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AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Charisma Charter Chapter Carrollton, Texas



Creating a Business Plan for Your Life

Our March 22 speaker Erika Depriest will talk on the above topic. She had enjoyed a successful 15 year career working as a

Human Resources professional for great companies such as Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Caterpillar, Boeing Aerospace and Sheraton Hotel. Her passion for helping people realize and experience their unlimited potential led her to pursue a full time career inspiring and motivating the world.

Through individual coaching, workshops and retreats, Erika educates her clients on proven indisputable success principals and empowers them to eliminate those seen and unseen obstacles, which prevent people from ever reaching their desired results in life.

Erika obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Tougaloo College, Jackson Mississippi, and her Master's Degree in Human Relation and Business from Amberton University. Her insatiable desire to learn the principles of living a successful, joyous and prosperous life lead her to a journey through numerous personal development books, programs and classes. She is a Certified Integrative Life Coach through the Ford Institute and JFK University. Becoming a certified DISC facilitator has given her extensive knowledge of various communication styles. She became a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program because she believes that if these success principals can be taught to kids at an early age, they will love prosperous lives.

Fundraiser Success

What a great time we had in Grapevine at the fund raiser. We had a good turnout even though it was a bit chilly in the morning. The chapter made about \$2900. Just ask Janice Curry and Tina Gandy how much fun they had. They practically won all of the prizes! More on page 6.

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ABWA Mission Statement

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.



Programs for 2011

Karen Mashburn, program chair, has lined up some great programs for the rest of the chapter year. Here is a list of the subjects and speakers. Use this information to interest guests to attend the meetings.

February:

Mary McMahon, Allegiant Wealth Management
"Six Mistakes That Could Kill Your Business"

March:

Erika Depriest, Life Coach, Journey to Prosperity
"Creating a Business Plan for Your Life"

April:

Jeff McKissack, Defense By Design
"Dare 2B Aware"

May:

Brad Versteegh, Managing Director, Vantage Barter
"How to Build Your Business With Bartering"

June:

Chapter Members
WIN Update from Regional Conference

July:

Not set yet, but an entertaining topic.

Purse-onality Collections Needed

Our Purse-onality contribution to the National Woman's Leadership Conference in Irving is a beautiful red satchel donated by Vicki Marlett. With our theme of Well Red! (meaning read), you can begin collecting books, gift cards, an electronic reader, reading glasses, bookmarks or anything associated with reading. Bring your donated items and give them to Judy Taylor. Proceeds of this fundraiser at national conference benefits the ABW Foundation.



WOY & Top Ten

It is time to select our Woman of the Year and Top Ten nominee. What an honor it is to represent the chapter in this way. Linda Bateman, last year's Woman of the Year is chairing this committee.

Eligibility Requirements for Top Ten Business Women

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 nominating 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.

The Woman of the Year award is based on leadership, education, networking support, recognition, community involvement and ABWA awards and achievements. The member must also be in good standing both nationally and locally.

The chapter *must* have a Top Ten nominee in order to qualify for Best Practices.

Linda has distributed forms to those nominated (you may also self nominate). If you have been nominated, please fill out the application and send to Linda by March 15. You can email them to her at bate41@verizon.net.

Sad News

Cain Sczepanski, brother of member and scholarship winner Cara and son of member Carolyn, passed away on March 7 of a sudden heart attack. He was 24 years old. Cain was born with down's syndrome and lived with his family. The service was held at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Flower Mound on March 11.

You may donate in his memory to Flower Mound Special Olympics, 2405 Branch Oaks, Flower Mound, TX 75028. or Lamb of God Early Childhood Ministry Fund, c/o Linda Braun, 1401 Cross Timbers Rd., Flower Mound, TX 75028.


Please remember this family in your prayers.



ABWA 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.

Charisma Charter Chapter's vision is to live up to our name, *Charisma*, by inspiring and nurturing our members to be their best.



About Our Members:

March Birthdays
No March Birthdays

March Anniversaries

Donna Arnold	3/74
Betty Toews	3/77
Diana Perry	3/85
Vicki Smith	3/86
Susie Pool	3/96
Mary Arnold	3/10
Nancy Lambert	3/10

News Bites...

