

Coral Springs Charter Chapter

Coral Springs, Florida

A Chapter of the American Business Women's Association



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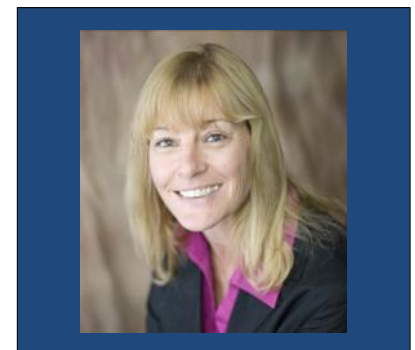
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FROM THE PRESIDENT, HOLLY WRIGHT

February is upon us and with Valentine's Day approaching, thoughts focus toward relationships and love. Both personal as well as business relationships are built on a similar foundation. We give our hearts to those who care and treat us well, and in business it is much the same. Though we may not love our Plumber, Mechanic, or Hair Stylist, I bet it is safe to say we all like and trust those we choose to do business with time and time again. I would like to encourage all of our ABWA sisters to reach out to one another during this month of love and relationships and build those relationships both personally and professionally by getting to know, like and trust one another. Pick a date and schedule coffee, or perhaps lunch? Have you found that you have something in common? Then find time to enjoy it together! This practice is sure to continue to forge the bond that makes our C.S. Charter Chapter a great success!

I am really looking forward to our Cruise Ship Luncheon Saturday February 18th aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line's Epic, while docked at Port of Miami. In the spirit of bonding, we will be coordinating groups to carpool - what fun! Tickets are \$25.00 for members and guests, and you can RSVP online at www.abwacoralsprings.org. Deadline is 2/3/12.

Looking forward, we are in search of our next chapter Woman of the Year and have scholarship money to award. Make sure to mark your calendars for Our Town America held March 9th - 11th at the Coral Springs Sportsplex. We will be continuing our chapter tradition by co-hosting a food booth with the Key Club, and we will need volunteers to sign up for a shift or two as we will be grilling and serving our amazing Philly Cheese Steaks! It is fun for all involved, spouses included! March 23-24th is Eastern Regional Conference being held in Cary, NC. Remember our chapter has



money set aside to assist our members in attending conference. This year we will be actively supporting our own Lois Margolin in her run for District VP.

I hope you all have a wonderful and loving Valentine's Day!

In ABWA friendship,

Holly

Holly Wright

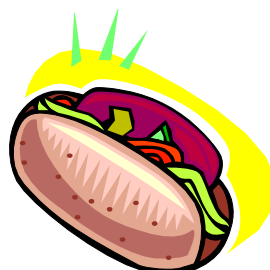
2012 Interim President

Coral Springs Charter Chapter



— TIME TO COOK UP SOME PHILLYS!

Contributed by Lois Margolin



Can you feel the excitement in the air? Can you smell the cheese steaks as they slowly cook on the grill? Can you hear the orders as they are called out, -- 2 phillys, hold the onion on one? Then you are no doubt remembering the Our Town America food booth.

March 9-11, 2012 is Our Town America, a community-wide festival held at the Coral

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FEBRUARY 2nd MEETING

"Unveiling the Myths in Employment Law"

See Page 3 for details.

See you there!

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Topic: "How to Win Friends and Influence People"

Speaker: Elizabeth Rando
Business Consultant
Dale Carnegie Training

Location: *Marriott Heron Bay*
11775 Heron Bay Blvd.,
Coral Springs

Don't Miss the Rest of the Story!

- See Page 14 for upcoming ABWA Sister Chapter activities!
- Can **YOU** help on a Committee? We need you—see page 10!
- See Page 8 for our new "Business" Page" featuring member expertise!

