

Eight Flags Charter Chapter

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President's Message



Hello Members & Guests:

I'm really excited to hear our speakers this month for our Fall Women's Leadership Forum. Thank you for participating: Judith Smith, Hands On Jacksonville; Danielle Eldredge & Erika Jackson, Conservation Queen; and Deb Cottle, World on a String. These are dynamic women, and I'm sure we will learn from each of them.

Lois Margolin held our first phone conference for "Connect Florida" and a calendar has been created through Google Calendar and Council events will be posted as soon as they are known. Renting a bus that stops at 2 or 3 locations in Florida on the way to both National & Regional Conferences was discussed.

Would you consider going to conference if you didn't need to worry about the transportation? Let me know & I'll relay accordingly. The Gulf Council is having their ABW Day on Saturday & I'm headed down to Sarasota tomorrow. I'm looking forward to meeting more of our ABWA sisters.

The Shop with Cops Auction will be held on SATURDAY, November 19th. We need your help securing donations, so start NOW – the more items we have, the more fun we'll have (and money we'll make)! Please contact a Board member and we will be happy to pick-up or you can drop them off at my office.

The Board appreciates your input and ideas, please feel free to contact any of us with your suggestions!

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Don't forget to check-out our Facebook page and the Chapter website: www.8flagsabwa.org and remember to login and use WIN!

Thanks for your support!

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Quote of the Month

"Kind words can be short and
easy to speak, but their echoes
are truly endless"
Mother Teresa



*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.*

Putt-Putt Tourney...and the winner is??

The 3rd annual ABWA Putt-Putt Tournament finally happened on Sunday, October 23rd (rain date) due to the Nor'easter hitting the shores 2 weeks prior. Attended by 8 members & friends, we all had a good time at the Main Beach Putt-Putt. The weather was nice & sunny.

It was a stiff competition as the top 3 scores differed by one point each. This year Ferne Armstrong won with a score of 48, Dawn Lunt came in 2nd and Deb Harper in 3rd. We had a great time cheering each other on when there was a "hole in one", laughing when we got a "5" (bad score), and seeing how much fun Arielle and her friend Mia had playing.

Maybe we should try September next year, as National Conference will be in the middle of October. Many thanks go to Gerry Clare for organizing the event again this year!

Pictured from the left: (Top) Winners Ferne, Dawn, and Deb; and (Bottom) Gerry, Monica, Arielle, Barbara, Deb, Mia, and Ferne (Dawn's behind the camera!)



Member News

Sympathy & Prayers go out to the family of "**past member**" **Judee McCoy** and her husband Robert who both past away last week – Robert died on Thursday and Judee died on Sunday.

Congratulations to member **Kim Falhgren** for being appointed to the Nassau County School Board by Governor Rick Scott filling the vacated seat of Jim Adams. Unfortunately, school board

meetings fall on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, so Kim won't be able to attend our regular meetings for a while.

Unfortunately, the **Ocala Express Network** group has decided to shut down & disband after just over a year of organizing. No details were given in their Facebook post. Hopefully the members will stay active at the national level. We're sad to see this happen.



Happy October Birthdays

Dawn Lunt... Oct 16th

Linda Little... Oct 24th



Shop with Cops Auction – Sat. Nov 19th!

Were you at last year's auction? Do you remember the "blue balls"?? Well, if you were there you remember how much fun we had raising money for a great charity – Shop with Cops. Aaron Bean will be our "live" auctioneer. We'll try not to make him blush this year!

We've started gathering items, but we need EVERYONE'S help to succeed! Do you have a "gently used" item(s) you'd like to donate? Do you frequent a business that you could ask for a gift certificate or product? You can drop off donations at Dawn's office, or contact a Board member & we'd be happy to pick it up.

Christmas is just around the corner and Thanksgiving will be the following Thursday. Start (or finish up) your shopping at this annual event! Invite your friends & relatives, the more the merrier!

