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2018-2019 Community Service Calendar

Welcome

On behalf of the Women Professionals in Government Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the first WPG luncheon of 2018-2019. We are excited to have you!

This handout is a brief introduction to Women Professionals in Government. Be sure to visit us at <http://www.wpghouston.org> to become a member. You will not want to miss out on what the Board has planned for this year!

If you have any questions regarding Community Service Committee and planned activities, please feel free to contact me at cwalker@hcad.org.

Thank you,
Clarette Carter Walker
Community Service Chair

WPG History

Women Professionals in Government, WPG, was founded in 1981 by Mary Dipboye, a graduate of the University of Houston with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. After taking a government relations job at Houston Lighting & Power (now Reliant Energy), she formed an organization for women with careers in government. The organization would offer a network to provide knowledge, skills, and support for career growth.

WPG currently meets on the first Thursday of the month, September through May, to network, enjoy lunch, and hear an outstanding community leader. The meetings are open to city, county, state, and federal professional women, as well as men, who work in or with government.

In 2006, WPG established itself as a 501(c)(3) organization. WPG provides scholarship opportunities to young women pursuing degrees in government and public policy via the Beverly Kaufman and WPG scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, WPG awards grant funding to agencies serving women and/or children. In May, WPG hosts a Summer Social to help raise scholarship funds.

Mission Statement

The mission of Women Professionals in Government is:

- To facilitate the development of a support network among members interested in government and public policy,
- To impart knowledge and skills essential to career growth in government and public policy
- To provide scholarship opportunities to young women pursuing degrees in government and public policy
- To provide grant funding to agencies serving women and/or children and for any and all lawful activities deemed to be in the best interest of its membership as long as these activities do not contradict the non-profit, and politically nonpartisan basis of this organization.



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September 2018-Bring a Book



Bring a new Children's book to be donated to *Harris County Public Library*.

October 2018



Support the Houston Komen Walk – October 6, 2018. Sam Houston Park Downtown Houston

November 2018-Put the Thanks in Thanksgiving



Bring canned goods for the *Houston Food Bank* in a recyclable cloth, paper, or plastic bag.

December 2018-Christmas Toy Drive



Bring a new unwrapped safe toy. Donations support "Toys for Tots."



February 2019-Wear Red



Bring gently worn dark business suits, blouses, shoes, and purses to be donated to *Dress for Success*. Support Women's Heart Health Month. Wear Red.

March 2019



Donations to support "Undies for Everyone". Bring new underwear for disadvantaged children. Children's small to adult sizes.

April 2019



Donations to support "Houston Area Women's Center". Bring new T-shirts of all sizes for women survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence.

May 2019 WPG Grant and Scholarship



WPG Scholarship and Grant will be awarded at the luncheon.