Coral Springs Chamber Events

As an ABWA member, you can attend chamber events at member rates representing ABWA. Events this month:

Feb. 1, 2012 11:30 - 1:00 PM

Prof. Women's Alliance Luncheon
Guest Speaker: Marlene Wolf, M.D.
Country Club of Coral Springs, 10800 W. Sample Road
Cost: \$25 Members
RSVP: rsvp@cschamber.com

Feb. 15, 2012 • 5:30 – 7:00pm

"After Hours Networking"
Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill
2501 N. University Dr.
Cost: Members \$10
RSVP: rsvp@cschamber.com

Feb. 21, 2012 • 7:30 – 9:00am

"Wake Up Coral Springs" Breakfast
Marriott Heron Bay, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd.
Cost: \$15 members with advanced reservations
RSVP: rsvp@cschamber.com

Tamarac Chamber Events

ABWA members can attend chamber events at member rates, but remember, you are representing ABWA. Here are the upcoming events:

Feb. 2, 2012 • 7:45 – 9:00am

"Morning Perks" Monthly Networking Breakfast
Colony West Country Club, 6800 N. Pine Island Road
Cost: \$15
RSVP by 2/1 to 954-722-1520 or Michael@tamaracchamber.org

Feb. 14, 2012 • 11:30 – 1:00pm

"Women of Success" Luncheon
North Shore Medical Center—FMC Campus
5000 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale Lakes
Cost: \$15
RSVP by 2/13 to 954-722-1520 or Vicki@tamaracchamber.org

Feb. 29, 2012 • 5:30 – 7:30pm

6 Chamber Joint Networking & Showcase
Hosted by City Furniture,
6701 N. Hiatus Road
Cost: Free, open to the public.
Table Tops \$100

CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT

"Coral Springs Charter Chapter promotes the empowerment of women through relationships, education, leadership, recognition, and award opportunities for members and the community."

FEBRUARY MEETING SPONSOR

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SAVE THE DATE!

Eastern Regional Conference
March 23-24, 2012
Dist I and IV • Cary, NC
Embassy Suites, Raleigh-Durham



**Friday, March 9th—
Sunday, March 11th, 2012**
Coral Springs Sportsplex
**SAVE THE DATE!
VOLUNTEER!**

Contact Lois Margolin to sign up for a shift to help make ABWA's famous Philly Cheesesteaks!

**HAPPY
Valentine's
Day**



Coral Springs Charter Chapter

Join us for our next chapter meeting!

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Featuring:

“Unveiling the Myths in Employment Law”

Presented by:

**Ellen M. Leibovitch, Board Certified
Labor & Employment Lawyer**

If you cannot answer these questions, then you need to hear Ellen's presentation!

- Do you have to have grounds to terminate an employee?
- What happens when an employee is terminated? Or quits?
- What's the difference between an exempt and non-exempt employee?
- What about salaried employees; what about giving "comp" time?
- What laws cover your business?
- Do employers have to give benefits, paid time off, breaks, etc.?
- Can a business call its workers independent contractors?
- Are employment handbooks required?

***Networking begins at 6:15 pm
Dinner and Program at 7:00pm***

Cost:

ABWA Members: \$27 if registered online (or received check) by midnight, Sunday January 29th. After Sunday, fee goes to \$32 with online reservation made before noon on Tuesday, January 31st. After that, walk-in rate is \$37, with no guaranteed dinner choice.

Guests: \$32 if registered online (or received check) by noon, Tuesday, January 31st. After that, walk-in rate is \$37, with no guaranteed dinner choice.