Upcoming Events

November

November 8th (Tues)::
Board meeting at 5:30pm
Dawn's office

November 19th (SAT)::
Annual Shop with Cops Auction
Networking 5:30pm
Dinner 6pm
Live Auction 6:30pm

December

December 3rd (Sat)::
Area Council Christmas Event
Dottie Patterson's home
Jacksonville
(see Barbara for more info/RSVP)

December 6th (Tues)::
Board meeting at 5:30pm
Dawn's office

December 15th (Thurs)::
Monthly Meeting 6:00pm
Annual Christmas meeting
(Ugly sweater contest, cookie
exchange & ornament exchange)

January 2012

January 10th (Tues)::
Board meeting at 5:30pm
Dawn's office

January 26th (Thurs)::
WIN Workshop
Monthly Meeting 6pm

Happy 42nd Anniversary Eight Flags Charter Chapter!

Thursday, September 29th was a great evening for the Chapter. The Chapter's anniversary event celebrated our various accomplishments this past year.

Pictured top right: City of Fernandina Beach Proclamation designating Sept. 22nd American Business Women's Day; Level 3 Best Practices award received at national plus copy of book submitted; and of course, what's a celebration without cake?!

Original Charter Chapter and current Member at Large, Pat Curnutte came to celebrate with us. She is pictured with other Past Presidents (from the left): Dawn Lunt, Carolyn Guerrin, Pat, Barbara Brewer, Margaret Clough, Susan Sturges, Linda Little and Gerry Clare.

Perfect Attendance celebrates commitment to the Chapter. You can either attend every meeting or "make-up" a meeting by attending another ABWA Chapter's meeting, an Area Council event or even our Board Meeting since "business" is discussed there now. Pictured from the left: Carolyn Guerrin, 37 years; Korrin Johnson 2 yrs; Gerry Clare 3 yrs; Margaret Clough 41 yrs; Monica Hayes 1 yr; Barbara Brewer 11 yrs; Dawn Lunt 8 yrs; and Susan Sturges 26 yrs.

Leigh Forrester (shown bottom right pictured with Chapter President Dawn Lunt) Co-founder of Career Frontiers of NE Florida, Inc. was our guest speaker. The 501(c)3 organization is a post-secondary vocational training program for young adults age 18-35 with intellectual disabilities. It provides real life job skills through a small business, Bark 'N Howl Bakery, by teaching baking, kitchen safety, inventory, and packaging.



District I & IV Regional Conference

March 23 & 24, 2012
Cary, NC

Do I hear "road trip"?

Start thinking & planning
for next year...

National Conference
October 11-13, 2012

in
Memphis, TN

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 Annual Theme 2011-12

Hummingbirds can fly forward or backward with ease. Let's use this as a reminder that we can "fly backward" and appreciate our past, as women and as members of ABWA. We can also "fly forward", carrying the lessons and experience of our past as we seek to define our future together. Hummingbirds are known to wing their way as far as 2,000 miles to reach their destination. This reminds us to be persistent in the pursuit of our dreams and to adopt the tenacity of the hummingbird.

Hummingbirds are tireless, always seeking out the sweetest nectar. In some Native American cultures, hummingbirds are emblems of timeless joy and the nectar of life. They remind us to forever seek out the good in life and the beauty in each day. Let the hummingbird remind us all that this year's theme is to "Share the Past, Build the Future" of ABWA.

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INVOCATION

Lord, in the quiet of this hour, we come to thee for wisdom and for power; to view thy world through only loved-filled eyes; to grow in understanding, to be wise; and sure to see thy guiding light; and thus to know each other as thou knowest us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Oh Guiding Spirit, guardian of our days, be with us as we go our separate ways. Help us to feel those thoughts that lift and bless; to know a closer bond of friendliness; to see thy beauty, always, every day; translated into living this we pray. Amen.

"Missed Meeting Coupon" can now be found on WIN – look under Team Library then Misc Forms/Templates

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