

The Visionary



Bay Area Vision Chapter of the ABWA

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BAY AREA VISION CHAPTER MISSION: To support each other in business as well as personally, while helping others in our community

Making the Best from Chaos

Frowns and hearing difficulties soon turned into smiles as the Bay Area Vision Chapter made the best of a chaotic meeting place atmosphere and persevered to have a great time talking, sharing and planning for our future.



Smiling faces indicate that a good time was had by all.

Guest Speaker Brenda Postman-Kaylani gave an engaging discussion about decluttering the home and making it esthetically and psychologically appealing. Brenda spoke early in the meeting due to the fact that the ABWA was sharing a room with a defensive driving course, divided only by a small partition that did not block noise.

Eventhough we had prior arrangements made with Sudie's, the conflict in space made the noise level almost impossible for us to hear Brenda.

Brenda, who is very creative, was quite undaunted and after dinner relaxed everyone with a fun time of sharing personal stories, Chapter goals and ways to achieve them.

Since the meeting the Bay Area Vision Chapter has decided to advance our move date to begin meeting at Perry's Italian Grille starting with this meeting. Regardless, it was good to see professional women react like professionals and make the best of a bad situation.

Many thanks goes to Sudie's for several good years of meetings and especially to our faithful and efficient waitress Janice for all her hard work.

New Meeting Place

Perry's Italian Grille
11:30 am
1001 Pineloch
Houston, TX 77062
281-488-2626

Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and a wrapped ornament for the ornament exchange.

Special points of interest:

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11:30 AM, PERRY'S ITALIAN GRILL, 1001 PINELOCH, CLEARLAKE CITY. CONNIE ELIAS OF ALVIN.MANVEL CHAMBER BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY AND A WRAPPED ORNAMENT.**

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President's Message



Sherry Bogus, President
Bay Area Vision ABWA

Wow, December is here. I know it comes the same time every year, but it just seems to sneak up on me! 2008 is almost over and it seems like a blur. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and took time out to really identify your blessings. Our chapter is slowly growing and we have a change I am excited to announce. Our next meeting, Wednesday,

December 10 will be at Perry's Italian Grill. The address is 1001 Pineloch Dr., Houston 77062. (Telephone # 281-488-2626) We will have three entrees to chose from and it is a beautiful place. They have room for us now and-for us as we grow. Also, no minimums are charged, so, plan to be there. Please bring an unwrapped toy for our donation to a children's

charity, and a wrapped ornament for our White Elephant Gift Exchange. We are planning to have a lot of fun and give the new location a try. Thanks, Beatrice Wilson, for helping us with securing Perry's. I hope to see you Wednesday!

Sherry



Member Angela Wilson and her guest spent time listening as well as contributing to our networking session.



Long time members, Carolyn Wagner and Monica O'Neal relaxed as we shared stories.



Brenda Postman - Kaylani conducted a networking and get acquainted session after the group finished the meal and the room became quieter.

**ABWA BAY AREA VISION CHAPTER #2533
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

In Attendance: Janice Cobb, Lorilyn Wynn, Monica O’Neal, Carolyn Wagner, Sherry Bogus, Angela Wilson, Beatrice Wilson, Evelyn Garland

Guests: Lori Boney, Terry Hickman, Belinda Postman-Kaylani, Janet Yanko

- The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm.
- Invocation was read
- Introductions were made
- Belinda Postman-Kaylani began her program due to seating arrangements at Sudie’s restaurant (noise level). Program was relating to decluttering your home, ways to pick color for interior & exterior of your home, ways to arrange furniture, etc. And the psychological impact having a cluttered home has on your peace of mind.
- Dinner was served. Networking continued throughout the evening.
- Meeting items: 1) Christmas party will be on Dec. 10th @ lunch time at Sudie’s restaurant. We will exchange ornaments. 2) Discussed organizations to adopt for Christmas. It was decided we will donate to a women’s shelter and a pet shelter in San Leon that does not euthanize its animals. An email will go out with the specifics of what these organizations need so that we can bring it to our December meeting. 3) As far as a meeting place, we are leaning toward moving to Perry’s Restaurant. Sherry will meet with Beatrice to look at specifics and present them at the December meeting. 4) A motion was made by Lorilyn to move the board meetings to 2 weeks before our regular meeting instead of it being 1 week prior. The motion was seconded by Janice Cobb – all were in favor and no opposed. 5) Evelyn asked us to send to her our business cards so that we can get those published in the newsletter.

Networking continued and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Bay Area Vision Chapter #2533- ABWA Board Meeting Minutes 12-03-08

In attendance: Sherry Bogus, Monica O'Neal, Lorilyn Wynn, Carolyn Wagner, Beatrice Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 11:37 am.

Sherry talked to Natalie at Perry's Grille and told her we needed total price to be \$15 w/ drink and all. Sherry wants us to still charge \$20.00 and if we pick entrees @ \$9.99, we can keep our costs at \$15.00.

We will pick three entrees @ \$9.99. We chose Pasta Alfredo, Chicken Caesar Salad and Spinach and Crab Pasta. We can most likely change out the three entrees sporadically.

We will let Sudie's know that we appreciated the service provided by Janice, but the meeting arrangements last month were not acceptable.

For Christmas donation for an organization: we chose Toys for Tots. They provide toys to all areas and are well known. The toys need to be UNWRAPPED.

For our Christmas ornament exchange, the ornaments need to be WRAPPED.

Come January, we should have nominations ready. The nominating committee will get application for WOY and Top 10. We should present the criteria to the members at the December meeting so all can make nominations.

Let's discuss an evening meeting that is a business associate night. We will announce the scholarship recipients at an evening meeting so families can attend. We should start on scholarship applications now.

Monica volunteered to cover scholarship as chair.

We will use January as our planning meeting for the Wine Tasting Fundraiser, WOE, etc. nominations and networking. At the December meeting, Connie Elias, president of the Alvin/Manvel Chamber and a member of the Alvin Sorop-tomist Group will attend to talk about their bell ringing project.

February meeting we can look into having an image coach speak.

Beatrice stated that Perry's may be able to provide a buffet for our wine tasting. Angela is still looking for a venue.

We'll put up a vote to join the League City Chamber at our December meeting.

Beatrice suggested us doing an after hours gathering - maybe at Perry's. This would allow us to market ABWA and network. We'll look at doing that later in the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

