

# CAREER INSIGHTS

December 2009



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### *Greetings*

This is the season to reflect on the previous months and decide to make changes for the new year that is just around the corner. This year like all others has really flown by and each one seems to go by faster and faster than the last one. It is the time to truly enjoy and be thankful for family, friends, good food and all things big and small, good and bad. It is also a good time to be proud of ourselves as an ABWA chapter doing positive networking, raising awareness on pertinent topics and raising scholarship funds to help others move higher in education.

The Ways & Means committee is well on their way preparing an awesome scholarship luncheon for March, 2010 that I am really looking forward to. I believe the 2010 monthly luncheon programs will be informative and interesting also. So let's continue to be positive and focused in doing good things because as the saying goes, when you give to others you'll find yourself blessed and the more you sow the more you reap.

I would like to just say Merry Christmas to you all and I wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.

*Dee Dee Adams*

### CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- December 15  
12 Noon  
Holiday Luncheon  
Topeka Country Club
- January 5  
12 Noon  
Executive Board  
Library
- January 19  
12 Noon  
TBD

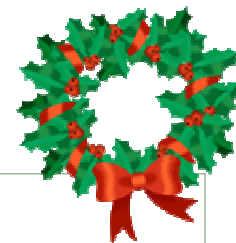
## CHAPTER MEETING—DECEMBER

**Next Meeting: December 15—Holiday Luncheon**

**11:45 a.m. networking 12 Noon  
Topeka Country Club**

**Reservations required—contact  
Katy Price at [KPrice@cbtks.com](mailto:KPrice@cbtks.com)**

## MEMBER NEWS



- ⇒ **LOCATION CHANGE** for Executive Board Meetings. The Board will meet November thru July of 2010 at 12 Noon at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library . This change is due to the fact that the YWCA is charging a \$25.00 fee for meeting room rental without food purchased.
- ⇒ Congratulations to **Deb Dawkins** on her recent grand opening of Above All Books & Gifts at its new location! If you missed the grand opening—stop in. She is located at 2607 SW 21st in the Plaza 21 Shops at 21st & Randolph.
- ⇒ Our sympathy goes out to **Judy Thomas**, her husband and their family on the recent passing of her father-in-law this past week.
- ⇒ **Members—are you looking to get your message out** or maybe even have a sale or special this month. There are 2 great resources available. You can submit items of interest for a large group of ABWA ladies to Ann Mah at [lmah@cox.net](mailto:lmah@cox.net) who then forwards it to all ABWA members in our community that have signed up to receive the notices. OR you can submit them to me (Shawn Maisberger) the Newsletter chair. I would be happy to put items of interest to our membership in the monthly newsletter.

## Future Calendar Events

- ⇒ December is our **Holiday Luncheon— December 15 at Noon at the Topeka Country Club**. Remember members do not have standing invitations for the December meeting. You must RSVP to Katy Price at [KPrice@cbtks.com](mailto:KPrice@cbtks.com) Our guest speaker is our 2010 Woman of Distinction Martha Bartlett Piland.
- ⇒ You're invited to a special holiday event with the **Topeka Women's Network** members. On Tuesday, **December 15**, we're meeting at Gallery Classic, at 3400 SW Topeka Blvd. If you have not been to this unique and wonderful store, you're in for a treat. We like to visit successful women-owned businesses and we couldn't think of a better place to network, learn about a local business - and finish our Christmas shopping! We'll gather around 5:30 and be out by 7:00 pm. We are serving heavy hors d'oeuvres and holiday cheer to make it even more fun. The cost is \$15, and you can pay that evening, but we do need an RSVP. You can RSVP by emailing Nancy Griffin at [bnggriffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnggriffin@sbcglobal.net)
- ⇒ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony—**Shawn Maisberger's** mother will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of her store Crown Trophy at 835 SW Fairlawn on Friday, December 18th at 1:30 p.m.

