



THE WPG HERALD

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

WPG was founded in 1981 by Mary Dipboye, a graduate of the University of Houston with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. After taking a government relations job at Houston Lighting & Power (now Reliant Energy), she decided to form an organization for women with careers in government. The organization would offer a network to provide knowledge, skills, and support for career growth. WPG is now a 501(c)(3) organization. And, this year we are Walking Worthy into 40 years of service!

JAMILA CARROLL, PRESIDENT

Written by Francisco Stallion

It has been said that there is no force equal to a woman determined to rise!

As your President for this momentous 40th year of WPG, I can assure you I will be a force to be reckoned with. I am passionate about the future of this organization and have assembled a diverse Board, full of dynamic professionals, who are as fierce as they are fabulous. We kicked off the year with a high energy presentation for Hispanic Heritage Month, followed by a tear-jerking, heartfelt story of a double breast cancer survivor. We have many more amazing speakers lined up for you, as well as some fun, interactive networking events.

So, stay tuned to your emails, this newsletter and follow us on social media to keep up with all things WPG. It's our 40th Anniversary and you don't want to miss a minute of the action!



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



We kicked off our 40th program year this September, with guest speaker, **Dr. Laura Murillo, President & CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.** Her topic was, **“People, Passion & Persistence: Succeed in the New Era of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.”** Dr. Murillo gave a high energy, informative and thought provoking speech to an almost sold out crowd of attendees. We learned how to persevere and come out on top!



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Our October luncheon featured guest speaker Anya Hernandez-Wilkerson. Anya is a MS CCC-Speech Language Pathologist and Texas Realtor. She is a double breast cancer survivor and wowed us with her story of passion, persistence & perseverance. The most important take-away from her speech was that as women, we should always get a 2nd and even a 3rd opinion and listen to our bodies, even when the doctors tell us nothing is wrong.



Community Service

<p>September 2021</p>  <p>Bring a gift card or donate to The Bridge Over Troubled Waters https://tbotw.org/support-us/</p>	<p>October 2021</p>  <p>Sign up for the November 6 <i>Walk to End Alzheimer's</i> or support the WPG walk team www.alz.org/texas</p>	<p>November 2021</p>  <p>Bring diapers or newborn essentials or donate www.thesource.org</p>
<p>December 2021</p>  <p>Bring non-perishable food items or donate www.targethunger.org</p>	<p>Celebrating 40 Years</p> 	<p>February 2022</p>  <p>Visit the museum or donate www.buffalosoldiersmuseum.com</p>
<p>March 2022</p>  <p>Donate new or gently used children's books. Consult their website for appropriate titles www.booksbetweenkids.org</p>	<p>April 2022</p>   <p>Donate new or gently used women's or men's professional clothing www.dfshouston.org www.careergearhouston.org</p>	<p>May 2022</p>  <p>Presentation of WPG Charity grant and scholarship awards www.wpghouston.com</p>

WPG IS OUT HERE DOING THE WORK! EACH MONTH WE CHOOSE A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT. OUR MEMBERS DONATE VARIOUS ITEM, AS WELL AS MONETARY SUPPORT TO OUR FELLOW NONPROFITS, TO HELP SUSTAIN THEM. EACH MAY, WE AWARD A \$1,000 COMMUNITY GRANT TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS WOMEN AND/OR CHILDREN. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ ABOUT THE VARIOUS WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

#WPGINTHECOMMUNITY



Member of the Month

SEPTEMBER - KEVIN HERZOG



OCTOBER

**IRENE NUÑEZ
&
CASSIDY LEE**



**TO NOMINATE A MEMBER, PLEASE EMAIL
PRESIDENT@WPGHOUSTON.COM.
YOUR EMAIL SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- YOUR NAME**
- NOMINEE'S NAME**
- REASON(S) WHY THIS MEMBER SHOULD BE MEMBER OF THE MONTH.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



*Membership
Has its
Privileges*

JOIN NOW AT:
[HTTPS://WPGHOUSTON.COM/MEMBERSHIP](https://wpgouston.com/membership)

Active Member: \$50
Student Member: \$25
Life Member: \$500

MEMBERS ATTEND ALL WPG EVENTS AT A DISCOUNTED RATE OR FREE OF CHARGE

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW
MEMBERS AND OUR
RENEWING MEMBERS!



