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2010 American Business Woman

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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.
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Chair's Message



Hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season. Your board and staff members met in early December to plan a fantastic year for you the member. We know you will enjoy the speakers that have been lined up for our general meetings.

Our first big event is the Woman on the Go Conference. Please encourage your members and invite all of your friends to attend the wonderful workshops. As usual the day will be packed with information, motivation and friendship.

We will be involved with the Orange County Largest Mixer on Wednesday March 24th. Please volunteer to help cover the booth. We also need to plan on visiting vendors to garner some of the terrific give-aways to be used at the First Timer's program at Spring Conference in April.

We will have a special drawing for members who bring items for the community service project in January "Women Helping Women". Please see the list of suggested items located elsewhere in this newsletter. We are still in the process of selecting other community groups so please contact a board member if you have a suggestion.

Let's start the year with a big bang, invite your membership to attend our meeting on January 9th. Cecile Harris-Walters will announce our Council Woman of the Year and it could be someone from your chapter!

Sincerely,

Susan Villotti

Note: new email address is s.villotti@gmail.com

IMPACT COUNCIL
2010 Chapter Hostess Schedule
January 9th – Placentia Stars
April 17th – Eldorado
July 10th – Anaheim Angels
October 9th – Diamonds of Southbay

IMPACT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FOR JANUARY, 2010 IS WOMEN HELPING WOMEN AN ORANGE COUNTY NON-PROFIT THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 2,000 LOW INCOME CLIENTS EACH YEAR. COUNCIL IS ASKING MEMBERS TO BRING ITEMS FOR WOMEN TO THE MEETING, EVERYONE THAT BRINGS ITEMS WILL GET ONE TICKET FOR A PRIZE.



DO YOU STILL HAVE BAGS FROM PAST CONFERENCES? AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? BRING THEM TO IMPACT MEETING AND SUSAN VILLOTTI WILL GLADLY TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS. SHE IS GOING TO USE THEM FOR DISTRICT VI CONFERENCE FIRST TIMERS.

IMPACT COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at: 9:40 am by Chairman Susan Villotti who led members in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Verdugo Glen Chapter was thanked for hosting today's meeting. MJ Bryant read a message from Carol Peterson on "Walking Benefits". Self-introductions of those present followed with members answering the questions "Are you on WIN?"

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Those who attended the 140th Anniversary in Kansas City shared their thoughts of the conference.

MINUTES: Meeting minutes of July 11 were approved as printed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer's report will be printed in the December newsletter.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: There were 21 in attendance representing 10 chapters.

PROGRAM: JoAnn Osby introduced Judy Holgren from EDD (Employment Development Department). Judy shared how the EDD works to help those unemployment to find jobs. The state of California's unemployed in about 13%.

CHAPTER AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Chapters and council's presented their "90 second" report. Written reports were submitted and placed on file.

BREAK:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Women On The Go, March 6, 2010 --- Donna Hempel brought us an update. Information and registration forms are available on the network table.
- There were nine (9) chapters who reported that they had people attend the National Conference. Each chapter will receive \$130 from the council.
- Hostess Chapters for 2010 will be: January 9 – Placentia Stars; April 17 – Eldorado; July 10 – Anaheim Angels and December 9 – Diamonds of South Bay,

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cecile Walters announced that the Council Woman of the Year applications are now available and are due by November 22. MJ Bryant and JoAnn Osby will serve on the selection committee with Cecile.
- The January meeting will be recognitions.
- Election on 2010 Board: Karen Oliver reported for the Nomination Committee. Nominees were: Chair - Susan Villotti; Vice Chair – Pattie Vargas; Communication Officer – Cecile Walters; Financial Officer – MJ Bryant. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers be accepted as proposed. Motion carried.
- Installation: Dee Kirtley installed the new officers. Donna Hempel filled in for Pattie Vargas who was unable to attend.
- Thank you: Susan Villotti presented “thank you” to her board and to those who had served on committee throughout the year. The outgoing board also presented a “Thank You” to Susan for all her hard work for the council.

RAFFLE: \$85.00 collected. Winners were won by JoAnn Osby, Barbara Pritchett, Karen Oliver, Aileen Jackson and Nan Gaisbauer. Those bringing food for the Downey FoodHelp received a ticket for a special raffle. Winners were Donna Hempel and Karen Oliver.

MEETING REMINDERS:

- Inland Valley meeting – November 14
- LAAC meeting, December 12, Downey First Baptist Church.
- Impact Council, October 10. Hostess Chapter, Verdugo Glen.

