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"Discover Yourself!"

"You can either take action, or you can hang back and hope for a miracle. Miracles are great, but they're so unpredictable." Peter Drucker

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The President's Corner
By Anna Clark

Hello Everyone:

There's no grander sight in the world than that of a person fixed with a great purpose dominated by one unwavering aim.

Orison Sweet Martin

As I end my term as your Chapter Woman of the Year, I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such wonderful chapter members. This has been a very successful year for the Soaring Eagles and I look forward to supporting our new Woman of the Year for 2004-2005.

The Soaring Eagles will have even more opportunities to SOAR as we prepare for the 2006 National Convention. We are a sponsoring chapter so now is the time to get on board! If you are a new member, here is your chance to become more involved from the start! Fill out those Special Interest Forms and submit them to me. Look for more information on the Convention elsewhere in this newsletter.

Anna L. Clark, President

**February Dinner Meeting
February 5th**

Networking 5:45
Dinner and Speaker 6:00-8:30pm

We'll Try It Again!

Serena Lumiere

Teaches us about
"The Magic Within"



Serena is a highly qualified Hypnotherapist and an experienced Magician. She comes to us as a published author, a student, a teacher and a facilitator in the development of self-esteem and the art of effective communication.

Serena is a unique entertainer and presenter and has been for over 30 years.

Let's get ready to make some magic!



From The Editor

2004 is off to a GREAT start with our Chapter Woman of the Year selection, our first New Member Welcome Tea and planning for the Wine and Roses Fundraiser! There are exciting things going on throughout the chapter so hang on and stay tuned! Remember, if you have any interesting news to share – a new job, a promotion, weddings, babies, or other exciting news, send them to the newsletter editor **by the 20th of each month** for inclusion in the next newsletter. Also, remember to let Pattie know of your delivery preference – email or snail-mail. Let's help keep operating costs down!
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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.



Announcing the All-New ABWA Soaring Eagles Website!

Log On And Check It Out!
www.abwa-soaringeagles.org
This great new website was designed by InterLynk. Please refer your friends and colleagues to this site for up to the minute information about your chapter!



Spring Conference Schedule

Please check out the dates for the upcoming Spring Conferences. You can attend any one you'd like!

Long Beach, CA	March 19-21
Oklahoma City, OK	April 16-18
Greater Dayton, OH	April 23-25
Naples, FL	April 30-May 2
Cedar Rapids, IA	May 14-16
Manchester/Bedford, NH	May 21-23

We ought to hear at least one little song every day, read a good poem, see a first-rate painting, and if possible, speak a few sensible words.
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Your Membership Committee at Work!

New Member Welcome Tea



**February 22nd
2-4pm**

All members who have joined the Soaring eagles Chapter between August and today are invited to our first Welcome Tea! Come and meet your Board Members and Committee Chairs and find out what ABWA has to offer!

More information to follow at the February Meeting.

Please be our guests!

*Deborah Valentino
1st VP, Membership
and the Membership Committee*



Birthdays

Helen Davis
Deborah Valentino

February 20
February 22



National Dues

The following members renew their national membership in January, February and March. 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:

January

Abigail Wentzel Audra Merrell

February

Dianna Greene Paula Mellon
Kathleen Riley Cindy Choice
Roxann O'Shaughnessy Kate Large

March

Mary Large Janelle D'ters
Renee Irons Mary Ishii
Tatyana Shan

New Members Affiliated At January Dinner Meeting

Anne Grimes
Susan Christensen
Lorrie Tustison
Rosi Weisser
Lynn Palmer
Blanca Dubon
Nicole Farrell
Mary Lou Taylor

Welcome. Ladies!



**Hear ye, Hear ye!
Upcoming
Events!**

- February 5th – Soaring Eagles Chapter Meeting. Chapter Woman of the Year Announced.
- February 7th – Women on the Go!
- March 19-21, District VI Spring Conference will be held at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.
- April 17th – Inland Valley Council – Recognition of all Chapters Women of the Year
- April 25th – Wine and Roses Fundraiser, Escondido.



**Chapter Woman of The Year!
2004-2005**

Yes it's that time of year again to select our Chapter Woman of the Year! This year there are 8 eligible members for this prestigious honor:

Carol Archibald	Suzanne Southwell
Julie Kangas	Mary Ishii
Ananda Kachaturoff	Sharon Powell
Shannon Root	Basanti Shaw

The candidates submit applications for the award. A point system is used to select this year's Chapter representative.

The winner will be announced at the February Dinner Meeting. Be sure to be there!

**Timetable for Election of
New Chapter Officers**

- February:** Select Candidates for Chairperson of Nominating Committee
 - March:** Elect Chairperson, select committee
 - April:** Take nominations for officers
 - May:** Vote on New Officers
- New officers take office in July
Assume responsibilities in August

Women on the Go!

