

IN THIS ISSUE

- ◆ President's Greeting
- ◆ Vendor Shout Outs
- ◆ September Meeting Info
- ◆ NECI & NEAWP News
- ◆ Upcoming Meetings & Association Events
- ◆ Important Member Meeting Info!

Theme of the Month: Neediness ~ Seeking encouragement and support from others and appreciating being aided when in need.

Greetings from the President ~ Amy Mader

I cannot believe that this summer is over! For the first time I took a 3 week vacation. It was amazing and many experiences were had. Today was another experience I was fortunate to have. It was bitter sweet to send my daughter to first grade and my son to middle school. As I watched my son get on the bus to take the major step to middle school, my mind raced back to when I was in 6th grade. I remember fondly Sr. Margarita explaining the facts of life to me and being an influential force of nature in my life. If you look back into your life, everyone knows that ONE person who affected their life in a positive manner. I truly hope that my son has such an experience. Middle school is such an odd time in one's life. At any moment as an adolescent, it seems as though you will never forget the bad times, however, it is the good times you remember the most. Think about who that person was, how they encouraged and supported you, and how their influence impacted you as a person.

On my vacation, I had the wonderful opportunity of attending my 20th high school reunion. I have not gone to ANY class reunions. The wedding industry beast reared its head by always ensuring I had an event on the weekend of a reunion and quite frankly, I did not make the attempt to go. However, the organizer made a wise move by sending out a save the date 1 year ago. I have often said that I enjoyed high school but would never want to relive it. I am sure that I was encouraged and supported by my peers, but did not remember those moments as much as I remembered the awkwardness of adolescence. I cannot complain about high school because that is where my husband and my story began. Upon meeting up with classmates at a bar in Wisconsin (that was selling \$.25 rails—no lie), I truly believe that I was going to die laughing. As the night went on I forgot that the bar did not know how to make martinis or that my feet were killing me. I had wonderful conversations with

this group of individuals whom I share a bond with- St. Thomas Aquinas Class of 1990. We were not the cheerleader, athlete, geek, snob or burnout. We all were discussing our lives, dumb/great things we have done in our life and our families. If you have not attended a class reunion, make it a point to do so. If anything, you will find some great laughs. People do change over the period of 20 years!

Our theme this month is neediness. Whether you are 12, 18, 40 or 80, everyone does want to seek encouragement and support from others.

Best - Amy
Amy Mader, PWC



Quote of the Month...

Taking an interest in what others are thinking and doing is often a much more powerful form of encouragement than praise.

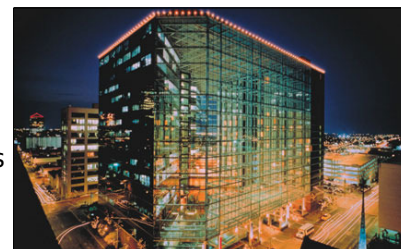
~ Robert martin

NECI & NEAWP NEWS

September Meeting Sponsor
A big Thank You to
Eric Hegwer Photography!

Welcome to the Omni Hotel

Austin! NEAWP extends their gratitude to Leah Pitre for hosting our meeting. The Omni Austin Hotel Downtown is a magnificently appointed luxury hotel that surrounds you with comfort and style. With the heart of the thriving downtown business center at your doorstep, you'll be just steps away from the Austin Convention Center and the Texas State Capitol. The 6th Street Entertainment District is walking distance from the hotel. Omni Hotels was named as one of the best companies to work for in Texas in an annual program created by the Texas Association of Business, the Texas State Council of the Society of Human Resource Management and the Best Companies Group.



About our September Meeting!

~September Vendor Shout Outs!~

The Driskill Hotel

Visit: www.driskillhotel.com
Contact: Wendy Neuman, Scott Ertresvaag
Wendy: 512.391.7113
wneuman@destinationhotels.com
Scott: 512.391.7123 |
sertresvaag@destinationhotels.com

**Austin Country Club**

Contact: Julie Diaz
Email: diaz@austincountryclub.com
512.314.3286
Visit: www.austincountryclub.com

Austin Cake Ball

Contact: Stacey Bridges
512.826.4824
Email: stacey@austincakeball.com
Visit: www.austincakeball.com

**Pink Tulip Invitations & Stationery**

Contact: Lauren Rogers
Visit: www.pinktulipinvitations.com
512.323.2626

Studio 563 Photography

Contact: Andy Peterson
866.251.0677
Email: austin@studio563.com
Visit: www.studio563.com

Vendor Shout-out's courtesy of Barbara Hearne & Kristi Treadwell.

From "Donation Diva" Amanda...

Email Amanda@neawp.org
for more info!!