## CHAPTER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Katy Price, December 2

### Anniversaries

Cheryl Creviston, Dec 2004



## MEMBERSHIP – NETWORKING

**In an effort to advertise our memberships strengths and business information, we will list websites here for quick reference from our members by request.**

Nancy Weigand	<a href="http://nancymassage.com/index.html">http://nancymassage.com/index.html</a>
Deborah Dawkins	<a href="http://www.homeinteriors.com/debbdawkins">www.homeinteriors.com/debbdawkins</a>
Deborah Dawkins	<a href="http://www.aboveallbooks.com">www.aboveallbooks.com</a>
Michelle Kaberline	<a href="http://www.marykay.com/mkaberline">www.marykay.com/mkaberline</a>
Cheryl Creviston	<a href="http://www.jayhawkfile.com">www.jayhawkfile.com</a>
Shawn Maisberger	<a href="http://www.crowntrophy.com">www.crowntrophy.com</a>
Mary Grossenkemper	<a href="http://www.TanNTravel.rovia.com">www.TanNTravel.rovia.com</a>
Anita Wolgast	<a href="http://www.kansaschristmasornaments.com">www.kansaschristmasornaments.com</a>

### *American Business Women's Association Proud Code of Conduct*

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for all 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 interest.
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.

**WASHBURN ABWA STUDENT CHAPTER**

The ABWA Student Group was formed on the campus during September 2003 and became a nationally registered chapter in November 2004. The primary purpose of ABWA is a networking avenue for students to link with local, state, and national female leaders and business professionals. The Washburn student ABWA chapter is the fifth student group in the United States to form in the United States.

**WU Student Chapter ABWA**

***Students are back and working on the calendar for the year. They are not meeting on a regular basis during November / December due to the holidays, finals and schedules.***

**MEMBERSHIP CHAPTER DUES**

Don't forgot to make your dues payments.

Make check payable to

**“Career Chapter ABWA”**

Annual Dues: \$223.00

1st Quarter Dues: \$100.75

**Due Aug 2009**

2nd Quarter Dues: \$ 40.75

**Due November 2009**

3rd Quarter Dues: \$40.75

**Due February 2010**

4th Quarter Dues:\$ 40.75

**Due May 2010**

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National ABWA will forward a statement directly to each member for payment.

