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FROM THE PRESIDENT, PAULA PIROZZI

What a great time we had at our April chapter meeting! Congratulations to Cathy Delgouffre, the recipient of our chapter Outright Grant and new member! We also found out that Juli Evans is our chapter Woman of the Year - congratulations and well deserved, Juli!

Many thanks to Lori for hosting the April 27th After Hours Networking at The Consignment Post, what an amazing time! Don't forget to make your reservation for the May meeting on Thursday, May 5, when Vernai Dantzer Smith presents Sit-

ting Pretty or Sitting Duck? Financial Self Defense for Women. At this meeting you will also have the opportunity to vote for our chapter leadership for 2011 - 2012, so don't miss the opportunity to be involved.

It is hard to believe, but in June our chapter will celebrate its 25th anniversary! Twenty five years ago, Diane Delgouffre was our founding President. Make plans now to join us for this special meeting!

In ABWA friendship,
Paula



Paula Pirozzi
2010-2011 President
Coral Springs Charter Chapter

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.



AND THE WINNER IS...**JULI EVANS** SELECTED AS CHAPTER WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

MAY 5TH MEETING

Sitting Pretty or Sitting Duck:
Financial Self Defense for Women

Presented by
Vernai Dantzer Smith
See Page 3 for details.

See you there!

Congratulations to **Juli A. H. Evans**, who was awarded the *American Business Women's Association (ABWA)* 2011 Chapter Woman of the Year. Each year one woman is honored with this title from the Chapter. In order to qualify, she must be a past chapter officer or committee chairperson, be a member for at least one year, and have made a major contribution in time and effort to the chapter.

Juli (a.k.a. Julismiles) is the President and Founder of Julismiles, Inc., a Financial Edutainment Company. Holding both Bachelors & Masters degrees in Accounting from the University of Florida, Juli



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See you on WIN!

THE CARING CORNER



Our sympathies go out to the following members who suffered a loss of a family member:
 Lynn Fedoriw—mother
 Annysse Gross—aunt
 Terri Nunez—mother
 And we wish a speedy recovery to:
 Ronni Roth's husband

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dora Vilk-Shapiro May 10
 Roseann Birch May 30

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 Education funds!



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ABWA MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Diane Delgouffre	25 years
Theresa Nunez	15 years
Sheila Holtzman	2 years
Lilli Admadpour	1 year



CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT

"Coral Springs Charter Chapter promotes creating an environment that empowers women through education, networking, leadership, national recognition and award opportunities."





Coral Springs Charter Chapter

Join us for our next chapter meeting!

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Featuring:

“Sitting Pretty or Sitting Duck? Financial Self Defense for Women”

For the first time in history, women control more than 50% of the private wealth in this Nation. Many think they are sitting pretty... but in actuality, most are sitting ducks who will let a good portion of their money slip through their fingers. In this presentation, Ms. Smith explores the pitfalls and traps most people fall into, which can hurt and sometimes devastate us financially. She explains in detail the much needed strategy to make the right moves and not get caught in financial quagmire.



Presented by:

Vernai Dantzler Smith

**Finance and Transactional Law Attorney
Founder and CEO of Women Monday & the Law**

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

Cost:

ABWA Members: \$27 if registered online (or received check) by midnight, Sunday May 1st. After Sunday, fee goes to \$32 with online reservation made before noon on Tuesday, May 3rd. After that, walk-in rate is \$37, with no guaranteed dinner choice.

Guests: \$32 if registered online (or received check) by noon, Tuesday, May 3rd. After that, walk-in rate is \$37, with no guaranteed dinner choice.

Dinner Choices: Chicken Teriyaki, Filet of Salmon, or Ravioli ala Vodka

**R.S.V.P. at our website: www.abwacoralssprings.org
or Call 877-589-2995**

Cancellations received AFTER noon on Tuesday, May 3rd will 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2011

"3 Keys to Living as a Visionary with Guts: Tunnel Vision, Tell-A-Vision & X-Ray Vision"

Speaker: Nancy Matthews
International Speaker and Business Success Strategist, Co-founder of Women's Prosperity Network, Author of "Visionary With Guts"

Location: **Marriott Heron Bay**
11775 Heron Bay Blvd.

Coral Springs Chamber Events

As an ABWA member, you can attend events at the **Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce** at member rates. Remember, though, you are representing **ABWA**. Events this month:

May 10, 5:30-7:00pm
"After Hours Networking"
Meyers Latin Flair, 2528 N. University Drive
Cost: \$10 Members
RSVP: 954-752-4242 or debbie@cschamber.com

May 17, 7:30 – 9:00am
"Wake Up Coral Springs" Breakfast
Marriott Heron Bay, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd.
Cost: \$15 Members with advanced reservations
RSVP: 954-752-4242 or debbie@cschamber.com

Go to www.cschamber.com for more info!

