

Bon Amis Newsletter Amis De Lafourche



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February Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2010
Envie Restaurant
Socializing—6:00pm/Meeting—6:30pm

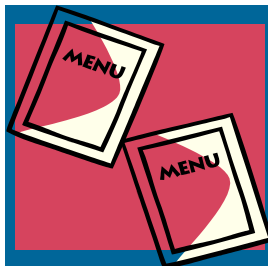
SPEAKER:

Fred Duplechin
Administrator

Lafourche Parish Drug Court
A Division of the 17th Judicial District Court

TOPIC:

**What Is A Drug Court and
Why Do We Need to Know?**



MENU

Salad with Shrimp and Soup,
Bread Pudding,
Ice Tea and Coffee.

The cost for attendance is \$16.00. **The reservation and cancellation deadline is Sunday, February 21, 2010 by 9:00 PM.** Please call Jo Ann Blanchard at 438-9176 (cell). You may also timely reply by e-mail to joann0119@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Hospitality Committee will not contact members by phone for attendance.. If you are notified by e-mail, a response is required if you are attending. If you are on the DO NOT CALL list, you only need to respond if you are not attending. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated. REMEMBER- A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID. *WINE OR BEER IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN OUR BANQUET ROOM.*

President's Message

How about those SAINTS?!?

I'm still in a tad bit of shock as I write this the day after the Superbowl. What a GREAT GAME!!!! I'm not big into the "Who Dat" phrase because I always want to say "Who That" but I'll give it a shoutout here... WHO DAT!

Here is a little update on my cooking skills. I haven't had the energy to cook chicken or pork chops so I made a frozen pizza... and burnt it! Go figure!! I'm better at cooking meat than something out of the box. I'll leave the frozen pizzas to Johnathon, he's much better at cooking them (and I'll just keep Papa John's on speed dial).

If you missed the January meeting, you missed the chance to be on the nominating committee. No worries though, you can still volunteer to be an officer! Tammy Naquin is chairing the committee this year and will be searching for members to run for office. Being an officer is a great experience and can teach you so many things about yourself! It's also a fun way of getting to know more about our group and members. This newsletter also includes a page on the officers responsibilities throughout the year. Be sure to check out "What Would You Do?"

I also want to take a moment to say MANY THANKS to my Secret Pal. I always forget to thank her at the meeting, so I'm trying to make up for it. THANK YOU!!! 😊

On page 5 of the Newsletter is a poem that I forgot to submit to last month's newsletter. This was written by Anne the day after our Christmas Social. To give a little background, Anne doesn't know how to avoid ditches(LOL) and she got one tire stuck in the mud "real good" on her way out. Here is her thank you to those that helped get her un-stuck and on her way home!

Remember to invite a friend or co-worker to the next meeting!!

Sarah M. Daigle

Chapter Minutes

ABWA Regular Meeting: January 25, 2010

Location: Envie 6:30 p.m.



The meeting was called to order by President, Sarah Daigle. Stephanie Shaw, Vice President, and Taryn Clement, Secretary. Missy Granier led in the invocation and pledge. Members and guests were introduced. Dinner was served.

Program

Woody Falgoust presented "Blending Your Dream With Your Day Job." He shared with the audience his personal struggles and triumphs on maintaining his day job as a lawyer while chasing his dream of being a writer.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising – Round table discussion will be held on February 2, 6pm to discuss the future of WOY

Membership – updating book with membership profiles

Scrapbook – taking picture with everyone who is wearing Saints shirts

Nominating Committee – chairman cannot run for office; recruits members. Tammy Naquin nominated as chairman.

ABWA Relay for Life Team – Relay for Life will be held on April 19.

*Something new that the American Cancer Society is doing is holding a booth with a study over the span of about 20 years – asking for a few volunteers from ABWA to participate.

*Students under 19 diagnosed with cancer can receive a \$1000 scholarship per semester.

*Next fundraiser is a car show at the Civic Center on March 28th from 10-3. Will rent out booths for \$25 to raise money – ABWA possibly doing a sweet stand – asking everyone in the club to bake something

*Relay for Life theme: dress up as referees, Duncan's shirts is around \$17.95 + \$5 for ABWA in red

*Also having "feet" dollar donations that can be set up at your business

*Raffle for the night of Relay (sell raffle at Car Show)

*Reulet Guns & Ammo generously donated the \$75 for our team fee

*More luminary forms available

*ABWA spouses are allowed to join the team

*We have 2 cans to collect donations at place of business

Announcements

Brainstorm for WOY – February 2 at 6pm

Next Board Meeting is February 3, 5:00 pm at John Deere Thibodaux

Next General Membership meeting – February 22, 2010

Drawing for ½ and ½ / Door prizes

Benediction led by: Sonja Doiron

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Taryn Clement

**NEW ADDRESS?
NEW JOB?
Update Your Member
Profile**

Contact Melissa Granier,
membership chair
NO FEE to UPDATE



REMEMBER to register for W.I.N. (Women's Instructional Network) at www.ABWA.org GO TO "member login". The site will prompt you to set up a password. If you have problems contact Stephanie Shaw

Member Birthdays

Marilyn Macik-Frey 2/6

Sue Anne Toms 2/10

Sarah Daigle 2/11

Vanessa Cummins 2/22

The 2009 ABWA “Twas the Night Before Christmas”

Twas a few weeks before Christmas, when ABWA was having fun,

The ladies were pooped, their partying all done;

The presents were stolen, but lovingly so,

In hopes that everyone had fun and was ready to go.

