

THE CHALLENGE

Success Charter Chapter

Littleton, Colorado



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Join Us—January 14, 2009: Team & Communications

ABWA Success Meeting

Cost: \$21.00

Includes: Speaker & dinner (salad and entrée)

**RSVP extended Jan. 13, 6 pm
to Robin Neal at abwasuccess@yahoo.com**

Reminder of Reservations NEW POLICY:

NEW LOCATION:

Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center
10250 East Costilla Ave
Centennial, CO 80012
Phone: 303-792-0433

If you make a reservation, and miss the meeting, you will be invoiced for the meal. Cancellations the day of are too late.

ABWA RECOGNITION—Jan. 24, District VI Vice Pres. & 2009 Top Ten

ABWA members are invited to a special event January 24, 2009. Michelle Egbert, District VI Vice President will meet and greet Colorado members at a special luncheon. It is our good fortune to have Michelle in our own backyard. This will also be an excellent opportunity to discuss what is happening in ABWA and to share with Michelle any concerns we might have.

Leacia Brilliant, 2009 Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA, will be joining us as well. Leacia gave an inspiring speech at last year's national conference and will share her talk with us.

This is an excellent way to not only get to know these two outstanding ABWA women, but more of our diverse, dynamic members statewide.

See the flyer (pg 3) with the details. Since we do not have a way to take reservations online, please note that payment is due in the form of check or cash only. **Advanced reservations are required** by January 21, 2009. If possible, collect within your chapters and send one check for those attending. Please make all checks payable to ABWA.

Sincerely, Louise Walsh, Denver Downtown Chapter

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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.



TECH TALK—What is new and what are some tools? Why Use Them?

CALENDAR
2008-2009

Jan. 14, 2009

Feb. 11, 2009

Mar. 11, 2009

Mar. 20-21, 2009
District VI Spring
Conference,
Tucson, AZ

Sept. 24-26, 2009
National 60th
Anniversary

Mark Your
Calendars Now!

Is the Video Call an idea that is "stuck in the future"?

Being a bit of a sci-fi fan and interested in the future and trends, I admit, the concept of a video call is exciting and scary, too! The tech, for actual phones, has been hampered by hardware and wire/transmission capacity... but as broadband internet becomes available to more people, tech, trends and imagination meet know-how.



Skype.com is a place that you can find video calling an actuality! If your computer has broadband access, a webcam with audio in the camera or a headset for audio, you are close to making video calls.

My first scary thought with video calling—what if I am a mess and don't want to be seen?

Don't panic, Skype gives you the chance to not do the video, just audio. The neat part, if you both (caller and receiver) have Skype accounts, it is a free call!

Amy Dawson, a past officer, and I gave it try and found that it is a great option for long distance friends and family. Fun to be able to share the nice Christmas decorations around me—immediately. We exchanged feedback and troubleshoot how to use better lighting options and to be aware of the stuff around you and in the background.

With a free account, you have some limitations—like not able to leave a message if your contact is not online, but for some low fees, you can have a lot of options. Group chats are a neat tool for even a local quick chat.

Choosing a web cam is not difficult. Decide whether you will attach to a monitor or laptop, your budget, and whether you will need to use a mic headset (good if you want more of a private conversation or if you have a loud environment).



As with anything mentioned in this column, I am not endorsing a company—just providing info. You must decide if you will use or try the tech.

History resounds from the journals and writings from generations past. It may be personal as in letters to loved ones, stories of adventures and struggles past.

It may be to record the actions of the time, results of decisions made—good and bad. Today, you may share broadly those thoughts and it cost you nothing, yet reach millions.

Why? Who cares? Who needs to tell their stories?

Well, anyone can, you, as Americans, have been blessed greatly and much has been asked of you. This woman's words reflect on lifetimes of ups, downs, and moments shared.

Transcending: Words on Women and Strength by Kelly Corrigan

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_4qwVLqt9Q

Do you have a story to share? You may want to write it first, share it with a few close friends. You may want to do something with it—may be an article, a book, a video, an inspiration from your heart.



Getting to Know “Them”

ABWA members are invited to come together for several wonderful reasons:

Michelle Egbert, District VI Vice President will share with us the results of her first two Executive Board meetings. Join us to find out what changes and improvements to ABWA are being implemented and/or proposed.

