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Herb Klein (843-860-7735 or hklein@theprofitdrivers.com)

Last year, thanks to our sponsors' generosity, CWIT was able to continue our many educational programs. For the second time in as many years, they also provided the funds necessary to award two deserving SC students with \$3,000 scholarships.

Check it Out!

The Southeastern Institute for Women in Politics has launched a "Fill the GAP!" program to encourage capable women to submit their resumes as candidates for senior gubernatorial appointments, boards and commissions.



Find the SC Gubernatorial Appointments Project (SC GAP) online at: www.scelectswomen.com/sc_gap

Message from the Chair



Dear CWIT Members and Supporters:

Your CWIT Board is still very busy wrapping up loose ends from our annual fundraising event, "Spring into Fall" live and silent auction held on October 7th. All feedback and reconciliations suggests that it was a tremendous success with over 120 people registered to attend and over 100 items up for bid. I'd like to thank everyone involved in for their tremendous contributions, including the Annual Event committee and it chair, Candice Vasquez, the CWIT Board of Directors, CWIT's Vice Chair Margie Hardwick of OOCL, who introduced our event to the folks managing Blackbaud's beautiful Atrium, the fantastic band Fifty50, our sponsors, donor companies and of course, those of you who came out to help make the event one of the best ever. On behalf of CWIT, many thanks to each and every one of you!

Our October 12th luncheon meeting will provide members and guests with the opportunity to hear from three sitting state legislators (all female!) on the status of Women in State Politics. Should be a great, bi-partisan discussion, especially in light of the upcoming elections! Hope to see you there!

- Jacky Sassard, CWIT Chairperson

This Month's Luncheon: Women in State Politics

Next month, South Carolina voters might elect a woman to the governor's office for the first time. On Wednesday, October 12, CWIT will host three current state legislators, who will bring their perspective on women in state politics.

Speakers: Reps. Jenny Horne, Annette Young and Anne Peterson-Hutto
Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston
Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members

Register online through the event page at www.cwitsc.org.

Please note that cancellations after 10/08/10 and no-shows will be billed since CWIT is responsible for the expected attendance.

Next CWIT Luncheon:

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Speaker: Maryann Wagner, President, Welded-Tube Berkeley

October Member of the Month: Candice Vasquez

Candice Vasquez started her life in Charleston in 1998 when she began attending classes at the College of Charleston. Her plan originally was to attend UNC Wilmington, but her mother begged her to just take a look at the College of Charleston and immediately she fell in love. From the moment she moved into the dorm she knew Charleston was where she wanted to be for a very long time! She loved the weather, having the beaches so close and then the feel of living in a city full of history, character and life.



After graduating with a Business Administration degree, she began her career in transportation and logistics at C.H. Robinson, a worldwide third party logistics firm. She worked there as a logistics consultant and learned the ins and outs of domestic transportation. She knew she wanted to do more, so she started looking for a job in outside sales that included selling domestic as well as international shipping. She found the job at DHL Express which helped expand her knowledge of shipping internationally. Her ultimate goal was to know all parts of logistics and transportation and in order to do that she would have to move on to a company who offered freight forwarding and supply chain management, which she did. She currently works for Panalpina, one of the world's leading suppliers of freight forwarding and logistics services, as a Business Unit Sales Manager for the South Carolina territory. Candice loves the company and the people she works for and plans on a lifetime career with Panalpina. You can visit www.panalpina.com for more information.

Candice does a lot of other things during her free time. She has currently invested some time selling "Tots on the Go" rentals with her family. Tots on the Go sells and rents baby gear. They handle the rental part in South Carolina and they plan on helping grow the company nationally and eventually investing in the company. She is also a member of Charleston Women in International Trade and volunteers for Crisis Ministries and other local non-profit organizations. She recently became a member of the Cambridge Who's Who. Cambridge Who's Who classifies members as a leader in their field of work and the registry acknowledges and memorializes their accomplishments.

Her biggest accomplishment and the one closest to the heart is hosting a golf tournament in memory of her husband, Tello Vasquez. The Tello Vasquez Memorial Golf Tournament is held every year in May or June to raise money for his scholarship at The Citadel, where he attended college. She credits her deceased husband for her motivation, success and love of life. Without him she would not be where she is today.

To contact Candice, email her at candicevasquez11@yahoo.com.

- Sally Davis, Vice Secretary & Membership Chair

Save the Date!

CWIT's Annual Banquet | A Salute to Our Founders
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing

Please make plans to join CWIT for its annual banquet, where we will award the scholarships and the Woman of the Year award. We'll also be celebrating a decade of accomplishments!

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