

The Visionary



Bay Area Vision Chapter of the ABWA

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

October, 2008

Bay Area Vision's Lorilyn Wynn honored as Woman of Excellence

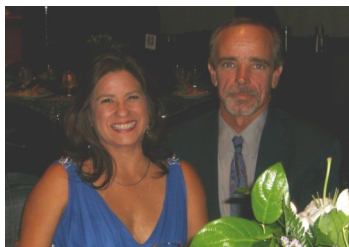
At a gala event Saturday, September 25, ABWA Bay Area Vision Chapter's own Lorilyn Wynn was honored as a Woman of Excellence by the Houston Federation of Professional Women. Besides Lorilyn and her husband Jimmy and family, attending the event at the downtown Houston Hyatt, were Bay Area Vision members Carolyn Wagner, President Sherry Bogus, Sheila Hardy, all past Women of Excellence honorees, Janice Cobb, Treasurer and Evelyn Garland.

In addition to good food and good music, attendees had an opportunity to participate in a Silent Auction which benefits the Federation's Educational Foundation. Saturday evening the Federation awarded 18 scholarships to deserving young ladies. It was a joy to see them receive this important assistance to their educational goals and so important for them to see Women of Excellence like Lorilyn who have worked diligently in the business world to achieve success.

Tracing back its beginning to 1981 the Hous-

ton Federation of Professional Women is an organization whose goal is to "unite ...member organizations to promote a place of influence and power." The Federation has representation from 46 professional women's groups who together form a stronger base to achieve networking, professional development and scholarships more effectively than with each organization working alone.

Lorilyn exemplifies the strong work ethic of an outstanding professional leader. Her 27 years of banking experience and deep community involvement through Rotary International and the Alvin Manvel Chamber, balanced with a great marriage and committed faith, truly affirms Lorilyn as a Woman of Excellence.



Lorilyn and Jimmy Wynn

Scholarship Recipients Warm Our Hearts

Probably the first question everyone asks when joining an organization such as the ABWA is, "What's in it for me?" However, at our August meeting the Bay Area Vision Chapter Members were treated to a vivid example of what we can accomplish for others when we work together and the fulfillment of our missions statement. Our very successful Silent Auction and Wine Tasting in May netted us the funds to provide (#) scholarships to very deserving recipients. Attending with family members, our Scholarship Recipients accepted their awards and

shared their stories about why receiving these monies were so very important to them. Each story was extremely touching and the ABWA membership was very aware that each recipient was an excellent choice. Congratulations to recipients,

For more information, view the photos on page

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 8 MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SUDIE'S, 352 GULF FREEWAY NORTH, LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS. 11:30—1 PM SPEAKER: SHEILA GRAHAM, LEAGUE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CHERYL JOHNSON, GALVESTON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
- OCTOBER 18 LC WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL, SOUTH SHORE HARBOR MARINA, 11 AM—10 PM
- OCTOBER 23, THURSDAY, HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL MEETING, FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, 10655 KATY FREEWAY, 5:30 PM

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President's Message



Sherry Bogus, President

"WE MUST SHARE THIS AMAZING ORGANIZATION WITH OTHERS IN ORDER FOR US TO CONTINUE TO DO THE WONDERFUL THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY"

I hope this finds all of you back in your homes with power, air conditioning, cable, internet, etc., all the amenities that we took for granted before Ike visited. Six of us chased away the hurricane blues by attending the Federation of Houston Professional Women's Gala honoring the Women of Excellence. We were there to watch our honoree, Lorilyn Wynn, take the stage. Three of us in attendance had received this honor in the past and know first hand how special it is to receive this. Lorilyn, you have given all of yourself for our chapter and we are very proud of you.

