President’s Message

Dear Novi Oaks Chapter Sisters:

It’s hard to believe that June is here, and that there are only 2 regular meetings for Novi Oaks left for this ABWA year!

We have an amazing and interesting speaker coming in June. She is a dynamic young woman who never gave up on starting her business. She now has been in business for herself for some time, and will tell us her story at our June 12th meeting.

The Night of the Stars on July 10 is our last meeting for the ABWA year. We will recognize the efforts and volunteerism of our members and honor their “Stars” – the people who helped them along the way. It makes me so happy to spotlight our wonderful women and to remind us all of what we have accomplished this year.

District V Vice President Marilyn Lash will join us to install our 2019-2020 board: Marcia Green, president, Karen Rea, vice president, Chris Struwe, treasurer, and Mary Gantt, secretary. New ideas and teamwork are what’s needed to get the job done. It helps so much when everyone who can give some time helps and meets regularly, and contributes to our meetings. We can't do it alone. Thank you for stepping up, ladies.

Lastly, our scholarship application deadline is June 6, and we are excited to hopefully help two young ladies this year. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity to make a difference in our community and in women’s lives. Thanks for all of your support and I am excited to see you soon!

Krista Spraga Spencer
2018-2019 Chapter President

Novi Oaks is moving to a new location!

We are pleased to announce that as of July 1st, Novi Oaks will be moving to the newly-built, beautiful Holiday Inn Detroit Northwest – Livonia, on Laurel Park Drive, which is north of 6 Mile Road and just east of I-275.

The delicious plated dinners for our meetings will now be provided by Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse, with choices such as lasagna with meat sauce, top sirloin, pepper seared salmon salad, chicken Parmigiano, and Johnny’s stuffed meatloaf. The new cost for our meetings will be $22 via cash or check or $23 online using Visa/MC or PayPal.

Please check your e-mail for the registration flier for our July 10th Night of the Stars event, since there will be three dinner choices for members and guests: Chicken Parmigiano, Top Sirloin Steak, and Linguine Pasta Basilico (with fresh basil, garlic, and tomatoes). The form also includes space for you to write a paragraph regarding your “Stars” to be included in the program for the evening.

We will all be happy to meet at the Holiday Inn, which has wide, glass hallways and brand new meeting spaces for us. As you approach the building, the meeting rooms are right inside the first covered entry door you see.

Please be sure to invite the special people in your life to our Night of the Stars. A special flier for this event for you to give to your treated guests (does not include the cost) is on page 6.

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Visit us online at www.novi-abwa.org
Novi Oaks Members at the Novi Spring Palooza

On Friday, May 17, members Chris Struwe, Chrissy Forrest, and Mary Shady hosted a table for Novi Oaks at the Novi Spring Palooza, including a game for kids to play. Our member, State Representative Kathy Crawford from Novi, was also at the event (she took this picture). The Novi Palooza was one of the 2019 efforts to get the word out about ABWA.

During the 2019-2020 year, chapter members will be looking for more opportunities to get our name out in the community. Thank you, ladies!

Getting ready for the July 13th event to honor Marilyn Lash

Our chapter is donating a Patriotic Basket for the silent auction at the July 13th event to honor District V Vice President Marilyn Lash. So far, we have an Igloo 20-Quart Party Bucket that we will fill with:

- 3 patriotic hats-2 inches H
- Pkg of 12 each red & blue star shaped plates
- Pkg of 14 square plates & 2 pkgs of luncheon napkins in U.S. Flag design
- God Bless America Welcome sign
- Patriotic wind chime
- Star shaped trays – one each in red, white & blue
- Patriotic decoration
- 2 packs of patriotic rain ponchos (3 ponchos each pack)

We could still use:

- Pkg each of red & blue solo cups
- Plastic cutlery
- Munchies
- Tablecloth
- Firework Sparklers
- Beach ball

We are also looking for donations of gift cards for national stores or restaurants of at least a $10 value for the envelope pull at the event. People will pay $10 and receive at least that value in the envelope they choose. If anyone is donating, please bring your item or gift card to the June meeting so we can finish wrapping the bucket up that night and get it donated.

Chris Struwe, member of the DVP event team

AGENDA

Friday
5-6 pm  Informal Meet & Greet
6 pm     Dinner @ Weber’s (optional $25)

Saturday
7:30 am  Registration
8:00 am  Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00 am  Welcome
9:15 am  ABWA Educational Event
12 Noon  Luncheon
1:15 pm  DVP Honor Event

MARIYLN LASH, District V DVP

And amid all of this, networking and bidding on auction items, and envelope pull, not to mention awarding contributions to our 2019-2020 DVP candidates, and two 2019 National Women’s Leadership Conference Early Bird Registrations valued at $570!!

To register, visit www.abwa-emc.org and click on the events link. (Flier on page 8.)
Celebrating our members and the people who support them

How many times have you thought that you'd like to tell someone how much their support and encouragement means to you? Novi Oaks' Night of the Stars on July 10th is your opportunity to do so.

Invite your “Stars” to join us at the brand new Holiday Inn in Livonia for a night of fun and celebration. Kathy Crawford will be our speaker and MC. We will recognize our members for their contributions to the chapter this year, including our outgoing officers. District V Vice President Marilyn Lash will be there to install our 2019-2020 board, and we will recognize our friends, family, and co-workers who have been so important in our lives. Your Star may even be a fellow ABWA member!

Please be sure to send a paragraph about your “Stars” to be included in the evening’s souvenir program to Marcia Green via e-mail.

Novi Oaks’ Autumn Brunch With Auction is 2.5 months away!

