

THE CHALLENGE

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From the President's Desk...THANK YOU!

... one and all for being a special treat for me as your President!

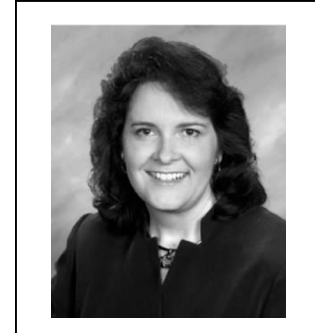
During 2 years as President, you made me proud in your stepping up and making the Conquer Life's Curves events, meetings and time with you rewarding and a learning experience for us all.

May you decide that Success is a worthwhile Place To Be, and renew your local membership in July. The small \$24 dues, provides a foundation for the new chapter board to begin budgeting and planning the year ahead. Programs and committee funding and addi-

tional member benefits are supported by the member's dues. You may make your check out to ABWA Success and give it to Lynn Lightell at the meeting.

Change is a big topic this year—Jana Stanfield at the spring conference talked and sang about change, the officers spoke about it and many of their website messages reflect on it.

Life's constant IS change, and I believe it is important to be aware of and reflect on what change means in our own lives. Check out the messages in the newsletter this month.



Robin Neal, 2006-2008 Success President, 2004 ABWA District VI Vice President.

—Robin Neal

July Program: Be a People Magnet!

Paul Barnes, "**HOW TO BE A PEOPLE MAGNET—The Secrets of Winning with People.**"

Paul will be sharing practical tips and techniques that will help us improve our people skills and become the kind of person who is attractive to others enabling us to

develop better relationships--with our clients, friends, family members and co-workers.

His company, The Phoenix Group specializes in COMMUNICATION COACHING. He also just finished his first book, "Skipping Stones: A

Journey of Faith in the Messiness of Life" which will be available in stores early 2009.

RSVP Requested by July 8, 2008, 6 pm to: abwasuccess@yahoo.com

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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Complete
Survey,
helps to
plan the
upcoming
year!

2008-09 Board Elected -CONGRATULATIONS

Jo Ann Williams, 2008-09 Chapter President, will be installed with her team in July.

2008-09 Board:

- President: Jo Ann Williams
- Vice President: Karly Stein
- Secretary: Amy Kuther
- Treasurer: Lynn Lightell

They are already busy getting ready to take on their tasks and eager to learn!

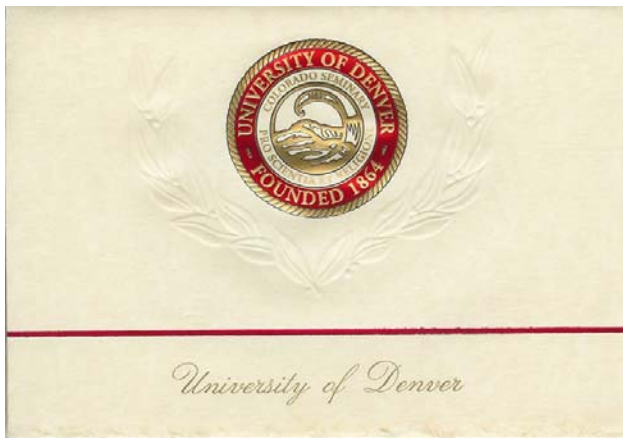
There are committees to fill before August. Let Jo Ann know what is of interest to you.

Learn about the committee you have volunteered to work on.

Find out more at the July meeting about committees available to serve on.

Jump in with both feet—you'll be surprised what you and others can do when you put your minds together and efforts to make this coming chapter year wonderful!

Be sure to give Jo Ann feedback on the standing rules she made available at the last meeting.



Congratulations Graduate Karly Stein!

*The University of Denver
announces that
Karly Ann Stein
is a candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Arts
in
Communications
with a concentration in Communications Management
and a minor in Art
at the Commencement Exercises
Saturday, June seventh, Two thousand and eight
Ten o'clock in the morning
Magness Arena - Ritchie Center
Denver, Colorado
Ticket required for admission*

Correspondence for Success Charter

Congratulations on your 24th anniversary! Celebrate your accomplishments and stretch to reach new goals. I can't wait to hear about all the exciting news coming from your chapter during the next year. Continue to "Engage, Experience and Excel" the wonderful opportunities ABWA has to offer. Keep up the great work and have a wonderful 24th anniversary celebration!

In ABWA friendship,

Grey Dawson
National Secretary-Treasurer



Success Charter Chapter

Congratulations on your 24th ABWA anniversary. For over two decades your dynamic group has had a positive impact on your members as well as your community. What an awesome accomplishment! May you all continue on paths of success in your personal, professional and organizational lives.

*To Ann V. Dsby
2007-2008 District II Vice President*

Calendar 2008-2009

RENEW Your LOCAL CHAPTER
DUES \$24/yr or \$12/6 months

SEPT 10, 2008
OCT. 8, 2008

2008-09 CHAPTER YEAR:

Oct. 19, 2008— "Girls Only" Tickets required-Ask Gerry Giardullo

AUGUST 13, 2008 NEW BOARD!
Meeting at Sweet Tomatoes

Nov. 12, 2008

CALENDAR
2007-08

July 9, 2008
Wrap-up Chapter Year, Install new officers.
Meet at Sweet Tomatoes

Thank you for a great year!

