



AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Amis De Lafourche Chapter

August Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2010

Envie Restaurant

Socializing—6:00pm/Meeting—6:30pm

Speaker:

Ann Tregre

Topic:

Social Security—WIIFM?

"What's In It For Me?"

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On the Menu...

- Spring Salad
- Beef Lasagna
- Vegetable Medley Roll
- Fresh Berries & Sorbet
- Tea and Coffee



President's Message

Happy ABWA New Year!
August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011

Let me begin by thanking a few members for their service to our Chapter last year. Sarah Daigle's contribution as President for the past two years is greatly appreciated. We are glad for her continued involvement this year as Newsletter Chairman. The 2009-2010 Executive board consisting of Vice-President Stephanie Shaw, Secretary Taryn Clement and Treasurer Bridget Martinez also deserve our thanks for their contributions to our chapter along with all of the Chairmen and Committee Members that lead us throughout the past year.

As we look to the year ahead, I would like to welcome our NEW Board consisting of Vice-President and MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER OF 2009-2010 Corinthia Reulet, Secretary Amber Boudreaux and Treasurer Jo Ann Blanchard. We look forward to serving you, the members of Amis de Lafourche Chapter! I would also like to thank everyone that volunteered for Chair and Committee member positions for the upcoming year.

Do you have an idea for a program or a way to improve our chapter? If so, let me or any of the Board members know. We appreciate your ideas.

Last, but surely not least - Please support our largest fundraising project by soliciting donations for our Silent Auction and inviting guests to our Woman of the Year Banquet to be held on September 27, 2010 at Envie. ABWA Members + Guests + Socializing + Motivational Speaker, Margaret Dubuisson, Former New Orleans Newscaster + Black & Gold attire to celebrate the Saints Super Bowl Win + WOY recognition + Good Food + Awesome Silent Auction items + competitive bidding = **FUN, FUN, FUN!**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the August 23, 2010 meeting and September 27, 2010 WOY Banquet. Remember to invite friends/co-workers to our meetings and banquet!

Danette R. Hebert
Amis de Lafourche President



The kaleidoscope was chosen as our *Leading with Vision* icon because it uses "mirrors and colored glass shapes working together to create beautiful, shifting symmetrical patterns" much like ABWA's National Team, members, chapters, networks and councils work in unison for the continued success and perpetuation of the American Business Women's Association.

Chapter Minutes

ABWA Regular Meeting: July 26, 2010

Envie 6:30 p.m.

Location:



The meeting was called to order by President, Sarah Daigle. Stephanie Shaw, Vice President, Taryn Clement, Secretary, and Bridget Martinez, Treasurer were present. Bridget Martinez led in the invocation and pledge. Twenty-six members and one guest speaker were introduced. Dinner was served.

Program

Mr. Gibbens Robichaux presented “Fun Trip into Thibodaux History.” This fun meeting took us through the history of Thibodaux from the 17th century until recent years (with plenty of jokes in between!) We played a “Can you guess that tune?” game and gave away prizes. He is always on the lookout for old Thibodaux pictures.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising – Silent auction is our largest fundraiser. Many donations needed. Garage sale idea in October – location needed. Thibodauxville- need items to sell- idea: fleur de lis ornaments. Silent auction is our first priority- drop off is at Brenda’s office.

WOY – Banquet Spet. 27. Takings suggestions. Idea: black and gold Superbowl. Can try to get speaker from Saints organization. Someone recognizable to get people to attend. Budget \$500. Maybe black and gold attire. Charge \$25?

Program – TBA

Hospitality – August and September will be at Envie. Meal now \$18.00. Options for do not call list available. Can still email or call members.

- Enthusiasm Award- Corinthia Ruelet (unable to attend) CONGRATS!
- Perfect Attendance Award- JoAnn Blanchard, Sonja Doiron, Danette Hebert, Corinthia Ruelet, and Stephanie Shaw
- Outgoing President- presented Sarah Daigle with ABWA pin for her outstanding job as President

Swearing in of 2010-2011 Officers

Danette Hebert, Amber Boudreaux, and JoAnn Blanchard accepted responsibility and was officially installed as officers. All members pledged to support our new officers.

Announcements

Secret pal revelation after meeting

Next Board Meeting is August 5, 2010 @ 5:00pm at Demistasse

***Next General Membership meeting – August 23, 2010 at Envie

Drawing for ½ and ½ [\$18 total - \$9 to Hedy] / Door prizes

Benediction led by: Sarah Daigle

Meeting Adjourned by Sarah Daigle

Submitted by: Taryn Clement

A word from the **Fundraising Committee...**

Donations are needed for the silent auction!!! Donations can be brought to the meetings or **Brenda Fanguy, owner of Finance Center located at 104 East Bayou Rd. Ste A, Thibodaux** - State Farm building across from Huddle House has offered her place as a drop of and storage of items until the auction.

Start cleaning out those closets for the garage sale in October! Danette has offered some storage units for us (note: not climate controlled), Please bring any items , household, clothing, accessories, etc. to the meetings. Items do not need to e priced. We are going to lay everything out and let people make an offer.



Blast From the Past... Recognize Anyone?



Kazoozie Floozies ...

