

The President's Corner

by Pattie Vargas

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Dear Soaring Eagles –

Another outstanding conference comes to an end! There were four of us attending from the Soaring Eagles and it was an exciting time for us as our own Julie Kangas was named ABWA Business Woman of the Year for 2008! This designation is the *highest honor and most prestigious title* given by our organization so it is only fitting that an Eagle wins it!

The North Carolina conference team did an outstanding job and the speakers were inspirational *and* business

relevant! From the Afterburner team to Susan Eschler who scaled Mt. Everest to Sam Glenn and his Kick in the Attitude, we were challenged and motivated! The grand finale with Jud Laipply was the icing on the cake! If you have not checked out The Evolution of Dance on YouTube – do it today!

As usual, I made brand new friends and updated others – I especially enjoyed catching up with four of my Top 10 sisters. This year we had time to fellowship and get to know each other even better and our lifelong

friendships were further cemented!

If you have never attended an ABWA conference, let this be the LAST one you miss - you will not be sorry. I strongly encourage ALL members to seek opportunities within this wonderful organization to serve, lend your support, challenge yourself and reach new heights! Invite someone to come along today!

Fondly,
Pattie

Special Points of Interest:

- *Julie Kangas Named 2008 Business Woman of the Year!*
- *Leilani Haugen Receives 2007 Protégé Award*



"I am a great believer in luck, and I find that the harder I work the more luck I have."

-Thomas Jefferson

October Birthdays!

Donna Crowl — 1st

Barbara Lebsack—23rd



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OUR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING WILL INCLUDE A VENDOR FAIR! FOR \$35.00 YOU WILL RECEIVE A TABLE TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS. THIS IS ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE CHAPTER!

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19TH ABW DAY
“TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT”
September 8, 2007



Six Soaring Eagles members attended the 19th annual ABW Day celebration in Anaheim on September 8, 2007. The Impact Council sponsoring chapter of Impact Council event this year was the Anaheim Angels. The current ABWA theme of E3-- Engage, Experience and Excel was incorporated into theme of the day “Together We Can Do It”.

ABW Day (American Business Women’s Day on September 22nd) was declared over 20 years ago as a national recognition day by President Ronald Reagan. This date is the anniversary of the founding of ABWA. It is a national day for America to recognize the achievements of not only ABWA but also the millions of employed women in the U.S.

All current and past Chapter and Council Women of the Year in attendance were acknowledged.

Keynote Speaker was Carla J. Christofferson co-owner of the **Sparks** Women’s basketball team. She is also a litigation partner in a law firm in Los Angeles. She related various inspirational experiences in the sports field throughout her life. She made reference to many quotes from important and successful women throughout the years. i.e. “No one wins all the time” and “Well behaved women rarely make a difference” also Winston Churchill’s “Success is Never Final”. She was well received.

Eagles attending were President Pattie Vargas, Mary Large, Anne Grimes, Carol Archibald, Rosi Weisser and Marlene Montooth.

Marlene Montooth, Council Delegate



Chapter Member Spotlight

Roxann Randall



I am the youngest of four kids including two brothers and one sister. I don't have any children, but I have eight nephews, four nieces and one great niece that I love dearly. I was born in Kailua, HI and grew up in Eureka, CA in No. Calif. until I moved to San Diego to go to SDSU. I graduated from SDSU in 1997 with a B.A. degree in Journalism, Advertising and Marketing. I worked for a full service advertising agency for 2 years as a media buyer and believe that is where my passion lies as a profession. I like to play co-ed softball, even though I don't play well, I always have a lot of fun. During the winter my husband and I like to ride dirt bikes in the sand dunes in Glamis w/our family and friends. I currently work for the City of Vista in the Code Enforcement division, which has been interesting and keeps me very busy. My favorite time of year is Halloween ~ I just love decorating and dressing up. I think it's an absolute blast to hand out candy and see all the kids in costume!!



