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IMPORTANT THIS MONTH:

> Applications for: Chapter Woman of the Year and Top Ten nominations

> Future Programs— if you would like to speak, let Karly Stein know!

> **Fill committees** — There are openings in these committees:

Professional Develop.,
Woman of the Year/
Top Ten,

Hospitality,
Newsletter,
Fund-Raising

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Feb. 7, 2007 Lissa Forbes—What's the Story...



PROGRAM: Lissa Forbes, www.theelementalpress.com

Lissa Ann Forbes, of *The Elemental Press*, author of *Write from the Inside: Dig for Treasures, Discover Yourself, Leave a Legacy*, has a way of encouraging you to dig deep and find the highlights of your life and others. In her presentation **What's the Story Behind the Photograph?** She will discuss how each face is a photograph. She will address the questions: What do you know about the people you are doing business with? What are their names, where do they live, and what do they do? Lissa will engage you with some interactive exercises to learn how to capture the stories behind the pictures, behind the faces of your potential clients and discuss how this helps your business.

President's message—Robin Neal



You are important to the success of our Chapter! I can't say this enough!

February is a great opportunity to act and get recognition for your efforts for the chapter, community, and/or your achievements. How? Fill out the application(s) for 2007 Chapter Woman of the Year (CWOY) or 2008 Top Ten nominee (TT). See the article from one of the national 2007 TOP TEN women, Pattie Vargas, from California, and share in her experience.

In April, the Colorado Council will recognize local CWOY and TT women. You have a chance to represent Success!

My picture above is from my adventure as an ABWA National candidate (on stage, in front of 1,500+ members/guests). My mes-

sage? To encourage members to spark others to reach for their dreams and goals!

As with the lottery, you cannot be selected unless you participate, the odds are far better for CWOY and TT!

The funny thing about opportunity—it lurks everywhere, but you must take it to make it work for you. Alicia and DJ accepted the opportunity to send me member spotlights—THANK YOU! This gives us all a chance to know them better and share more with them!

Colorado Council invited Success and Top of the Rockies (Parker) to host the July 21 event. This could be a wonderful chance to apply what we learned from the Conquer Life's Curves event and highlight members this time (for instance).

Sincerely, Robin
2006-2007 Chapter President,
2004-05 Dist. VI VP



**Opportunity
is as big as
the sky —
grasp it!**

**SUCCESS
VOTES TO
REACH FOR
THE STARS!**

We can reach this award,
with a commitment
from current members
and a willingness
to work as a team to
build the membership.

Welcome ABWA friends! - Amy Dawson, DVP VI

Where is your journey beginning as you unlock new opportunities? Let them begin at Spring Conference! The District 6 Spring Conference is April 13-14 in Albuquerque, NM. There you will be *getting back to basics* by attending the ABWA Extreme Makeover sessions. We need to look at putting the “business” back into our groups and the ABWA Extreme Makeover classes will provide you with the tools and techniques you’ll need to empower your groups to that next level of success. The added bonus is that those same tools and techniques that will assist you in your groups can immediately be utilized in your professional career and have a direct impact for you at work. What a fabulous win/win for you and your business.

New to ABWA? Plan on attending the What is ABWA? How Does It All Fit Together session. And if those classes weren’t enough, there are 2 Franklin Covey sessions as well. What are you waiting for? Get your registration in now and save \$50! Attend Spring Conference and “Share the Power”. I encourage you to share your skills, experience and knowledge with other members and take advantage of this window of opportunity. After all, the window needs a little nudge to open...it won’t open by itself. “Share the Power” and be that nudge.

