



On The Air

WINGS CHAPTER: WOMEN INVOLVED - NURTURING, GROWTH & SUPPORT
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all! Welcome and congratulations to our Barbara Kennedy Memorial Scholarship recipient, and guest speaker for April, Miss Lauren McNair. It was fascinating to hear about her thesis project. We should be receiving the applications for the 2008 scholarship candidates by June. Please let us know if you are interested in participating on the selection committee.

At our May meeting we will be honoring our Top 10 Candidate, Woman of Excellence, and Woman of the Year. I hope everyone can make it to honor these FABULOUS women of WINGS Chapter! Speaking of the Woman of the Year, the Houston Area Council of ABWA will be honoring all Women of the Year at a luncheon at the Junior League on Saturday May

31. Please see their website for more information (www.abwahouston.org) if you plan to attend. WINGS Chapter will probably have a table. Get your reservation information to Beverly Hitter (beverlyhitter@yahoo.com) as soon as possible so we can all sit together. Cathy James is our Woman of the Year! Congratulations Cathy!

Also at our May meeting we will be nominating members for the 2008-2009 ABWA year. Please make plans to nominate someone or even yourself for a position on the WINGS Chapter board. With our various committees, you may also volunteer to participate on any committee where your strengths may benefit our Chapter.

WINGS Chapter is now a member of the West Hous-

ton Chamber of Commerce. YAHOO! If you plan to attend any of their events, please be sure to tell them you are with WINGS Chapter before mentioning your profession or company. And take your business cards. ABWA business cards are available from ABWA National www.abwa.org.



Shelley Burkett
President 2007 - 2008
WINGS Chapter; FHPW
Woman of Excellence - 2005;
WINGS Chapter Top 10 -
2007

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to Magdalene Ringh May 12. May your

days be filled with Spring Sunshine!



MAY MEETING NEWS

 Since we meet at La Madeleine Town & Country, our menu is your choice. Please order your meal, pay and join us in the private room located in the back of the restaurant. Remember to bring extra money for the raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets

for \$5.



prizes to place in our raffle. New items

Do you have a prize for our monthly raffle? Cathy James is always looking for

are preferable. All monies benefit our scholarship fund. So ladies, check those clearance racks while out shopping. It may not meet your needs but it will meet our needs. Your name and business will be recognized as a donor during the raffle.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. All board members and committee chairs should have their articles in no later than end of business day each 15th of the month.

MAY GUEST SPEAKER



Should you always use a chronological resume? Do you have to list every job you have ever had on your resume? Do you always need to include dates? How do you get your resume to the top of the pile or how do you insure that resume will be read by the electronic scanner?

Resume writing is an art and it will be the topic of discussion for our May meeting. Bring your resume and your questions, our speaker will be an expert in this field.

Jaime E. Smith MBA Career Development Specialist, University of Houston Jaime E. Smith is the MBA Career Development Specialist with the Rockwell Career Center, C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. She has been with the college for the past five years working in various roles including career counselor, manager of college-wide corporate relations and manager of the Professional Program in Accounting. Jaime has developed a series of career programs, work-

shops and events for MBA and Masters in Accounting students and alumni. She previously worked with the Center for Organizational Research and Effectiveness, the Bridge Over Troubled Waters, and successfully launched several entrepreneurial businesses focused in the real estate market. She and her husband own Hoke Development Services, a commercial real estate consulting company specializing in multi-family and retail developments. Jaime has a B.S. in Human Development, a certificate in Nonprofit Management, and an MBA from the University of Houston. She is a member of the Association of Career Professionals, serves on the Professional Development Committee of the MBA Career Services Council, and volunteers as an instructor with Skills for Living. Jaime presents on a variety of career related topics in educational, nonprofit and corporate settings.