TAMARAC CHAMBER EVENTS

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

May 5, 7:45am-9:00am
"Morning Perks" Monthly Networking Breakfast
Colony West Country Club, 6800 N. Pine Island Rd.
Cost: \$12 Members with reservations
RSVP: 954-722-1520
Michael@tamaracchamber.org

May 9, 11:30-1:00pm
"Women of Success" Luncheon
Colony West Country Club, 6800 N. Pine Island Rd.
Cost: \$15 Members with reservations
RSVP: 954-722-1520 or vicki@tamaracchamber.org

May 18, 5:30-7:00pm
"After Hours Networking"
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
6005 N. University Drive
Cost: \$5 Members
RSVP: 954-722-1520 or Michael@tamaracchamber.org

SUPPORT YOUR SISTERS!

See Page 11
for upcoming ABWA
Sister Chapter
activities!



SAVE THE DATE!

Attention all Chapter Officers and
Committee Members:

3rd Annual Chapter Leadership Retreat
Saturday, June 25th

More info to follow -
mark your calendars now!



NATIONAL WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2011
IRVING, TEXAS

Save the date!

What better way to celebrate
American Business Women's Day
and the 62nd anniversary
of ABWA's founding.

Hope to see y'all in Texas!



BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD REPORT—4/11/11

On April 11th chapter officers and committee chairs met at Lois Margolin's office, with President Paula Pirozzi presiding. In Attendance were: Randee Abramson, Kathy Gallagher, Lois Margolin, Sherri Miller, Paula Pirozzi, and Barbara Weiss.

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

Committee Reports:

- **Education:** Kathy Gallagher reported that there are 5 students who completed the online application for the \$2000 SBMEF Special Scholarship and are being reviewed by the National Board of Trustees. Also, at our April meeting, Cathy Delgouffre received a check for \$2000 for the Outright Grant along with a student membership in our chapter.
- **Hospitality:** Lois Margolin reported that we had 24 in attendance at the April meeting (22 members, a meeting sponsor and speaker).
- **Our Town:** Lois Margolin reported that the Cheese steak food booth

netted a profit of \$1163.53. The profit distribution for the OTA festival itself will be distributed in May. The 2012 festival is scheduled for March 9-11.

- **Tri-County Council:** The next quarterly event will be our "Leadership Exchange" on Saturday, June 18th. Mark your calendars now!
- **After Hours Networking:** Lori Post is hosting the event on Wednesday, April 27th at The Consignment Post. Cost is free as Lori is providing the food and beverage. Thank you, Lori!

New Business:

- The chapter will be celebrating our 25th anniversary at the June meeting. We are hoping to invite former members to our meeting and display old photos and memorabilia.
- The board discussed our community involvement, and determined that supporting Women in Distress is more in line with the ABWA Mission Statement. It was decided to reduce the involve-

ment with Brookwood Florida and support Women in Distress.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next board meeting will be **May 16**, location TBD. All members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Juli Evans reported that we have a total of 55 members on our roster (including members at-large listed on National's roster). We had three new members join since the March meeting. Please welcome new members **Cathy Delgouffre** (student member), **Tammy Saltzman**, and **Vicki Sandomir-Aronofsky!**

PROGRAMS

Lynn Fedoriw reported that our May speaker is Vernai Dantzler Smith, who will present, "Sitting Pretty or Sitting Duck? Financial Self Defense for Women." June will feature Nancy Matthews, who will present, "3 Keys to Living as a Visionary with Guts: Tunnel Vision, Tell-A-Vision and X-ray Vision." Our July 7th meeting will be a "WIN Café" (required by National for Best Practices) and will feature a fun "scavenger hunt" style game involving the online Women's Instructional Network (WIN) as well as an ABWA quiz. Prizes will be awarded. This event will take place at Meyer's Latin Flair Latin-American Café, 2528 N University Drive (NW corner of Royal Palm Blvd).

