

CAREER INSIGHTS

November 2008

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



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Change

This is the time of the year we experience a lot of change. "Time changed" at the beginning of this month as we set the clocks back an hour. The temperature has changed and we have been forced to at least put on a little extra layer of clothing. Our country experienced a big change last week when we elected a new president, who happened to have run on a platform of "change" Yes, change is inevitable in life. Sometimes we experience changes over which we have little to no control. But then we can be an agent of change: a change that affects us and others in a positive way. I encourage you especially during this upcoming holiday season to be an agent of change. We can start by bringing some canned goods to our meeting next week to donate to the Battered Women's Task Force, as was suggested in our August meeting.

We will have a change in our usual format at our November meeting in that our Woman of Distinction Honoree will be joining us at

our November luncheon instead of the Holiday one in December. We will also be asking everyone to bring plenty of business cards so we can make sure each of our chapter members know what we do, and has our contact information accessible to recommend our services to others outside the group.

Offer a co-worker, neighbor or friend a change by inviting her to our November meeting. You never know if it may be a change that transforms her entire life.

See you next week

Debb Dawkins

CHAPTER MEETINGS:

- November 18
11:45 a.m.
YWCA
- December 2
Executive Board
12 Noon
YWCA
- December 16
11:45 a.m.
Holiday Luncheon
Topeka Country Club

CHAPTER MEETING – NOVEMBER

Next Meeting: November 18th 11:45 network 12 Noon

Program: *Communication and special guest the 2009 Honoree*

Marge Heeney

Remember to bring 30 business cards with you to the meeting!!

CAN GOODS will be collected for the Battered Women's Task Force

MEMBER NEWS

- ⇒ **Ways and Means**—Next meeting Tuesday, December 9 at 12 Noon at the Topeka-Shawnee Public Library.
- ⇒ **Judy Thomas** reported that her pie baker, Norma Grubb, was nominated as the best pie baker in America in a contest sponsored by ABC Good Morning America Weekend. Well, she's in the top 4, and Good Morning America's crew were in Dover at our cafe filming their segment that will air on Sunday morning--show starts at 7:00 a.m. They will announce the 4 top pie bakers. Go to KTKA.com and see the report. Half of the winning is decided by the anchors tasting the pie on Sunday, and the other 1/2 is up to you and everyone you to know to "Vote for Norma". You won't be able to vote until Sunday. Go to www.abcnews.com after it airs on Sunday, and go to Good Morning America Tab--and there should be a link to vote for Norma!
- ⇒ **Debb** announces that the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and the Antioch Family Life Center, Inc. will present *So You Think You've Got Talent Dinner & Talent Extravaganza* on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner Served at 6 p.m. Talent Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 for adults \$19 for children under 12. Proceeds to benefit programs offered at Antioch Family Life Center, Inc. Tickets may be purchased at Above All Books and Gifts, LLP (Southeast Entrance of White Lakes Mall) or 266-6107.
- ⇒ American Heart Association's 5th annual Go Red for Women luncheon will be held Friday, December 5th at the Ramada Inn. Contact Mary Lou McPhail or Mary Grossenkemper for tickets and information.
- ⇒ **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 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.

CHAPTER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Mary Lou McPhail, Nov 6

Sarah Saenz, Nov 11

Mary Grossenkemper, Nov 20

Glenda DuBoise, Nov 21

Anniversaries

Brenda Younger, 11/20/2007



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.

The Student Chapter will meet Wednesday, November 19th at 12 Noon at the Student Union.

***Program: Career Chapter's mission and partnership with WU Chapter
Presented by Mary Lou McPhail and Shawn Maisberger***

It is an opportunity for Career Chapter ABWA to share the Chapter's history, mission, and involvement in the community as well as with Washburn Chapter



MEMBERSHIP CHAPTER DUES

Don't forget to make your dues payment.

Make check payable to

“Career Chapter ABWA”

Annual Dues: \$223.00

1st Quarter Dues: \$100.75

Due Aug 2008

2nd Quarter Dues: \$ 40.75

Due November 2008

3rd Quarter Dues: \$40.75

Due February 2009

4th Quarter Dues: \$ 40.75

Due May 2009

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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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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	http://nancymassage.com/index.html
Deborah Dawkins	www.homeinteriors.com/debbdawkins
Deborah Dawkins	www.aboveallbooks.com
Michelle Kaberline	www.marykay.com/mkaberline
Cheryl Creviston	www.jayhawkfile.com

Future December Meeting—

Tuesday, December 16 11:45 a.m.

Topeka Country Club



This is our annual Holiday Luncheon. There will not be a specific program, but to enjoy the good company of friends and the time spent together. This is a perfect time to invite prospective members.

Take a look and Enjoy the site and please visit for updates.

www.abwa-career.org

Promise to Deliver
American Business Women's Association

Accepting Nominations—2009 Woman of the Year

WE are accepting nominations for the 2009 Woman of the Year—deadline is **Tuesday, November 25th**. Once the nominations are in, the top 3 candidates resumes will be forwarded to everyone so that you can vote at our Holiday luncheon on December 16th.

Any Career Chapter members who wish to help with this project? I would like a small committee to assist! Let me know if you are interested!

2009 Woman of the Year

Purpose:

To honor a chapter member through the selection of a Woman of the Year that demonstrates interest and involvement in Career Chapter, contributes to her community and, exemplifies the highest degree of professionalism.

Criteria:

Criteria for selection of a winner is to be based on the following:

50% ABWA participation and attendance

20% General information and community participation

20% Business experience

10% Education

Please send your nominations to Linda Deines (2008 Woman of the Year)

at lindad@ywcatopeka.org

Thanks for your cooperation and please send in your nominations by November 25th!

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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.

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