experience are diverse yielding a broader range of information for the Minicourse participants.

Time for you

Time
to
bloom

Time to apply for an
EWTC scholarship...

...by September 30, 2007

<http://www.ewtc.org/scholarship.aspx>

Dallas Affiliate News

Chris McDaniel

The August meeting will be held in Arlington at 2561 Matlock Road. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Vinings, a family and cosmetic dentist specializing in aesthetic, neuromuscular, and full mouth restoration. He will be discussing a holistic approach to full body health.

General meeting information: Dallas Affiliate meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the A.W. Harris Faculty Club, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas (214-688-2653). The regular meetings begin with an informal social at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to receive the Dallas Affiliate monthly e-mail program announcement, or to RSVP regarding your attendance, please call Chris McDaniel at 817-468-7917 or e-mail her at bossynursemom@netscape.net.

Houston Affiliate News

Rebecca Rae

The Houston affiliate is taking the remainder of the summer off. The next meeting will be in September. Watch for information about the September meeting in future articles.

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