The food was picked up, penguin classes were taught,

The rain, the muck, and the mud were no problem, we thought.

When out in parking lot, there arose such a clatter,

Apparently Tante Anne got herself into some matter.

As Sonja inspected the tires and the hood,

She said, “Mais Cher, you are stuck real good!”

Never did Tante Anne realize that in her group,

There were so many McGuyvers ready to jump through a hoop!

Oh, the mud and the yuck they did risk,

but never a one of them called her a b____,

As they pushed that Buick right out of the ditch.

Now, Clare! Now, Sonja! Now, Bridget and Denise!

On, Corinthia, but not Sarah - who’s bringing Anne a great-niece.

To the top of the street, in the pitch-black dark;

Everyone PUSH – but not till she gets it out of park!

There’s only one thing to regret from that crazy predicament,

No camera was around to capture the triumphant moment!

And so Tante Anne says as she thinks about all of you,

“Merry Christmas to all, and to all a big Thank You!!!!”

ABWA Amis de Lafourche Chapter

has a

Relay for Life Team!

Anyone interested in joining our team should go to

<http://www.relayforlife.org/thibodaux>

RELAY FOR LIFE



Thibodaux

Friday

APRIL 9, 2010

DON'T FORGET!

Share our website whenever you can.

www.abwalafourche.org

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

10:00 am to 3 pm

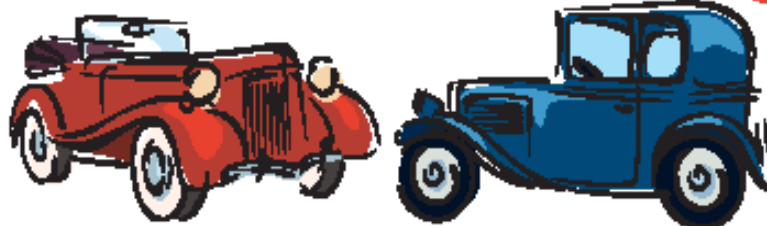
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Judging begins at 12:00 noon

Awards at 2:30 p.m.

Early Registration Before March 20th - \$20.00

Day-of-Show Registration - 10:00 to noon - \$25.00

For more information call: Corintha at (985) 633-9812 or (985) 859-7821

Make Checks Payable to ACS

Please mail form with Fee to "ABWA Relay for Life", 1229 Hwy 20, Thibodaux, LA 70301

Name: _____ Address: _____ Sorry, no refunds

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Engine: _____ Color: _____

I hereby release and hold harmless the/their committee members, A.B.W.A., property owners, sponsors, vendors and others participating in this event of any and all liability before, during and after said event.

Signed _____ Date _____

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Considering Running for ABWA Officer???? What Would You DO?

No, this isn't the old game show from Nickelodeon! This is a short breakdown of each officer's job throughout the year. We hope this encourages many members to run for office this year!

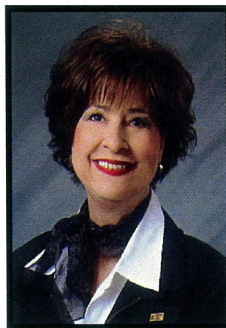
As President, the majority of your job throughout the year is creating agendas for board and chapter meetings, running the meetings, and delegating various tasks throughout the year. If a project comes up, it is your responsibility to see that the proper committee is given the project and that it is carried through. This position can seem a bit intimidating, but fear not! As a newly elected President, you receive TONS of help from the chapter and the outgoing President is always there for any advice! I have learned from experience that it is NOT a requirement to know your Roberts Rules of Order... and you can do like me, just print up a cheat sheet from the Internet!

As Vice- President, you serve as the official hostess for the chapter by greeting any guests or returning members at meeting or events. If the President, should be absent from any meeting, it is the duty of the VP to assist with facilitating that meeting. The VP also assists with communicating with assigned committees. This past year, VP was assigned newsletter, membership, and WOY. An orientation was held to inform new or returning members of chapter and organizational practices. The VP has also maintained our chapter Best Practices manual for record retention and submittal to our National Office.

The position of Secretary is perfect for a woman that is organized, punctual, and known as a great note-taker. Requirements are to attend board and chapter meetings every month and take notes to be published in the Amis de Lafourche newsletter to let other members know what went on. A copy of the minutes should be emailed to national headquarters. If the secretary cannot be present during a meeting, the responsibility falls to Treasurer. Being Secretary is a great way to become more involved in the chapter, and requires only a few minutes each month to type up and email the minutes. If you are ready for a commitment to better our chapter and improve your own skills, run for Secretary.

The treasurer's responsibilities are to make deposits of monies collected at meetings or for other events and to pay any chapter bills. Check the P.O. Box on a weekly basis and relay any correspondence to the Chair of the Correspondence and Care and Joy committees. Also, the treasurer is responsible for paying chapter bills and creating a monthly report to post on the ABWA website for the other members to enjoy.

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 Bridgett Martinez * Treasurer

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 Pam Carvell — Vice-President
 Lynn Drowne — Secretary/Treasurer
 Tina Gandy — District II VP

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.*

ABWA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the American Business Woman's Association is to bring together business-women 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.

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