Last month we had two women speak that have been ABWA members for a number of years. They are also very active in the Federation & Houston Area Council. Myrleen Knott & Vicky Reynolds gave us a passionate speech about what our organiza-

tion has meant to them. This was a follow-up to our August meeting when our program was "Why ABWA". I gave the members that were in attendance the challenge of bringing a guest with them to our October meeting. In order for any organization to continue to grow, it must find new members. If you don't, you will not only quit growing, but fall backwards. That is where we are. We must share this amazing organization with others in order for us to continue to do the wonderful things for our community. We are also faced with another problem. We are charged for a minimum of twenty lunches at Sudies regardless of the number we have. While we are looking for other places to hold our meetings, we can easily solve this problem by simply doing what we should be doing, invite other dynamic women to visit us. So, that's my challenge to you. Invite a guest to our next meeting. You will feel good about it and it will bring fresh ideas and energy to our amazing chapter.

And we'll have fun, fun, fun...



Inside Story Headline The Gala leaves (l-r) Carolyn Wagner, Janice Cobb, Sherry Bogus, Evelyn Garland and Sheila Hardy all smiles.



Sheila Hardy at the Gala

Janice Cobb and Sherry Bogus greet Lorilyn and Jimmy Wynn and family at the Gala.



Planning Meeting Accomplishes Much

The ABWA Bay Area Vision Chapter's planning meeting at Sherry Bogus' home on August 19 was well attended and brought a host of good ideas and observations about the strengths and direction of our chapter.

Besides Sherry, also in attendance were Janice Cobb, Lorilyn Wynn, Monica O'Neal, Carolyn Wagner, Grace Torrijos, Angela Wilson and Evelyn Garland.

Of primary concern was membership. As with all organizations, membership growth and retention was a concern. Discussion focused on meeting place, programs and enhanced com-

munication. Part of that discussion led to the desire for a rebirth of the Chapter Newsletter. This, of course, is the first effort since that meeting. As time allows for development and experience, hopefully the Chapter Newsletter can become a primary source for Chapter News and information.

The Planning Committee also put in place the new committee assignments for the year.

Even though Committee Chairs have been named, there is still a lot of opportunity to serve your chapter by volunteering to serve on the committees. Contact the fol-

lowing Committee Chairs to offer your assistance:

Programs—Sheila Hardy

Newsletter—Evelyn Garland

Publicity—Monica O'Neal

Fundraising—Angela Wilson

Hospitality—Monica O'Neal

Sunshine—Janice Cobb

Nominating Committee -

Lorilyn Wynn

Monica O'Neal

For a fuller view of the activities of the Planning Committee, please check out Secretary Lorilyn Wynn's minutes on page 4.

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REMEMBER HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

**FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HOTEL
SE EAST CORNER OF BELTWAY 8 AND I-10**

**NETWORKING BEGINS AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM**

PARKING AND TABLES ARE FREE

**CONTACT SHERRY BOGUS
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Some of our generous supporters at the May Wine tasting. Funds from this event allowed Bay Area Vision ABWA to provide three \$1000 scholarships!

Bay Area Vision Chapter #2533

ABWA

Meeting Minutes 9/10/08

In attendance: Members: Carolyn Wagner, Lorilyn Wynn, Sherry Bogus, Stacy Jenkins, Evelyn Garland, Bennie Nipper, Janice Cobb, Sheila Hardy

Guests: Vicky Reynolds, Marlene Lott, Carol Smith, Jeneva Doreck

The meeting was brought to order at 11:45 a.m.

Sherry made announcements: keeping a close eye on Hurricane Ike. Appreciate those that came today.

Recited Invocation

Introductions were made.

OLD Business: 1) WOE banquet, Sept 27th, three more seats available at our table. We could possibly rent a limo and ride together. Tickets are \$65 per person. 2) The minutes from the planning meeting are on the table. We assigned committee members, still need program chair, membership chair is open also. Let Sherry know if you would like to be in this role. We need to recruit new members and let people know what ABWA can offer. 3) Annual dues of \$36 were due in August for the chapter.