Reality Check—Political Ads

Did you know: Referendum C (that let Colorado keep and spend funds beyond the Tabor limits for 5 years) were estimated to be \$3 BILLION, is now projected to exceed \$6 BILLION?

More tax issues are planned for the 2008 election. If you vote, please do your Research.

The ads are filling the airways and TV shows, portraying candidates as good guys or bad and trying to persuade you to emotionally react to their 30-60 second messages.

How often in your life have you made important decisions based upon a few sentences?

Did you get a job by presenting only a 30 second elevator speech? Would you decide to have major surgery or to buy a home

on a minute's conversation? When listening to a sales person, do you ask questions beyond what they tell you?

Do you wonder if they financially gain from "selling you" one product over another or are their intentions to do the best for you?

I've watched some of the ads, paid attention to who paid for the ad, then looked up the organization on the web.

Curious how organizations will sound like they are concerned about us—with a "neighborly" tone, oddly, the ads are often paid by out-of-state organizations and often objections run counter to what is actually "good" for Colorado.

Use your "free will" and do some of your own "reality checking" this election year. Look for unbiased info, too. Sources that don't benefit either way.

Declaration of Independence & Constitution

Good news rarely makes the news.

What if we turned the news around?

- Employment rate is 94.3%
- 96.05% of mortgage payments paid on-time in June!
- There's Oil Field discoveries!
<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1911>

A recently televised series called "*The Revolution*" gives historical background beyond textbook lessons. If you have the chance, watch the challenges faced during our nation's "birth".

The cable series on *John Adams* is also a glimpse into the evolution from colonies governed from afar to an independent nation. The hardships amazing.

Check out the Library of Congress online, <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/Constitution.html> for more about our Declaration of Independence, American Revolution and The Constitution. Below are excerpts:

"The American republic was founded on a set of beliefs that were tested during the Revolutionary War. Among them was the idea that all people are created equal, whether European, Native American, or African American, and that these people have fundamental rights, such as liberty, free speech, freedom of religion, due process of law, and freedom of assembly. America's revolutionaries openly discussed these concepts."

The United States Constitution Excerpts:

WE, the PEOPLE of the UNITED STATES, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. ...

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice-President, chosen for the same term, be elected as follows.

...
Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States; and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend, the Constitution of the United States."

2008 ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference

Covington, KY National Conference—October 2-4, 2008



Early Registration ends
August 21—SAVE \$100
on a member complete
registration!

July 1, 2008

Dear District VI Members,

Time is moving by fast and here we are another ABWA year coming up. Are we ready?

Just a few months ago, many of us attended one or more of the District Conferences. Many were at our District Conference in Englewood, CO and received the District VI Snap Shot. It showed our membership numbers plus other data. Hopefully those in attendance have shared this information with their Chapters, Express Networks, and Councils.

District VI has always been one of the leaders in attendance at the National Women's Leadership Conferences regardless of the location. Looking forward to the 2008 National Conference in Covington, KY we can again excel and increase our numbers from previous years.

At the District Conference in Niagara Falls, there was a challenge made to all districts to have a 10% increase in members attending the 2008 National Conference from the previous year. Is District VI ready for that challenge? At the 2007 National Conference, District VI had 99 voting members registered. We can meet and exceed the challenge by having more than 109 voting attendees.

We as a District can make a difference in the future of ABWA by attending the 2008 National Leadership Conference in Covington, KY. The May-June issue of "Women In Business" has all the information for registration. National Leadership Conferences are excellent opportunities for Chapters, Express Networks and Councils to use your educational funds to promote professional development.

BE THERE TO SEE DISTRICT VI EXCEL AGAIN

JoAnn Osby
2007-2008 District VI Vice President

The May/June WOMEN IN BUSINESS magazine has lots of info about the programs, seminars, entertainment. Categories include:

Leadership: Managing for the Future with ABWA-KU MBA Essentials, FranklinCovey: Speed of Trust; or Happy Hour: An Intoxicating Take on Going from Good to Great!
Personal Success: Empowering Your Life includes Jana Stanfield, and much more. Check it out!

Keynotes include Mark Mayfield, and Afterburner— Mach 2 (Great energy and fun while learning concepts that you probably haven't used before in your business or work situation)!

Entertainment: The Water Coolers

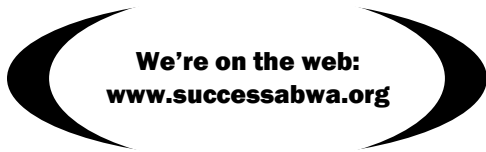
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ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
2. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
3. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
4. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
5. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
6. Members will strive for excellence in their professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.

Welcome to Success—2007-08 ABWA Team

President—Robin Neal

Membership: Rhonda Bolich-Lampo

Vice President—Gerry Frantz

Programs: Carol Neal

Secretary—Jo Ann Williams

Publicity/PR: Gerry Giardullo

Treasurer—Lynn Lightell

Committee Chairmen:

Chapter Woman of the Year/Top Ten

Nominee Committee:

Charmiane Berry

Community Service: Amy Kuther

Colorado Council and Education:

Kay Applegate