DACA ABWA Member Orientation is April 9. Not only will new ABWA members benefit, but seasoned members can learn new things also. This meeting is a great way to introduce prospective members to ABWA and it is FREE! You only need to reserve your spot. More information is on the flier on page 8.

The DACA and TCAF Raffles for National Conference forms are on pages 9 and 10. You can complete the form and send it to them, bring it to their meeting. If you feel lucky, you should enter either or both.

Nomination time is on us again. We will be electing a Nominating Committee at the March meeting. Participation in your chapter not only benefits the group, but also helps you individually hone those skills you need at work. Please consider being an active part of the chapter by serving on the committee, by running for office or chairing a committee.

National is still looking workers for the Irving NWLC in September. If you are interested in joining this highly dedicated and fun-loving team *and* receiving a discount on your registration fee, send a note to Betty Burns on WIN and she will get you signed up! If you want to know more about working on the team, just ask Janice Curry. She has worked the conference for several years and loves doing it.

Golfers wanted for the First Annual Charisma Classic Golf Tournament. You can find out more details at the March meeting. Check WIN for forms to sign up players or sponsors. They should be there soon. The tournament will be held on Monday, May 16 at Bear Creek Country Club near the DFW Airport. You can start by getting sponsors and selling tickets to play. Let Vicki Marlett know of potential sponsors and sign up to help that day.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	3	Charisma Board Meeting 6:00pm	Judy Taylor 972-345-1939
	5	Rescheduled DACA Meeting	kbdacca@yahoo.com
	22	Charisma Monthly Meeting	Karan Bunten 940-271-0052
April	7	Charisma Board Meeting 6:00pm	Judy Taylor 972-345-1939
	9	DACA - ABWA Member Orientation	kbdacca@yahoo.com
	26	Charisma Monthly Meeting	Karan Bunten 940-271-0052
	29-30	Western Regional Conference	abwa.org
May	5	Charisma Board Meeting 6:00pm	Judy Taylor 972-345-1939
	7	DACA Quarterly Meeting	kbdacca@yahoo.com
	16	Charisma Golf Tournament	Vicki Marlett vicmac61@hotmail.com
	24	Charisma Monthly Meeting	Karan Bunten 940-271-0052

2011 Conference Dates

Regional Conferences

Eastern Regional (District I & IV)	Atlanta, GA	March 18-19
Central Regional (District III & V)	St. Louis, MO	April 1-2
Western Regional (District II & VI)	Santa Fe, NM	April 29-30

National Conference

Irving, Texas September 22-24

"I figured out why I'm overweight! The shampoo I use in the shower that runs down my body says "for extra volume and body". So from now on I'm gonna start using "Dawn" dish soap. It says, "dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove."

Katherine Bowman, Bowman's Restaurant in GA.



Chamber Business

Chapter members are encouraged to attend chamber events to represent the chapter. You can check during the month at www.metrocrestchamber.com and click on Upcoming Events for events.

Just From Judy

Whew! No sooner are we finished with one fundraiser, we begin another one. The golf tournament is coming up and we need sponsors and players.

Thanks for all your support for the profitable Grapevine Adventure. We will be using the money for sending our members to Regional Conference. The golf tournament money will help us all attend the Irving Conference and provide funding for the Katherine Tracy Memorial Scholarship.

Also, please consider a leadership position in your chapter as we enter our election season. It is truly a growing and bonding experience. The support received from the chapter is breath taking and sincere.

Judy

2010 - 2011 Charisma Charter Chapter Committees

Best Practices Coordinator: Anna Lynn Palmer

CLAMS: Margaret Sinclair

Fund Raising: Vicki Marlett & Julie Fiedler-Pratt, Tamie Duckworth

Hospitality: Karan Bunten, Peggy Webb

Membership: Diana Perry, Mattie Crockett

Newsletter: Judy Taylor

Professional Development: Janice Curry

Programs: Karen Mashburn, Kendra Hoppie, Carol Sczepanski

Publicity: Linda Bateman

Website: Tamie Duckworth

WIN Facilitator: Janice Curry

WOY & Top Ten: Linda Bateman

Cara Sczepanski Honored at Senior Day Game

Chapter member and past scholarship winner Cara Sczepanski along with other seniors who play basketball for the University of Dallas was honored at her game on February 15. Vicki Marlett and Judy Taylor were at the game screaming for victory. Here are some photos of the happenings.



