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### December Holiday Social

You are invited to a Holiday Cocktail Party! Join us as we

celebrate the season. Your friends and business associates will be looking forward to seeing you.

**When:** Tuesday, December 9, 6-8:30 pm

**Where:** Madeline Anz Slay Architecture, PLLC (123 Altgelt) Click [here](#) for a map.

**Cost:** \$25

Event sponsors are Summit HME, Trostle & Associates and San Antonio Massage and Spa

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[Get More Details and Register Here!](#)

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## Other NAWBO-SA Events and News

### **JANUARY EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:**

Mark your calendar now for the January Education & Leadership Conference on Friday, January 19, 2009 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oak Hills Country Club. You won't want to miss the keynote on "Championing Yourself and Your Ideas" or the break-out sessions which include topics on Building Relationships, Living Your Brand, Practical Negotiation, and Effective Communication with Your Banker.

Sponsorship information is available at [www.nawbosa.org](http://www.nawbosa.org).

### **COCKTAIL CONNECTION:**

The next Cocktail Connection is Tuesday, January 6, at Coco (18402 US Hwy. 281 N in the Legacy Shopping Center; 210-491-4480; [www.sa-coco.com](http://www.sa-coco.com)) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Join us for a facilitated, networking opportunity, NAWBO-SA's Cocktail Connection. Price is \$15 plus tax and gratuity and is payable at the door (cash and credit cards only). This includes a drink ticket and hors d'oeuvres. To RSVP, visit the [www.nawbosa.org](http://www.nawbosa.org).

### **LUNCH CONNECTION:**

The next Lunch Connection is **Thursday**, December 11, at Swede's Restaurant (2211 NW Military, at the corner of West Avenue) from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Meet and greet fellow business owners and corporate partners; share information about your products and services over lunch!

Be sure to bring lots of business cards. RSVPs are required; attendance is limited to 30. Register today by visiting [www.nawbosa.org](http://www.nawbosa.org). Cost is \$15 and includes entree, ice tea, water and gratuity. You'll pay at the restaurant.

**2009 ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AWARDS:**

Plans are progressing for the 2009 Entrepreneurial Spirit Awards (ESA), which will be presented at a special evening event on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Omni Hotel.

We are excited to announce that one of the highlights of the ESA event will be our guest speaker: Dawn Stokes, CEO and Founder of Texas Driving Experience and SKILLS, LLC, Fort Worth, Texas. Dawn was recently featured in Entrepreneur Magazine and is a winner of the Make Mine a Million \$ Business Program sponsored by American Express OPEN. This program was featured at the NAWBO national conference in 2006. She is funny, inspiring, energetic, as well as being smart, driven to succeed and an excellent business person.

Texas Driving Experience is an educational entertainment company located at Texas Motor Speedway, one of the premier sporting facilities in the nation. Utilizing a fleet of Millennium Yellow Z06 Corvettes, Texas Driving Experience offers race car rides and drives, results-oriented corporate team building and innovative fleet safety programs.

In 2007, she founded SKILLS, LLC, an advanced driving course that gives teens the knowledge and experience to succeed in emergency situations. Both educational and fun, SKILLS goes beyond the scope of traditional Drivers Ed programs to teach teens accident avoidance.

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## Other Events of Interest

**SAN ANTONIO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATIONS:**

The San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1984 to honor outstanding women who have contributed substantially to San Antonio and/or Bexar County. The women selected for induction in the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame must have made significant contributions to San Antonio and/or Bexar County. Categories include

Agriculture and Ranching; Athletics; Business and Finance; Civic Leadership; Communications; Creative Arts; Education; Higher Education; Health Professions; Innovation; Law; Military; Public Service; Science; Technology; and Volunteerism.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than DECEMBER 29, 2008 and received no later than JANUARY 2, 2009. For more information or a nomination form, call 210-408-6778 or email [KatzMeowy@aol.com](mailto:KatzMeowy@aol.com)

**8th ANNUAL SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS CONFERENCE - "GET IN THE GAME AND STAY IN THE GAME":**

Be sure to attend the 8th annual Small, Minority and Women Business Owners Conference on Wednesday, December 10 at Freeman Coliseum from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The free event includes several networking, procurement and workshop opportunities that can benefit your business. For more information, visit <http://www.co.bexar.tx.us/smwbe>

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) TRAINING:**

The local office of the Small Business Administration offers a variety of classes every month. An upcoming class in December is "SCORE Pre- Business Workshop" (December 11). For information, call their office at 210-403-5900, or visit their web site at: <http://www.sba.gov/tx/sanantonio/>

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) TRAINING:**

The UTSA Small Business Development Center offers integrated, low-cost training and free counseling services to meet the needs of small business owners in San Antonio and surrounding counties. They offer a variety of classes including "The Business Plan" (December 9), "Quickbooks II" (December 11) and "Business Plan Financials" (December 18). For more details, call 210-458-2047, or visit their website at <http://sasbdc.iedtexas.org/>

**SOUTH TEXAS WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER (STWBC) TRAINING:**

The STWBC is committed to the success of small business and often hosts and participates in special workshops or seminars that provide the type of information and guidance that so many small business owners want. Upcoming classes include "Basic Human Resource Laws for Small Business" (December 9), "Principles of Accounting" and "Effective Marketing & Public Relations" (December 16). For more information, visit [www.stwbc.com](http://www.stwbc.com) or call 210-207-0112.

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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TRAINING:**

The City of San Antonio's Economic Development Department's Small Business Unit offers a variety of workshops every month. For more information, visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/edd>

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**Member/Corporate Partner Events and News****ALTAIR TECHNOLOGY'S LUNCH 'N LEARN SERIES:**

Altair Technology invites you to its upcoming Lunch 'n' Learn series, "Business Planning for 2009." Sign up for discussion, learning and strategy tools to build your business. Classes offered are "Be Found on the Internet" (January 5), "Strategic Planning for Your Online Business" (January 6) and "Getting Started on the Internet" (January 13). For more information or to register for classes, visit <http://altairtech.com/webpages.asp?wpid=140>

**DO YOU HAVE EVENTS TO PROMOTE?**

Members and corporate partners can promote events, open houses, special promotions, etc. Announcements should be no longer than 100 words and are due by the last day of the month (for the next month's issue). You will find member and partner events listed under "Special Events" within the "News and Events" section of the website. Send your announcements to [info@nawbo-sa.org](mailto:info@nawbo-sa.org). Call Chapter Administrator Laura Bray (210-408-1699) with any questions.

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**Welcome New Members!**

- Elizabeth Montgomery, Trotter and Morton
- Nancy Froelich, Nancy Froelich CPA
- Stacy Herr, Bleu Print

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NAWBO-SA's email newsletter contains information on upcoming NAWBO meetings and other news and events of interest to women business owners. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please send a message to [info@nawbosa.org](mailto:info@nawbosa.org).

### **A "GOLD" Healthy Chapter**

#### **Winner, 2007 Guardian/NAWBO Diversity Award**

Please feel free to forward this newsletter, and encourage recipients to join NAWBO-SA. Details on membership dues are available on the NAWBO web site at [www.nawbosa.org](http://www.nawbosa.org)

We welcome your feedback on this newsletter. Please send your comments to Laura Bray at [info@nawbosa.org](mailto:info@nawbosa.org)

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