

THE CHALLENGE

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SUCCESS CHARTER CHAPTER

From the President's Desk...

Success means many different things to each of us—depending on the context and desired results.

Our February meeting explored health and wellness with Dr. Judith Haynes as she discussed how even seemingly small things in the course of living can affect your life.

In March, Michael Charest emphasized how important it is to imagine and write what you want and feel what it will be like when you reach your goals.

April's meeting gave Charmiane Berry a chance to shine as the Top Ten/Chapter Woman of the Year Chairman. She and her daughter Candyce made the evening fun and exciting as they revealed our 2009 Top Ten Candidate as Jo Ann Williams! Congratulations Jo Ann! We are proud of you, our "woman of mystery."

The members seemed to enjoy hearing the collection of votes/comments that other members had anonymously submitted. Thank you for selecting me as



your 2008 Chapter Woman of the Year. I am humbled and honored by your vote of confidence!

—Robin

March 12 Program, Michael Charest

Michael Charest, a nine year veteran coach, speaker, author, and business consultant. Michael spent several years in the corporate community in management positions with Embassy Suites and American Golf Corporation, before leaving to create his own company, Business Growth Solutions, which specializes in coaching solopreneurs to success. He

has helped thousands of small business owners grow their businesses and their lives, and roughly 80% of his clients are women in business.

He's published one book entitled, "From Grunt to Greatness," and is in the process of writing his second on Business Building.



Michael Charest, Author, Coach, Speaker, and Business consultant.

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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.

May 2-3, 2008,
Englewood,
Colorado
Never been
to an
ABWA spring
conference?
GREAT
Opportunity!

ENJOY !

*Find the good.
It's all around
you. Find it,
show it to
others and
you'll start
believing in it.
> Jesse Owens*

Spring Conference Local Volunteers: Excel

If you have been, then you know how nice to not have to fly or drive a long way to enjoy!

Thank You, Team members!

Get the most from your experience, recommendations for you:

- If you aren't staying at the hotel on Friday night, May 2, you may miss out on late evening fun—ABWA members often spend time at either the First Timer's event and/or linger in the {Fireside} lounge or {Spotted Dog} bar.
- Wear comfortable shoes—exhibits is not carpeted.
- Be open to shopping, we have a number of vendors that would love to see you —there is a variety of products and services.

Volunteers, please review your schedule and team's job duties from the website:

www.abwacolocouncil.org/may08

Success Team Members, so far:

- Robin Neal, Registration Lead;
- Registration: Lynn Lightell, Carol Neal, Amy Kuther, Kay Applegate, Gerry Frantz
- Hostess, Jo Ann Williams,
- Exhibits: Charmiane Berry
- Ways and Means: Kay Applegate, Elva Hahn, Lynn Lightell
- Silent Auction (Success) Gerry Frantz, {Rhonda Bolich-Lampo, Karly Stein}, Kay Applegate



February Photos:

Left: Dr. Judith Haynes, speaker.

Right: Rhonda welcomes Ruth Cox (right) as our newest member in Success Charter Chapter.



ABWA Shower of Cards—Follow up



The sisterhood that you can find in ABWA is one of the strongest connections I have ever witnessed.

Earlier in February, I sent an email to our chapter about Shirley Myrick's daughter. A website has been built

for Valissia Carter, ValissiaCarter.com.

An educational trust fund is being set up for Valissia's son who is only 14 years old.

The trust fund is: Brandon Parker Educational Trust Fund.

I think checks can be made out to Brandon Park Education Trust Fund and mailed to Shirley's home at 16764 Plainview Ave, Detroit, MI 48219

Info from Lois Reve-naugh, Past National Officer.

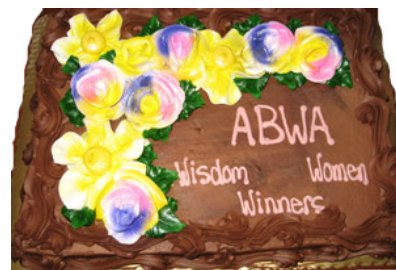
Recap of March and April 2008 Photos!



Michael Charest is thanked by Robin for speaking and sharing his energy with the members in March.

Wisdom, Winners & Women!

An evening of sharing wisdom, fun, and celebrating 2009 TOP TEN and 2008 Woman of the Year. Thank you Lynn, for hosting us!



Right: Charmiane congratulates Top Ten Jo Ann and then Jo Ann has a moment to gather her thoughts.



Above: Rhonda receives her 2007 Chapter Woman of Year certificate and ribbon—sorry for the delay.

Below: Robin and Charmiane have fun as Robin accepts award



Above: Candyce catches part of the social time. Right: Gerry, Lori review the program and Carol looks on.view



CALENDAR 2007-2008

November 14, 2007 Carole Fotino, Conflict Resolution

December 12, 2007 - WINTER WONDERLAND

January 9, 2008 - Bob Hadfield, The EnterTrainer

February 13, 2008 - Dr. Judith Haynes

March 12, 2008 - Michael Charest

April 9, 2008 TOP TEN/ Chapter Woman of the Year

May 2-3, 2008

Englewood Spring Conference—Jana Stanfield Keynote!

May 14, 2008 Chapter Officer Elections

June 11, 2008 Chapter Birthday

July 9, 2008 Wrap-up Chapter Year, Install new officers

Your Spark
 can become
 a flame and
 change
 everything.
 —E.D. Nixon



2009 Top Ten candidate is Jo Ann Williams!

Thank you Carol and Robin for making the judges work hard to make the final selection!

The chapter will need to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in May 2008.

2009 TOP TEN Women of ABWA—what's next?

Each year, 10 members are recognized nationally for exceptional achievements by being selected as the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA.

