President’s Message

On Saturday, September 21st, we held our 15th Annual Autumn Brunch With Auction at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. The day was a resounding success!

Sixteen tables for ten were hosted by our members and friends, including Gwen Guy, who is a member of the Lake Shore Charter Chapter in Southfield and the Maia Chapter in Ann Arbor. All of the tables were beautiful, but one standout was Sandra Horne, our former member who will be joining again soon. Saturday was her 50th birthday, and the guests at her table all dressed in long black gowns for her British “Night of the Proms” table (when they go to see the orchestra).

We had 218 items up for auction for just under 150 attendees, including ABWA members, family, and friends, who helped us raise just over $10,000 gross. The final report will be available soon.

ABWA members from all over the U.S. will gather at the Harrah’s Hotel and Casino in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2 - 5 for the ABWA National Women’s Leadership Conference. Novi Oaks members Sheri Mayer, Krista Spencer, Chris Struwe, and I will walk across the big stage to accept our chapter’s Level III Best Practices award.

While in Kansas City, we will also hear Sam Glenn as a keynote speaker, attend training sessions for three days, learn who will be on our new National Board of Directors, and celebrate ABWA’s 70 years.

The October 9th meeting will feature guest speaker Vickie Gould presenting, “Saying Yes to You and Leaving the Guilt Behind.” We hope you will join us.

Marcia Green
2019-2020 Chapter President

ABWA’s 70th Anniversary – September 22, 2019

September 22, 2019, marked the 70th Anniversary of the founding of ABWA by Shirley Cupp, Irma Beisel, Frances Stuckey, and Mr. Hilary Bulton Jr., in Kansas City, Missouri.

Following World War II, this small group realized that American women lacked basic business skills to succeed in the business world, and decided to take action. The rest is history.

After 70 years, the American Business Women’s Association is still in the forefront of women’s organizations in the United States. Members may take advantage of online training in the Apex Campus, and in-person training at monthly chapter meetings and annual regional and national conferences.

Here’s to ABWA’s next 70 years of providing opportunities for women!
Novi Oaks' 15th Annual Autumn Brunch With Auction!

Saturday, September 21, 2019, was a great day for raising funds for the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s scholarship and education fund. Over 140 members and guests gathered to have fun bidding on the 199 silent auction items and 19 live auction items.

Miss Wayne County, Emma Seidel, joined us and addressed the group. She will compete in the Miss Michigan pageant in June of 2020, and if chosen, will compete in the Miss America pageant. Pictures were provided by her photographer, Bill Lee, member Julie Chapman, and our guest, Shirley New.

Member Karen Wernette Kolc volunteered to serve as our auctioneer on the 19 live auction items and did a fabulous job. We send our prayers and wishes for a quick recovery to our auctioneer, Coy Dockery, who is still healing from a stroke he suffered in 2018.

A final report of the auction will be published. Enjoy the pictures here from that awesome day!

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2019 EMC Events

**December 14** – Hosted by Cass River at Zhender’s in Frankenmuth

**Dates for 2020:**

- February 8 – Greater Oakland, Auburn Hills
- April 11 – TBD
- June 13 – Novi Oaks
- July 11 – DVP Event, Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor
- Sept 12 – Lake Shore, Location TBD
- Dec 12 – Cass River, Frankenmuth

Visit the Eastern Michigan Council website at [www.abwa-emc.org](http://www.abwa-emc.org) to register for EMC meetings.

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Set Aside the Dates!

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

The 2020 Central Regional Conference will be held on March 25 – 28, 2020, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville.

ABWA National offers payment plans for registration.

*Novi Oaks reimburses the registration fee for its members who attend national conferences.*
Top Left to bottom right: Sheri Mayer and Peggy Aniol at the Scholarship Garden; Julie Chapman and Janet Dietrich in front of Julie’s “ABWA a Par Above” table; Kim and Janice Ford; Sandra Horne in front of her “Night at the British Proms” table; current candidate for District V Vice President, Cheryl Blair, of the Raintree Chapter in Indiana, and Treasurer Chris Struwe.

