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AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter

August Meeting

August 1, 2007

Picnic — Plum Brook Estates

See details below and on Page 4

NEWS from Your PRESIDENT

Thank You Verlene for being Vice-President and stepping in my place when I could not be there.

Thank You Kareen Voight for being Secretary for the last two years. You did a great job.

Thank You Adriana Cantelli for being treasurer and keeping the records in order.

Thank You Lisa Crescimano for taking the time out of your busy schedule to do the newsletter

Thank You Jan Beck for scheduling the programs for the last two years you had some very interesting programs.

Thank You Shannon Eskridge and Verelene Wood for having membership drive and other events to increase membership.

Thank-You To all the ABWA members who might have chaired a committee or helped on a committee or just attended the meetings. Also thank you for your support and all your hard work the past two years.

I would like to wish the new officers Shannon, Dorothy, Verlene and Mary Ann best of luck in the coming year.

Your President,
Shirley Alt

AGENDA

August 1, 2007

- ◆ Invocation
- ◆ Introductions -
Guests
Officers
Chapter Women of the Year
- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Installation of New Officers
- ◆ Installation of New Members
- ◆ Motion—Minutes
- ◆ Motion—Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Correspondence - Kareen Voight
- ◆ Committee Reports -
Fundraising—Shirley Alt
Hospitality—Peony Jefferson
Program/Education - Jan Beck
Membership—Shannon Eskridge &
Verlene Wood
Publicity—Shannon Eskridge
Scholarship —Mary Ann Chimera
Sunshine—Brenda Moore
Business Associates' Night — Mary
Ann Chimera
Newsletter—Lisa Crescimano
- ◆ Announcements - Officers and
Members
- ◆ 50/50
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Adjournment

2007-2008 New committee member list will be distributed at the August Picnic



National Headquarters:

Robin Necci, Nat'l President
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Diane Nixon, Nat'l Secretary/Treasurer

Our District Representative
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September **DEADLINE:**
Midnight August 4, 2007
NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN THIS MONTH DUE TO EDITOR'S SCHEDULE



ABWA August Picnic-
Wednesday, August 1, 2007
at Plumbrook Estates Condominiums, 4310 Woodridge (located off Galloway Road).
Permanent seating list applies. Members are to call Peony Jefferson. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday, July 27, 2007. Menu: Barbecue Beef sandwiches, potato chips, garden salad, fruit salad. Members may bring a dessert to share. **Please bring your own beverage.** The cost for dinner is \$5.00.

Secretary's Report — July 11, 2007

The Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter of ABWA met on Wednesday, June 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarion Inn. President Shirley Alt called the meeting to order. There were 13 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Scholarship recipient Kelsey Opper and her Mom, Dina, were introduced. Kelsey gave a short address of her participation in school and goal for college. Judi Lococo asked Kelsey to drop us a line and keep us informed of her college life.

Program: Jan Beck introduced Sherri Whitt, a coordinator of services for cancer patients at Angie's Boutique in Fremont. Sherri is a certified Bra fitter for mastectomy patients. Proper fit for correct breast and bra fit is extremely important. Sherri encourages women to come in before surgery to be fitted. Breast prostheses come in a variety of sizes, material, and shapes. Sherri measures and forms prostheses to as close to natural breast as possible. The Boutique has wigs, hair products, makeup to help cancer patient feel better about themselves. The wigs are lit weight 1.6 oz to 2-1/2 oz. She again encourages women to come before hair loss begins. She encourages the hair products by Nioxin because they help clear chemicals from hair and skin. The Bout carries make up by Bare Essentials. Sherri says any man or women can come in to buy their products. They also carry a line of bathing suits for all women. She ended by reminding all women to be sure to do breast examinations. She also explained that men could get cancer of the breast.

Secretary Report: Motion to accept minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Judi Lococo, seconded by Carol Gowitzka. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept as written in newsletter made by Jan Beck, seconded by Annette Churchill. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Kareen Voight read an acknowledgment of sympathy from James Aaron, father-in-law of Brenda Moore.

Audit Committee: Lisa Crescimano will chair the committee and needs to be done by August 1. Annette Churchill and Carol Gowitzka will help with the audit.

Business Associates' Night: Mary Ann Chimera had no report.

August Picnic: Officers to provide menu. Members can bring dessert.

Membership: No report.

Program: Jan Beck was thanked for a very interesting year. Great job, Jan.

No one was present who had a July Birthday.

Newsletter: Items due by July 13.

Executive Board will meet on July 12 at 7:00 p.m.

50/50 won by guest, Sherri Whitt.