WOMEN IN DISTRESS UPDATE:

By Stephanie Cohen

PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW JIM AND JAN MORAN CENTER AND THRIFT STORE IN DEERFIELD

A big thanks to our own TEAM ABWA; **Kathy Gallagher, Lois Margolin, and Stephanie Cohen** for lending a helping hand to Women in Distress on Saturday, April 9th. Preparing the new facility to open by April 11th was labor intensive, but very rewarding. There was a definite air of excitement and constant activity all around us. We could actually see the center take form. Workers were laying sod, planting flowers and shrubs, cementing sidewalks, laying the carpeting and flooring, moving boxed furniture to designated bedrooms, and

constructing bunk beds. We unpacked corrugated boxed furniture with no scissors, just our bare hands!!!! In no time we worked as a team, and got the hang of it! Yes, it was a hot day, but we worked hard.



We actually built the bunk beds with the service men. Kathy and Lois went right to work reinforcing the mattress frame with the limited tools we had, and of course I joined in. We actually managed to work well with the hired help

in constructing entire bunk beds!!! What a great accomplishment! We all said that we can't wait to see the new facility completed. Our next venue will be to build a house for Habitat for Humanity (just kidding!). More information will be coming soon about when our members can tour the new facility.

Please watch our bulletins for upcoming opportunities on how you can make a difference and offer your support for this great cause.

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Tri-County Council of ABWA

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**2nd Quarter
General Meeting and Leadership Seminar
Saturday, June 18, 2011
8:30am-12:30pm**

**LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE:
Calling All ABWA Past, Current and Incoming Leaders!**



Join leaders from other chapters as experienced past officers and committee chairs exchange ideas with incoming chapter leaders and future leaders!

Who should attend:

- Past Officers/Committee Chairs
- Current and Incoming Officers/Committee Chairs
- Anyone Who Wants to Hold a Future Office

What can you expect to learn:

- How to be effective in your specific office/committee
- How to generate member interest in committees
- What can I expect members to do for the chapter
- How to get members to do more than just attend meetings



LOCATION:

Esther L. Grossman Center
4320 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL
\$15/person (incl. continental breakfast)



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Or mail registration fee to:
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Woman of the Year, cont'd. from Page 1

has been a certified public accountant for 10 years and was a financial auditor for 5 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. She is the author of *Organized & Profitized*, the eBook and Audio Book Series, the author/editor of *NumberByColor*, the Edutaining Ezine, and the Finance Writer for fortlauderdalebankingrates.com and bocaratonbankingrates.com.



Juli Evans (right) receives Chapter Woman of the Year award from Wendy King.

Born in Indonesia, Juli has lived in Florida, Malaysia, Singapore, Chicago and Nicaragua, where she was a Small Business Educator with the United States Peace Corps. Since returning stateside, she has worked in 5 higher education institutions as a Business and Accounting Professor in addition to delivering Color Accounting® programs across the nation at various National Conferences and local chapter events to organizations such as the ABWA, HealthHIV, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Society of Training & Development, among others.

Juli joined ABWA in December of 2008, and immediately volunteered to chair the Hospitality Committee for the 2009 District I Conference. She co-earned Rookie of the Year in 2009, served as the Hospitality Chair, volunteered at Brookwood,

Ladies Night Out and Our Town's Information Booth, and currently chairs the Membership Committee. Juli has also given several presentations to the chapter at the monthly meetings over the last three years, and was a featured seminar speaker at ABWA's 2010 National Women's Leadership Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Juli lives in North Lauderdale with her husband Easen.

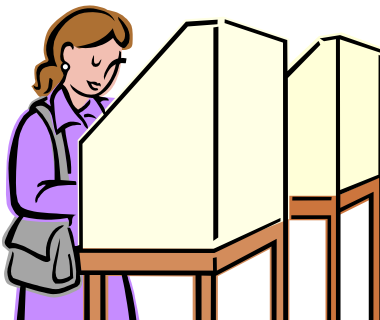
**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:
ELECTION TIME!**

It's time to elect our leaders for 2011-2012 chapter year. Your presence at the May meeting is needed to cast your vote!

The nominating committee (Barbara Weiss, Sherri Miller and Sheila Bykofsky) have submitted the following slate of officers to the chapter:

- President – Juli Evans
- Vice President – Randee Abramson
- Secretary – Holly Wright
- Treasurer – Barbara Weiss

Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. You must be present to vote, so come and support the next leaders of our chapter!



**YOUR VOICE
COUNTS!**



Watch for the chapter survey to be distributed at the May meeting. We want to know how we're doing and what YOU want out of your membership!



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Did you know that June 2nd is the 25th Anniversary of the Coral Springs Charter Chapter? All members past and present are urged to attend our meeting—Mark your Calendars now!

**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.





MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 7, 2011

Paula Pirozzi, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Dr. Dora Vilik-Shapiro read the Mission Statement and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Randy Abramson, Vice President, orchestrated the introductions.