Congratulations to Jo

Ann Williams for your selection as Success Charter Chapter's 2009 Top Ten Candidate.

Her application now goes to national for judging. We are cheer-

ing you on and wish you a great chance at selection as a 2009 Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA!

You Go Girl!

Next Business for Chapter? Nominations and Elections for the 2008-2009 Chapter Year:

Jo Ann Williams, Treasurer, is chairing the Nominations Committee with Charmiane Berry and Rhonda Bolich-Lampo.

Please consider accepting the nomination for a chapter officer position. You can learn the most and have a great impact on the chapter and its members when you serve.

From the Chapter By-Laws (excerpts only):

The PRESIDENT is the authorized leader of the chapter. She maintains unity and harmony within the chapter, directs officers, committees and mem-

bers toward common goals and facilitates communication between ABWA National and the chapter's officers and members by disseminating information appropriately.

The VICE PRESIDENT is the chapter host and primary assistant to the president. Helps ensure the vitality of her chapter by recruiting and retaining new members.

The SECRETARY is the transcriber of the chapter meetings and correspondence

The TREASURER is responsible for all

chapter money and is custodian of the financial records. She advises the chapter regarding finances and budget matters.

Elections are at the May 14 meeting. You must attend to have a vote. You must also be a member in good standing with national and at the local level — as well as the nominees.

If you would like to be included on the slate, let Jo Ann, Charmiane or Rhonda know as soon as possible.

FYI: Robin Neal cannot be on the slate for President, but is glad to mentor or assist.

Committees you may serve on to help the chapter run smoothly:

AUDITING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FUND-RAISING, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, PROGRAM, and PUBLICITY. It is especially good if you have a couple people working together on these committees—for the team work and for the shared energy.

Message from our District VI Vice President, JoAnn Osby

Spring – A Time for **Metamorphosis**

As the seasons change, from winter to spring, what better time to think about a metamorphosis. Other living things find this time of year most accommodating to change. Flowers bloom, caterpillars transform to butterflies, and some animals shed their skin/fur to rejuvenate. We, humans, will do “spring cleaning” in our homes. However for most rarely is anything done to change and/or improve ourselves. Why? Simply because change is scary for all of us. So what can you do to have a personal or professional metamorphosis as well as ease your apprehensions? Allay those fears and use ABWA as your facilitator of change.

Each spring our Association offers conferences in each of the six Districts. These conferences provide an array of seminars that can facilitate changes for our personal and professional lives. This spring there will be a new “Extreme Makeover” seminar with three different tracks, Franklin Covey presentations, leadership training and the list goes on. Additionally conferences provide great networking, idea exchanging, lasting friendships, and building opportunities. Last but certainly not least, spring conference is where your District conducts pertinent district and national level business. Be in the know and learn new concepts for the future. Gathering information in all forms, helps to rejuvenate the body, mind and soul which are essential to any metamorphosis. Attending a spring conference can start that well deserved process.

As women and the major givers in every life arena, we need to take some time-out for ourselves. Now is the time for you to blossom into that gorgeous flower or fly to new horizons as a beautiful butterfly. Treat yourself to any of the Spring Conferences. Use your ABWA membership and **E³ – Engage** by registering for conference, **E**xperience a metamorphosis of great magnitude and **E**xcel in every life arena. See you there!

In ABWA Friendship,
JoAnn Osby

2007-08 ABWA District VI Vice President <http://www.joannosbyabwa.com>

From Amy Dawson, National Secretary Treasurer:

Welcome ABWA friends,

April showers bring May flowers, but what else does April bring? District Conferences! Yes, that’s right. The district conferences are here and have started off with a bang!

Over the last 3 years, ABWA National has offered *Extreme Makeover* programs; building, updating and improving these programs each year. This year, however, is a bit different. ABWA National has *added* to the Makeover tracks. “Plan B” (Professional Programs in a Pinch), ABWA Leader Series and the Best Practices Submission Procedures. What a line up and what a great opportunity for the leaders of your groups to receive the necessary tools to carry your groups and this association forward for another 60 years! Additionally, each group that attends the “Plan B” class will receive 3 complete professional development programs ready to deliver to your group “in a pinch”, should your speaker be a no show. But, the only way to receive these programs is to attend the class at a district conference. And you certainly don’t want to miss the Best Practices class, where your board will be the presenters.

What is that you say? You’re not registered yet? Well, it’s not too late. Go to www.abwa.org and click on “National Events” to register for the next district conference. Your national board is ready to support, mentor and be your cheerleader as you travel down the Best Practices road.

April and May also bring forth another special time in this association - the time Chapters and Express Networks recognize their Chapter Women of the Year and Top Ten Candidates. Congratulations to all the Women of the Year and Top Ten Candidates!! You are the SUPERSTARS of the association!

Thank you to all those groups who have sent me their newsletters. I enjoy reading them and seeing all the great things you are doing! If I’m not on your distribution list, please add me. My email address is: abwaamy@comcast.net.

Your national board is here for you. Don’t hesitate to reach out for support. The journey you are on is best walked with a friend. We are here for you.

I look forward to walking with you on your journey.

In ABWA friendship, *Amy Dawson*
2007-2008 National Secretary-Treasurer
2004 Top Ten Businesswoman

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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—ABWA Team

President—Robin Neal

Vice President—Gerry Frantz

Secretary—Jo Ann Williams

Treasurer—Lynn Lightell

Membership: Rhonda Bolich-Lampo

Programs: Carol Neal

Publicity/PR: Gerry Giardullo

Committee Chairmen:

Chapter Woman of the Year/Top Ten

Nominee Committee:

Charmiane Berry

Community Service: Amy Kuther

Colorado Council and Education:

Kay Applegate

