

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 better their lives through education

Information We Can Use Headlines October Meeting



Galveston County Tax— Assessor Collector Cheryl Johnson and President Sherry Bogus

Following the devastation of Hurricane Ike and the upset to many members of our group, it was wonderful to gather for an information filled October meeting that helped us work past the traumas we had all faced. Our program was opened by Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector, Cheryl Johnson. Ms. Johnson recounted the Tax Offices preparations and subsequent challenges of dealing with Ike and helped us all feel like our county government was working hard for our benefit despite many obstacles to complete their every day tasks.

Having toured much of Galveston County Ms. Johnson shared many pictures of the devastation in parts of the county that made most of us grateful, we had been spared much of the hardship. According to Ms. Johnson, no county money was lost in the flooding that occurred at the Tax office and all documents were recovered after being painstakingly laid out on tables and carefully dried and sorted. Ms. Johnson was confident that Galveston County would recover well from Ike.

In addition to the usual tax related issues the office always deals with, they were also facing a huge stack of voter registrations needing attention due to the

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- NOVEMBER MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
NETWORKING AT 6:30
AND MEETING AT 7 P.M.
PROGRAM:
- HAPPEN MEETING—SEE
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- DECEMBER MEETING
LUNCHEON DECEMBER
10TH.

ABWA BAY AREA VISION CHAPTER #2533 BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2008

In attendance: Sherry Bogus, Carolyn Wagner, Angela Wilson, Lorilyn Wynn

Items discussed:

Christmas Party – Christmas party in the P.M. or at lunch? It was decided to have it December 10th and keep the meeting a luncheon.

Who do we want to make donations to as part of our Christmas gathering? Orphanage in Pasadena, CPS, Devereaux, Interfaith Caring Ministries, women's shelter? We will present these suggestions to the members at our regularly scheduled meeting next week and vote on who we choose.

An ornament exchange will be for the members of the group. We will draw #'s so everyone leaves with a gift.

March P.M. meeting: Toni Randall, mayor of League City, will be the speaker. We need to have nominating committee have our choices for WOE, WOY, Top 10 by this time so that we can announce it at this meeting. (Nominating committee members are Sherry, Carolyn and Lorilyn.)

April 16, 2009, Thursday, is the tentative date for our Wine Tasting fund raiser. It will be from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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President's Message



Sherry Bogus, President
Bay Area Vision ABWA

"NO COUNTY
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Bay Vision Member Evelyn Garland displays her Mary Kay products at one of the free tables at the HAC meeting.

This morning we awaken to a new President-Elect and I hope all of you exercised your right to vote. Whether Obama was your choice or not, we witnessed history being made. We have come such a long way in my lifetime and I am glad I am here to be a part of this. I was a little girl when John F. Kennedy was elected and he was the first Catholic to hold the highest office in our country. That seems so trivial today, but it was a really big deal back then. Remember that we are all Americans, regardless of your party affiliation, and I don't envy Obama's position. He has his work cut out for him! My prayers go out to our leaders in

this difficult time.

Evelyn Garland and I attended the HAC meeting last week. It was time to elect officers for next year and we represented our chapter. Remember the ABWA sister from Tennessee that was here for cancer treatments the week before Ike? Well, several of our Houston ABWA sisters helped out with the transportation, etc. and got to know her. We listened to how touched she was with the outpouring of support she received from our sisters. She is now in intensive care in Tennessee and isn't doing very well. Her name is Kelly Kilpatrick and please keep her in your prayers.

Sheila Hardy also needs our prayers. Her father-in-law has been diagnosed with cancer and her niece is going through cancer treatments. Also, her son is having surgery on his shoulder this week. So, she has her hands full! Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

We have an exciting meeting next Tuesday evening. Belinda Postman-Kaylani, owner of Room-Markable Redo, is our guest speaker. Belinda is also an ABWA member, very talented, & a whole lot of fun. BRING A GUEST WITH YOU!!! Share our organization with others.

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November elections and the need to work in cramped temporary quarters at the League City County Annex. Ms. Johnson was proud that no job lay offs were made due to the crisis and all the necessary work was completed.