REFLECTIONS OF GREENSBORO

By Rosi Weisser

Beautiful scenery, unbelievable history, great southern hospitality, new friends and acquaintances, good food, awesome keynote speakers with enlightening business/personal teachings, great learning opportunities, an exciting election process, excellent recognition, and the incredible, once in a lifetime opportunity to see our own Julie Kangas selected as our National Business Woman of the Year. Watching Julie give her presentation at the Top Ten Luncheon and seeing her receive National's highest honor was indeed the highlight of the week. Yes, we are "Rock Stars!" (That's another story—you had to be there).

Every time I turned around there was a learning opportunity just waiting for me. All I had to do was take advantage of it. What a great way to spend a week—a few good friends and the opportunity to learn so many things to improve myself and my business.

Why not start planning now to attend either next year's District VI Spring Conference in Colorado or the National Conference in Covington, Kentucky (or the southern side of Cincinnati, as they call it). Invest in yourself—you won't be sorry!

Julie Kangas Named Top Business Woman 2008

Congratulations, Julie! We couldn't be more proud!



Here's a photo of Julie with our new National President and last year's Top Business Woman,
Lina Lawson



Escondido Soaring Eagles Chapter receives
STAR Award for the second consecutive
year! Congratulations Soaring Eagles!!!

Congratulations to the New ABWA National Officers!

Lina Lawson – National President

Vicki Marlett – National Vice President

Amy Dawson – National Secretary/Treasurer

JoAnn V. Osby – District VI Vice President

ABWA Proud Code of Conduct

- * 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 the professional development of other members.



JOIN US FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING!

**OUR SPEAKER IS PAMELA LAWSON,
DETECTIVE WITH THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT. PAMELA HAS BEEN WITH THE
DEPARTMENT FOR 20 YEARS AND WILL BE COACHING US ON DEFENSIVE TACTICS AND
PERSONAL SAFETY**

**ESCONDIDO COUNTRY CLUB
1800 W COUNTRY CLUB LANE
ESCONDIDO, CA**

**OCTOBER 4, 2007
5:30 NETWORKING, 6:00 MEETING
\$20 PER PERSON**



“In each of us there are places we have never gone. Only by pressing the limits do you ever find them.”

-Dr. Joyce Brothers



CONGRATULATIONS TO LEILANI HAUGEN 2007 PROTÉGÉ AWARD WINNER

(Note: Due to the many life changes that Leilani is going through at this time, she has been unable to be with us for the past few months. I wanted to share with all members the presentation I was not able to make in July before anymore time passes. I know we all wish Leilani the best and know she will be with us when she can). Rosi Weisser

On occasion at the president's discretion, a Protégé Award is presented to one of our newer chapter members. This award is for commitment and participation within the first year of membership. This year I am pleased to be presenting one of these awards.

Leilani Haugen joined the Soaring Eagles in February 2006. Right away she distinguished herself by helping at the meetings, selling opportunity tickets, greeting members and visitors, and eventually helping Carol with the check-in process at our monthly meetings.

Mike and I had the pleasure of sitting with Leilani and her husband Lee at the 2006 Wine & Roses fundraiser. It was a great opportunity to learn a little about Leilani, those things that touch her heart, and to talk to her about involvement in the chapter. Right away her hand went up to chair the Scholarship committee, which as you know she accomplished in grand style.

But Leilani did so much more. She took over negotiating with the Sizzler on a consistent basis, she very capably put together a committee to research and present potential non-profit organizations for the chapter to consider for our Christmas charity, and she chaired the selection committee that researched new meeting locations and negotiated with the Escondido Country Club for this great new venue.

As a committee chair, Leilani attended the majority of our Board meetings and was always an active contributing member. As a newer member, we could always count on Leilani to give us a different perspective on topics important to the board and the chapter. She cares deeply and is always interested in helping the Soaring Eagles meet our goals for our members, the Chapter, and the National organization. And she stepped up to the task of running for a chapter office.

I am proud to have Leilani as a colleague and a friend. It is with great pleasure that I present the Protégé award to Leilani Haugen.

Congratulations Leilani!

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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

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