National Dues \$75.00

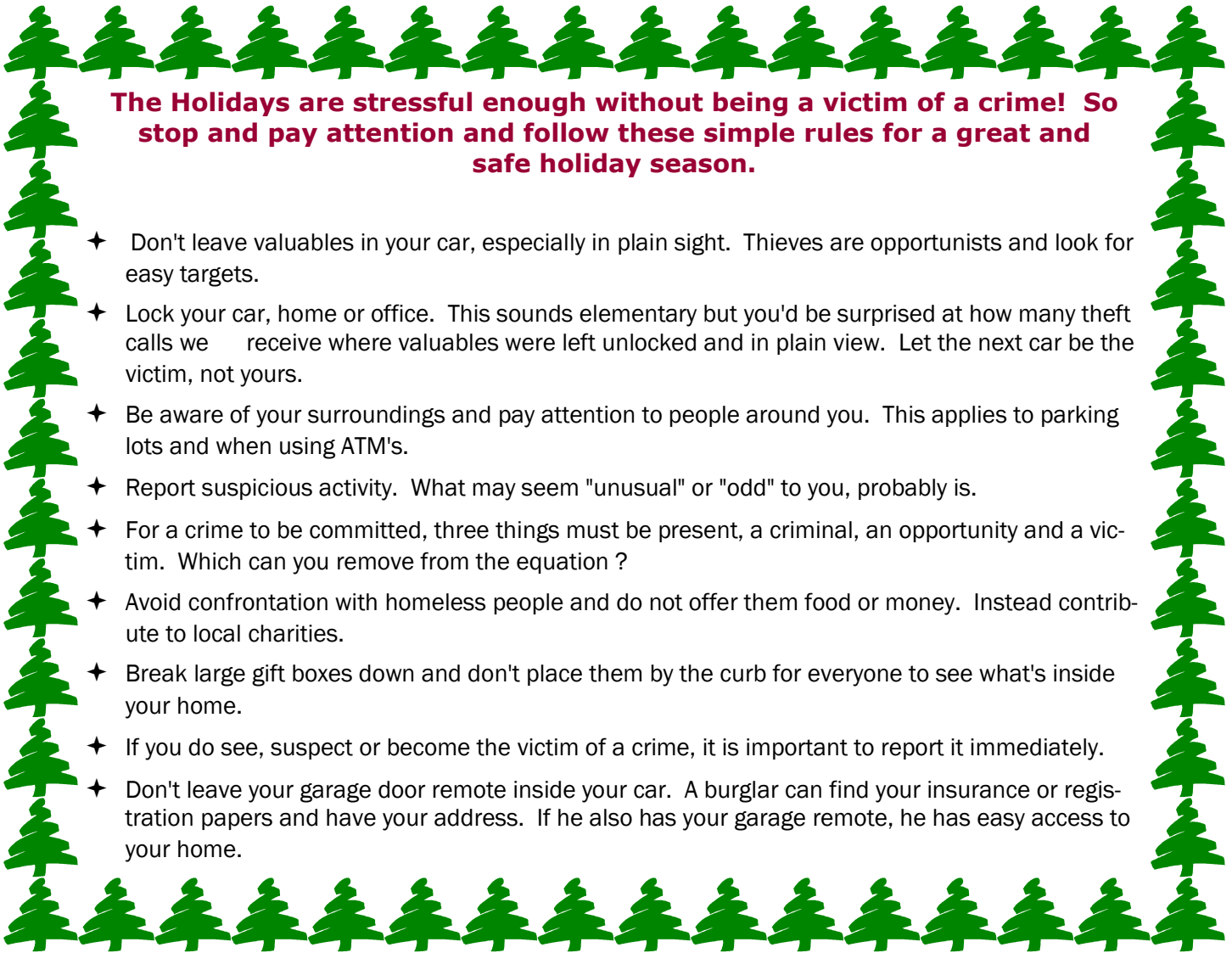
Questions contact

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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



**The Holidays are stressful enough without being a victim of a crime! So stop and pay attention and follow these simple rules for a great and safe holiday season.**

- ✦ Don't leave valuables in your car, especially in plain sight. Thieves are opportunists and look for easy targets.
- ✦ Lock your car, home or office. This sounds elementary but you'd be surprised at how many theft calls we receive where valuables were left unlocked and in plain view. Let the next car be the victim, not yours.
- ✦ Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to people around you. This applies to parking lots and when using ATM's.
- ✦ Report suspicious activity. What may seem "unusual" or "odd" to you, probably is.
- ✦ For a crime to be committed, three things must be present, a criminal, an opportunity and a victim. Which can you remove from the equation ?
- ✦ Avoid confrontation with homeless people and do not offer them food or money. Instead contribute to local charities.
- ✦ Break large gift boxes down and don't place them by the curb for everyone to see what's inside your home.
- ✦ If you do see, suspect or become the victim of a crime, it is important to report it immediately.
- ✦ Don't leave your garage door remote inside your car. A burglar can find your insurance or registration papers and have your address. If he also has your garage remote, he has easy access to your home.

***Inspiration* business. Figure out a way to do business that can inspire people.**

1. Figure out what your *real* business is. What are you meant to do?
2. Discover your ocean of creativity. What you put into your business fuels your creativity.
3. Determine one way you can make a difference. Look at it like this: What one small thing can I do?

[www.abwa-career.org](http://www.abwa-career.org)

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## Our Mission

To bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others to grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

## Become a part of ABWA

A national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers.

Contact **Terry Hobbs**, Membership Chair, for more information or regarding potential membership opportunities by phone at 271.9808 or at [terry-hobbs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terry-hobbs@sbcglobal.net).

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