Colorado has consistently demonstrated our diverse and talented membership by participating in the Top Ten program. Over the last four years, five ABWA members in Colorado have attained this prestigious award. Our newest Top Ten sister is Leacia Brilliant 2009 Top Ten Business Woman. Leacia is with the Pikes Peak Chapter. She will share her national Top Ten speech with us.

Colorado members can meet other members from Grand Junction to Colorado Springs. Enjoy the power of your membership by Getting to Know Each “Other” in a relaxed, friendly environment.

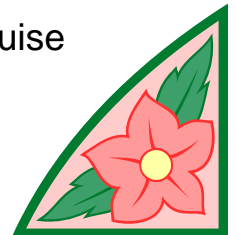


January 24, 2009
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Maggiano’s Little Italy
7401 S. Clinton
(I-25 and Dry Creek Road)
Luncheon is \$22 per person



Advanced reservations are required by January 21, 2009.
Please send your RSVP to Louise Walsh, 303 419-3252 or
louiseawalsh@msn.com.

Please make your check for \$22 payable to ABWA and mail to Louise Walsh at 4238 E. Easter Place, Centennial, CO 80122





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A taste of history of Success Charter Chapter—Connection

In September, ABWA celebrates its 60th Anniversary. In Honor of the upcoming celebration, let's visit some of the foundations of the association. Below are the Invocation that started each meeting for thousands of chapter meetings over the decades.

Invocation

Lord in the quiet of this hour
We come to Thee for wisdom and for
Power,
To view Thy world with only love-filled
eyes
To grow in understanding; to be wise
And sure to see Thy guiding light and
thus, to know each other as Thou
knowest us. Amen

As Express Networks were introduced to the association, time limits and professionalism left it up to the chapter or network to decide whether to use the

Invocation and/ or Benediction during the course of their gatherings.

Whether you feel that the statements are right for your group or not, the underlying sentiment is one of encouragement and friendship.

The Benediction was a nice way to send the members and guests on their way in a positive and uplifting tone, and beautiful thoughts.

Benediction

Guiding Spirit, Guardian of our days
Be with us as we go our separate
ways
Help us to feel those thoughts that
lift and bless
To know a closer bond of friendliness
To see Thy beauty, always- every day
Translated into living- this we pray.
Amen

Message from Michelle Egbert, Dist. VI VP:



Dear ABWA Friends,

While campaigning for District VI Vice President I met so many outstanding women throughout our district who serve our organization with their time, talent and energy. As I prepared for the 2008 ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference I knew I would experience personal and professional growth as well as networking opportunities.

During the conference I renewed friendships with those I had met over the past few months as well as garnered new friendships. The memories I have from the 2008 Spring and National Conferences are ones of joy and excitement.

I would like to apologize for not having a letter to you in the month of October. With so many great updates happening on our National website there have been some challenges pulling a roster for each district. Over the past several weeks many of you have helped me gather the updated information for each chapter and Express Network.

Please make sure your chapter or Express Network information is updated with National. It is important to have the most recent information so I can stay in contact with you throughout the year.

One of our opportunities this year is for ABWA groups to obtain and/or maintain "Best Practices." By doing this our organization will grow as we approach our 60th Anniversary. Within the next few weeks I will be sending out a survey to each chapter and Express Network. Please take the time to fill out the survey - your answers will help me understand where your group is, where you want to go, and provide valuable information for me to serve you as your District VI Vice President.

I am honored and humbled to be your servant leader this year. Any ideas you would like to share are welcome. Together we will make 2008-2009 a year to remember for the American Business Women's Association.

You have my permission to reprint or publish this letter in your newsletter.

In ABWA friendship,
Michelle Egbert
2008-2009 ABWA District VI Vice President
2007 Top Ten Business Woman

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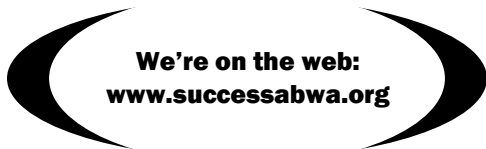
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ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

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—2008-09 ABWA Team

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