Dinner Choices: Mojo-marinated Chicken Breast, Roasted Beef Sirloin w/Mushroom Gravy or Cheese Ravioli w/Pink Sauce

**R.S.V.P. at our website: www.abwacoralsprings.org
or call 877-589-2995 ext. 2**

*Cancellations received in writing AFTER noon on Tuesday, January 31st
may be responsible for the meeting fee.*

**Location: [Marriott at Heron Bay](#)
11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs**

All bank fees related to returned checks will be charged back to the issuer.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD REPORT—1/19/12

On January 19th chapter officers, committee chairs and members met with President Holly Wright at 6:30pm at the Pizza Time Restaurant. In Attendance were: Randee Abramson, Sheila Bykofsky, Stephanie Cohen, Diane Delgouffre, Kathy Gallagher, Lois Margolin, Sherri Miller, Barbara Weiss, Fay Wilmot and Holly Wright. Board reports are posted on WIN. To access these reports:

- log on to WIN (Women's Instructional Network)
- click on the "Library" tab (on the top right)
- click on the "2011-2012" folder link under Coral Springs (on the left)
- click on the "Committee Reports" folder link under that
- click on the "12.01 Comm Reports" folder link under that
- You will then see all the reports in the right side window

The following is a summary of the key points of the meeting:

Committee Reports:

- Community Relations: Stephanie Cohen reported that she will collect cell phones and unused hygiene items at the February chapter meeting, and announced the Spring Cleaning event in April benefiting Women In Distress.
- Membership: Diane Delgouffre reviewed the status of both National and Local membership dues and standings. Diane and Lois reconciled the number of members and we currently have 60 National members. Lois Margolin made a motion to remove all expired members from Chelsea.
- Technology: The results from the January meeting survey were summarized in Beverly Provost's report. Several commented that more time for conversation at the tables was needed. As a result Holly will allot 10 minutes for table-top conversation during the Chapter meeting.
- Hospitality: Lois reported that there were no issues with the January meeting. It was suggested we review bringing in wine bottles and receive the "cork charge" from the Marriott. Lois will dis-

cuss this with the Marriott once we have the 2012/2013 contract.

- Woman of the Year: Sherri Miller reported receiving two applications. Kathy will assist with an email blast to the membership to generate other entries.
- Ways and Means: This year the Cruise Luncheon is a membership event. Diane will be prepared to promote the Chapter. It was agreed we would waive the local fee for anyone who joined during the cruise luncheon.
- Top 10 Candidate: Kathy Gallagher discussed the qualifications for a Top 10 Candidate. It was agreed that Kathy will mention the Top 10 Candidate in the newsletter and Holly will briefly touch upon the requirements at the February chapter meeting. We will need to vote on a candidate by the March chapter meeting.
- Ladies Night Out: Lois expressed the need for an experienced Co-chair to assist Holly.
- Recognition: Fay will recognize November, December and January past birthdays with a token at the next meeting. Fay will contact Josette Nigro giving her an opportunity to showcase her business with cupcakes and ask Josette to consider becoming a co-chair.
- Professional Development: Kathy, speaking on behalf of Paula Pirozzi, moved to nominate Nicole Tran for the \$2000 Outright Grant and present this selection to the Chapter for a vote at the February meeting.
- Our Town Board: Lois Margolin announced there will be a "Food Booth" meeting on February 6, 2012 at Wings Plus. Lois and Sherri will start asking for volunteers at the March chapter meeting, and briefly touch on this at the February chapter meeting.
- Tri-County Council: Kathy announced that the upcoming Tri-county 1st quarterly event will be held at Lynn Fedoriw's office in Boca Raton on Saturday February 25th. ABW Day event and activities are scheduled the weekend of September 15th. The Gold Coast Chapter is having a fashion show at the Delray Country Club on February 4th.

New Business:

- Regional Conference: Lois and Kathy discussed the possibility of paying registration and room cost for members to attend Regional Conference. Lois will provide information regarding funds available for the Regional Conference.

The next board meeting will be on **February 13** @ Pizza Time in Coral Springs beginning at 6:30pm. All members are invited to attend.

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Springs Sportsplex off of Sample Road just east of the Sawgrass Expressway. At Our Town you'll find activities, entertainment, rides, carnival games and foods. We will have our annual ABWA food booth in the Community Sponsor food area.