Meeting closed with the Benediction at 11:40 am.

Submitted by:
Carol Veatch, Communication Officer



Don't forget "Chapter Minutes"!

The delegate from each member chapter will have 1½ minute to read condensed chapter minutes for last three months and announcements. They should be written and ready to be given to the council Communications Officer for the records.

You may still bring your flyers for upcoming events and place them on the networking tables and please give your information to Pattie Vargas to go on the calendar of events.

**IMPACT Council, ABWA
Treasurer's Quarterly Report**

December 2009



Will be handed out at the meeting for approval.

“NOTICE”

Council dues of \$20.00 per chapter are due January 1, 2010

Saturday, January 9, 2010 Meeting

**At the Placentia Library, 401 E. Chapman Ave. (at Kramer Blvd.), Placentia, CA
Cost \$5.00**

******* Note new times *******

Networking 9:00 AM

Meeting 9:30 AM

DIRECTIONS

Take the 91 freeway heading east to Kramer Blvd. Continue north to Chapman Ave., turn right on Chapman Ave. to All America Way (first turnoff on left) go to first driveway on left and turn left into parking lot. Meeting room is on left hand side of fountain.

OR

Take 57 freeway (Orange, north or south) to Chapman Ave., If coming south, turn left, if coming north turn right. Go past Kramer Blvd. To All America Way; follow balance of directions above to meeting room.

The Program will be:

JoAnn Osby, Past District VI Vice President and member of Diamonds of Southbay Chapter, will present National Recognition.

Ms Osby will inform the council on the different recognitions National offers and how our chapters and individuals can apply for them.

Our April speaker will be Karen Gabler and the topic will include bias in groups, chapters, and homes – how you see people and the stereotypes.

IMPACT COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2009

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Chairwoman Susan Villotti at the home of MJ Bryant. Present were: Susan Villotti (Chair), Pattie Vargas (Vice Chair), Cecile Harris Walters (Communications Director), MJ Bryant (Financial Director), Phyllis Eichler, Donna Hempel, Karen Oliver and Carol Veatch.
Budget	Proposed budget will be mailed to all by Chairwoman Villotti.
Self Introductions and Positions	Carol Veatch (Eldorado) outgoing Communications Director will be the new chair for LAAC; MJ Bryant (Placentia Stars) incoming Financial Director; Cecile Harris Walters (Diamonds of Southbay) incoming Communications Director; Karen Oliver (Diamonds of Southbay) ongoing Newsletter Editor;

	Patty Vargas (Soaring Eagles) incoming Vice Chair, Phyllis Eichler (Windsong) is outgoing Vice Chair and incoming Professional Development and Programs; Donna Hempel (Verdugo Glen) is continuing as advisor; and Susan Villotti (South Coast Charter) is continuing as Chair.
Minutes	Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2009 were read by Donna Hempel. It was moved by Phyllis, seconded by Pattie to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
Transition of Offices	Each outgoing and incoming officer is asked to meet with their counterpart to share information. All officers are asked to meet at Bank of America to sign bank cards; Cecile to bring the minutes on letterhead (Carol to send to Cecile) and each officer to bring two forms of identification (DL and credit card) as required by the bank. A date will be determined.
New Business	<p>Website – There was discussion on the transition of the maintenance of the website to the Council Board and linking the website with Pay Pal. Donna will inquire with Donna Hamburg on costs to host the website. MJ with bring information on Pay Pal.</p> <p>Program Speakers – Phyllis is seeking speakers that have not been heard by chapters in an effort to be of service to chapters to help them to identify speakers. The Council will also focus on identifying key issues that chapters need assistance with and then identify speakers to address these issues, a benefit for the chapters.</p> <p>January 2010 Meeting – Agenda will include the announcement of the Woman of the Year by Cecile, Pay Pal information by MJ, National recognition by Joann, Chapter recognition and the Stuckey scholarships presented by Susan.</p> <p>New President's/Officers Luncheon - Scheduled for June 26, 2010 to include get acquainted mixer, brainstorming questionnaire (meeting locations can be one topic sample), Mini Plan B, and biggest challenges. All Board members are asked to come with suggestions for the next board meeting.</p> <p>Council April Meeting – Recommended speaker is Karen Gabler. Her topic will include bias in groups, chapters, and homes – how you see people and the stereotypes. The next Council meeting dates and the hosting chapters are – January 9 - Placentia Stars April 17 - El Dorado July 10 - Anaheim Angels Oct 9 - Diamonds of Southbay.</p> <p>Suggestion offered that the future assigned hosted chapters be directly from the list in alpha order of the chapters.</p> <p>Community Service Projects – The Council has adopted Women Helping Women, an Orange County non-profit that provides services to approximately 2,000 low income clients each year, helping them attain and sustain employment and reach self-sufficiency. All services are provided FREE OF CHARGE, including professional business apparel and accessories, computer classes, life skills workshops, and employment support services – resume building, job placement, and mock interview sessions. This is the suggested charity for the January meeting and asking IMPACT Council members to bring items for women to the meeting, and a special drawing for those who bring items. April meeting community service project will be food for pets for an animal shelters.</p>