Diana Candelaria Career Development Curriculum Manager, University of Houston. Diana Candelaria is the Career Development Curriculum Manager with the Rockwell Career Center, C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. She has been with the college for the past seven years working in various roles including instructor, curriculum developer and career counselor. Diana has designed and implemented a variety of career development and training programs using various platforms and formats. Most recently she has launched a career course that is required for all C.T. Bauer College of Business students. Diana works as an adjunct for Lone Star College (formerly North Harris Community College) and teaches for other nonprofit organizations. She previously worked with Personnel Decisions International and Wells Fargo Bank. Diana also has a Masters in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

KROGER GOOD NEIGHBOR CARD PROGRAM



Yes, I knew it was on the way, but was not sure what they were going to do. But all was revealed, as all things are in time. The Current Program, which ended March 31 we earned \$33.40 for the quarter and will be having a check sent to us soon, so that we can send it onto National towards our SBMEF contribution. This option has always been 1% of our Kroger purchases.

The application and back up documentation has been sent in for the Kroger 2008-2009 Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. This new program is implemented with the understanding that Kroger will donate \$1,000,000 to 501(c)3 organizations within Texas and Louisiana. Sometime in the next two weeks we will be able to go online and download a letter. We are to take this letter with us to our first **trip to Kroger's and present it to the cashier.** They will scan the bar code, which will automatically link the WINGS/Kroger Good Neighbor ac-

count to your card. So you no longer need to keep track of that extra card.

In addition the program is changed **that it's no longer 1%, but each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.** Purchases will be accumulated for our group from May 1 2008 through April 30, 2009, and a check sent to us for our percentage of the entire fund following that.

Cathy James, Fundraising

DO I NEED LIFE INSURANCE?

Life insurance is not like winning the lottery; it is not intended to provide a windfall for the beneficiary. Life insurance is intended to help those you care about maintain a standard of living to which they are accustomed. It can be used to pay off debts and liabilities, continue your income, or fulfill the legacy you hope to accomplish while you are alive.

For dual income families, both wage earners are dependent upon the income of each other to meet their basic needs. It is a good idea to have life insurance that will replace a portion of each of your incomes for a period of time. If you have children, you want to make sure there will be enough money to raise them to adulthood and perhaps fund their college education.

When one spouse works and the other stays at home, we easily understand the need to insure the income of the working spouse. But we also have a need to replace the non-working spouse's contribution to the family unit. That may include caring for the children or elderly parents,



shopping, and preparing meals. Home management duties have a replacement cost as well and should be included when considering life insurance.

Single parents should make sure there will be enough money to raise their children at their current lifestyle until the child is old enough to provide for their own well being. You should pre-select guardians for your minor children based on parenting ability. You should also pre-select a money custodian based on the ability to manage the money that will be left for

the benefit of your children. Do not name minor children as beneficiaries. Often, the money custodian should not be the **same person you select for your children's guardian**, as a different skill set is required for each role. It is recommended to create a written document for the money custodian directing how the money should be spent. Usually, this document establishes monthly support payments to the guardian of your children and for items you would provide if you were alive (i.e. help with college costs, a

wedding, down payment for a home, start up of a business, etc.).

Single individuals without children should make sure there is enough money to provide for their burial costs, last illness expenses and debts. You may want your life insurance to cover other costs such as an elderly parent that should be provided for, a sibling that has always depended on you, a nephew that may not attend college without your help, or the desire to benefit a favorite charity.

Life insurance should give you the security that when you leave this world, you do not leave behind a burden for anyone else to bear. It is a way to fulfill at your death what you hoped to accomplish while you were alive.

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BEER BASKET FUNDRAISER

Our beer basket is just about complete and ready to show off! All monies were collected and Mark and Shelley Burkett kindly purchased all items that are in the basket. The basket contains:

- 6-pack St. Arnold Texas Wheat
- 6-pack Fireman's Texas Cruzar 4
- Monty Python's Holy Grail Ale
- 3 beverage coolers
- Texas trail mix
- Lightly salted peanuts
- Pretzel sticks

- Bud Light playing cards
- Flying disc set
- Bar towel
- Magnetic bottle opener
- Beer Mugs

Additional items are still coming in for the basket. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. If you need tickets please contact Cathy James, catherinejames@jordanrep.com. She will make arrangements to get them to you. The drawing will be held during our July 10 meeting.