In contrast, Theresa Graham from the League City Chamber of Commerce assured us that life was moving on for the South Shore Harbor area of League City and that we were all invited to join them

in their celebration. The League City Wine and Food Festival at South Shore was being held according to schedule on October 18. Ms. Graham also shared some of the functions and activities of the League City Chamber and explained the benefits for our ABWA Chapter joining as a Chapter. For further information about the League City Chamber contact Theresa Graham at 281-338-7339.

Great Networking Fun at the ABWA HAC Meeting

President Sherry Bogus and member Evelyn Garland attended the final meeting of the year of the Houston Area Council of the ABWA at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at Beltway Eight and the Katy Freeway on Thursday, October 23. The meeting was well attended and gave an excellent opportunity to network and meet business women from a variety of career

fields.

Because this was the last meeting of the year, attendees were introduced to the incoming officers before they were installed. Considering the enthusiasm and vast array of talents of the new officers, ABWA's HAC can look forward to an interesting and prosperous year.

October Meeting Minutes

Bay Area Vision Chapter # 2533 Monthly Meeting Minutes 10-08-2008

In attendance: Sheila Hardy, Sherry Bogus, Carolyn Wagner, Beatrice Wilson, Monica O'Neal, Lorilyn Wynn, Bennie Nipper, Evelyn Garland, Angela Wilson

Guests: Melynda Steed, Sandy Hand, Judy Thompson, Angela Leger, Theresa Graham, Carolyn Moore, Beatrice Wilson, Cindy Qualia

Meeting called to order at 11:45 am.

Invocation

Introductions were made

Sherry – business portion – Newsletter, meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Sheila Hardy, seconded by Evelyn Garner, all in favor – no opposed

Treasurer's report will be in next monthly newsletter. Janice was not able to attend this meeting. Lorilyn has a current bank statement and will disclose balance.

Meeting place dilemma – Sudie's minimum requirement is 20 people. Do we want to continue to meet here? Perry's has offered ability to meet at either location. Key is to grow our chapter. We are looking at our options.

August chapter dues – please pay if you have not. Janice has list, maybe she can send out email to remind those that have not yet paid.

Newsletter advertising would help offset the cost of printing it. Evelyn asked if we want to do that. Evelyn or Carolyn can send out price list for us. Carolyn made a motion to add advertising to our newsletter. Lorilyn Seconded. All in favor –none opposed.

Beatrice Wilson is our newest member. She works at Perry's Steak House.

Program: Theresa Graham: League City Chamber of Commerce, South Shore Dockside Food & Wine Festival, Saturday, Oct 18th 11:00 am-10:00 pm. She is looking for volunteers. Ticket price \$18 in advance \$25 at the door. Volunteers get free entry and wine tasting glass and tastings.

Lunch was served

Program: Cheryl Johnson – Galveston County Tax Assessor/collector, spoke regarding Hurricane Ike – the aftermath – What We're Doing at the County Level

Benediction was read

Meeting adjourned @ 1:00 pm

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**HOUSTON AREA PROFESSIONAL EXPRESS NETWORK (HAPEN)
CELEBRATES 10 SUCCESS YEARS!
1998 - 2008**

The members of the Houston Area Council of ABWA are cordially invited to attend "10 Years of Networking Success". Chairs of this celebration are Myrleen Knott and Sheri Parrack Canada also Co-Founders of HAPEN.

Special guest speakers will be Lina Lawson, 2008 American Business Woman of ABWA and 2008 ABWA National President; Dyane Magliolo, 2009 Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA and Tina Gandy, 2007 Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA.

This will be a HIGH ENERGY celebration of fun and good times remembering when we started. Featured women will be 10 Years of Presidents, 10 Years of Women of the Year and 10 Years of Women of Excellence of FHPW!

Meet HAPEN women who were officers of the Houston Area Council, HAPEN women who were officers and currently are of the Federation of Houston Professional Women and the Federation of Houston Professional Women Educational Foundation.

We hope you will consider joining us:

When: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Time: 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM

Where: HOTEL INDIGO, 5160 Hidalgo, Houston 77056

Cost: \$28 meeting fee @ door, \$29 meeting fee on line

Reservations: Contact Barbara Starr at 785-331-7758

or visit our website to make your reservations

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