In ABWA friendship, Amy Dawson www.amydawson.org

2006-2007 NATIONAL AWARD Standards:

Standard of Achievement Award—3rd Highest Award that can be earned

- 1. Have completed the award certification report and submitted it, along with required materials as described for the specific award category, to ABWA National no later than July 31, 2007.
- 2. Be a local league in good standing.
- 3. Have a minimum of **30** primary, active members enrolled in the chapter at the end of the award year (member counts will be taken on July 31, 2007.)
- (4 down) 4. Have implemented a minimum of nine business and/or market relevant programs, each of which was at least 45 minutes in length, during the award year.
- 5. Have adopted ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct and added a Chapter Standing Rule stating that the Proud Code of Conduct will be printed in each issue of the newsletter.
- 6. Have sponsored the attendance (paid the registration fees) of at least **three** primary members in good standing to an ABWA spring conference and/or an ABWA National Women’s Leadership Conference during the award year.
- (2 to go) 7. Have published a chapter newsletter at least six times during the award year with an approved ABWA logo positioned prominently on the front page.



Indicates we are on track or completed.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS: DJ & ALICIA



DJ Tschetter owns The Travelers Center in Denver, a full-service travel agency. She is also a published author and travel writer, having written a travel column for a Denver newspaper. Her passion is blending travel, education and writing, and passing on her experiences to others. "The piece of advice I always carry with me is: The purpose of all my accomplishments in life is to pass them on to others; in that way they will last forever....."

In the past two years I have traveled to Egypt and Jordan, and will fulfill a lifetime dream of my goals to travel the Middle East, with a trip to Israel in February. As a travel journalist, I will also be interviewing a top government official while there." *****



Alicia Piña is the oldest of seven children and has 2 children and 2 grandchildren of her own; recently celebrated her 31st Wedding

Anniversary to her High School sweetheart, Joe. Alicia is a transplant to Colorado from Texas and has lived here for 28 years. Alicia is currently teaching High School, and specializes in Jewelry and Ceramics. At the end of this school year, she will be retiring from teaching at age 50. She feels she was born a teacher and has always strived for excellence.

Alicia started her business, New U By Design last year and is looking forward to doing her business full time. Her dream is to impact world health and wealth. Her biggest passion is helping people redesign themselves, improve their self-image, health, wellness, and their financial fitness.

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CONGRATUALATIONS!

Alicia Pina—for opportunity that required action and your grasping the reins and running! Best wishes!

—Success Charter Chapter

NOTES :

ABWA NATIONAL OFFICERS :

Robin Necci - President
Lina Lawson—Vice President
Diane Nixon— Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS :

I – Paula Pirozzi
II – Vicki Marlett
III – Linda Peterson
IV – Donna Tipton
V – Susie Mariotto

VI – Amy Dawson

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CORPORATE SPONSORS / DISCOUNT INFO.

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Programs: Karly Stein
Education: open
Newsletter: Robin Neal, writers...—open

Woman of the Year / Top Ten Event: Christine Reinert, chair
Council Delegate: open
Fund-raising: open



**SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS**

February 2007

7 Begin Top Ten Elections
Lissa Forbes, Speaker
18 Chapter Woman of the Year
applications due

March 2007

1 - Spring Membership
Campaign begins
14 Elect Nominating Committee
Marilyn Laverty, Speaker

15 Members consider serving
on board or committees for 2007-08
chapter year—ask what is involved.

April 2007

11 Success Meeting

13-14 - Spring Conference -
Albuquerque, NM
District VI

21 Colorado Council Meeting
Honors: Chapter Women of Year
and Top Ten Nominees

May 2007

11 Success Meeting
15 National Scholarships
Deadline

June 2007

June-July - officer/chapter
transition; set goals for the
new year

1 - Deadline SBMEF

Contributions

1 - Deadline SBMEF Scholarship
applications

30 - Chapter Officers Election

Report & administrative fee due

July 2007

15 - Chapter Standing Commit-
tee Report due

21 - Colorado Council

31 - Chapter/Network Awards
period ends

End of term for 2006-2007 local
leadership team

Sept. 20-22, 2007

National Women's Leadership Con-
ference—Greensboro2007.org

FEBRUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 RSVP	6	7 SUCCESS MEETING Special Date 6:15 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Newsletter items due	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

MARCH 2007

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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 By-laws.
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.

