President’s Message

Dear Novi Oaks Chapter Sisters:
The first meeting in our three-part Spring Membership Campaign Series was a great success!

We had an excellent turnout and some great energy that evening. Remember to invite guests to our networking event on April 10 and the May 8 meeting – Your Professional Image. Fliers are included in this newsletter.

We are on track currently for our Level III Best Practices award for 2018-2019. Thank you all so much for all of your volunteerism and support with our Chapter Goals this year!

I would also love for everyone to start thinking about who they can honor at our Night of the Stars on July 10, 2019. This is when we recognize our ABWA Sisters and those people who have helped us in our lives or have inspired us in some way.

We have a great start to the applications for our Impact Scholarships. I am so proud that we were able to offer two scholarships to help two deserving women this year. The deadline for applications – including three reference letters and official transcripts – is May 15, 2019. Applicants should contact Karen Kolc at kkolc@yahoo.com to start the process.

Krista Spraga Spencer
2018-2019 Chapter President

Krista Spencer honored as Novi Oaks’ Top Ten Nominee

On February 13, 2019, Novi Oaks members accepted the nomination by board members of Krista Spencer as their candidate for the 2020 Top Ten - the highest honor for a member in ABWA.

Krista is a Staff Nurse working in the pre- and post-operation area at Ascension Providence Park Hospital in Novi. In her own business, she is an ordained minister and owner of Lord is my Shepherd (L.I.M.S.). She performs weddings, speaks at churches and for Christian groups, and provides Christian Counseling Services. She would like to grow her services and travel more with her speaking career. She presents weekly bible studies on her YouTube channel.

Krista will complete the Top Ten application, which features the member's ABWA contributions, career accomplishments, education, and community involvement. An outside panel of three Kansas City area business people will choose the Top Ten of ABWA. At the National Women's Leadership Conference (NWLC) in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 3 through 6, 2019, one of the Top Ten will be chosen to be the 2020 American Business Woman.

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Woman of the Year Carol Ann Donnelly and Top Ten Nominee Krista Spencer will be honored at the April 6, 2019 Eastern Michigan Council WOY and Top Ten event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.
Bring in your Women In Business magazines!
If you do not keep your W.I.B. magazines, don’t throw them out! We could use them to give to our guests. Please give them to our Membership Chair, Chris Struwe.

Planning Ahead for Novi Oaks’ Night of the Stars – July 10th

The Night of the Starts – a tradition Novi Oaks started in 2012 – is a special night where we recognize our members for their accomplishments and contributions to the chapter, we install our new Executive Board, and we honor the family, friends, and co-workers who have helped us succeed.

Member and Michigan State Representative, Kathy Crawford, will be our featured speaker on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, where the red carpet will be open at 6:30 p.m.

We are calling on all members to save the date and invite those you wish to honor. You will be able to write a paragraph about your “Stars,” which will be included in the program.

We are growing and thriving thanks to you! Help us complete this ABWA year and kick off the new ABWA year with this fun night.

Pictures shown here are from the 2014 Night of the Stars. Please let Krista Spencer know if you would like to work on the committee.

2019 EMC Events

April 6 – Hosted by Tipacon Charter Chapter in Troy - Woman of the Year and Top Ten Event
June 8 – Hosted by Lake Shore – at the Detroit Yacht Club
July 13 – District V VP’s Event at Weber’s Inn in Ann Arbor. Novi Oaks will pay $20 to help you attend this event ($40).
September 14 – Hosted by Maia in Ann Arbor - TBD
December 14 – Hosted by Cass River in Frankenmuth

Set Aside the Dates!

The Central Regional Conference for Districts III and V will be held on April 11-13, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The National Women’s Leadership Conference will be held at the Harrah’s Casino & Hotel in Kansas City, MO, on October 2-5, 2019.

*Novi Oaks sponsors its members to attend national conferences.
The Autumn Brunch With Auction is six months away!
By Christina Struwe, Auction Co-Chair

Our 15th Annual Autumn Brunch With Auction is planned for Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, which is located at 27000 South Karevich Drive, near the northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road – just past the Carrabba’s restaurant. This event starts at 11:00 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 2:00 p.m.

We’ll enjoy a delicious breakfast brunch – and what could be better than sipping mimosas with your friends while you get some great shopping done? And don’t worry, because we accept credit cards.