Sandra Horne hosted her “Night of the British Proms” table; Margaret Laitala and her daughters, Judy Hendershott and Susan Proffitt (both former members) hosted their “Millionaire Party”; Holly and Lauren Hengstebeck hosted the “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” table.
Top Left to bottom right: Krista Spencer and her mother, Sharon Spraga, hosted their “Tea Time” table; Pat Plamondon decorated the registration table with ABWA pumpkins and leaves, with a vase of sunflowers donated by Thrifty Florist. Sheri Mayer and her mother, Margaret Helme, hosted their “Luck Be a Lady!” table; Pat Plamondon hosted the “Hocus Pocus” table; Chris Struwe’s second table was “Winter Tree.”

ABWA is all about women supporting other women. Pictured from left to right are 2013 Top Ten and 2006-07 National Secretary Treasurer Diane Nixon of the Maia Chapter in Ann Arbor, Council Communications Officer Gwendolyn Guy of Lake Shore Charter Chapter in Southfield and Maia, Cheryl Blair, current approved candidate for District V VP and member of the Raintree Chapter in New Castle, Indiana, 2003 District V VP Shirley New, also from Raintree, Julie Sullivan from the Suburban Connection Charter Chapter in Macomb, Marcia Guy (guest of Gwendolyn Guy), and Kathy Scott and Linda Hamilton of the Nu-Lite Chapter in Flint.
Top left to lower right: Pat Plamondon’s second table, “Cattitude”; Julie Chapman’s “ABWA A Par Above” table; Gwendolyn Guy’s “Arabian Nights / Aladdin” table; “Skulls Galore” was hosted by Marcia Green, Mary Shady, and Kathy Shady; Kathy Crawford’s “Circus / The Big Top” table.

Members Carol Ann Donnelly, Pat Plamondon, Andrea Pennington, Betty Shultz, Mary Shady, Janice Ford, Janice Jones, Chris Struwe, Marcia Green, Holly Hengstebeck, Karen Kolc, Krista Spencer, Kathy Crawford, Sheri Mayer, Janet Dietrich, Julie Chapman, and Peggy Aniol, joined by former member Sandra Horne, who was celebrating her 50th birthday.
Eastern Michigan Council – the next level of ABWA

Members from eight Michigan chapters and one Indiana chapter attended the September 14th meeting of the Eastern Michigan Council (EMC) at the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Road just west of M-23 in Ann Arbor.

Guest speaker Gary Dembs of the Non-Profit Personnel Network presented, “How to stop funding your fundraisers.” Gary is an expert on large-scale fundraising in the Detroit area (think the Ilitches) and a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Greater Detroit PR Network. He gave the definition of philanthropy as the “love of humankind.”

For fundraisers, he advised asking how much you need, then shooting higher. On donations in general, 90% come from individuals, and corporations and foundations contribute 5% each. Donations can come in the form of time, talent, treasure ($), or in-kind contributions – such as the items we receive for our auction.

In general, corporations are moving away from events such as golf outings, and matching contributions. Gary recommends establishing relationships with business owners over time, and asking donors for a 3-year commitment for support. He highly recommended being transparent about how the money would be spent.

Gary recommended working with the people closest to you and cultivating existing donors to a higher level of giving. He drew the following diagram:

The election of officers was held, and the 2020 board will be Gail Frahm, Chair, Kelle Hruska, Vice Chair, Heather Naugler, Communications Officer, and Gwendolyn Guy, Financial Officer. The new board takes office on January 1.

