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Dallas - Ft. Worth Chapter

E-NEWSLETTER

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Project sharing, elections on tap for December

An important benefit to all the professional communicators who are involved in RCC is the opportunity to network. Please bring your latest and greatest **Project to Share** (information about a project or product & samples will be welcome!) at the December chapter meeting set for Thursday, Dec. 15. We will meet at UMR Communications, 2400 Lone Star Dr., Dallas from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Dallas chapter members work in a number of different communication and public relations venues. This time of sharing may spark ideas and help bring to mind opportunities available from colleagues in this professional organization. Please also bring 15-20 copies of your business card to share.

Reservations are needed. Cost is \$15 (includes lunch) and payable at the meeting. Call or email Deb Christian, 214.630.6495 ext 147, dchristian@umr.org to make your reservation by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12.

Officer Elections:

The nominated slate of officers for 2006 include:

President: Cherrie Graham

VP-Programs: John Bagwell

VP-Membership: Ann Hafften

Secretary-Treasurer: Deb Christian

Awards Committee Chair: Bill Matthews

Nominations will be taken from the floor, if confirmed with nominee before the meeting.

✓ Check it out!

The Dallas- Fort Worth Chapter has a new/updated website. Find news and information about the 2006 National Convention, membership, resources, upcoming programs and chapter news – www.rcc-dfw.org.

Norvell Slater Award Nominations open for work done in 2005

The Norvell Slater Awards are presented to honor outstanding achievement in communication of faith values through the media in the Dallas/Fort Worth area marketplace. The awards & criteria follow.

Religious Communicator of the Year (A church or a religious organization or person effectively communicating faith values in the Dallas/Fort Worth area marketplace) **Commercial Communicator of the Year** (A secular/commercial media organization or person that effectively communicates faith values in the DFW area marketplace) **Lifetime Communicator** (A person whose lifetime career has effectively communicated faith values in the Dallas/Fort Worth area marketplace)

Send nominations (include nominee phone, address, e-mail & reason for nomination and your contact info) to Deb Christian, dchristian@umr.org **BY DEC. 15**. A nomination form can be accessed on the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter website, www.rcc-dfw.org and faxed to 214.631.6610. The annual Slater Award Luncheon are tentatively set for Thursday, Feb 23 – with Feb. 16 as an alternative date.

Looking Ahead:

Wilbur Watch

Continue to note TV, radio, newspapers, movies, magazines, books [in the secular media] that best communicate religious issues, values and themes and could be possible nominees for RCC's Wilbur Awards. Send your ideas/nominations to Wilbur Award Chairperson, Mindy Marchal, mmarchal@ctr.pcusa.org. Entries are due by Feb. 1, 2006 for work done in 2005.

DeRose-Hinkhouse Awards

One of the many benefits of RCC membership is the opportunity to enter this competition and win awards and recognition for your work. Chair of the awards, Victoria Goff, notes the entry information is available on the national website, www.religioncommunicators.org.