Announcements: Jan Beck asked for our prayers. Her brother is on top of liver transplant list. They will be going to California to be with him.

Kareen Voight reported that Relay for Life raised over \$114,000 and have until end of September to try and reach goal of \$150,000 for American Cancer Society.

Judi Lococo's granddaughter graduated with Honors and will now go to North Carolina to study for her PhD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kareen Voight, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting — July 12, 2007

The Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter of the ABWA Executive Board meeting was held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Cantelli Block and Brick. Present were Shirley Alt, Adriana Cantelli and Kareen Voight. Sandy B. Zuber and Helen Williams attended to make up a meeting. Incoming officers Shannon Eskridge, Dorothy Ebert, Mary Ann Chimera were also in attendance.

President Shirley Alt read letter regarding Shannon Eskridge attending National Conference in North Carolina. Shannon is entitled to a partial payment for expenses according to the terms of the Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter Standing Rules. Shannon will have chapter voting privileges for our Chapter.

Installation for new member, Kelly Boose will be held at the next meeting. We will also have installation of new officers.

Next meeting will be a picnic at Plumbrook Estates. Barbeque beef, fruit salad, tossed salad, chips will be provided by the officers. Dessert will be at the discretion of members. Everyone is to bring her own drinks. Place settings will be provided.

Business Associates' Night is September 5, 2007 and will be at Lyman Harbor. Buffet will be served if someone knows of a good speaker, let Mary Ann know. Details will be in newsletter. *[Note: Information for Business Associates' Night has changed since Executive Board Meeting. It will be held at the Sandusky Yacht Club on September 12, 2007.]*

Dorothy suggested we have a combined award of ATHENA® award and Chapter Women of the Year and create a new "Exceptional Business Award". Officers felt we should keep Chapter Women of the Year Award within our Chapter but Dorothy's idea was very good. Dorothy presented an idea for a gift reward to present to the one elected.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kareen Voight, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Business Associates' Night

September 12, 2007.

Sandusky Yacht Club

Don't Miss It.

Subcommittees chairs have been named for Business Associates Night. Further details of this event will be provided to you by letter and announced at the August picnic.

Event co-chairs: Peony Jefferson and Mary Ann Chimera

- Hospitality: Shirley Alt
- Publicity: Shannon Eskridge
- Tickets and Invitations: Mary Ann Chimera
- Door prizes: Mary Ann Chimera
- Dinner arrangements: Peony Jefferson
- Treasurer: Verlene Wood

We will appreciate your assistance with these tasks so that we can put on an outstanding event that will draw favorable attention to our chapter and to ABWA.

We have determined not to give any awards at this time due to insufficient preparation time. We will be planning groundwork to establish an award for an "Exceptional Erie County Business Person" in October. We will take every precaution to make sure that this award does not compete with the award given by any other organization, including the Chamber of Commerce.

PERMANENT SEATING LIST

If you will not be attending a meeting, you MUST call to cancel your reservation by noon the Friday before the meeting, or you will be charged.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Shirley Alt | 6 Mary Ann Chimera |
| 2 Sally Bagley | 7 Annette Churchill |
| 3 Jan Beck | 8 Dorothy Ebert |
| 4 Sandra Billeter-Zuber | 9 Carol Gowitzka |
| 5 Adriana Cantelli | 10 Peony Jefferson |
| | 11 Ginny Mamere |
| | 12 Kareen Voight |
| | 13 Helen Williams |
| | 14 Verlene Wood |

American Business Womens' Association		
Month Ended 7/31/2007		
Income:		
Dues		-
Bulletin Advertising		-
Dinner money		156.00
Business Associates'/Christmas Dinner		-
Non-cancelled dinners		-
Misc.		-
Interest		-
Fundraiser - Ohio Pin Shields		-
Donations		-
50/50 raffle		15.00
Total Income:		171.00
Expenses:		
Newsletter Printing and Stamps	\$	-
Dinners	\$	180.30
CWOY Expenses	\$	-
Business Associates'/Christmas Dinner	\$	-
Business Associates' Supplies	\$	-
Christmas Dinner Supplies Expense	\$	-
Scholarships	\$	-
Donations	\$	-
Fundraising Expenses - Sandusky Community Celebration -- Space rental and Erie County Health Dept food permit	\$	-
Speaker Fees	\$	-
Convention Delegate	\$	-
Bank services charges	\$	-
ABWA Membership Expenses	\$	-
ABWA Merchandise	\$	-
Donation from Fourth of July Event	\$	-
Postage - Publicity Committee	\$	-
Total Expenses:	\$	180.30
Assets:		
General Fund		6,968.47
Local Scholarship Fund		3,509.74
Total Assets:	\$	10,478.21
Total CD-First Federal		8,575.89
Savings Acct.-Citizens Bank		1,000.00
Checking Acct.-Citizens Bank		902.32
Total In Bank:	\$	10,478.21