Even though September seems like a long way off, please reach out to family, friends, and co-workers and ask them to save the date! The flier for the auction is included in this newsletter, and will be e-mailed to our members to pass on to others.

Half the fun is seeing the creative table decorations of our hostesses. If you are interested in decorating a table for ten, please let Chris Struwe know. The Pink Ladies table in 2018 was decorated by Kathy Crawford and friends.

We are always looking for new items for our silent and live auctions – including gift cards and gift certificates. Do you have a favorite restaurant that you attend frequently? Do you get a massage, facial, or pedicure on a regular basis? Do you get your hair and nails done regularly? Go to the movies? Visit a pet store?

If you answered, “Yes!” to any of the above, please ask if the business owners will donate either a gift certificate or products to our Auction!

And don’t worry if a restaurant or activity is not in our immediate area, as we have guests from all over, and everyone loves to try a new place! We even receive gift certificates from as far away as Frankenmuth, Toledo, and Kalamazoo.

Chris Struve, Sheri Mayer, Carol Ann Donnelly, Betty Shultz have repeated donors that we call on, so please check with Chris first before asking for a donation. If you need a donation request letter, we will be happy to email one to you!

If you do obtain a donation, please pick up a business card and any brochures from the donor. We use the brochure to place inside a frame to display at the auction.

The Eastern Michigan Council (EMC) is comprised of eight chapters in Michigan. The EMC will be hosting its annual Women of the Year and Top Ten event on Saturday, April 6, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.

Our own Woman of the Year, Carol Ann Donnelly, and Top Ten nominee, Krista Spencer, will be recognized along with the women from the other Michigan Chapters.

Tickets for this breakfast meeting are still available and can be purchased for $20 at www.abwa-emc.org.

The Saturday, June 8, breakfast meeting will be held at the Detroit Yacht Club.

On Friday and Saturday, July 12 & 13, the EMC and the Cardinal Crossroads Council in Indiana will host the event to honor our District V Vice President, Marilyn Lash at Weber’s Inn in Ann Arbor.

The flier for this event is included in this newsletter, and you may register online. Novi Oaks will reimburse $20 of the $40 to attend this event (once the event is over).
THANK YOU!

We know that ABWA is an important part of your life. In an extremely busy world, we admire the difference you are willing to make by sponsoring a new member into ABWA. We are lucky to have so many great members just like you who’ve committed countless hours towards Changing women’s lives… One woman at a time.®

LEVEL ONE
ENROLL ONE NEW MEMBER

When you recruit one new member, we will send you a delightful, stylish time piece with a dragonfly image on the watch face with a pink faux leather band. Everything is handmade, from the dials to the bands. Battery is included.

LEVEL TWO
ENROLL TWO NEW MEMBERS

When you recruit two new members, we will send you an elegant, handmade, drawstring jewelry pouch with 8 pockets to help you keep your favorite jewelry organized. 50% Poly Dupioni Silk, 50% Raw Thai Silk. Comes in seven rich colors!

LEVEL THREE
ENROLL THREE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS

When you recruit three new members, we will send you this gorgeous, textured, boho scarf in shades of purple, with a jeweled dragonfly pendant. It’s this year’s must have accessory for your ABWA meetings!

It sometimes isn’t enough to simply say Thank You, so…we want to show you that we appreciate you with this year’s fabulous gifts for sponsoring a new member during the spring recruitment campaign.
Set of Core Values for the American Business Women’s Association

1. Giving Members a Voice
2. Treat People With Dignity (Proud Code of Conduct)
3. Lifelong Learning
4. Focus on Creating Value for Members
5. Achievement
6. Visionary Leadership
7. Focus on the Future
8. Focus on Results
9. Manage by Fact
10. Manage for Innovation

NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER – 2nd Wednesday of each month
Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Brilliant Women Networking Event – $15 for members and guests. Feel free to invite women you meet!

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Chapter meeting – Pat Duncan of Dress for Success will present “Your Professional Image.” Michelle Laskowski of Enchanted Memories Photography will take headshots for $25. Dress for Success is accepting accessories, calculators, backpacks, purses, gift cards, fanny packs, and journals for young women transitioning out of the foster care system.

Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Chapter meeting – Yvette Jones Banks, owner of Accent It Accessories and Interiors, presenting, “Never Give Up on Starting Your Business.”

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Night of the Stars Event – Details to follow.