The EMC meetings always end with chapter sharing:

- Tipacon Charter Chapter will have a speaker on wills and trusts on November 6th at the Crowne Plaza in Auburn Hills. Register at www.abwa-tipacon.org.
- The Nu-Lite Chapter in Flint is selling their delicious pecans for $13 for a 1 lb. bag and $8 for a ½ lb. bag. See the flier at the end of this newsletter.
- Nu-Lite is also sponsoring a trip to the Four Winds Casino on October 26th – cost of $60 includes some money for play at the casino. See flier in this newsletter.
- Greater Oakland’s Tuesday, October 16th, meeting will feature author, musician, and life coach Ranka Mulkern speaking on controlling stress (Crowne Plaza in Auburn Hills). Register online at www.abwa-greateroakland.org.
- Greater Oakland’s Holiday Auction will be held on Sunday, November 17 – see flier at the end of this newsletter.
- Cass River Charter Chapter in Frankenmuth will hold its Winter Warm-Up on March 6-8, 2020, in Tustin, MI. The theme will be “The best of the Winter Warm-Up.” Cost is $325, which includes lodging and all food. November 30 is the deposit deadline with payments due on December 30 and January 15.

The next meeting of the EMC will be on Saturday, December 14, at 8:30 a.m. at the Zehnder’s Restaurant in Frankenmuth. The cost is $20 until November 30, and $25 after. Register at www.abwa-emc.org.

Marcia Green
EMC Alternate
NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER – 2ND Wednesday of each month
New meeting location as of July 10 is the Holiday Inn Livonia! New price of $22 via mail or $23 online using PayPal or credit card.

4-Part Series: Finding Total Life Balance: All meetings start at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 9: Author and Coach Vickie Gould (www.vickiegould.com) will present, “Saying Yes to You and Leaving the Guilt Behind.”
Wednesday, November 13: Celebrity Nutritionist and Author Zonya Foco (Zonya.com) will present, “Eat to Succeed!”
Wednesday, December 11: Personal Coach Robin Shear will present, “Secret to Success: Finding Your Joy!”

Please pay $23 online via PayPal or credit card at www.novi-abwa.org or mail your check for $22 made payable to ABWA to 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320 no later than one week prior to a meeting. Members, please send an e-mail to Chris Struwe at cbstruweABWA87@gmail.com if you will NOT be attending a meeting.

EASTERN MICHIGAN COUNCIL
December 14, 2019: The Cass River Charter Chapter in Frankenmuth will host this meeting at the Zhender’s Restaurant. 2020 Officers will be installed.

2020 Council Board: Council Chair Gail Frahm of the Cass River Charter Chapter in Frankenmuth, Vice Chair Kelle Hruska and Communications Officer Heather Naugler of the Tipacon Charter Chapter in Auburn Hills, and Finance Officer Gwendolyn Guy of the Lake Shore Charter Chapter in Southfield and the Maia Chapter in Ann Arbor.

Regular meetings feature networking at 9:00 a.m.; Breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $20. Visit www.abwa-emc.org to register! Deadline is two weeks before any event – the price goes to $25 after that date.

ABWA celebrates 70 years!
Attend the October 9th Novi Oaks meeting to hear about the National Women’s Leadership Conference at the Harrah’s Casino and Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2-5, 2019! Pictures will be included in the October issue of the “Inside Novi Oaks” newsletter.
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.

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President .............................................Marcia Green
Vice President .................................Karen Rea
Secretary ........................................Mary Gantt
Treasurer .........................................Christina Struwe

2020 Top Ten Nominee:
Krista Spraga Spencer

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

2019 Council Woman of the Year:
Marcia Green

2018-2019 National Executive Board
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Vice President .................................Charlotte Osborne
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Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Meeting Details:

When: The 2nd Wednesday of each month
Time: 6:00 p.m. networking, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Meeting follows.
Cost: $22.00 via mail or $23.00 via the web

For reservations, mail your check made payable to ABWA to 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320, or visit www.novi-abwa.org to pay via PayPal or credit card.

Attendees must make pre-paid reservations for meetings. Deadline is one week before each meeting.