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ABWA August Meeting — Wednesday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Plum Brook Estates Condominiums, 4310 Woodridge, Sandusky. Permanent seating list applies. Members are to call Peony Jefferson. **Reservations** must be made **by Noon**, Friday, **July 27, 2007. Menu:** Barbecue Beef sandwiches, potato chips, garden salad, fruit salad. Members may bring a dessert to share. **Please bring your own beverage.** The cost for dinner is \$5.00.

ABWA August Executive Board Meeting — Thursday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. EHOVE, 316 West Mason Road in Building F, Room T110. Call Shannon Eskridge if you plan to attend.

ABWA September Meeting — Business Associates' Night, Wednesday, **September 12, 2007**, Sandusky Yacht Club. More information to follow.

ABWA September Executive Board Meeting — Location and time to be announced.

ABWA October Meeting — Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m., The American Legion Post #83, 3615 Hayes Avenue -- On Route #4 as you enter Sandusky. Dinner Choices (2): Top Sirloin or Lake Erie Perch Dinners both with Salad Bar. Members are to call Linda.

Erie County Chamber of Commerce



*****Some programs may require registration or a fee***
Please contact the Chamber office for details
419/625-6421 or
e-mail director@eriecountyohiocofc.com**

2007 Chamber Night at Sandusky Speedway

Saturday, August 11, 2007 5:00 p.m. Entry—6:30 p.m. Race Time. Food! Prizes! 50/50 Drawing!

Each Chamber-member will be allowed two FREE general admission entries to the Speedway. Additional general admission entries are available at half-off the normal entry price. Entries are only available with an Erie County Chamber of Commerce Membership ID Pass, which will be sent upon receipt of the registration for (contact Lisa Crescimano if interested). We MUST provide the Chamber with the names of ALL of our members and their family members who wish to attend.

Nia Center—Business-to-Business

Upcoming on the Chamber's program schedule is the increasingly popular Multi-Member Business After Hours. This trade-show-like program gives members a great way to demonstrate their products or services, while enjoying an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Members win some great prizes, too!. This year's event will take place in Kalahari's NIA Center in Early September. This year's theme is "Hunting for Business"!

ABWA Members — We Need Your Help

BUSINESS-to-BUSINESS MARKETPLACE EVENT in SEPTEMBER

ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will participate this year at Kalahari. The date will be announced by the Chamber soon. Members, please call or e-mail Shannon Eskridge if you will work at our display table for 1 hour during the event before enjoying the surroundings at Kalahari. Open times for volunteering will be between 5 and 8 p.m. Our e-mail address is sanduskyabwa@yahoo.com.

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 Chapter Woman of the Year

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 Adriana Cantelli to place your ad.
 Ads are Business Card Size!

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Local Membership Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Dues are due on August 1, 2007. Yearly dues are \$24. Please send check payable to Sandusky ABWA to Verlene Wood, An envelope is provided for your convenience.

Place an Ad in our ABWA Newsletter

If you would like to place an ad in our newsletter, the cost is \$25 a year for business card size. Please submit payment to Verlene in the enclosed envelope and you can e-mail your ad to Lisa at sanduskyabwa@yahoo.com or mail it to Lisa Crescimano.

Meetings - Madness or Sanity?

by Shirley Fine Lee (01/23/03)

The worst meetings I've ever seen
Accomplish absolutely nothing.
They last too many hours
And leave us feeling most sour.

The best meetings I've attended
Run quickly, smoothly,
And leave none offended.
Through careful planning,
They accomplish their task,
Even where problems
And solutions are unmasked.

My favorite meeting I'll tell
Was the one not held...
It allowed me more time
To handle goals of mine.

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About the Author: Shirley Fine Lee is a meeting facilitator and trainer. She offers a free meeting evaluation form, an electronic newsletter, and business articles on her website at www.ShirleyFineLee.com.

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34 YEARS OF BRINGING BUSINESS WOMEN TOGETHER

American Business Women's Association
Sandusky Bay Charter Chapter



Thought for the Month:

*"The remarkable thing we have is a choice every day
regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.*

We cannot change our past.

We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude."

--Charles Swindoll--

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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.

CHAPTER MEETINGS: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.