Ladies, let's make this fundraiser more successful than our Wine Basket. We can do it!



CONGRATULATIONS WINGS NEWSLETTER!

We scored an 87 out of 100 for our newsletter. Although we didn't place to compete at Nationals, our newsletter is a winner!

ABWA DISTRICT II LEADERSHIP EVENT

Leading, Learning & Celebrating with District II. Please join us on Saturday, June 28, 2008 for an exciting day of learning and connecting with ABWA:

- ART OF SUCCESS - Fundamentals of recruitment, retention, programming, and branding by ABWA Chief Operations Officer, **Rene' Street and the top three national officers.**
- CELEBRATION BOXED LUNCH - Honoring our District II Leadership
- SBMEF OVERVIEW - By ABWA National Team Member, Sara Bufton-Rosen

- LEADERSHIP TRAINING— Perfect for new Executive Boards and future leaders
- CLOSING

The details are listed below.

June 28, 2008
 Registration \$35 before June 6
 Registration \$40 after June 6
 Registration 7:30 AM
 Event 8:00—4:30PM
 403 South Main Street
 Irving, Texas 75060

For more information on the event or hotels, please contact Vicki Marlett, vicmac61@hotmail.com,

214.557.0815. Event hosted by Dallas Area Council.

Additional details for Friday arrivals. Friday, June 27, 2008 is optional for those traveling in a day early and wanting to connect. You are responsible for your own bill. Social Mixer from 6-9PM with location to be determined. Vicki Marlett will send details two weeks prior to event.

Please make check or money order payable to: DACA. Mail registration form along with payment to: Barbara Doyle, 3722 Devonshire Court West, Irving, TX 75062.

Reagan Garcia has registration forms for anyone planning to attend.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVEN'T FILED YOUR 2004, 2005 & 2006 RETURNS?



The failure to file a federal tax return can be costly, whether you end up owning more or missing out on a refund.

There are several reasons taxpayers don't file their taxes. Perhaps you didn't know you were required to file. Maybe, you just kept putting it off and simply forgot. Whatever the reason, it's best to file your return as soon as possible. If you need help, even with a late return, the IRS is ready to assist you.

Here are some things to consider:

- Failure to File penalty. If you owe taxes, a delay in filing may result in a "failure to file" penalty, also known as the "late filing" penalty, and interest charges. The longer you delay, the larger these charges grow.
- Losing your Refund. There is no penalty for failure to file if you are due a refund. However, you cannot obtain a refund without filing a tax return. If you wait too long to file, you may risk losing the refund altogether. The deadline for claiming refunds is three years after the return due date. For example, the last day for claiming a refund for your 2004 tax return will be April 15, 2008. The return has to be properly

addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date.

- EITC. Individuals who are entitled to the Earned Income Tax Credit must file their return to claim the credit even if they are not otherwise required to file.

Whether or not you must file a tax return will depend upon a number of factors, including your filing status, age, and gross income. Don't let your refund go out the window.

Debbie Holladay, Tax Accountant
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Chapter Meeting Information

April Chapter Membership Drive
National Membership Drive March-May

La Madeleine Town & Country 700 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S, Houston

Thursday, May 8; RSVP: 281.433.0356

Networking 5:30—6:30 pm, Dinner & Meeting 6:30—8:15 pm



Fundraiser tickets available for \$1 each, 6 for \$5

MEETING LOCATION

WINGS currently meets at 5:30pm the second Thursday of every month at La Madeleine Town & Country 700 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N, Houston, TX 77024

YAHOO GROUP

If you're not already a member of the WINGS' Yahoo Group, sign up today so you won't miss anything!

<http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/WINGSChapterABWA>

EVITES

Would you like to receive meeting reminders via email? If so, contact Grace at hospitality@abwawings.org. Send your email address and she will add you or any guest to the reminder list.