As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time in understanding what you're working toward before you invest your money. The financial world can sometimes seem like foreign territory; I can work one on one with you to help determine the most appropriate financial strategy for you and your family.

Prior to joining Edward Jones, I worked as a market asset protection manager at Walmart for 20 years. During that time, my husband and I were Edward Jones clients, and we saw the value in working with someone we trusted to help us with our financial goals. I came to Edward Jones in 2017 because I wanted to do the same, and to help individual investors work towards achieving their financial goals.

A 1996 graduate of Southern University A&M College, I hold a degree in business management. Originally from Baton Rouge, LA, I have lived in Sugar Land since 2012. My husband, Greg, and I have three boys and one grandson. We also have two horses that we enjoy getting out and riding in the local area.

I am an active member of BNI Houston East, where I hold the role of membership committee member. I am a faithful member of my church as well, where I serve on the family matters ministry.

At Edward Jones, we focus on you. I will use an established process to gain a detailed understanding of your values and goals. I can help you put a strategy in place for...

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- *Retirement Income
- *Receiving an Inheritance
- *Leaving a Legacy
- *College Savings
- *Selling Your Business

Work with me to help you develop a comprehensive strategy to achieve your financial goals.

with your burning passion to start the day. Make the sun jealous or stay in bed.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2021

Mrs. Indria Jenkins of Edward Jones presented at a power packed and extremely informative session, for our very first edition of our Women's Empowerment Series. She started by defining some common financial industry terms and breaking them down to a lay person's understanding. She then walked us through different investment scenarios and allowed us to decide which one fit our lifestyles. Indria left us with some great financial nuggets and everyone left the seminar feeling rejuvenated, refreshed and ready to take back their financial power!

The next Women's Empowerment Series will be offered in January. They are FREE TO MEMBERS and \$10 for non-members. Stay tuned to your email for more info.

HAPPY HOUR

Fall Networking Social

What?

Fall
"Networking"
Social

Where?

LobbyBar @ Hyatt Regency
1200 Louisiana

When?

October 21, 2021
5-7 PM

Appetizers provided while they last.
Bring your business cards for door prizes.

Street parking are available. Parking ticket will be validated.

[HTTP://WPGHOUSTON.ORG/](http://WPGHOUSTON.ORG/)



DECEMBER SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

*You're
Invited!*

THE WESTIN
1520 TEXAS
AVE

DEC 2

11:45AM - 1:30PM

SPEAKER

TBA



Rsvp at: <https://wpghouston.com/monthly-luncheons>

UPCOMING EVENTS



WOMEN PROFESSIONALS IN GOVERNMENT

Holiday
HAPPY HOUR
Networking Social and Ornament Exchange

December 16,
2021
5 - 7 PM

Simone on Sunset
2418 Sunset
Houston, TX 77005

Appetizers are provided while they last.
Bring an ornament with your business card attached for
networking and ornament exchange.
Complimentary valet parking available.

<http://wpg-houston.org>



REGISTER AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-professionals-in-government-holiday-networking-happy-hour-tickets-206028395477>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Today's the day!

*Please Support our
Fundraiser*

Nov. 4 - Dec. 4, 2021

Members must record sales on provided form to be eligible for prize

PURCHASE POCORN AT:

<https://fundraising.popcornopolis.com/pages/women-professionals-in-government>

***OR CONTACT YOUR FAVORITE WPG MEMBER
TO ORDER INDIVIDUAL BAGS***



THANK YOU

TO OUR SPONSORS

SHULAS

STEAK HOUSE

1200 Louisiana St
Houston, TX 77002

WPG MEMBERS ONLY: Shula's will offer a 15% discount to our members. Just show them your membership card.
(Membership cards will be available for pickup at the December luncheon)



4313 Stonewall St
Houston, TX 77020

WPG MEMBERS ONLY: Marcos Pepper Grill will offer a 10% discount to our members. They are also offering a \$10 credit incentive for gift card purchases of \$40 or more. Just show them your membership card.
(Membership cards will be available for pickup at the December luncheon)

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