Cara presented with awards with her family, mom Carolyn, father Bill and brother Cain.



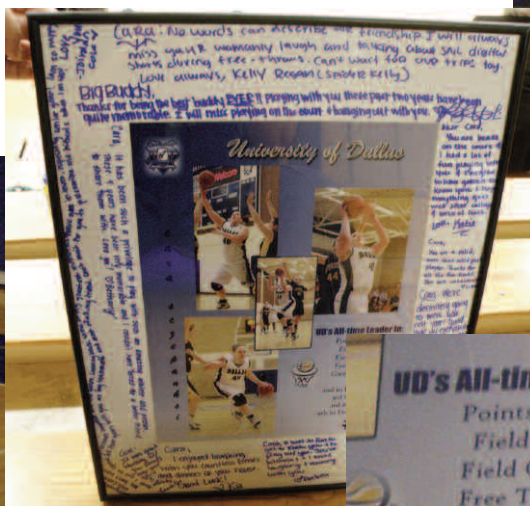
Cara hugs her loudest supporter, her father Bill.



Rebound! Rebound!



Looking at bench for instructions.



This award signed by all her teammates.



Inset of award to the left shows Cara's dominance on the court.



Strategy session during time out.



Make that free throw, Cara!

Fund Raiser was FUN Raiser!

Just ask anyone who attended the Charisma Charter Chapter's Grapevine Adventure on February 26 if they had fun! the resounding answer is YES! Of course, some people had more fun than others. I mean the winners of many of the raffle items furnished by our participating vendors; namely, Janice Curry and Tina Gandy.

We met at Weinberger's Deli for registration and then the hunt began. Participants were given books with fill-in-the-blanks facts about each vendor and about Grapevine in general. All of the answers were available in a five block area on Main Street in Grapevine. they visited the merchants, shopped and received the answers to the merchant specific question. As they were walking up and down the street, they found answers to the general Grapevine questions.

Our merchants out did themselves with great raffle prizes for winners. Each prize was displayed at the merchant along with a box for tickets. Players could purchase the tickets at registration throughout the day or find Vicki or Judy to purchase more. If they wanted the prize at a particular merchant, they could put in as many tickets as they wanted.

We wish to thank the following merchants for making this fund raiser possible.

Platinum

Beyond the Red Door
D'Vine Wine

Gold

Chic Boutique
The Corner Store
Coyote Cowboy
Main Street Jewelers
The Edge

Our Special Sponsor Weinberger's Deli

Thank you Dan and Crew!

Silver

Bella Butterflies
Closet Treasures
Patty Cakes

Bronze

Cassie's Frozen Yogurt
Gypsy Warehouse
Magic Pen
Miscellaneous
Ooh La La



611 S Main, Ste 100

Special Thanks

Esparza's Mexican Restaurant



123 E Worth



dvinewineusa.com



411 S. Main



419 S Main



401 S. Main



601 S. Main



412 S Main



TheEdgeApparel.com



chefpattycakes.com



closettreasures.net



bella-butterflies.com



cassiesfrozenyogurt.com



603 S Main #304



themagicpenandparty.com



oohlalatx.com



shopmisc.com



What: Dallas Area Council of ABWA (DACA) May Meeting
When: Saturday May 7, 2011
Time: 9am Registration 9:30 Breakfast & Meeting
Where: *Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Dr., Dallas, TX 75234*
Cost: \$23

About our program... *The Art of A Best Practice Group*

Come and learn How to be a Best Practice group and understand the criteria. Learn how to meet your membership's interests from a few of ABWA's Top Best Practice Groups, There will be lots of Learning, Networking and Fun. Don't miss out!

Registration Deadline....*Friday April 29, 2011*

RSVP to **Karan Bunten** kbdacca@yahoo.com.