	<p>Orange County Mixer – Scheduled for Wednesday, March 24. Parking will be \$5, the set up is from 1-4 pm and volunteers will be requested at the January Council meeting. The Mixer will be held from 5-9 pm, we must be ready by 4pm. The volunteer shift times will be 5-7 and 7-9.</p> <p>First Timers @ Spring Conference – Needed are any old ABWA bags (can be brought at the OC Mixer)</p> <p>Women on the Go – reservations should be done as soon as possible. It was recommended to send a separate e-blast for the advertisements that may have been overlooked.</p> <p>Chapters Dues are due – January 1, 2010</p> <p>Scholarships – There was a discussion that in lieu of member scholarships, to provide the funding to chapters for educational purposes. This way the Council is helping all of the chapters. The Board is recommending that a vote by the members that the Frances Stuckey scholarship, in lieu of individual scholarships, will be designated to chapters that are in good standing as of Jan 31st, with the criteria to be determined. The Council will be limited its activities to one major event per year. ABW Day will not be held. As a result the Council is giving back to its members.</p> <p>Calendar for Board Meetings and Locations March 20th at MJ's at 10 am – 12 pm June 5th Location - TBA August 28th Location - TBA December 4th (transition meeting) Location – TBA</p> <p>Council Meeting Dates Jan 9 April 17 July 10 Oct 9</p> <p>Picnic Event – bringing all three councils together – July 10th is the proposed day after the IMPACT Meeting.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Woman of the Year - After discussion the Board agreed to honor all of the WOY candidates at the January meeting and to announce the winner. All of the candidates and the winner will be presented at the WOG event in March 2009, and to add a one pager in the WOY program book.</p> <p>Newsletter - The 10th of the month prior to the meeting the newsletter items are due.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm Respectfully submitted, CECILE HARRIS WALTERS, Communication Director</p>



Reminder: Please give Pattie Vargas your chapter events for the calendar of events update. Email the information directly to her so it will appear as below.

IMPACT Council

Calendar of Events, 2010

January 9, 2010 Saturday
IMPACT Council meeting 9:00 AM
Placentia Library, 401 E. Chapman Ave. (at Kramer Blvd.),
Placentia, CA
Cost \$5.00

January 9, 2010 Saturday
Placentia Stars Chapter "Crazy Auction"
1:00 to 3:00 PM at Community Room, Brea
Congregational Church, 300 E Imperial Hwy, Brea
Cost: \$5.00 donation

January 23, 2010 Saturday
Diamonds of Southbay Chapter "Gold Party"
4:00 to 8:00 PM at Home of Karen Hilburn,
5299 E Vermont St, Long Beach 562-597-8280
No cost – bring old gold, silver or platinum items
and receive cash instantly.

January 30, 2010 Saturday
Eldorado Chapter "Day Trip to San Manuel Indian Bingo
and Casino" Bus leaves at 7:30 AM from Park & Ride at
the 105 Fwy & Lakewood Blvd
Cost: \$20.00 call Cleola Brown 562-408-2748

March 6, 2010 Saturday
IMPACT Council presents "Women on the Go
Conference – Stepping to Success"
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Anaheim Park Hotel, 222
W. Houston Ave, Fullerton
Cost: \$90.00 before Feb 19th

March 24, 2010 Wednesday
Orange County's Largest Mixer VII
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at OC Fair & Event Center, 88
Fair Dr, Costa Mesa
Helpers needed to assist at ABWA table
Contact Phyllis Eichler 714-379-4525 or
Phyllis@chasandcompany.com
Cost: \$20.00

2010 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

District I – May 21-22 – Naples, Florida
District II – March 19-20 – The Woodlands, Texas
District III – April 16-17 – Itasca, Illinois
District IV – May 14-15 – Annapolis, Maryland
District V - April 30-May 1 – Indianapolis, Indiana
District VI – April 9-10 – Reno, Nevada

2010 NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 28-30
Chattanooga, Tennessee

*A Very Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year to All*



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