

Whirlwind

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW! A lot has happened since our first meeting of the year in August. ABW Day was a huge success and we should be getting funds from this event shortly. The 2006 National Women's Leadership Conference at Anaheim was great. It is very exciting and humbling to be part of the 2007 Top Ten Business Women of ABWA. There were 800 women at the Woman of the Year/Top Ten Luncheon. All of the top ten women were impressive and we have been in constant contact with each other. I will be working on getting some of these women here to speak at some of our future meetings. Like ABWA the Top Ten were at different types of companies, at different levels and had very different experiences to share.

ABWA IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION. We have all belonged to various types of organizations where you go to the meetings and then go home. With ABWA not only do you network for business, you gain educational skills, help raise money for scholarships so other women can enjoy educational benefits, but you gain lifetime friends. Thank you all for supporting us through Nichole's illness. Everyone has been great – whether it was the flowers you sent, phone calls, e-mails, or prayers. At least 3 of my ABWA friends in Oklahoma City visited Nichole 2-3 times a week, and Judy Peterson came and spent time with Nichole 2 weeks ago. You have been a huge support for us.

I am looking forward to this year as your President, Chapter Woman of the Year and 2007 Top Ten.

Thanks,
Debbie Shadaram

2006-2007 ANNUAL THEME

Each year, a theme is chosen to represent the efforts of the Association. ABWA's annual theme coincides with the award year (Aug 1 – Jul 31), enabling officers to plan chapter events and materials around it. The theme is intended for internal purposes and is not intended for use on Web sites or other external communication vehicles.

SHARE THE POWER – The 2006-2007 award year marks the 6th year in the journey and is represented by the theme "Share the Power." By combining forces, sharing ideas and encouraging each other, ABWA members demonstrate they know how to "Share the Power" of this national Association.

During ABWA's Decade of Discovery, a Ten Year Adventure, from Aug 1, 2000 – Jul 31, 2010, members will discover new and exciting ways to grow personally and professionally.

ABWA CODE OF CONDUCT

Ethical dilemmas occur as a result of values in conflict. It is important that the values of the American Business Women's Association are communicated to all members, and so chapter leaders are asked not only to communicate but also to embrace, support, reinforce and uphold ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct. ABWA'S Proud Code of Conduct was developed as a means of guiding all members in making ethical decisions. The broad statements of the code of conduct that are listed below are not expected to cover all conduct for all situations, however. This is why the Proud Code of Conduct was created as a living and fluid code.

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.**

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It's not too early to start thinking about:

National and Spring Conferences - 2007

Sep 20-22, 2007 Greensboro, NC – National

Spring Conferences:

Mar 23-24 Kansas City, MO

Mar 30-31 New Orleans, LA

Apr 13-14 Albuquerque, NM

Apr 27-28 Norfolk, VA

May 4-5 Sarasota, FL

Dates: TBD – Louisville, KY

It's not too late to take advantage of ABWA-KU MBA Essentials, providing the essentials of management education. All 10 courses will be presented at the following Nat'l Women's Leadership Conferences.

2007 - Strategic Planning; Marketing Management; Decision-Making in an Uncertain Environment; Leading and Communicating with Integrity.

2008 - Organizational Behavior and Management Principles; Human Resources Management; Financial Leadership in the Firm.

2009 - Operations Management; Accounting Tools for Financial Success; Time is Money: Financial Guide to Making Profitable Investment Decisions. All courses are presented by U of Kansas Grad School of Business Profs & each course within the modules earns participants 4 contact hours & is accredited for .4CEU.

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MEMBER NEWS: Chapter VP RITA PERRY, will be attending the PHARMANEX NORTH AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION, 25-28 October in Salt Lake City, UT.

Hospitality Chair BETTY MULLINS: "I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE ABWA MEMBERS FOR THE FLOWERS, DONATION TO THE CANCER SOCIETY, AND ALL THE BEAUTIFUL CARDS I RECEIVED WHEN MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. Love, BETTY."

Trsr PAM WALKER REMINDS ALL THAT CHAPTER DUES (\$24.) ARE NOW DUE.

SHERRY FAIRCHILD regrettably had to resign as Secretary, inasmuch as other commitments had to take precedence.

MARION TAMMANY: "THANK YOU ALL FOR COVERING MY REGISTRATION AT NATIONAL!"

OTHER NEWS: EDI WILHOIT, (friend of Debbie Shadaram who attended the So. Lake Tahoe Conference last spring with us and again, 'flew' into Reno so as to drive to Anaheim with us and attend Nat'l Leadership Conf., then flew back to Oklahoma City) tells us her mother's property in Pine Bluff, AR is for sale. It consists of 4 lots (corner) with a 2-bedroom (older) house. Asking price is \$40,000. There are also 2 additional lots - price \$5,000.00. If you know of a prospective buyer, Edi's phone: ALL AREA 405 - 949-2002; 205-0211; 943-0625

IMPORTANT DATES - 2006-2007 - Local Events

19 Oct - WINE TASTING @ VINO 100, 5:30-7pm 748 So. Meadows Pkwy (In Smiths Shopping Center) - Proceeds will benefit women's education. Is there a scholarship in your glass?

26 Oct - CHAMBER MIXER @ The WAL, 5-7 pm, 1661 No. Virginia

28 Oct - VA HOSPITAL, 9am, Deliver bags of toiletries

7 Nov - CHAPTER BOARD MTG @ La Pinata, 5:30 pm

9 Nov - CHAMBER BREAKFAST @ The Atlantis, 7:15 am, New Unwrapped "Toys for Tots" to be received by US MARINES

14 Nov - CHAPTER MEETING @ La Pinata (changed due to following week being Thanksgiving)

16 Nov - CHAMBER MIXER @ Harrahs, 5-7 pm

12 Dec - CHAPTER BOARD MTG @ La Pinata, 5:30 pm

19 Dec - CHAPTER MEETING @ La Pinata

24-25 Mar - NV WOMEN'S EXPO @ Reno-Sparks Convention Ctr.

August Meeting: SHERRI SIMMONS was honored by being named MEMBER OF THE MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS SHERRI!!

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