**September Charity**

NEAWP is continuing our support of the Austin Humane Society. They still need our help! The following items are needed:

- Treats & Rawhide chews for dogs
- Canned cat and dog food
- *KONG* Type toys for dogs
- Gently used Towels
- Bath mats & blankets
- Newspaper
- Gently used or new pet collars
- Pet shampoo
- Dog and Cat treats

They are also accepting monetary donations for to spay and neuter animals in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. \$1200 will spay or neuter 40 animals!

Please bring your donation to our next meeting!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Simon Lee Bakery ~ Judy Lee
&
Kim Treadway

Meet Eric Hegwer of Eric Hegwer Photography, our September meeting sponsor.

Come learn about the photographer who has mastered Hebrew, rock climbed for years, is a biochemist AND actually know who Phish is.

To find out more about Eric, go to
www.erichegwer.com

Regular Monthly Meetings are from 11am - 1pm

Upcoming Meetings

Other Info & Events...

September Meeting
Wednesday, September 1st
Omni Downtown

October Meeting
Wednesday, October 6th
Mercury Hall

November Meeting
Wednesday, November 3rd
Central Market

December Meeting
Wednesday, December 1st
TBD

NEAWP Holiday Party

Hospitality Highlights
Remember to send special announcements to Kristi or Falana! We want to share your news so keep us updated!!

JOIN THE NEAWP NETWORK!
Blog: <http://neawp.blogspot.com>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin-TX/Nuptial-Essentials-Association-of-Wedding-Professionals/286580283391>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/NEAWP>

9.15.10 Wed | 5:30 - 8:30
NEAWP **Event Games**
TEAMS STILL NEEDED!
contact amy@neawp.org
For More Info:
<http://www.neawp.org>

9.28.10 Tues | 10 am
Mentor Meeting
contact barbara@neawp.org

9.29.10 | 11 am
Wedding Planners Only
Open Meeting
Cheesecake Factory
contact amy@neawp.org

11.7.10
Susan G. Komen Austin
Race for the Cure
Contact
Amanda@NEAWP.org

1.9.11
Diamond Domain
Bridal Soiree
contact rita@austinweddingday.com

Bring a friend to the next meeting or have come see if they are interested in joining our organization!

September is MEMBERSHIP DRIVE month!! If you would like to join or need to renew your membership, the current membership drive is \$150.00 (\$100.00 off the original dues!). This membership drive ends on September 30, 2010.

Contact the 2010 NEAWP Advisory Board

If you'd like to participate in any committee, contact committee chair. The Austin chapter advisory board meets prior to the general meeting. General membership is welcomed to attend the advisory meeting. RSVP to amy@neawp.org if you would like to attend.

- NEAWP/NECI President, Amy Mader, amy@neawp.org
- Admissions Advisor, John Cook, john@nuptialesentials.com
- Chapter President, Barbara Hearne, barbara@neawp.org
- Meeting Committee, Kyle Sorenson, kyle@neawp.org
- Hospitality Committee, Falana Thomas, falana@neawp.org
- Hospitality, Kristi Treadwell, kristi@neawp.org
- Education Committee, Cortney Zieky, cortney@neawp.org
- Financial Committee, Dawn Earley, dawn@neawp.org
- Philanthropy, Amanda Dudley, amanda@neawp.org
- PR Committee, Dustin Meyer, dustin@neawp.org
- Newsletter Committee, Shelley Hale, shelley@neawp.org

Important MEMBER info!!

- *Please pay by PayPal by midnight Sunday prior to the meeting. You will enjoy the pre-paid rates of \$30/member and \$50/guest.
- *If you choose to pay at the door, meeting fees will be \$35/member and \$55/guest.
- *If you are unable to attend a meeting, you are still responsible for meeting fees if you RSVP'ed that you would be in attendance.
- *Don't forget to renew your membership to keep your meeting fees at \$30! If your membership lapses, you will be required to pay the guest rates.
- *Let us know if you have specific dietary needs as soon as possible, and we will keep them on file and make every attempt to accommodate them at the meetings! (You won't have to tell us each month!)

MEETING NAMETAGS



Still need an NEAWP Business Nametag? The next order will be placed

October 15, 2010.

All tags must be paid for before being ordered.

Please send \$7 and the following to Dawn: dawn@neawp.org. {Name & Business Name}

**\$7/tag which includes magnetic back. You can also order on our website by PayPal for \$7.50

NEAWP
Nuptial Essentials
ASSOCIATION of WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

www.neawp.org

10133 Planters Woods Drive Austin, TX 78730
(P) 866-766-NECI / (F) 888-682-4109

The Nuptial Essentials Association of Wedding Professionals (NEAWP) provides networking, resources and support for Professional Wedding Consultants. We also offer continuing education for experienced consultants through Nuptial Essentials Curriculum & Education (NECI).

