



AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Amis De Lafourche Chapter

May Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2011

Envie Restaurant

Socializing—6:00pm/Meeting—6:30pm

Scavenger Hunt

Facilitated By

Sarah Daigle

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On the Menu...

- Praline Pork Chops
- Pasta Alfredo
- Vegetable
- Lemon Layer Cake



President's Message

President's Message May 2011

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our May 23, 2011 meeting. Please join us for our **ABWA Scavenger Hunt!** It's sure to be an evening of fun.

Have you seized the opportunity to run for office for the 2011-2012 year? Our Nominating Committee Chairman, Sarah Daigle and I speak from experience when saying being an officer is quite a rewarding experience. It also gives a great opportunity to become more involved, whether you are a seasoned or new member! Consider putting your name in the hat to run for office! If you would like additional information on position responsibilities, Sarah would be happy to give you more information. The election will be held at the May meeting. The term of office is from August 1 to July 31.

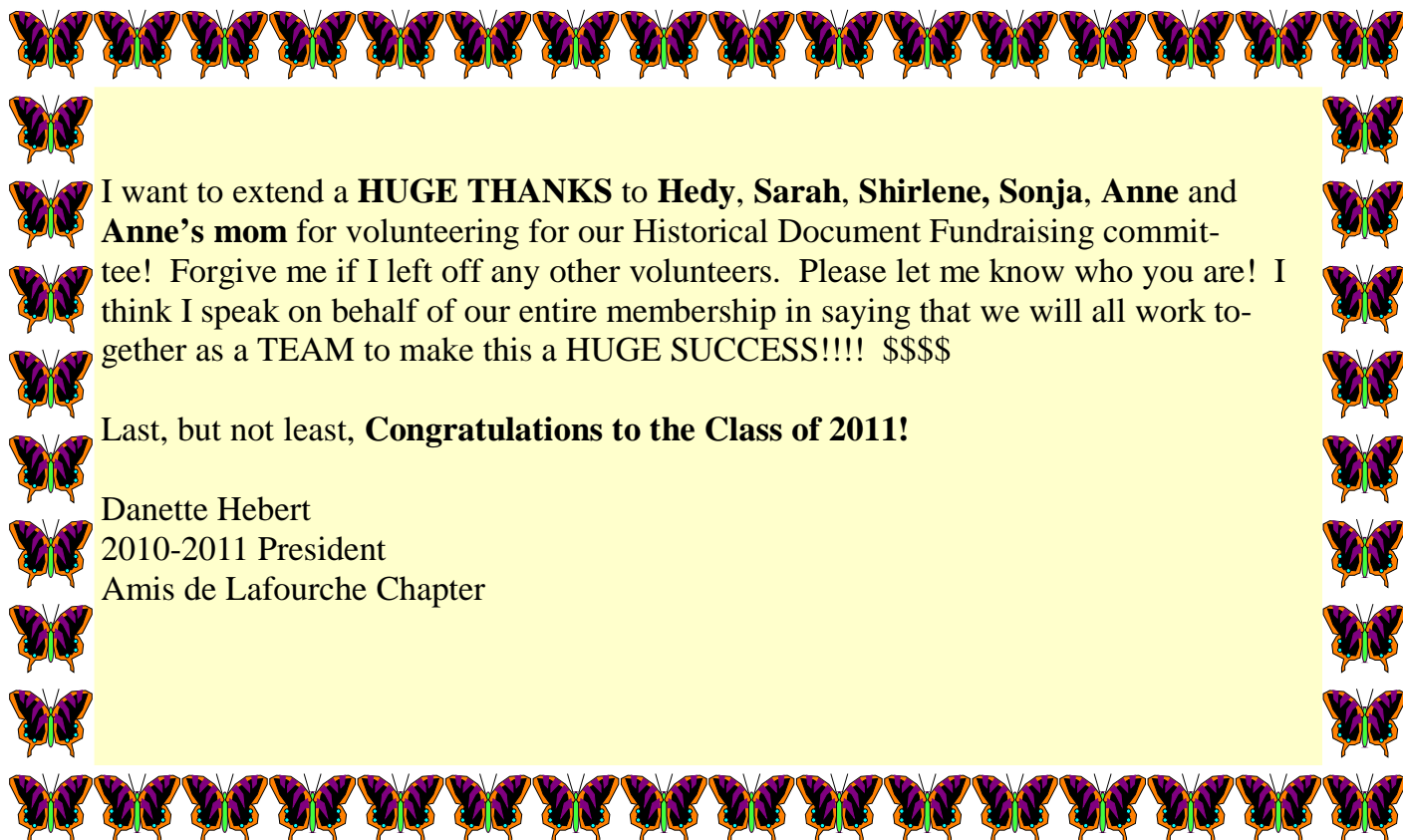
Due to elections being held at the May meeting, it is very important that all of you try your very best to attend. Your votes count!

2010 – 2011 Chapter Officer and Committee Guide: Section 4. The quorum of the Chapter shall not be less than one-third of the Chapter membership. A quorum must be present for the valid transaction of Chapter business. The right to vote is limited to members in good standing locally and nationally who are present at the time a vote is taken at a meeting.

I would like to thank Sally Webre for all the hard work that she does as our Professional Development Chairman. I would also like to extend congratulations to our scholarship recipient, Logan Hymel.