IN OTHER NEWS

The 2008 National Conference will be held in Kentucky, Oct. 2-4. Mark your calendars! This is another **great event you won't want to miss!**

Book your hotel and start getting those airline tickets.

Woman of the Year luncheon is **Saturday, May 31. Let's make sure to support our WOY, Cathy James. Cathy is most deserving of this award for all she's done in her business, our chapter and our District. Congratulations Cathy! Shelley, Grace, Barbara, Reagan, and Mindy are looking for more chapter members to join them. The tickets are \$40 for a table of 8 or \$45 each. The luncheon begins at 11:30am.**

District II will be holding their next confer-

ence April 3-4. Our conference is in Shreveport, LA at **Sam's Town Hotel and Casino**. Mark your calendars—another great event **you don't want to miss!**

ABWA has launched their new 2007-2008 theme. E3 - Engage, Experience, Excel. New themed merchandise is available at www.abwa.org/Merchandise.asp. Check it out.



LINKS TO KNOW & USE

National ABWA News:
www.abwa.org

Houston Area Council Association:
www.abwahouston.org

Federation of Houston Professional Women News:
www.fhfw.org

COMMUNICATING WITH WINGS



The WINGS Yahoo group is still alive but I have created a new distribution list that may be easier to remember.

I have added all our email addresses to members@abwawings.org. If you need to email the group as a whole just type in members@abwawings.org in the To: field. As we gain additional members, I will continue to add them to this list. I only have your home email addresses in the list however if you want your work address added just let me

know.
In addition I created a distribution list for our guests. We have many guests and some come and go. The distribution list is guests@abwawings.org. This list will allow us to stay in contact with them. As I get email addresses I will add them to this distribution list. The guests distribution list will be used for newsletters, fundraising, special events and other notifications. If you have guests **you'd like added to this list please let me know.** Our goal is to double our group size. **Let's make this a priority!**

-Reagan Garcia

APRIL MEETING PHOTOS



Lauren McNair

Barbara L. Kennedy
Scholarship Recipient



Reagan, Eadie, Beverly, Nancy and Mindy



Lauren McNair's Professors



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Interested in advertising on the website and/or newsletter. It's easy! Send your business card to newsletter@abwawings.org. The cost is \$30/per year for members and \$50/per year for non-members. Business cards will be placed on the website and newsletter.

FLORIDA RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE



The condo at Point East Condominiums in New Smyrna Beach is now a rental property instead of a summer vacation

home. The beachside two bedroom, two bath unit is just right for a great vacation. Enjoy nearby boating, fishing (both river and deep sea -- as well as surf fishing just a few steps away) golf, and restaurants (in fact there are a couple of restaurants that are easily accessed just walking down the beach.)

Not far are Disney, MGM, and all the fun attractions of Central Florida, plus the Space Center at Cape Canaveral. (If you time it right, it is wonderful to walk down on the beach and watch the shuttle launch.)

Please let all your friends know about this and have them ask for UNIT 211. The website is www.pointeastcondo.com. Call 386.427.3894 and ask Joe or Linda, managers, and let them know you are interested in Unit 211. We'd be glad to rent by the week(s), month, or winter.

So if you know any snowbirds that would like to live in Florida for the winter - please forward this e-mail.

Thanks! Barbara Durr



WINGS CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS



Board meetings are held the Wednesday following our chapter meeting. We meet at the Courtyard Marriott located on I10 & Dairy Ashford at 6 p.m. in the front lobby area. It is requested that all Board members and Committee chairs be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, please contact Shelley Burkett, shelleybugs@excite.com.

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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.

We are on the Web!
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INVOCATION

Lord, in the quiet of the hour, we come to Thee for wisdom and for power. To view Thy world through only love-filled eyes, to grow in understanding, to be wise. And sure to see Thy guiding light, and thus to know each other as Thou knowest us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

O Guiding Spirit, Guardian of our days, be with us as we go our separate ways. Help us to feel those thoughts that lift and bless. To know a closer bond of friendliness. To see Thy beauty always, every day, translated in living, this we pray. Amen.

ABWA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.