Again this year, we will be sharing the food booth with the Kiwanis Key Club and will be making cheese steaks. Now is your chance to sign up as a volunteer to help with this fun event. We need two people per 2 hour shift, one to cook and one to coordinate the orders. You can sign up individually or in pairs. Last year a number of spouses volunteered, as the cooks of course, and had a great time.



So don't miss out, sign up today. There are plenty of shifts for everyone. A volunteer request will be going out soon, or feel free to contact Lois Margolin at: lois@chelseareservations.com if you want to sign up early.



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American Business Women's Association
Coral Springs Charter Chapter

Invites you to a

CRUISE SHIP LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 18, 2012



Aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's "Epic"
While docked at Port of Miami

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AGENDA: 10:30 AM	Arrive at Port and proceed through Security
11:00 AM	Welcome Aboard!
11:15 – 12:30	Tour of Ship
12:30 – 3:00	Networking & Luncheon

Tickets: \$25 ABWA Members & Guests

Due to Homeland Security Restrictions, **ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
February 3, 2012
No additions after this date!

Visit our website at
www.abwacoralsprings.org

To Reserve Online:

1. Go to www.abwacoralsprings.org and click on the 'reservations' link.
2. Select "Annual Cruise Ship Luncheon" and complete the credit card information for secure payment.
3. Be sure to provide your Driver's License number, date of birth and country of citizenship in the COMMENT box (info is required by Homeland Security for boarding).

Questions?

Contact Cheryl at cheryl@vcruise.com (954-227-7772) or Kathy at kathy@keytechnical.com (954-599-5687).



HEART TO HEART FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 4, 2012

11:30 to 3:00pm

Tickets: \$35.00

Sponsored by:



GOLD COAST CHARTER CHAPTER

Benefiting the 2012-2013 Scholarship Fund

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Help Your Chapter/Express Network Grow

Make a commitment today to introduce just one woman to the community of ABWA. As a member, she will become a part of an Association that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of today's changing business environment. As an added bonus, each team who recruits five or more members during the Spring Membership Recruitment Campaign will receive a \$50 ABWA merchandise gift certificate and five membership recruitment packets (valued at \$25).

Keep the Conversation Going

The Women's Instructional Network (WIN) provides you with all the tools you need to help with your recruiting efforts. You can also share your recruiting success stories and best recruiting tips with other ABWA members on your Team Board.



THE BUSINESS PAGE: MEMBERS SHARING KNOWLEDGE



SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Members: Do you have a business-relevant, informative or educational article you'd like to share? We usually have space for an article or two in our newsletters, so write an article and share your knowledge! Contact Kathy Gallagher (kathy@keytechnical.com) to find out which months are available for your contribution.



IRS RELEASES 2012 TAX NUMBERS

Each year the IRS adjusts certain tax numbers for inflation and tax law changes. Here are some of the adjusted numbers you'll need for your 2012 tax planning.

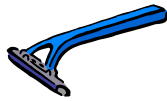
- **STANDARD MILEAGE RATE** for business driving remains at 55.5¢ a mile. Rate for medical and moving mileage decreases to 23¢ a mile. Rate for charitable driving remains at 14¢ a mile.
- **SECTION 179** maximum deduction decreases to \$139,000, with a phase-out threshold of \$560,000.
- **TRANSPORTATION FRINGE BENEFIT** limit decreases to \$125 for vehicle/transit passes and increases to \$240 for qualified parking.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY** taxable wage limit increases to \$110,100. Retirees under full retirement age can earn up to \$14,640 without losing benefits.
- **KIDDIE TAX** threshold remains at \$1,900 and applies up to age 19 (up to age 24 for full-time students).
- **NANNY TAX** threshold increases to \$1,800.
- **HSA CONTRIBUTION** limit increases to \$3,100 for individuals and to \$6,250 for families. An additional \$1,000 may be contributed by those 55 or older.
- **401(k)** maximum salary deferral increases to \$17,000 (\$22,500 for 50 and older).
- **SIMPLE** maximum salary deferral remains at \$11,500 (\$14,000 for 50 and older).
- **IRA** contribution limit remains at \$5,000 (\$6,000 for 50 and older).
- **ESTATE TAX** top rate remains at 35%, and the exemption amount increases to \$5,120,000.
- The **ANNUAL GIFT TAX EXCLUSION** remains at \$13,000.
- **ADOPTION TAX CREDIT** decreases to \$12,650 for adoption of an eligible child.