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM - INNER CIRCLE RECOGNITION

Special recognition and exclusive awards are earned by ABWA members who have shown their active desire to see the American Business Women's Association grow. When a member has sponsored two new members, she earns the Friendship Star guard, which attaches to her ABWA pin. After sponsoring six members, she receives ABWA's Friendship lapel pin. When a member has sponsored 11 new members, she enters the select Inner Circle of the Association and receives the gold Inner Circle charm and bracelet. As an Inner Circle member, she also receives special recognition at district and national conferences. After qualifying for membership in Inner Circle, members may earn higher Friendship Star charms as they continue to sponsor other businesswomen in the Association. Congratulations to Corinthia Reulet for earning the Friendship lapel pin for sponsoring six members into Amis de Lafourche Chapter of ABWA!



I want to extend a **HUGE THANKS** to **Hedy, Sarah, Shirlene, Sonja, Anne** and **Anne's mom** for volunteering for our Historical Document Fundraising committee! Forgive me if I left off any other volunteers. Please let me know who you are! I think I speak on behalf of our entire membership in saying that we will all work together as a **TEAM** to make this a **HUGE SUCCESS!!!!** \$\$\$\$

Last, but not least, **Congratulations to the Class of 2011!**

Danette Hebert
2010-2011 President
Amis de Lafourche Chapter



BLAST from the PAST



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - Dr. Laura Badeaux, education chairman for the local American Business Women's Association chapter, presents the group's scholarship to Rebecca Oubre, a recent Thibodaux High School graduate. Looking on are Vivian Ducos, left, a

member of the scholarship committee; and Brenda Fanguy, treasurer. Education is the chief concern of ABWA and awarding a scholarship an annual project. Miss Oubre will enter Nicholls State University where she plans to study business and floriculture.

SPOTLIGHT

PRESIDENT: POSITION OVERVIEW

The PRESIDENT is the authorized volunteer

leader of the chapter and thus serves as the team's liaison, responsible for facilitating communication between National and her Chapter. She directs the officers, committees and members in achieving the team's plan goals.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for appointing chairs of Standing committees and non-elected Special committees (e.g., Woman of the Year, WIN, Best Practices, etc.) immediately. Note: The nominating committee is an elected position.
- Responsible for assigning members of the Executive Board as sponsors of Standing Committees and in some instances Special committees.
- Responsible for developing an annual plan and budget by collaborating with the members of her Executive Board and Committee Chairs.
- Responsible for reviewing, revising and presenting „proposed“ Standing Rules to the membership for a vote. Note: President can opt to appoint a committee to perform this function.

VICE PRESIDENT: POSITION OVERVIEW

The VICE PRESIDENT is responsible for assisting the president in fulfilling her responsibilities, overseeing committees and projects spearheaded by the Chapter, procuring new members, and serving as the hostess in monthly Chapter meetings.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Supports president in evaluating Chapter's performance (using the Member Interest Survey and Best Practices Assessment, Best Practices Criteria and the Management Resource Materials, tools and training in the Women's Instructional Network).
- Collaborates with Executive Board to develop their team charter, Chapter vision statement, business plan and budget that best serves the needs of the membership within the context of ABWA's mission.

SPOTLIGHT

SECRETARY: POSITION OVERVIEW

The SECRETARY is primarily responsible for

transcribing Chapter and Board meeting minutes and any official Chapter correspondence. She is responsible for general correspondences on behalf of the Chapter. She also assists the vice president in her hostess, and membership campaign duties and will fulfill the treasurer's duties (e.g., collects payments, issues receipts) should she not be in attendance.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborates with Executive Board to develop their team charter, Chapter vision statement, business plan and budget that best serves the needs of the membership within the context of ABWA's mission.
- Mails Officer Election report to National before June 30.

TREASURER: POSITION OVERVIEW

The TREASURER is responsible for managing all aspects of the chapter's finances. The member serving in this position is the custodian of the chapter's financial records. She is responsible for monitoring cash flow, A/R, A/P, issuing receipts, reconciling the chapter's bank account and for producing a monthly financial report.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborates with Executive Board to develop their team charter, Chapter vision statement, business plan and budget that best serves the needs of the membership within the context of ABWA's mission.
- Establishes generally accepted accounting procedures for managing the Chapter's finances.
- Completes and files the Chapter's tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) before the posted deadline, December 15, 2010.
- Submits chapter financial records to Executive Board for an audit before the end of her term or at any time upon the request of the membership or Executive Board.

Remember to submit your nomination for office!

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

Missy Granier 5/9
Sally Webre 5/15



Visit our Website!

www.abwalafourche.org

RECRUITING CHALLENGE

To get our new year off to a great start,

I have decided to implement an incentive program to recruit new members.

For every new member you sponsor into our chapter,

you will receive one entry into a drawing for:

\$50 Cash



The member who sponsors the most new members will receive:

\$50 Cash

A new member must have both local and national dues paid before 7/31/2011.

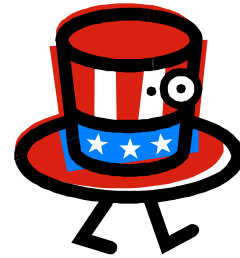
This program is effective August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.

Cash donated by: Finance Center - Brenda Sonier

Avon Representative Sonja Doiron

REMEMBER

May is election month!
At the May meeting, our 2011-2012 officer
will be nominated, voted, and elected.
Don't miss out!



The cost for attendance is **\$18.00** The reservation and cancellation deadline is **Sunday, February 27, 2011 by 9:00 PM**. You may timely reply by e-mail to info@abwalafourche.org

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.***

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 Corinthia Reulet *Vice President
 Amber Boudreaux * Secretary
 Joann Blanchard * Treasurer

ABWA National Officers

Casey Coven — President
 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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