PATTIE VARGAS, 2007 TOP TEN—My abwa story



I stumbled across ABWA quite by accident – I was attending the Governor's Conference for Women in 2001 and there was an ABWA booth sponsored by one of the Southern California Chapters. I was currently a member of two other Business Women's networking groups but I had found them to be unrewarding on a personal level.

I was ... earning my first degree at 45 years of age. In ABWA, I found a camaraderie and understanding among women who were continuously seeking to improve themselves through traditional and non-traditional forms of education. I am committed to lifelong education – I've always felt, *If you don't know how to do something – find out!* [Later], I earned my Master's Degree in Organizational Management. I applied for, and won, two scholarships from ABWA – one from Impact Council and one from the Stephen Bufton Memorial Fund. Scholarships like these are a *tangible vote of confidence* in our ability to achieve more!

I simply LOVE being a part of ABWA. If there were no recognition, no advancement, I think I'd stay involved simply because it is so rewarding on a personal level ... ABWA is about recognition. My chapter selected me as their Woman of the Year for 2006-2007, and then nominated me to the Top 10 Business Women of the Year. I was honored to be their Woman of the Year, but I really felt they were stretching to think I would be a Top 10 – so imagine my surprise and thrill to be selected to the 2007 Top 10! I don't think I've come down to earth yet! I have always enjoyed the National and Spring Conferences, but this past one in Anaheim was like a dream. Not only was my chapter a sponsoring chapter so I became privy to the hard work that goes into putting a conference on, but I also was spoiled rotten as a Top 10! It was such a joy to have women I had never met come up and congratulate me, and then stay to chat. I came home with hundreds of new friends!

The relationships I have made in ABWA have served to strengthen me, challenge me, and motivate me to be all that I can be. The confidence and experience I have gained helped me decide to leave the corporate world to start my own consulting firm. It has also strengthened my resolve to work even harder as a member of the board for my chapter, where we continue to charter new paths, launch new programs and attract like-minded women eager to make a difference!

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JANUARY 10 Photos



**Great
Things
usually
follow
difficult
problems.**

Member spotlight continued:

Alicia Pina from page 3:
She is coaching and educating as many people as she can, to make better nutritional choices, practice healthy habits and help them make meaningful changes in their daily lives.

Her other passions include writing books, cre-

ating art, especially making jewelry, and being the healthiest she can be. Her previous health issues and her new found health have prompted her to share her successes and help others do the same. By joining ABWA, she feels she will continue her personal development

and also serve others with her gifts. * * * *

Member spotlight— include topics about your personal interests, business, work, life goals, and even a photo. This helps us get to know each other and maybe find out what makes us tick!



**Kathy Meyers,
ABWA Denver Downtown member. She visited in Dec. 2006.**

DENVER DOWNTOWN MEMBER SELECTED FOR SHOW

ABWA member, Kathy Meyers, will have a Trunk Show at Great American Quilt Factory in Denver beginning Monday, February 12th and running through March 5, 2007.

Being selected by Great American is an internationally renowned Quilt

Shop. They produce ©Possibilities Books and The Possibilities Fabric line for Avlyn, Inc.

Kathy is the President of Sugarloaf Designs, Inc., the Vice President and Newsletter Editor of the Denver Downtown Chapter of ABWA. Great

American Quilt Factory is located at 8970 E. Hampden, Denver, CO. Stop by during the trunk show and see Kathy's quilts and patterns.

Website:
sugarloafdesigns.com

ABWA National Dues 2007:

All new and renewing members will pay \$75 annually.

If you help a new member sign-up, be sure to include Success Charter Chapter on the form and your member number and name. This helps the chapter and you reach award goals.

New and renewing student memberships will cost \$35 annually

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