For all Chapter meetings, pay $22 online via PayPal at www.novi-abwa.org or mail your check for $21 made payable to ABWA to 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320 no later than one week prior to the meeting. Please also send an e-mail to Chris Struwe at cbstruwe@abwa87@gmail.com to confirm your attendance or non-attendance.

EASTERN MICHIGAN COUNCIL
April 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to noon – Event to honor Women of the Year and Top Ten Candidates to be hosted by the Tipacon Charter Chapter at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy ($20). Please register by March 27.

Networking at 9:00 a.m.; Breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.abwa-emc.org to register! Regular meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of March, April, June, September, and December. Deadline is two weeks before any event. The luncheon to honor the District V Vice President is held on the 2nd Saturday of July.

Eastern Michigan Council members from nine chapters at the Central Regional Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 19-21, 2018.

Help ABWA celebrate 70 years!

Plan on attending the National Women’s Leadership Conference at the Harrah’s Casino and Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 3-5, 2019! Novi Oaks will sponsor its members who attend.
ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the 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 interests.

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.

2018-2019 Chapter Executive Board
President………………………Krista Spraga Spencer
Vice President……………………..Karen Kolc
Treasurer ………………………….Christina Struwe
Secretary …………………………Marcia Green

2020 Top Ten Nominee:
Krista Spraga Spencer

Novi Oaks’ 2018-2019 Woman of the Year:
Carol Ann Donnelly

2018-2019 National Executive Board
President………………………Felicia Johnson
Vice President………………….Charlotte Osborne
Secretary-Treasurer………………Cheryl Scott
District V-Vice President…………….Marilyn Lash
Executive Director…………………..Rene’ Street

ABWA National Headquarters
9820 Metcalf Avenue, Suite 110
Overland Park KS. 66212
(800) 228-0007 / www.abwa.org

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Meeting Details:
When: The 2nd Wednesday of each month
Where: Crowne Plaza hotel at 37529 Grand River Avenue (south of 10 Mile Road, near the entrance to eastbound M-5 and southbound Halsted Road). Please visit www.novi-abwa.org for details.

Time: 6:00 p.m. networking, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Meeting follows.

Cost: $21.00 via mail or $22.00 via PayPal.

For reservations, mail your check for $21 made payable to ABWA to 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320, or visit www.novi-abwa.org to pay via PayPal ($22).

Attendees must make paid reservations for meetings. Deadline is one week before.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s Vision Statement:
Novi Oaks Charter Chapter provides women a unique opportunity to enrich their lives through relationship building, education, recognition, and professional development.
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women’s Association

Brilliant Women Networking Event

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
$15 per person includes light refreshments / Cash Bar
Register online at www.novi-abwa.org – $20 after April 3, 2019
Crowne Plaza, 37529 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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April 10, 2019 - $15 per person mail-in reservation
or pay online at www.novi-abwa.org
$20 if paid after April 3, 2019

Please include names of all people attending with you – feel free to invite friends.
Your name and contact number:

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS ALWAYS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women’s Association

Your Professional Image
Presented by Patricia Duncan

Pat Duncan has served as the volunteer coordinator for Dress for Success, Michigan and their Professional Women’s Group for the last 8 years. DFS is teaching young women who are aging out of the foster care system to manage their funds so that they are successful in adulthood despite not having parents. They are collecting journals, calculators, backpacks, purses, gift cards, fanny packs and accessories for their young women at this time.

Michelle Laskowski is the owner of Portraits With Michelle, specializing in Simply Beautiful sessions and high school seniors in the Metro-Detroit area. Michelle will be taking professional head shots for our attendees for the cost of $25.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
6:00 p.m. Networking - 6:30 p.m. Meeting/Program (fee includes dinner)
$21 per person via mail – $22 online at www.novi-abwa.org
Crowne Plaza, Farmington-Nov – 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI

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May 8, 2019 MEETING - $21 PER PERSON mail-in reservation
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The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women’s Association

Never Give Up On Starting Your Business!

Hear the inspiring story of how Yvette Banks-Jones never gave up on her dream of owning her own business. She will provide advice on how to stay motivated during the frustrations of trying to go into business on your own.

In 2000, Yvette brought her passions for art and design to life in her company, Accent It Accessories and Interiors. Since then, AIA has been transforming residential and commercial spaces and lives in ways that align with many unique tastes, visions, and trends.

Yvette connects with clients as partners in assisting them with tailoring custom looks that meet their needs. (AIA’s website address is AIAinteriors.com.)

