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On Eagles Wings

The President's Corner by Pattie Vargas

Happy February, Soaring Eagles!

One of the topics I speak on frequently is *accountability* – in business, in our personal lives, in everything we put our hands to! What we do in ABWA is no different – if we're not going to give it our all, we'll never experience all that we could! So thinking about accountability – the best definition is that it is an inward focus. Accountability asks, what actions can I take to improve this situation? It means that we hold something in *such high regard* that we will give our very best to ensure success.

Accountability plays a big part in making sure we are successful in the way we lead in ABWA. At the very core of the servant leadership model is that we lead by example - by taking personal responsibility to promote and value diversity, we model the way to those around us. By being accountable to the commitments we have made, we ensure that the mission of ABWA continues to enrich the lives of women everywhere.

Think of the description I gave you above – that accountability means we hold something in such high regard we will give our very best to ensure success. When we act, there is always a reaction – it's the simple law of cause and effect. When we follow through on our commitments, women's lives are changed. They find a place of fellowship and encouragement, a challenging environment that inspires them to reach their personal best, assistance in pursuing their educational and career goals, and lifelong friendships that span all generational boundaries. The opposite is also true – when we become lax in our follow-through, we miss the opportunity to have that impact on others.

Your Board has decided that our annual Membership Drive is never going to end – we are committing ourselves to an ongoing effort to expose everyone we know to the ABWA experience. I challenge you to make a new commitment, too, to uphold the ABWA mission and pay close attention to the commitments we have made in the past. We have the incredible privilege to lead by example and have a profound impact on the lives of our ABWA sisters and on those who have yet to experience this wonderful organization!

Here's to growth and renewal!

ABWA Soaring Eagles Chapter

Save the Date!

**IMPACT COUNCIL'S
WOMEN ON THE GO
CONFERENCE**

Saturday
February 7, 2009

at

Wyndham Hotel in
Fullerton

This is open to everyone, you do not need to be a member of ABWA to attend.

Please note the address for mailing your registration should be
2309 Vuelta Grande Ave
Long Beach, CA 90815

Keynote Speaker:
Jewel Diamond Taylor

Our February speaker will be Peggy Mengel, The Biz Sherpa. Your guide to business and life strategies.

Peggy Mengel believes in discovering and capitalizing on your natural strengths while diversifying your skills to keep a competitive edge in a rapidly changing environment.

Topic: **Staying up in a "Down" Market**

Learn the SEVEN techniques to keep you moving in a positive direction towards your goals.

When: February 5th, 2009

Where: Escondido Country Club
1800 Country Club Lane
Escondido, Ca 92026

Networking: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Speaker: 6:30 pm

General Meeting: 7:00 pm



ABWA Mission Statement

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.



- Coming Soon -

Soaring Eagles
FIESTA AUCTION

Sunday May 17
2-6 pm

Food ! Fun!
Fabulous Auction
Items!

Details to be
announced next
month!

If you want to get
involved with the
FIESTA AUCTION,
please contact
Julie Kangas
VP Fundraising
760.489.5545



American Business Women's Association

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General Meeting: January 8, 2009

- Meeting called to order at 6:15pm by President Pattie Vargas.
- All members and guests read the Mission Statement in unison. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Introduction of Board members, members and guests. There were 18 members and 4 guests present.
- Spotlight Speaker: None.
- Success Stories: None Reported.
- Program: Managing through Change or Die - Each table discussed 'which stage of change are you in' along with three additional ideas.

Business Meeting:

Minutes: The General Meeting minutes from December 2008 were approved as published.

Correspondence: Sent – Holiday and Birthday cards were sent to members. Received – none.

Treasurers Report: will be published in the newsletter.

Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Fundraising: Julie is gathering information for the upcoming fundraiser. It will be held on May 17, 2009.

Member Recognition: Nothing to report.

New Members: Nothing to report.

Announcements: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: ABWA turns 60 this year. Each month Brita will publish something factual about ABWA. In addition, the newsletter will spotlight members of the Soaring Eagles Chapter.

Recruitment: Efforts are underway for a total membership of 60 members.

Opportunity Drawings: 50/50 was won by Anne Grimes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gardner

**ABWA Soaring Eagles Chapter
 Treasurer's Report
 December 2008**



Balance on hand, November 21, 2008		5,761.52												
Income:														
Dinner Meeting	875.00													
50/50 Cash Drawing														
Dues 2008-09	36.00													
Holiday Bottle Auction	1,056.00													
See's Candy	850.00													
Vendor Faire	60.00													
Miscellaneous	35.00													
Total Income		2,912.00												
Expenses:														
Dinner Meeting Expense	680.65													
Paper/Supplies-General	3.00													
President's Expenses														
Dues/Memberships														
Program														
Member Professional Development Expenses	1,174.31													
National Conf. - President														
Web Site Expenses														
Scholarships	800.00													
Total Expenses		2,657.96												
Balance on hand, December 19, 2008		<u>6,015.56</u>												
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Total Cash in Banks & On Hand	6,015.56													
Scholarship/Education Funds Reserved:														
Balance @ 8/1/08	6,010.82													
Fundraiser 2009	-													
Holiday Bottle Auction	1,056.00													
Scholarships 2007-08	(2,572.39)													
Total Scholarship Fund		(4,494.43)												
Member Professional Development Reserved:														
Balance @ 8/1/08	2,458.23													
Fundraiser-Vendor Faire	450.00													
See's Candy	350.00													
Member Professional Development Expenses 2008-09	(1,727.13)													
Total Member Professional Development Fund		<u>(1,181.10)</u>												
		<u>-</u>												
Funds Available for Operations, December 19, 2008		<u><u>340.03</u></u>												
Submitted by Roxann Randall, Treasurer														

Let's Get This Chapter Learning!

Hello, fellow ABWA Soaring Eagle Members! I hope your 2009 goals are mapped out and include some personal and professional development. If you want to succeed, you need to make changes and educate yourself to improve. If you need ideas for this, start right here with ABWA! February 7th is the next ABWA Women on the Go Conference and is close by in Fullerton, CA. This 1 day conference is not only fun, but packed with personal and professional development opportunities. It is not too late to attend. We usually form a carpool for those interested.

Or how about stepping it up to a 2 day conference? Mark your calendars for the ABWA District Spring Conference March 20-21, 2009: Tucson, AZ at The Hotel Arizona. There are other dates and locations available as well for other District conferences. Please visit www.abwa.org to get details and to register.

Members are not required to attend, but it is encouraged. It is also a great time with much to learn!

For more information and to see how you can qualify for possible partial reimbursement for attendance, please contact me, Anne Grimes 619-253-6869 or Candace Trevino 760-294-0767, Committee Co-Chairs.

"Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them."

-Henry Steele Commager

March ABWA Soaring Eagles Meeting Preview

"Take Me Seriously! Networking and Getting Noticed (in a good way)"

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Women in today's business have to work smarter and faster to get noticed and climb the corporate ladder. Networking is a critical element to career advancement, and in a "good 'ole boy" network, women need to be at the top of their game. This seminar on networking will provide women with the confidence and tools to make meaningful and effective business contacts. Participants will learn how to build their connections, send effective messages, and develop meaningful business relationships.

As a part of this seminar, participants should bring business cards to use in the networking activities. **Dr. Kella B. Price, SPHR, CPLP** has 12 years of experience in training and development, and talent management functions. As CEO of Price Consulting Group, she is a professional speaker, speaker coach, trainer, and facilitator.



ABWA Proud Code of Conduct



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- * All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
- * Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
- * Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
- * Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
- * Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
- * Members will strive for excellence in their professions by Maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging

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