Karrie Klimas, Gift Problem Solver, was our Meeting Sponsor. She sells Miche bags and PartyLite candles and helps her clients pick gifts for that "hard to buy for" friend. Her website is my.MicheBag.com/Karrie_Klimas.

Wendy King, our 2010 Woman of the Year, announced this year's winner. The Coral Springs Charter Chapter's 2011 Woman of the Year is Juli Evans. Congratulations Juli! [See Juli's full bio and pictures elsewhere in the newsletter.]

Kathy Gallagher, Education Chair, introduced our Outright Grant recipient – Cathy Delgouffre – who was awarded the \$2000 grant and Student Membership. Cathy expressed her appreciation and gave a brief background of her schooling and plans for the future. Kathy also told the group that we have 5 candidates for the Chapter's \$2000 Special Scholarship that are being reviewed by National now.

After dinner, Lynn Fedoriw, Program Chair, introduced our guest speaker, Christopher Burgio. Chris spoke about "Cyber Liability: Know the Risk and How to Protect Your Organization." His presentation was very enlightening to many members as so many of us handle other people's data/information.

Paula Pirozzi asked for approval of the March Chapter Meeting minutes. Lynn Fedoriw motioned and Randi Abramson seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Kathy Gallagher, Paula and Lois Margolin shared their experiences of attending the Regional Conference Meetings. District 1 and 1V joined to have the Regional Conference in Atlanta and Kathy & Paula attended this one. Lois attended the St. Louis Conference.

Kathy Gallagher spoke to the group

about Women in Distress. They are opening a new Center in Deerfield and having a Grand Opening on April 11 & 12th, and are looking for volunteers to help get the center ready. Juli Evans, Membership Chair, reminded everyone about the New Member Social to be held at her home on 4-10-11 from 4-7pm.

Lori Post, owner of The Consignment Post, invited everyone to the next ABWA Networking Social to be held at her business on Wednesday, 4-27-11 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. The Consignment Post is located at 9661 W. Sample Rd, in Coral Springs. RSVP to Lori by 4-22 at 954-340-7171 or by email at consignpost@aol.com.

Lois Margolin, Hospitality Chair, made a motion and led discussion about a proposed change to the Chapter's Standing Rules. She proposed that the reservation cancellation policy be changed to state that if a member or guest lets Hospitality know before the meeting that she cannot attend and that reserved meal is covered by a walk-in attendee, she will get a credit for the next month's meal. If we have more than one cancellation after the noon deadline, they will be covered by a walk-in in the order they were received. Joyce Hunter seconded the motion and the chapter voted unanimously to pass it.

Paula mentioned that the Nominating Committee would be calling everyone over the next month and that members should consider what committee or office position they want to participate in next year – beginning in August, 2011. We also have an immediate opening for a Publicity Chair.

Announcements:

4-30-11: the North Palm Beach ABWA Chapter is hosting a Fashion Show at the Double Tree Hotel at 4431 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, from 11-2pm. Cost is \$40.

10-21-11: Cheryl Scavron gave out a flyer to the group about a Royal Caribbean Mystery Cruise leaving Miami for 3 days. If interested, see Cheryl.

Ladies Night Out Planning Commit-

tee will be meeting in May. An email will be sent out in the next week with more details.

We gave out the raffle prizes and the meeting was concluded at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Delgouffre for

Sherri Miller, Secretary



Kathy Gallagher with Outright Grant recipient Cathy Delgouffre



President Paula Pirozzi thanks speaker Christopher Burgio



Chapter Women of the Year – current and past: (front, l to r) Paula Pirozzi, Randee Abramson, Wendy King, Juli Evans, Lois Margolin, Dora Vilik-Shapiro (back, l to r) Diane Delgouffre, Kathy Gallagher

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ABWA SISTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES MARK YOUR CALENDAR—SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- **Cypress Breezeway** - Tuesday May 17, 2011 - "Hurricane Preparedness" presented by Jerry Graziose
RSVP Maureen Sharkey (954) 941-8174
- **Gold Coast** - Thursday May 12, 2011 - "Leadership Training, How to Motivate and Keep your Employees Motivated"
presented by Joanna Brandi
RSVP Toni Mastrullo 561-866-0893
- **North Palm Beach** - May 11, 2011 - "ABWA Update and Win Cafe" presented by Lois Margolin & Kathy Gallagher.
RSVP Sharon Maupin (561) 329-4485
- **South Broward** - May 25, 2011 - "Business Succession Planning for Family Owned and Closely Held Businesses"
presented by Suzannah Richards
RSVP Chrystina Katz 954-854-1860

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