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
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LUNCHEON HONORING
ABWA DISTRICT V VICE PRESIDENT
Marilyn Lash

Saturday, July 13, 2019
WEBER’S INN, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Please honor Marilyn by wearing her colors: Royal Blue & Black

Sponsored by District V Councils: Eastern Michigan & Cardinal Crossroads

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- Early Registration Deadline June 26, 2019  
  Cost: $40.00

- Final Reg. Deadline June 27–July 10, 2019  
  *PayPal only* Cost: $45.00

- REGISTER ON-LINE: PayPal @ http://abwa-Emc.org/DvpRegistration.html
  (must still mail registration form so we have your info)

- OR MAIL:  
  COMPLETED REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO: TAMMY MURRAY - Email: tmurray412@sbcglobal.net
  Phone: 248-417-7197, Address: 31895 Merton Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
  Checks payable to: ABWA Total Enclosed: $___________ TOTAL

- Yes - I also plan to attend the Informal Meet & Greet Friday Night
  (light appetizers; no charge but need reservation) (beverages COD)

- Yes - I also plan to attend the Optional Friday Night Dinner
  (order from the menu/pay individually) (need reservation for count)

  Registration includes:

- Saturday Full: Breakfast Buffet & Saturday Lunch
  Select here: Oven-Broiled Northern Lakes Whitefish
  Caprese Pan-Seared Chicken w/fresh Mozzarella & Tomato Basil Oil
  Chef’s Vegetarian Choice

ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, GLUTEN FREE, VEGETARIAN, ETC., PLEASE NOTE: __________

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Marilyn Lash  
District V DVP

AGENDA

Friday
5-6 pm Informal Meet & Greet
6 pm Dinner @ Weber’s (optional)

Saturday
7:30 am Registration
6:00 am Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00 am Welcome
9:15 am ABWA Educational Event
12 Noon Luncheon
1:15 pm DVP Honor Event

MARILYN LASH, District V DVP
And amid all of this, Networking and bidding on Auction Items, & Envelope Pull — not to mention awarding contributions to our 2019-20 candidates, and (2) 2019 NWLC Early Bird Registrations!!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Details - Must Reserve before June 26, 2019
Call Weber’s at 800-443-3050
Code: ABWA072019
Room Rates: Single/Double $139, Triple $149, or Quad $159

MORE INFO/CONTACT CO-CHAIRS
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Visit us online at www.novi-abwa.org
Membership Application

Benefits of membership begin the date your application and payment are received and processed at ABWA National Headquarters. For renewal purposes, membership starts on the first day of the month following the date the application and payment are processed and renewed annually. Dues payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Date: __________________________

First Name: ______________________ MI: _____ Last Name: __________________________

Affiliation Information:

Do you plan to join a local league? □ Yes □ No If yes, league name: __________________________

Note: Participation in an ABWA local league is contingent upon timely payment of annual National dues.

Name of Member Sponsor (if applicable): __________________________________________

Address and Contact Information:

Home address: ________________________________________________________________

City / State / Zip: ______________________________________________________________

Primary phone contact: __________________________ Primary e-mail address: __________________________

Do you have a Facebook account: ____ Yes ____ No Facebook Name: __________________________

Note: An e-mail address is required to access your membership information and conduct business online at www.abwa.org. By providing your e-mail address, you are authorizing ABWA to contact you by e-mail.

Personal Demographics (for statistical purposes only):

Birthday (MM/DD): __________ Birth Year (YYYY): __________ Gender: □ Female □ Male

Business Owner, Employment and Education Level Demographics (for statistical purposes only):

Your Company’s Name: __________________________________________ Your Title: __________________________

Are you a business owner? □ Yes □ No Description of products/services: __________________________

Highest Level of Education Completed:

□ High School/GED □ Vo-Tech □ Associate’s Degree □ Bachelor’s Degree □ Master’s Degree □ Doctorate Degree

Enclosed is my ABWA National dues payment of:

□ $115 ABWA National Membership □ $ 50 ABWA National Student Membership

*To qualify for student membership, include a class schedule reflecting enrollment in 12+ credit hours per semester.

Payment Information: □ Check: Mail check with application to ABWA, 9820 Metcalf Ave, Suite 110, Overland Park, KS 66212

□ Visa □ MasterCard □ Discover # __________________________/____________________/____________________/____________________

Expiration Date: _____/____ Security Code (3-digit code on back of card): __________

Name on Card __________ Signature __________

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