Members: Inform Chris Struwe if not attending.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s Vision Statement:
Novi Oaks Charter Chapter educates and empowers women to help them achieve their personal best.
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Saying Yes to You and Leaving the Guilt Behind

Vickie Gould is a book coach and content marketing strategist. Using her signature holistic strategy and her storytelling superpowers, she helps her clients write best-selling books that share their stories impactfully, grow their reach worldwide, and turn readers into clients while they sleep.

Vickie is the author of 10 international best-selling books like Easy Writer and Standing in the Gap, and has also helped nearly 100 others become worldwide best-selling authors. She has been featured in Entrepreneur, Tedx UofM, HuffPost, Thrive Global, YFS Magazine, and seen on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX. She has also been on numerous podcasts and previously published an online magazine. Learn more at www.amazon.com or www.vickiegould.com.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
6:00 p.m. Networking - 6:30 p.m. Meeting/Program (includes dinner)
The Holiday Inn Detroit Northwest - Livonia
17123 N. Laurel Park Drive - Livonia, Michigan 48152 (near 6 Mi & I-275)
Visit www.novi-abwa.org to register online - $23

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Eat to Succeed!
Celebrity nutritionist Zonya Foco, RDN is one of the most exciting, inspiring, vital and unforgettable speakers in America. She makes nutrition and fitness fun and life-changing for everyone!

Learn about Zonya at Zonya.com!

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
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The Holiday Inn Detroit Northwest - Livonia
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Secret to Success: Finding Your Joy

Have you ever looked at a photo and thought, “Of course she’s smiling, she has a perfect life”? It’s natural to associate joy with the absence of problems. It’s expected that we will feel happy when all is right with the world… when our loved ones are doing well, we have found success, or our skinny jeans fit just right: YAY! But what about when life isn’t perfect… when winter seems to last forever, construction brings traffic to a screeching halt, or the checkout lines go to the back of the store two weeks before the holidays? Where is happiness then?

Is it possible to find joy in the unexpected, when the circumstances pretty much stink? In this presentation, learn the difference between happiness and joy and allow your new-found knowledge to change the way you do life.

Robin Shear owns Joy To The World Coaching, through which she provides joy coaching to individuals online and joy-boosting presentations to groups in person. She is a Certified Professional Coach and a member of the International Coaching Federation. Because Robin believes joy is contagious, her mission is to connect with others, aid them in thinking optimistically, help them define joy and incorporate it into their lives, and encourage them to share their joy with the world. She is a member of ABWA’s Maia Chapter and lives in the beautiful Irish Hills of Michigan. Learn more at joynotheworldcoaching.com.

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The Nu-Lite Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association is pleased to announce the Four Winds Casino Bus Trip To New Buffalo, Michigan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

Cost: $60

Reservation and $20 Deposit Deadline: October 1, 2019
All money must be paid in full by: October 15, 2019

Bus leaves from Walmart on Corunna Rd.
Bus loads at 7:45 am and leaves at 8:00 am
Return to Walmart around 8:00 pm

Trip Includes:
*$15.00 slot play
*$10.00 Food Credit
*5 Hours of gaming at Four Winds Casino or visiting Downtown New Buffalo
*Light refreshments provided onboard

Contact Linda @ 810-908-1086 or e-mail: hamilton_linda@att.net for reservations
ABWA Greater Oakland Charter Chapter

20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

Benefitting Professional Development and Education

Sunday, November 17, 2019

11:30 am  Registration & Preview | 12:15 pm Luncheon | 1:00 pm Live Auction

Crowne Plaza Hotel  1500 Opdyke Rd  Auburn Hills, MI

$30 per person (Before Nov 1st; $35 after Nov 1st)

Register by November 8th

Check: Mail the completed form below with payment
Credit Card: www.abwa-greateroakland.org and click RSVP

FYI: ABWA is a 501(c)(6) organization (EIN 38-3559347) and donations to this event are not tax-deductible

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