Impact Council
Saturday, February 7th
"Carnivale"

One-Day Conference, only \$79
Reservation Deadline January 23rd
Walk-in Rate \$90

Includes workshops, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and professional entertainment.

This conference qualifies for 5 Continuing Education hours and \$25 reimbursement for every Soaring Eagle in good standing who attends the conference.

Keynote Speaker
Marilyn Sherman

"Whose Comfort Zone Are You In?"

For more information, contact
Carol Smith
562-925-7023
Aileen Jackson
562-426-1827
Beverly Carette
562-962-8322

Scholarship Committee

Soon you will be hearing more about the Scholarship Committee for the 2004 awards. This is one of the most rewarding committees you can serve on and is the basis for our Spring Fund Raiser Event. Tatyana Shan, Chairperson, will be distributing the applications at the February meeting. For more information, contact her at tatlanashan@hotmail.com or phone her at 760-945-7440. The applications will soon be available on the website.



We Don't Mean to Brag ... but

We would like to congratulate two members of our Soaring Eagles chapter who have just received a Business Skills Reimbursement Grant from

the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund. This money is awarded from the national level of ABWA to deserving candidates who are nominated to a national selection committee after chapter board approval. The amount of money our chapter can award is determined by the amount of money our chapter has donated to the SBMEF Fund the previous year. The grants went to Carol Archibald and Judy Jessup. They are the first two recipients from our chapter to apply and receive money from this new program. To learn more about these grants and how you can apply please contact Ananda Kachaturoff, our Member Education Chairman at 760-639-0633.

Basket Wrapping Party

The basket-wrapping party will be held on April 3rd from 1-5pm at the office of Dr. Basanti Shaw. Creating these fun, imaginative baskets to auction or use in the Opportunity Drawings is a big part of our Wine and Roses fundraiser. Some of the themes in the past have included Movie Night, Death by Chocolate, Picnic, For Men Only and more! We can be very creative when we put our minds to it! This year we would like to use different means of packaging, rather than just baskets, such as beach pails, garden buckets and so forth. Opportunity Drawing items will range from \$15-\$35, with Silent Auction Items ranging from \$35-\$100.



Fourth Annual Wine and Roses Auction and Wine Tasting!

When: Sunday, April 25th, 1-4pm

Where: Belle Marie Winery

Cost: \$35 per person

Table Sponsorships

Reserve your sponsorship by April 3rd.

\$250: Table signage, 4 tickets, ½ pg ad

\$450: Table signage, 8 tickets,

full pg ad, Table Centerpiece

Only 12 sponsorships available!

Auction

Many exciting items will be available for auction from hotel stays to business services to art objects! All members are encouraged to solicit donations!

Tickets will be available from the Soaring Eagles members as well as available for purchase from our website!

We are still in need of a printer and a photographer. Please contact Mary Large at 760-739-0717 if you have suggestions.



Working For You
ABWA Soaring Eagles

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760-740-1020

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Carol Archibald
760-591-9768

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Judy Jessup
760-737-3745

Program

Roxann O'Shaughnessy
760-598-3618

Member Education

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760-639-0633

Scholarship

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760-672-2474

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760-739-0717

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Convention Information Highlights

Soaring Eagles is a sponsoring chapter for the 2006 National Convention. As such, we are eligible to receive funds back based on a Disbursement Criteria. Percentages will be calculated based on the Chapter's National membership Roster as of July 31, 2005. The Funds Disbursement Criteria is listed below:

Criteria	Measurement	Base Points
Attend 2005 National Convention to participate in promotion and man the exhibit booth	40% of chapter membership based on chapter enrollment as of July 31, 2005.	20
Sell Souvenir Program Advertisements	2 pages of advertisements	30
Donate gift baskets for Ways and Means Raffles	3 baskets or \$150.00	5
Donate Door Prize items	10 items	5
Having members working during National Convention	50% of chapter membership based on chapter's enrollment as of July 31, 2005	20
Work scheduled hours during National Convention	300 hours	20
Total		100

We will need everyone's involvement and help to make the 2006 convention one of the best ever! This is a great opportunity to get involved – fill out those special interest forms and get them back to Anna TODAY!

Soaring Eagles Having Fun!
Holiday Party December 2003



Phyllis Allinson, Judy Jessup, Anna Clark, Deborah Valentino and our guests from St. Clare's Home.

The Soaring eagles were generous in their gifts of needed items and cash for the money tree!



ABWA President, Anna Clark, Secretary, Dianna Greene and our guests from St. Clare's Home.



Our next meeting is February 5th, at the Sizzler in Escondido.
Call Mary Large at 760-739-0717 for reservations.



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