OR Mail payment/checks payable to DACA to: Karan Bunten, 1009 Stoneway Dr., Denton, TX 76210-5232

Name _____ Ph# _____ Email _____

Chapter/Express Network _____ Type:: Check Visa MC Discover AMEX

CC# _____ Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

RSVP Information... All Meeting reservations (RSVP's) must be confirmed with a Credit Card. All no shows and cancellations **AFTER** the reservation deadline will have their reserved credit card charged. ALL RSVP's after the reservation deadline require a credit card confirmation and will be charged regard-less of attendance. VIP program remains unchanged: VIP's are automatically RSVP'd for every meeting. VIP cancellation prior to the reservation deadline is required to avoid a charge. Alternate form of payment at the meeting is accepted otherwise the credit card on file will be charged.

About ABWA...

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse backgrounds to provide them with the opportunity to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

The purpose of DACA is to facilitate unity & cooperation among the Dallas area ABWA groups; to broaden networking among ABWA members; & to heighten the business community's awareness of ABWA & the contributions members make toward the development & growth of women in the Dallas area.

To learn about ABWA visit www.abwa.org. To learn about DACA visit www.abwa-daca.org



The Dallas Area Council of ABWA (DACA)
Presents

ABWA Member Orientation

Saturday, April 9, 2011
9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Cost FREE
(Coffee and Danishes will be served)
Brookhaven Country Club
3333 Golfing Green Dr
Dallas, TX 75234



ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS AND FUTURE MEMBERS BY
CONNECTING, LEARNING, AND GROWING.

How To WIN With ABWA



Facilitated by
Lorie Burch and
Christine Snyder

The ABWA Member Orientation is designed to provide members with an overview of ABWA benefits and opportunities. The workshop may be attended in-lieu of, or in addition to, a chapter/network orientation. AND, it's **FREE**.

Even though there is no cost, we need to have a count (for handouts, etc.). **Reservations are required by April 6th, 2011 (Wednesday)**. We'll send specific instructions to everyone who registers.

The Program will be fun-filled, action-packed and interactive as we show you all that ABWA has to offer and help you find your brand of ABWA. We will help you understand topics like membership, SBMEF, best practices, area councils, district and national conferences.

There will be lots of opportunities for mentoring, networking and supporting new and seasoned members. Don't miss this event.

- Advice and Planning
- Best Practices
- Win \$400 Free Gift Certificate
- Networking
- Mentoring
- Personal Connections
- Professional Development
- WIN (Women's Instructional Network)
- Continuing Education Credits

Christine's Challenge:
Groups with the most members/Guest
Receive a Free Gift



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Reservations Contact: Karan Bunten, kbdacca@yahoo.com

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Name: _____

Chapter/Network: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

CC # _____

Expiration Date _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Winner will be notified and check sent to winner's Chapter/
Network for Best Practices credit. Proof of registration must
be sent to DACA.

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Here's your chance to go to
Irving, TX for the 2011 National
Women's Leadership Conference
September 22-24 , 2011.

Win a full registration
(approximately \$475) to the
2011 conference.

Tickets:
\$5.00 each
3 for \$12.00

Winner will be drawn and
notified on July 4, 2011. What a
way to celebrate!

Complete ticket and mail with
check made out to DACA or
Credit Card Information to:

Karan Buntan
1009 Stoneway Dr.
Denton, TX 76210
kbdacca@yahoo.com

Winner will be notified and check sent to
winner's Chapter/ Network for Best
Practices credit.



Here's your chance to win full registration for the National Women's Leadership Conference in Irving, Texas

Sept. 22-24, 2011

Tickets:
\$5.00 each or
3 for \$12.00

Winner and Alternate will be drawn at the TCAF Meeting on May 21st

Complete tickets and mail with check made out to TCAF to:

Dorothy Davis
1715 Windcastle Drive
Mansfield TX 76063

or bring to May 21st meeting

Winner need not be present to win and will be notified and check sent to winner's Chapter/Network. If winner is unable to attend, funds will be returned to TCAF who will notify alternate winner and her chapter/network.



New Irving Convention Center

Name: _____
Chapter/Network: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the May 21st meeting. Please send proof of registration to TCAF.

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