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WOMEN IN DISTRESS UPDATE

Contributed by: Stephanie Cohen

Members, your donations to Women in Distress are appreciated! For February and March general meetings, please bring personal hygiene products.

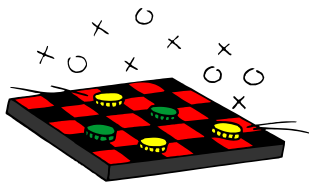


Many of you have unused personal hygiene products that you might like to donate to WID, for example; soaps, lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, tampons, etc. We will continue to collect cell phones at each monthly general meeting. Once again many thanks to all of you who contributed to the canned goods drive during the holiday season. We received a great thank you note.



CALLING ALL MEMBERS: What is in your closet?

We are getting closer to hosting a Spring Cleaning Event in April for Women in Distress. Everyone will have the opportunity to clean their closets. Women, children and men's clothing are needed. Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, February 5th at Panera Bread in Coral Springs. We welcome creative ideas. We need your help. Please contact Stephanie Cohen at 954-345-8855 if you would like to join our committee.



ARE YOU OUR TOP TEN CANDIDATE?

Contributed by: Kathy Gallagher
2009 American Business Woman of ABWA

Each year, 10 ABWA members from across the country are recognized nationally for exceptional achievements in their ABWA groups, professions and community, by being selected as the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA. The Top Ten Business Women of ABWA serve as important role models for our members. Each Chapter/Express Network has the opportunity to nominate one deserving woman to compete for this distinguished honor.

Eligibility Requirements for Top Ten Business Women of ABWA

1. Member currently in good standing both nationally and locally
2. Female
3. Currently employed
4. Current/past Chapter/Express Network officer
5. ABWA member **in good standing** for at least three years as of May 15 of the nomination year
6. Nomination by her Chapter/Express Network, which has been her **primary** affiliation for at least one year as of May 15 of the nomination year
7. Have not previously been a National Top Ten

Contact President Holly Wright by February 13th to be considered. The Board will make a recommendation to the chapter for a vote at the March meeting.

It is quite an honor to represent our chapter as a Top Ten candidate, regardless whether you are selected as a Top Ten or not. In fact, all the Top Ten candidates will be honored at a luncheon during the National Conference. So, throw your hat in the ring and get recognized for all you do to further our chapter's success! Questions? Call Kathy at 954-599-5687.



CHAPTER NEWS

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Let's get to know our new members! They are:



Xiomara King

Xiomara King lives in Lauderdale and is Sales Manager for Designer Sunglasses. Her optimistic, happy and friendly nature makes her a natural for any networking event. Xiomara looks forward to volunteering, sharing her knowledge, and getting to know her fellow members.

Vicki Reid lives in Margate and is the Executive Director of the Tamarac Chamber of Commerce. She is a Charter Member of Children's Charity's Riders – so yes- she loves motorcycles. Her great organizational skills and outgoing, adventures nature make networking very easy. Vicki is warm and outgoing and looks forward to making new friends and contacts.



Vicki Reid



Josette Nigro

Josette Nigro lives in Margate and is a Pastry Chef for Fresh & Fabulous Creations. She is devoted to her children and her family. Big-hearted, fun-loving and creative, Josette looks forward to contributing to the chapter's growth. She looks forward to getting to know other members personally and professionally.

Andrea Levenson lives in Parkland and is an HR Consultant and Retail Therapist. She juggles two different companies (finding accessories irresistible). You can find Andrea on all social sites. Passionate, energetic and creative are words that describe her. She looks forward to sharing her experiences and networking with others.