Our 15th Annual Autumn Brunch With Auction will be held at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton (NW of I-96 and Novi Road) on Saturday, September 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we will have a delicious breakfast buffet and Mimosas! We’ll also accept credit cards!

Tickets are available with an early bird discount price of $30 until September 11, and $37 after that date (online add a $2 processing fee).

Co-Chairs Chris Struwe and Sheri Mayer are asking for help with the following:

- Can you host a table for ten? It involves decorating in a theme of your choice. See examples at right. (You don’t need to sell all ten tickets.)
- Please pass the auction flier on to friends and invite guests. The sooner people sign up, the better. We make individualized books with assigned numbers and name tags, and we print everything the Tuesday prior to the event.
- We still need new items and certificates and gift cards for the live and silent auctions.
- Help putting baskets together (meeting details to be announced).

If we are lucky enough to get into the room on Friday, we will need assistance setting up the auction items that day. If you know any teens, they may earn community service hours helping us, too!

On the day of the auction, all members are asked to help with the following:

- Arriving early (9:00 a.m.) to finish any set-up details.
- Greeting attendees and helping them find their tables.
- Help monitoring sections of the silent auction and making sure no more bids are made once the sections are closed.
- Closing out sections of the silent auction may involve taking certificates and gift cards out of frames.
- Delivering items to winning bidders during the delivery breaks.
- Our auctioneer, Coy Dockery, will not be able to help us this year due to a stroke. If you would like to auction off the live items, please let Marcia Green know.
- Help showing the live auction items as bidding is going on.
- Clean up.

In each of the previous four years, we raised over $10,000 with our auction. We are excited about this event and look forward to working as a team.

Space is limited to 160 people, so register early!

Chris Struwe and Sheri Mayer
2019 Auction Co-Chairs

Members: If you see this box, send an e-mail message to Chris Struwe, and win a small prize!
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, June 12, 6:00 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Chapter meeting – Yvette Banks-Jones, owner of Accent It Accessories and Interiors, presenting, “Never Give Up on Starting Your Business.”

New meeting location as of July 10! Holiday Inn Livonia!

Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 P.M.
Novi Oaks’ Night of the Stars Event – Kathy Crawford will speak and MC, and Marilyn Lash will install the new board. Members will invite the people who have helped and supported them in their work and personal lives so we may honor them. We will also recognize our members for their contributions to the chapter. New price of $22 or $23 online using PayPal or credit card.

For all Chapter meetings, pay $22 online via PayPal or credit card 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. The price goes up by $1 after June’s meeting. Members, please also send an e-mail to Chris Struwe at cbstruweABWA87@gmail.com to confirm your attendance or non-attendance.

EASTERN MICHIGAN COUNCIL

July 13, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Event to honor District V Vice President Marilyn Lash. Early registration deadline is June 26th. Optional meet and greet (no charge) and dinner ($25) on Friday July 12. See flier on page 8 for full details.

Regular meetings feature 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.

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 2-5, 2019! Novi Oaks will reimburse its members who attend, and ABWA National offers a five payment plan for the cost of attending.
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

Council 2019 Woman of the Year:
Marcia Green

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

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Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Meetings

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). Location is Holiday Inn Livonia after July 1, 2019 (NE of I-275 and Six Mile).

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 the web ($22 / $23 after July 1, 2019).

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 paid reservations for meetings. Deadline is one week before.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s Vision Statement:

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter empowers women to enrich their lives.
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

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 i – 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. For the calendar of events and more information about the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA, and to make a reservation for a meeting online using PayPal, visit www.novi-abwa.org.

The American Business Women’s Association welcomes all women and men as members. www.abwa.org.

Make check payable to ABWA and mail to: Christina Struwe, 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

June 12, 2019 MEETING - $21 PER PERSON mail-in reservation

$22 if paid online at www.novi-abwa.org

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 MEETING
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association

Night of the Stars Award Gala

Where Novi Oaks members are recognized for their achievements and members honor the people who have helped them succeed.

2019-2020 New Officer Installation

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Red Carpet opens at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The Holiday Inn Detroit Northwest - Livonia
17123 N. Laurel Park Drive
Livonia, Michigan 49229 (near 6 MI & I-275)
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

REGISTER NOW
Name: 
Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: 
E-mail: 
Phone: 
Chapter/Express Network: 
Top 10/Year: 
National Officer/Year: 
DVP/Year: 

☐ 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: 

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

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Inside Novi Oaks

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of
The American Business Women’s Association
Presents its Fifteenth Annual

AUTUMN
BRUNCH
WITH
AUCTION

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Silent Auction AND Live Auction

$30 per person – Registration deadline September 11, 2019
at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel – 27000 Karevich Drive, Novi (west of Novi Road, north of I-96)

Cost per person is $37 after September 11, 2019 – SPACE IS LIMITED
For $2 extra, you may register online with PayPal – www.novi-abwa.org
VISA and MasterCard will be accepted at the auction!!
All proceeds benefit the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s Education and Scholarship Fund

Questions? Contact Marcia Green at 248-330-6315 or mgreenABWA@gmail.com.

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Friend or Guest of this ABWA member (for seat assignment planning):

AMOUNT ENCLOSED ($30 per person):

RESERVE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 – If the deadline is close, call Chris Struwe at 586-306-1826.
Mail your form and check made payable to ABWA to Christina Struwe, 1748 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

SPECIAL REQUEST: I would like to host and decorate one of the tables for 10 in the following theme of my choice:

If hosting, your form must be received no later than August 1.
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 renews 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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