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IMPORTANT THIS MONTH:

- > LOCAL MEMBER DUES, your ticket to local benefits
- > 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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January 10, 2007 Stepping into Your Greatness!

PROGRAM: Janelle Washburne transitioned from the outer focused, busy world of Image Consulting to the inner focused, peaceful world of Spiritual-Intuitive Coaching. She offers others a way to combine the outer and inner worlds to live more authentically and in a more empowered way.

Live your highest truth about life and yourself, knowing that you are here to heal yourself and those whose lives you touch.

Learn to question the bigger ideas in life of why you're here and what your soul's purpose is at this time. You'll learn, grow, heal and open your intuition (Spirit whispers) as you become more than you ever imagined. You are now beginning a journey back to YOU and all your MAGNIFICENCE!



President's message—Robin Neal

Happy New Year! I'm glad we had a white Christmas, looking forward to the green spring and summer!

Been in hibernation mode the last couple of weeks. It was nice to have a "forced" schedule slowdown that many others experienced too. What did you do with your time? I found that it gave me a fresh look at the projects piled on my desk(s) and some went into file 13, others moved higher up the priority list.

I discovered I needed some rest and gave in to those needs. Now I'm ready to tackle new projects, get back to playing guitar (just for me) and creative activities.

For Success Charter, we completed our commitment to the Qwest Center with a party that entertained and satisfied our guests. Special thanks to Karly for the extra decorations, Christine for the games, Carol for treating us to Jerry Walkers' tunes and dance lessons, and all the members that brought guests! We

ended up with enough funds to save some of our operating funds for programming...

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

Now is the time to step up and get involved. We have committees that need help and you will gain more if you take part in living our mission. I also want to know what you need from us to make your membership worthwhile. We are different from some of the local and national professional groups and their focus.

ABWA is about personal and professional growth, opportunities are just waiting to be found, grasped, and explored!

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



Vision is the art
of seeing
things invisible
to others.

— Jonathan Swift

What's Important for You this Year?

Not talking resolutions, not talking what “should you, could you, would you” do kinds of items. No, that is the kind of cycle that so many of us get into and quickly get discouraged and disappointed. Then, we either give up or give in.

WHAT ACTIVITY, DREAM, GOAL, PERSON(S), VISION, REASON... GETS YOU GOING EACH DAY?

All the articles on how to start your new year offer conflicting advice, but one item seemed to be between the lines—to continue to do the things that work for you and do less of the things that take you further from what is important to you.

If you don't know what is important to you, please take some time this month to sit in a comfortable place and think about what you enjoy, who you want to spend more time with, why you do what you do (at home and at work), how you could get just a little bit closer to a goal or dream. Write down what you discover. Are you surprised?

2006-2007 NATIONAL AWARD Standards:

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

ABWA EXTREME MAKEOVER LEADS TO MAJOR UPDATE OF THE CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM.

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

It is better to reach for the
stars and reach the moon,
than to aim much lower
and succeed.

___ 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.)

(3 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.

(3 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:

Members: Share a little about yourself. Send a short note to Robin Neal for a future issue of the newsletter:

NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to conduct our New Member Affiliation Ceremony in January.

- Alicia P.,
- Charmiane B.,
- Jo Ann D. (new to Success),
- DJ S.,
- Elva H.,
- Sheila S.

We invite you to share in the goals and mission of ABWA and Success Charter

Chapter. May you find this to be a great place to stretch, grow and build new friendships. We are very excited to have you as part of the team.

If I have missed someone, please let me know before Wednesday's meeting.

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!

CONGRATUALTIONS!

Carol Neal on earning the ABWA friendship star guard!

(for Sponsoring her first 2 members.)

—Success Charter Chapter

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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

NOTES:

Members notify the President and Membership chair of their contact info updates. Also notify national of mailing address changes so that you receive your Women in Business magazine timely.

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 Mari utto
- VI – Amy Dawson

THANK YOU TO WALMART AND XCEL FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO SBMEF ON OUR BEHALF.

CHAPTER WEBSITE—COUNCIL WEBSITE—NATIONAL WEBSITE

The Chapter and Council websites are for additional info about ABWA locally and a resource.

www.abwacolocouncil.org

Website Member area – Members will be able to access the member roster and chapter management tools/links. Active/current Members will receive details when ready.

**WWW.ABWA.ORG
ABWA DETAILS, CORPORATE SPONSORS /DISCOUNT INFO.**

YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER DUES FOR THE 2006-2007 CHAPTER YEAR NEED TO BE CURRENT,

**CHECKS FOR \$24 GO TO KELLY HELGOTH, TREASURER
MAKE PAYABLE TO: ABWA.**



**SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS**

January 2007

1 - Standard Council Bylaws take effect
10 Success Meeting: Janelle Washburne, Speaker
Mid-year review of goals
Chapter Woman of the Year elections begin
Plan for Spring Membership Campaign
National Scholarships Announced in WIB and online

February 2007

7 Begin Top Ten Elections
Lissa Forbes, Speaker

March 2007

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

April 2007

11 Success Meeting

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

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 Committee Report due
31 - Chapter/Network Awards period ends
End of term for 2006-2007 local leadership team

JANUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 RSVP	9	10 Success meeting 6:15 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Newsletter items due	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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			

NO MINUTES FOR DEC. 13, 2006 MEETING
(Members voted to not conduct business at party.)

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.

LETTER FROM SPRING CONFERENCE GENERAL CHAIR – ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO!

Dear Fellow ABWA members:

I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming Albuquerque Spring Conference on April 13-14 at the beautiful Hilton Hotel, as we celebrate this year's theme "Share the Power"

The benefits of attending a spring conference are many, including the chance to listen to outstanding speakers, participate in cutting-edge seminars in a wide-range of topics relevant to today's professional woman, and engage in multiple networking opportunities.

We are very proud of our 300-year-old city areas and look forward to the chance to share it with you. I am confident that you will find it as welcoming, interesting and delightful as you did in 2001 when we sponsored National Convention.

Please make a point to stay at the headquarters hotel as it keeps our registration prices down by off- setting meeting room and other hotel related charges It also encourages camaraderie among members.

Plenty of activities are planned at spring conference to keep you on the go. There will be lots of networking opportunities so that you can catch up with your ABWA friends and make new connections, a variety of exhibits; important and valuable learning experiences and lots of just plain fun!. Also, don't miss the Saturday night theme party where you can learn a few new dance steps, let your hair down and have a fun time.

If you'd like to see how your newsletter stacks up against others, be sure to enter the newsletter competition and vie for top honors. Two copies each of two different issues of your newsletter should be entered by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13. One set will be for display and one set will be for judging.

If you are traveling to spring conference in a large group, such as via a charter bus, please provide the size of your group, as well as your anticipated arrival time, to both the National Headquarters meetings department and the Hilton Hotel. We want to make sure there is plenty of staff on hand to accommodate your arrival.

I've included some additional materials to assist in planning and registering for spring conference and hope you find them useful. Remember, it's not too early to start making your plans. I look forward to showing you a good time in Albuquerque! Go West, Wild Women Go West!!!

Sincerely, Debbie Reynolds, General Chair, Albuquerque Spring Conference

Tax deductible donation to SBMEF

STEPHEN BUFTON MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

(SBMEF) ABWA's national educational fund, is one of the most highly respected grant and scholarship funds in the country. To date (June 2006), a total of approximately \$15 million has been awarded in scholarships to more than 14,600 women.

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ABWA National Dues to Increase Effective January 1, 2007, the following changes in National ABWA dues will take effect:

All new and renewing members will pay \$75 annually

New and renewing student memberships will cost \$35 annually

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