Andrea Levenson



Barbara Gobbi

Barbara Gobbi lives in Coral Springs and owns her own Marketing Company. In her free time she loves playing with her 4 kids and 2 dogs. Barbara is active in all social media and loves helping others advance their connections. Honest, loyal and funny, Barbara is looking forward to making new friends at ABWA.

Welcome Ladies!

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

- **Historian Committee** needs a member who can take photos at meetings and organize our chapter photo albums. See Holly Wright.
- **Programs Committee** needs a member to print certificates for speakers, buy certificate covers, and coordinate ABWA "Plan B" presentations for when speakers cancel at the last minute. See Lynn Fedoriv.
- **2012 Ladies Night Out Committee** needs a Co-chair and Committee heads to help plan the LNO event. See Holly Wright.
- **Ways and Means Committee** needs sponsors for our upcoming meetings. See Cheryl Scavron or Marion Holmes.
- **Newsletter Committee** needs an article contribution based on your professional expertise for 2012 newsletters. See Kathy Gallagher.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Cassandra Eubank is a business woman who lives in Boca Raton. She is happily married to John Scheefers and loves traveling with

him. Her other hobbies are meditation, yoga and photography.

Known to her friends as Cassi, this entrepreneur has taken her passions and started her own business, Believe and Receive. Based on the premise of the Law of Attraction, her company makes products available that promote a positive attitude. Her line includes yoga clothing, glassware and jewelry.

Cassi spends time working with handicapped children at the Horses for Handicapped. She is proud to be a part of the ABWA Coral Springs chapter and enjoys the company of the incredible women in our group.





MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY 5, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Holly Wright. Secretary Fay Wilmot led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement. There were 21 members and 5 guests in attendance.

President Holly Wright welcomed members and introduced our guests.

Holly Wright recognized all Past Chapter Presidents.

Lori Mauer Membership Co-Chair installed new members Andrea Levenson, Barbara Gobbi, Josette Nigro, Vicki Reid, and Xiomara King.

Member introductions were led by Treasurer, Barbara Weiss.

Program Co-Chair Lynn Fedoriw introduced the January Speaker, Laurie Glover, Organizational Development Professional and President of QSTS, Inc. In her presentation, "Forget About Customer Service," Laurie outlined steps to ignite excellence in any organization.

Chapter Business:

- The November Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion made by Lori Mauer and seconded by Barbara Weiss.

- Kathy Gallagher informed the members about the chapter's responsibility regarding Lois Margolin's nomination for District I Vice President. All 21 members unanimously nominated Lois Margolin via a secret ballot.
- Sherri Miller spoke on behalf of Community Chair Stephanie Cohen.
- Lois Margolin recognized all the committee leads and thanked everyone who participated in Ladies Night Out. This is our chapter's biggest event and it raised over \$7,000.00. Holly Wright indicated there is a need for another co-chair for the 2012 event, as Lois will be involved in her campaign for District I Vice President.
- Diane Diamantis recapped the events of the Holiday Party, which included great food and fun activities - a good time was had by all.
- Kathy Gallagher, speaking on behalf of Professional Development Chair Paula Pirozzi, reviewed ABWA Special Scholarship requirement and deadline. Nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2012. She also shared that there is a SBMEF Outright Grant available, and applicants must complete the online appli-

cation process by January 15th in order for the chapter to select a nominee by the March 1st deadline.

- Lynn Fedoriw and Sherri Miller discussed nominations for Chapter Woman of the Year for 2011. They explained the qualifications and suggested that every qualified member should consider applying.
- Cheryl Scavron announced that the annual Cruise luncheon will be on Saturday, February 18th. This year the ship is Norwegian Cruise Line's Epic, which will be docked in Miami. Cost is \$25 per person and carpooling was suggested.
- Kathy Gallagher and Lois Margolin collected Happy Dollars from members so they could make personal or professional announcements to the group.
- Raffles were drawn and distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fay Wilmot, Secretary



Membership Co-chair Lori Mauer (L) installs new members (L-R) Barbara Gobbi, Vicki Reid, Andrea Levenson, Josette Nigro and Xiomara King with President Holly Wright, (R).



