

On Eagle's Wings

Soaring Eagles Chapter 6495
Escondido, California



The President's Corner by Rosi Weisser

"A woman is like a tea bag—you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy Holidays, Soaring Eagles!

It's that time of year when we're all thinking about being with family and friends, parties and presents. Take time to be with those who are most important to you and to let them know how much they are loved. Don't sweat the small stuff. Just have fun with all the people and traditions that are near and dear to you.

But, don't forget, it's never too early to start writing those New Year's resolutions. Even though I'll be with my family in Kansas for Christmas, I'll be taking some quiet time

to think about and actually write out my plan for 2007. . . where do I want to be, what do I want to accomplish, what do I need to get there, and how will all of this happen?

When I start answering all of the questions for my new year's action plan, ABWA will be a big part of how I'm going to improve my skills to realize my plan and my success in 2007.

I hope you'll think about how ABWA can help you achieve your potential and put it high on your list of priorities. You won't be sorry! May all the blessings of this special time of year be with you throughout

the New Year.

Grow with the Soaring Eagles!

Rosi



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Soaring Eagles Share the Power!

The Soaring Eagles have done it again! Thanks to our members' great recruiting, the Soaring Eagles have five new members during our fall membership campaign!

Sharon Mack
Vicki Redoble
Sybil Ihrig
Dejoie Poellnitz
Sheri Genovese

A special thanks and congratulations to our outstanding members who sponsored them:

Kathleen Riley (2)
Shelley Gardner (2)
Sandra Curtis (1)

If you are considering membership or know someone who is, please act

now. We have some great programs planned for 2007!

Thanks again for your support!

Julie Kangas
VP Membership

December Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to:

Suzanne Southwell 12/8

Rosi Weisser 12/12

Mary Large 12/22



Be sure to join us at the January meeting... we'll be discussing the possibility of moving our monthly meetings to a new location.

Have some input?
This is your chance to be heard!

Christmas Party Meeting and Charity Event

On behalf of the Christmas committee I would like to thank all the members of ABWA who attended the Christmas party meeting on Thursday, December 7th at the Escondido Country Club. We had a very good turnout of 39 members, husbands and guests. Escondido Country Club served a delicious Holiday dinner of turkey, dressing, ham and all the fixings. The members enjoyed a fun-filled gift exchange of stealing and swapping of gifts and our ladies sang their hearts out with our Karaoke entertainment. Thank you to Sharon Mack for providing and setting up the Karaoke machine. We have some really talented ladies in our group!

We were honored to have Ms. Car-

men Maldonado with *Hidden Valley House*, (this year's charity shelter) join us as our guest. Carmen shared the tremendous services *Hidden Valley House* provides to battered women and men, as well as their children. This year, our ABWA Chapter collected over \$365.00 in cash and checks, many gift cards, Christmas gifts, a tremendous amount of clothing, games, stuffed animals, games, and toys, in addition to the chapter's cash donation.

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity, participation, hard work, and unselfish giving this year. These gifts will make the mothers and children who currently reside at *Hidden Valley House* with a brighter and

warmer Christmas than they would have had without the compassion and kindness of the ABWA members. It touched my heart to see all the clothing and gifts which were delivered to my home.

I would also like to thank Marlene Montooth for allowing us to use her stuffed animals as our Christmas centerpieces at the Escondido Country Club.

May your Holiday season this year be wrapped in warmth, touched by wonder and filled with love and joy. God bless you all and be safe.

Leilani Haugen
2006 Christmas Chairman

January Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to:

Carol Archibald 1/2

Debi Pizzica 1/13

Tracy Foote 1/22



Enjoy your special day!

Let's Get This Chapter Learning!

Hello, fellow ABWA Soaring Eagle Members! This month I came across a flyer for a one day workshop for Microsoft Office. I thought that this would be a nice refresher course for me to take and to learn some shortcuts to make my job on the computer easier. I went online to www.careertrack.com and found a multitude of different types of seminars to choose from. Subjects ranged from Professional Development to Computer Skills to Management Skills,

etc... The list went on and on. I saw prices from \$39-\$299. They offered one and two day seminars, conferences, audio tapes, videos, reading materials, on-site training, and even online training. *Remember*, as long as you pay a minimum of \$100, you could be eligible to be reimbursed for ½ of the cost up to \$250 from ABWA National through the SBMEF Business Skills Tuition Reimbursement Fund.

For more information and to see how you can qualify for

this awesome benefit of belonging to ABWA, please contact me, Anne Grimes, Committee Chair or any of my Committee Members: Judy Jessup, Mary Large, or Carol Archibald.