New Business: 1) Motion was made by Evelyn Gardner to let Janice Cobb (treasurer) move our bank account to Moody Bank. Motion was seconded by Lorilyn Wynn. Motion carried – no opposed. 2) Looking at other places to hold our meetings. Studie's requires 20 people minimum. Sherry did some checking and most restaurants want a fee for the meeting room and/or a minimum to attend. Casa Ole was mentioned as well as Perry's. Oriental Gourmet in Clear Lake, The Grand Buffet also as potential options. We should consider billing RSVPs that do not show up. 3) Grace, Lorilyn, and Sherry attended web training for maintaining our web site. 4) We will be repeating our Wine Tasting. Angela will chair and Evelyn will co-chair. 5) January we will start with Top 10, WOY, WOE nominating decisions (Sherry, Lorilyn and Carolyn are on this committee). Also in January we'll start with scholarship applications. Sunshine Committee – Janice will chair. Monica is hospitality chair. Lorilyn and Monica are officer nominating committee. Monica is publicity chair with Janice as co-chair.

Speakers were called to present. Vicky Reynolds and Marlene Knott were presented by Sheila. Vicky spoke on the benefits of belonging to the Federation of Houston Professional Women. Marlene spoke on the benefits on belonging to the American Business Women's Association.

Lunch was served at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Our annual Scholarship Recipients were honored at our August Meeting

Bay Area Vision Chapter -
ABWA
August 19, 2008
Planning Meeting

In attendance: Sherry Bogus, Janice Cobb, Lorilyn Wynn, Monica O'Neal, Carolyn Wagner, Grace Torrijos, Angela Wilson, Evelyn Garland

Recap of last term (8/'07 – 7/'08):

Good things – wine tasting (low labor, low cost)

Christmas Party – was fun, raised \$'s for Center for Pregnancy

Discussion re: membership over last 5 yrs... Highest had been approx.45. Membership began to decline when the restaurant (meeting space) was changed numerous times.

Angela: We need a location that is easy to get to is best for her.

Having both daytime and one evening meeting per quarter works well.

Sherry: what can we do to make our new members feel welcome?

Evelyn: "I felt very welcome. Carolyn made me feel very welcome and told me what to expect."

The program is a big item that means a lot to the group and what the club is about and how it can apply to members.

Monica: Rotary has a "rotary moment". What if we can an "ABWA moment"? It's important to do a newsletter so that members know what is going on.

Lorilyn: "If we have an outline of what's coming in the year, we can see what we are about and get 'buy in' from the members."

Speakers, activities, birthdays all should go in the newsletter.

Sheila has agreed to be program chair, but she wants help from the membership.

The newsletter and the web site are important for potential members and current members. Each member could be responsible.

Evelyn will volunteer to chair our newsletter.

Grace: Andrew (web master) is ready to train us of maintaining the web. No one knows how to input info on the web site.

Lorilyn will be web master back up.

Monica will take over publicity chair.

Fundraiser: we need a chair. We will do a wine tasting again since it was a success. **Evelyn will serve on the fundraising committee, but does not want to chair.**

Angela will chair.

Membership: potential designees – Stacy Jenkins, Maureen Davidson.

Potential Speakers: newswomen, Mattress Mac, Dana Stille, Jan (?)Mayeaux,-author, Sara Bouse – ACC.

In January start WOY, Top 10, WOE nominating so that in March, we can announce the winners. Carolyn, Lorilyn, and Sherry will be the committee.

In January start w/ scholarship activities. Scholarship committee members: Angela, Grace, and Sheila.

Hospitality: Monica will be the chair.

Membership roster: devise one for club w/ birth date, hobbies, etc.

Sunshine committee: Janice will be the chair.

Nominating Committee: Lorilyn and Monica will chair. It needs to take place in March to compile slate of officers.

Discussion continued on meeting venues, e.g., Cheddars, Mamacitas, Peppers, Chabuca's, etc.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:35 pm.