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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.



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Hello and Happy 2011!



Susan Olson, SEEN President

This year SEEN has started off on the right track thanks to the wonderful leadership of our board. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team! Many interesting speakers have been

booked for the beginning of the New Year including Jan Poscovsky who has enlightened us on good public speaking skills with 4 major tips this January. As February's speaker, Gaylyn DeVine helped us to get our offices organized and teach us to manage our time better. I know that this topic is always welcome for me because I have a tendency to get lazy in this area and a good encouraging speaker gives me that boost I need to get back on track! March we will have author, Suzette Peoples who will speak on how we can see our true self as others see us. She will encourage us to better our image and ourselves. Then in
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2010-2011 Executive Board

- Susan R. Olson – President
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We welcome our
new member!



Ro'Vin Garrett
Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Ro'Vin was born in Angleton, Texas and grew up in Danbury, TX and graduated from Angleton High School in 1974.

Ro'Vin is single and the mother of 3 grown children: Re'Va Negrete (Aaron), Anna Alwaxander and Russel Reeder (Kortney). She is also grandmother to Rylan, Kinlea and Karson Reeder. She lives in Angleton with her papillon dogs Zorro, BV and Baily.

Now in her third term in office, Ro'Vin began serving as the Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector on Jan. 1, 2001. The daughter of former County Judge E.E. "Red" and Dorothy Brewer, Ro'Vin was an employee of Brazoria County Tax Office for 16 years prior to being elected, with hands on experience in all areas of the county tax office working as Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assist. And Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector. Ro'Vin was certified as a Registered Texas Assessor-Collector in 1988. (Continued on page 5)

March 2011 speaker: Suzette Peoples

On Thursday, March 10 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM we will host Suzette Peoples who is a motivational speaker. She wants to help women look their best, be their best and act their best. Helping women to market themselves and their business so they can be successful. Her passion is motivating women to "see their true image". Her goal is to help women "change and love the new "You". Her vision is to see women mentor other women and to support each other in life and their careers. Suzette says, "IT STARTS WITH YOU! First impressions are what people get when they first see you! Clothes, hair, make-up, and hygiene, all make your appearance, and your first impression. Really look in the mirror, what do you

see? Get professional opinions on what to change or not to change and why. Love what you see and what others see in the mirror. It can change your life."

***Our booked February speaker, Holly Uverity has written some organizing tips that will be handed out at our March meeting.**



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April we will have Ruth McCurdy who created *Wondrous Woman Enterprises* to help women uncover their life's purpose and create balance in our spirits. As co-author of "Help! My Wonder Woman Cape is Caught in the Vacuum!" Ruth will share her insights into the obstacles that women face trying to "do it all" and offer ways over, around and through them. Gaylyn DeVine, VP Program & President-elect has booked speakers who will delight us with humor, wisdom and inspiration and we hope you will join us so you can enjoy the opportunities to learn and grow with us.

Also this year we have the Western Regional Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico to look forward to. ABWA has combined District II & VI for increased attendance on April 29-30. Our districts will come together for acquiring valuable tools to focus on our careers by learning from seminar

speaker, Jo Ann Corley "How to Build Strategic Thinking Skills". We'll also preview the newest WINnovations and add the excitement of hundreds of women coming together for professional envelopment; how could you miss it!

2010 was a wonderful year for SEEN. Our membership has grown as we welcomed Michelle Williams, Brittney Sullivan, Candice Buchanan, Linda Darnell and Ro'Vin Garrett. We successfully hosted a community project that raised funds and supplies for The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. twice. At our Feb. meeting you had the opportunity to bring a First Time Guest for FREE! With our outstanding team planning a successful 2011 we are looking forward to the best year yet for this amazing organization!

Thank you for your constant support and excitement for SEEN!

Susan Olson, President 2009-2011

District II & VI Western Regional Conference

We are joining with our sisters in District VI to educate and celebrate in ABWA style! It will be held in Santé Fe, New Mexico on April 29-30, 2011. It is going to be a fabulous time filled with learning new skills and opportunities to make new friends. Jo Ann Corley will be the keynote speaker, "How to Build Strategic Thinking Skills". You will learn to formulate effective strategies for addressing any dilemma you're up against will help you to create an effective strategic plan and execution

strategy that will ensure positive results. Full details are available in your Dec. 2010 *Women in Business* magazine or www.abwa.org web site. Early bird registration ends March 23.

ABWA HQ HAS MOVED!

New Address:

ABWA
11050 Roe Avenue
Suite 200
Overland Park, Kansas 66211

New Phone Number:

Local: 913-732-5100



Congratulations Dolores Loyd of KHM Travel Group...

Dolores has been designated as a Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Cruise Counselor after recently completing the organization's certification requirements. She is now recognized within the cruise industry as an Accredited Cruise Counselor and will be recognized for her achievements at the April 2011 Cruise3sixty Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Congratulations Dolores! We are proud of you!

"Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted."

-Unknown

ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference

The ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference will be held in Irving, Texas September 22-24, 2011! This conference will feature nationally acclaimed authors, presenters, and entertainers presenting on topics that are timely, integral, and invaluable to women who want to succeed in any environment.

Take this opportunity to:

- Focus your career,
- Build your business skills,
- Learn more about Women's Instructional Network,
- Network with your peers, and
- Reignite your passion for ABWA.

We can't wait – and neither should you! Don't miss your chance to be a part of

ABWA history. Please go to www.ABWA.org for more information.

**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!





Susan Olson welcoming new member Candice Buchanan
November 2010.

New Member Ro'Vin Garrett being welcomed to SEEN by
Gaylyn DeVine January 2011.



SEEN is a proud member of the
Pearland Chamber of Commerce!



Attendance Award winners for end of quarter 2010. Gaylyn DeVine, Myrleen Knott, Susan Olson and Debi Trahan. Not shown: Nan Buchanan, Vicky Reynolds, Sheri Parrack, Brittney Sullivan and Michelle Williams.



Important Dates:

March 10 - SEEN Board and Membership meeting.

April 25 - FHPW Quarterly meeting www.FHPW.org

April 29-30 – District II & VI Western Regional Conference in
Santé Fe, NM. www.abwa.org for full details

May 4 - HACA Quarterly meeting www.abwahouston.org

June 25 – Woman of the Year Luncheon.

Thank you Sponsors!

We encourage everyone to check out this "Boutique Private Bank"! "The bank is strongly capitalized and offers a full array of financial products and services."

We were pleased to have Mr. Tom Watson speak at our meeting to help us understand the banking industry. SEEN sends a big thank you to Texas Citizens Bank and Regional President Watson for their generous support and trust.

Texas Citizens Bank has several locations so check out their website to see which one is near you.

www.TexasCitizensBank.com



Sheri L. Parrack's company TMTC assists transportation companies, leasing corporations, banking institutions, attorneys and individuals in motor vehicle tax law and regulatory compliance. Sheri established her company in 1980, and today she and her staff of 13 assist a nationwide client base, in 48 states. Thank you Sheri for generously sponsoring SEEN. **We appreciate you!**

www.TMTC2000.com



More about Ro'Vin...

As T.A.C. of Brazoria County, she employees 60 people and has 7 full service office locations throughout the county. Ro'Vin collects property taxes for 50 taxing jurisdictions in Brazoria County and is responsible for the titling and registration of 300,000 + vehicles per year. She also serves as the county's Voter Registrar, administers the collection of alcoholic beverage license fees for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Brazoria County, and, a new service coming in April, the registration and titling of boats and motors as an agent for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Ro'vin has an extensive list of community involvement – too many for this newsletter! Welcome to SEEN Ro'Vin!

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.

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