President Holly Wright (L) thanks speaker Laurie Glover for her presentation, "Forget About Customer Service."

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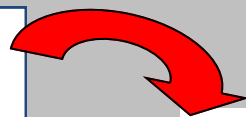
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COMPLIMENTARY EXAM AND X-RAYS

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MORE JANUARY MEETING PICTURES



Meeting Sponsor Claire Menard Kean, Senior Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay, shared her enthusiasm for the products and business. Thanks, Claire!



(L-R) Barbara Weiss, Sheila Bykofsky, Natalie Bigio and Lola Lobel discuss the upcoming Cruise Ship Luncheon.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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(L-R) Cheryl Scavron and Marion Holmes network at the January meeting.

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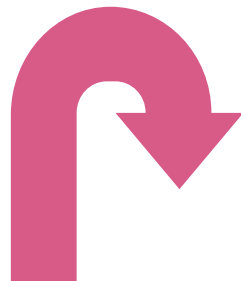
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ABWA SISTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendar—SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Gold Coast — Thursday, **February 9** – “Price & Appearance in the Real Estate Market”
Speakers: Aggie Stern & Judi Shaffner with Those2Girls Realty
Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1950 Glades Road, Boca Raton

North Palm Beach — Wednesday, **February 8** – “First and Lasting Impressions”
Speaker: Jacqueline Whitmore, Author of “Poised for Success”
Location: Doubletree Hotel, PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens

South Broward – Tuesday, **February 28** - “Win with WIN – WIN Café Scavenger Hunt”
Leaders: Ladies from Coral Springs Chapter
Location: TBD

Homestead — Tuesday, **February 14** - “Heart Health”
Location: Capri Restaurant in Florida City



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Holly Wright	February 9
Diane Delgouffre	February 10
Sue Hand	February 25

Share your birthday celebration with your ABWA friends by bringing a raffle prize to the next chapter meeting.

If you missed your birthday month, bring one to the next meeting!

REMEMBER...

Our raffles help support our Chapter's Scholarship and Professional Development funds!

FEBRUARY ABWA ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy Delgouffre

1 Year



THE CARING CORNER

Please notify our Hospitality/Sunshine Chair Fay Wilmot of member concerns for our thoughts and prayers.

WAVE YOUR HAPPY DOLLARS!

Calling all singles! Your single dollar bills, that is! Let us know your happy news, announcements or accomplishments at the February meeting. It's a great way to get to know each other better, and raise some extra chapter funds! Extra happy? Bring a five dollar bill to share five announcements!



2011-2012 CHAPTER KEY STRATEGIES

- I. Strengthen Member Relationships by providing opportunities for & encouraging members to enjoy networking at Coral Springs and other ABWA chapter events in the Tri-County area.
- II. Strengthen Member Education & Community Outreach by providing opportunities for & encouraging members to have fun participating in ABWA conferences & community service events.
- III. Strengthen Chapter Leadership by providing opportunities for & encouraging members to joyfully participate in ABWA chapter committees and executive board activities.
- IV. Strengthen Member & ABWA Chapter Awards & Recognition by providing opportunities for & encouraging members to apply, nominate, & celebrate themselves and others.

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!



Would you like to receive a free raffle ticket at our chapter meetings? Then invite your friends and coworkers to a meeting. Receive one raffle ticket for each new guest you bring to a meeting. Your first-time guest will also receive a free ticket! And for each raffle prize you bring to a meeting, you will be given a raffle ticket. So, bring a guest AND a raffle prize and receive two free tickets - two extra chances to win!!!





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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.



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