"Education is not a form of entertainment, but a means of empowering people to take control of their lives." -Unknown

Anne Grimes
Member Education
Committee Chair

Soaring Eagles Chapter ABWA Next General Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2007

The Sizzler Restaurant
355 N Escondido Blvd.
Escondido, CA. 92025

5:45 pm - networking/social

All Guests Welcome

Call Pattie Vargas
760-420-8444
for reservations
\$16.00



National Dues

The following members renew their national membership in January:

Joanna Elliott Daniels

Mila Penano

Abigail Wentzel

Deborah Valentino

Remember that you must be a member in good standing both nationally and locally (local dues payable in August) to be eligible for any chapter benefit such as member education reimbursement and committee participation, as well as voting for chapter officers.

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

-Henry David Thoreau

From the Editor

Dear Soaring Eagles,

I have decided to help with the newsletter for the time being. Word has it that Mickey Boston has moved the art store and if that's anything like moving our homes... she needs a BREAK!!!

I have no idea what I am doing so please bear with me. I would like to thank Pattie Vargas and Mickey

Boston for their beautiful past newsletters, as I have plagiarized many of the cute clip art items, themes, etc. This will make me look really good.

What a ball I had at the Christmas Party Meeting. Can I get a WOO HOO for Leilani Haugen!!! Leilani you are the best! Thank you for planning such a fun and festive event for us all. The

food was yummy, the room warm and comfortable and the entertainment was surprisingly good!

I love January... each new year comes with new goals and new opportunities for greatness. I pray that each of you get 2007 off to a GREAT start and make your best year ever!

With love and belief in you,

Stacey



ABWA National Leadership Conference

Commentary from Attending Chapter Members

Pattie Vargas, Chapter Vice President

I was thrilled to represent The Soaring Eagles and Southern California at the 2006 National Leadership Conference! Since we were a sponsoring chapter, we were able to experience the inner workings of the conference like never before. From welcoming the attendees in registration, to slaving away in the Ways and Means booth, to monitoring the voting process, it was a privilege to be a member of ABWA! Several people mentioned that this conference functioned better than any they had seen in the past – that was a nice thing to hear when everyone was working so hard! We were hard to miss in our bright purple suits and everyone was talking about “The Purple Haze!”

Having been selected as one of the Top 10’s this year

made the conference even more special for me. My fellow Top 10’s are amazing women and we had a wonderful time getting to know one another – great relationships were formed in a short period of time! Speaking at the Woman of the Year / Top 10 Luncheon was an incredible honor and I was so proud of ABWA, our chapter, our district and our conference. I had the opportunity to visit with women from other chapters, exchanging email addresses, phone numbers, and promises to stay in touch. We discussed chapter operations, future programs, as well as our own personal and business growth – it is true that ABWA women are more sisters than friends.

Mary deserves a huge KUDOS for her hard work as

Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. There was a never-ending stream of traffic around the Ways and Means tables with great prizes and gifts. Everyone from the Soaring Eagles who gave of their time and energy are to be commended – what great sports and hard workers!

I believe the Soaring Eagles have entered a new era in our ABWA experience – all across the nation other chapters will be hearing about us in the future. We are committed to the ABWA vision and represent the spirit of this wonderful organization in a powerful way. The best is yet to come!

Pattie Vargas
Chapter Vice President

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Rosi Weisser, Chapter President

Wow, the conference came and went in a whirl! This was my second National Conference. It was very different being one of the sponsoring chapters. Not to say that we didn't have fun. It was jam-packed with activity. What a pleasure to watch the enthusiasm and energy at conference registration as everyone anticipated what was to come. They couldn't wait to get started.

It was an eye-opening experience to serve on the Credentials Committee. The women love being part of the election process and take it very seriously. That leads me to believe that this also translates into women being informed and involved in community and national elections as well—a power to be reckoned with.

It was very exciting to see how many dynamic “younger” women are embracing ABWA as a source for their growth and opportunities in the business world. And talk about ideas and thinking “out of the box.” My mind is still reeling from the breakout sessions and the opportunity to talk with women from all parts of the country and from all walks of life. It's gratifying to know we are all

alike, struggle with the same challenges, and yet are all so different.

Although I loved representing the Soaring Eagles with acceptance of the Star Award, my favorite “goosebumps, eyes filled with joyful tears” event was the Top 10 luncheon featuring our own Pattie Vargas. Wow, what a speech! Just think, Pattie is one of the Top 10 businesswomen in the US out of about 50,000 members. Pattie was so busy with interviews and event preparation that I don't think she had time to digest the impact until it was over. This will be life changing for Pattie in so many ways and will open so many doors for her in her business. ABWA is filled with intelligent, dynamic women. Take the time to get to know Pattie and find out some of her keys to her success.

Of course, I couldn't leave out the ways and means booth. Mary Large stepped in at the “eleventh hour” and took over as co-chair of this committee. She worked her you know what off. They rocked! I think just about all of us who attended from Soaring Eagles worked at this booth. They made a lot of money. The cutest thing was

seeing Stacey Moffat at her first conference sitting at the ways and means booth (with her money visor on and that beautiful smile of hers) just having a great time selling tickets. She's already talking about going to North Carolina next year for National Conference. We'll be there with you Stacey!