Pictured at the Red Cross Celebrity Cabaret on Jan. 18 are the ABWA Kazoozie Floozies. From left to right (front row) are Peggy Mokhtarnejad, Kathy Becnel, Brenda Fanguy and Rose "Coonie" Richard. From left to right (back row) are Shirlene Boudreaux, Jane Ledet, Carole Ann Dansereau, Kelly Authement, Betty Ford, and Carmen Gachassin.

SPOTLIGHT

Corinthia Reulet is our 2010-2011 Vice-President but some of us may know her as the F.U.N. lady!!!

Corinthia is the co-owner of F.U.N. Parties and Reulet Guns & Ammo...what a combination! Her job duties include shipping, receiving, and bookkeeping for F.U.N. and book keeping for Reulet Guns & Ammo.



You can wish Corinthia happy birthday on August 20 every year. Along with her husband, Randal,

Corinthia enjoys going to car shows in her 68 Firebird. She also enjoys a good game of pokeno and hanging out with friends and family. Speaking of family, Corinthia is mom to three children, Jonathan (27), Stuart (24), and Candice (21). You can probably call her mom to her Boston Terrier as well, Mitzi.

On Saturday night when the moon is out, Corinthia might head on over to the Rajun Cajun Daiquiri Shop to twist and shout. If not, she might just get a bite to eat, possibly at her favorite restaurant, Flannagan's. Yum!

Corinthia is also quite active in Relay for Life. She did a FANTASTIC job as team captain this past year for the ABWA Relay for Life team and helped us Kick Cancer to the Endzone by putting together a car show. She was also instrumental in raising funds for Relay at the Pet Photo Contest at Thibodeauxville. Just one of many reasons that she was recently selected as the MOST ENTHUSIASTIC member! Congratulations to Corinthia!

Corinthia was chosen as this month's SPOTLIGHT member... maybe you will be next!

Announcements

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

8/12 Coonie Richard

8/20 Corinthia Reulet



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www.abwalafourche.org



NEWSLETTER Ads!!!!

Now is the time to add your business to our SPONSORS PAGE in the Newsletter. For \$20.00 your ad or business card will appear in each monthly newsletter.

**Contact Sarah Daigle to start your ad!
sarahberger211@yahoo.com**

The cost for attendance is **\$18.00** The reservation and cancellation deadline is **Sunday, August 22, 2010 by 9:00 PM**. Please call Peggy Mokhtarnejad at 985-446-3090. You may also timely reply by e-mail to **bigmac54@bellsouth.net**.

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.***



We are gearing up for the 13th Annual Bayou Region Race for the Cure. As you know this Race is a fundraiser for the Bayou Region Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure which serves Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. James, St. Mary, and Assumption Parishes. Of the money raised, 75% stays in the region to fund education, screening, mammograms to detect breast cancer and assistance with treatment after breast cancer has been diagnosed. The other 25% funds national research. We are proud to say that last year \$105,000 was raised at this event. This year the race location has changed due to record crowds and will take place at **Nicholls State University on Saturday, October 30th, 2010** in Thibodaux, LA. Help us grow the race by inviting friends, family, and coworkers to join you. If you are interested in becoming more involved with securing sponsorships or assisting the race committee with organizing the Race, please contact the Race hotline at 985-493-4448. We look forward to seeing you October 30th!

*NEW Location: Nicholls State University



Save the Date! Sat. Oct. 30, 2010
Thibodaux, LA • 985-493-4448
www.komenbayouregion.org

NOTICE of Change:
Meeting is at Envie this Month
\$18.00

Secret Pal Form

Amis de Lafourche Chapter ABWA
2010 – 2011 Secret Pal Profile

If you are interested in participating in Secret Pal this year, please return your completed form to:
Brenda Fanguy, P. O. Box 694, Thibodaux, LA 70302 by August 15, 2010 or bring to the August meeting. Thank you!

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Address _____

Employed by _____

Work Address _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____ #of years _____

Significant Other's Name & DOB _____

Children's Names & DOB _____

Favorite color and/or style (clothing, jewelry) _____

Home: Kitchen _____ Bath _____

Bedroom _____ Livingroom _____

I collect _____

Favorite Hobbies _____

I love (to): Cook _____; rent movies _____; Sew _____; Paint _____; Plays _____; Music _____; Garden _____;

Sports _____; Antiques _____; Computers _____; Pets _____; Wine (favorite) _____;

Reading (favorite) _____; Magazines (favorite) _____;

Restaurants (favorite) _____

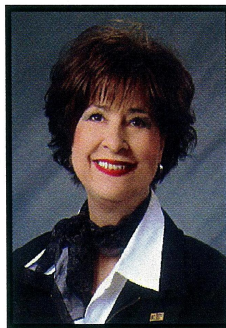
Choose all that describe you and type of gifts you enjoy:

Wild & Carefree _____; Subdued and quiet _____; Laughter is the best medicine _____; Country girl _____; Romantic at heart _____; Outdoor/Mother Nature Woman _____; Modern career woman _____;

Chef in the making _____.

Additional comments or info that would help your Secret Pal.

Thank You to Our Newsletter Sponsors.



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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.

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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