Rosi Weisser
Chapter President

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Stacey with Candace Bushnell, keynote speaker and author of *Sex and the City*

Stacey Moffat, Acting 2nd V.P. Newsletter

I, too, loved the National Leadership Conference. This was my first time at an ABWA Conference and, like everyone said I would, I truly enjoyed it.

I knew I would love the time with my girlfriends from the chapter, but what I didn't expect was to really enjoy meeting women from all over the place. They were all so welcoming, bright and fun.

I can't wait until the next conference so that I can attend and appreciate the breakout sessions. Everyone said they were wonderful. But because

the Soaring Eagles were an event sponsor we weren't really able to attend as many classes. We were kept busy running the Ways & Means booth. This wasn't a bad thing... this is where I met most of my new friends!

Another highlight for me was meeting Candace Bushnell, author of *Sex and the City* and *Lipstick Jungle*, two best-selling books. The first book was also the inspiration for the hilarious and successful series on HBO.

She was our keynote speaker and had powerful things to say

about relentlessly pursuing your dream... and doing even the most small, menial, mundane tasks to the best of your ability. I loved when she said that “Passion ALWAYS gets noticed.”

By following her own advice Candace became tremendously successful. When, at 33 years of age and having made only \$10,000.00 writing, her mother suggested that she quit the business and go into real estate. She said she knew at that moment that her dream was non-negotiable... and that is when we become truly powerful.

There is absolutely no stopping us when we have a burning sense of our purpose.

Please consider joining us at the next convention. I know we are all so busy... but this is time well spent and a wonderful investment in you.

Stacey Moffat
Acting 2nd V.P. Newsletter

The Soaring Eagles at the Awards Night Dinner.



Rosi Weisser, Chapter President accepts the Star Award on behalf of the Soaring Eagles Chapter.



Pattie Vargas, Chapter Vice President, Woman of the Year and Top Ten Honoree speaking at the Woman of the Year Luncheon



**American Business Women's Association
Soaring Eagles Chapter 6495
General Meeting: November 2, 2006**

President Rosi Weisser called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. There were 26 members and 4 guests.

The mission statement was read in unison and the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all attendees.

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes from the previous meeting were distributed, read and approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers Report was presented and approved and will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leilani Haugan spoke about the upcoming Holiday Party, and the results of the ABWA Christmas Charity.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chamber of Commerce for Escondido is putting together the Business Directory for next year. Carol Archibald moved that we put a \$60.00 add in the Business Directory, and asked if we would be able to receive a discount as a non-profit organization. Mila Penano seconded the motion, motion carried. Tracey Foote will put a 1/16 page add in the Chamber Paper.

The North County Voice had an article and a picture of Pattie Vargas as one of the Top 10 for ABWA.

Julie Kangas announced the upcoming New Member Event scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2006. Directions were provided.

Vendor Faire took place during this meeting. Tables were set up around the room with many members presenting. Each member provided a brief of their business.

Received a thank you note from Phyllis Allison for the Award she received.

The Chamber of Commerce of Escondido mixer will be at the Stone Brewery on the 9th of November.

Julie Kangas motioned to suspend all further business for the evening. Carol Archibald seconded the motion, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gardner

Recording Secretary

Soaring Eagles Chapter
American Business Women's Association
Treasurer's Report
December 18, 2006

Balance on hand, October 26, 2006		8,981.01
Income:		
Dinner Meeting	1,200.00	
\$25 Cash Drawing	67.00	
Dues (2006-2007)	237.00	
Fundraiser-Table Top Program	350.00	
New Member Event	90.00	
2006 Conference	100.00	
Total Income		2,044.00
Expenses:		
Web Site		
Contribution-Other	100.00	
Dues/Memberships	20.00	
Dinner Meeting Expense	1,036.56	
General Expense	140.79	
Scholarship	39.98	
Member Professional Development Expenses	91.72	
National Conference Expenses		
Total Expenses		1,429.05
Balance on hand, December 18, 2006		9,595.96
Scholarship/Education Funds Reserved:		
Balance @ 7/31/05	4,533.89	
Fundraiser 2006	4,621.26	
Scholarships 2005	(5,550.00)	
Total Scholarship Fund		(3,605.15)
Member Professional Development Reserved:		
Balance @ 7/31/05	10,633.32	
Fundraiser 2006	4,391.26	
Member Professional Development Expenses	(10,130.37)	
Total Member Professional Development Fund		(4,894.21)
Fundraiser - 4/30/06		
Distributed to Member Education/Scholarship	(180.00)	
Ticket Sales		
Opportunity Tickets		
Table Top Contributors		
Auction		
Other Income (reversed credit card fee)		
Expenses		
Credit Card Receivable	180.00	
Total Fundraiser Fund		-
Funds Available for Operations, December 18, 2006		1,096.60

Submitted by *Carol L. Archibald, Treasurer*



American Business Women's Association

Soaring Eagles Chapter 6495
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ABWA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business-women 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

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www.abwa-soaringeagles.org

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