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May Program



**Richard Bloom,
Crime Deterrent
Specialist**

*“PERSONAL
SAFETY for Business
Professionals”*

Mission Statement

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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The Tomball Charter Chapter meets the **second Thursday** of each month at Lone Star College-Tomball Campus located at:

30555 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, Texas 77375
Room S160 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us **Thursday, May 12, 2011** for networking, a program, dinner, and our chapter business meeting.

Guests are always welcome.
\$15 members – \$18 for guests

For reservations, please contact Lou Barron at
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President's Message

Linda Ortiz



Hello everyone !

Welcome to summer in Texas. We have had some glorious weather and so starts the summer season for us here. Unfortunately, the

weather has hurt people in many states with flooding and tornadoes. Please take the time to help our fellow Americans during this time of need, if you are able.

We were given a challenge last month, so now we are on a mission to bring at least one guest each to the May meeting. If we want to keep our chapter current, vital and strong, we need to share ABWA with others. Robbie is working on an outside activity to help generate interest in our chapter, so we need to step up and contact people.

Rebecca and her team will be contacting the members for positions in the leadership of our chapter next year. Be willing to accept a nomination, be courageous and step into something you



have never done before. The best part are the people who are willing to help you learn and grow. Thankfully, we don't live in a vacuum and have friends that help whenever we call. How are you willing to help our chapter in the future? See you and new faces at the May meeting.

Sincerely,

Linda Ortiz, President

Dust off your boots, grab your hat and get ready for the *National Women's Leadership Conference* in Irving, TX, September 22-24!



Once again, we're making it easy for you to register by offering a Pre-Payment Plan. Complete the form and return it to ABWA National by May 25.

SIGN UP NOW

Business card ad space is available for \$30 for the year (includes minimum of 6 issues) plus advertising on our chapter website. Cost: \$30 for both the newsletter and website.

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Secretary's Report

Rebecca Wunderlich



Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Linda Ortiz, President. A quorum was present.

Our speaker was Tina Gandy, ABWA National Vice

President. Tina is a member of the Bryan College Station Chapter. Her program topic was "Invest in Yourself The Power of the American Business Women's Association – Building Relationships Personally & Professionally." She challenged us to remember who gave us the promise and gifts of membership in ABWA and to thank them. She also challenged us to offer the promises of ABWA to others. Her "cheerleading" approach made for an enthusiastic, enjoyable and energetic meeting.

The February 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the April 2011 Newsletter. There was no March meeting due to our Business Associate Event and

Honoree presentations. The February 2011 and March 2011 Treasurer's Reports were accepted and filed for audit.

Cyndy Justice informed us there was only one applicant for our Grant. Hanna Marie Wade was by acclimation voted to receive the Grant.

Regina Landreneau was nominated and voted as our ABWA Top Ten Nominee.

Rebecca Wunderlich volunteered to Chair the Nominating Committee for our 2012 Officers and Robbie Fravel volunteered to assist.

Robbie Fravel will Chair the Spring Membership Drive. She will need volunteers.

Linda Ortiz, President, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Wunderlich, Recording Secretary

Federation of Houston Professional Women Delegate Report

Nancy Holverson

The Federation of Houston Professional Women's quarterly meeting was held April 25, 2011. President Susan Silverman introduced the Board of Directors, the Educational Foundation, and Past Presidents. She also thanked the meeting sponsors. The January quarterly meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements:

May 19th – FHPW will have a booth at the WBEA Expo at Reliant
Delegates were asked to invite their membership to attend the next quarterly meeting in July
FHPW Scholarship – deadline was extended to May 20th (eligible if you have 30+ hours)

The Gala director announced the event date is Saturday, September 17th at the Hyatt Regency. This year's theme is "Black and White and Red All Over". Ticket price increased to \$950 for a table of 10; \$1,000 table for 10 also includes a placard on the table plus recognition in the Program and the presentation. Each member organization is being asked to donate cash or a basket for the silent auction. This year, all proceeds from the silent auction will go to the scholarship fund.

The program was presented by Carole Greisdorf, Foundation for Women's Resources (FWR), and she discussed "Leadership Texas 2012", one of the many leadership programs offered. FWR is a 30 year organization (Ann Richards was 1 of the original 6 members before she was Texas Governor). Applications are being accepted for Leadership Texas 2012 which is 5 2-1/2 day sessions in Austin, Dallas, plus 3 other cities to broaden your networking and increase involvement in state leadership issues. There are also 1-day seminars as part of the "leadership passages" throughout Texas.

The next quarterly meeting will be held July 25, 2011. There are over 40 member organizations in the FHPW. Attending these quarterly meetings is a great opportunity to network with fellow business women from other ABWA chapters as well as many other business organizations throughout Houston. This month's meeting had over 90 in attendance. To find out more information on the organization and upcoming events, please go to www.fhpw.org.

May Program Information



Richard Bloom, Crime Deterrent Specialist, Author, speaker and Trainer presents "PERSONAL SAFETY for Business Professionals" – a very empowering program presented "on the wings of humor".

- Providing tips on how to avoid being a victim of violent crime on the streets, in the car and at home.
- How to be street smart
- How to handle an attack. Tips the police cannot tell you.

Richard Bloom has been seen on this Fox 26 News, City Longhorn training and Morning Houston.

Author of *Survival Guide for the Age of Crime and Keeping Kids Safe*. Richard does a limited number of safety seminars each year so don't miss out on this action packed motivational and informative program! Feel free to bring your daughters and friends. The seminar will provide valuable information for everyone.

Katherine Ebel, Program Chair

Spreading the word . . .

Chapter 60-Second Commercial presented to the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce by Cyndy Justice

Good afternoon, I'm Cyndy Justice with Tomball Charter Chapter of ABWA, American Business Women's Association.

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Vickie Butler-Rindos, who was the Chairman of the Board of this very Chamber in 2003, was also recognized as one of the Top 10 Business Women of ABWA in that same year.

ABWA offers education resources and networking opportunities, both locally and nationally, to enhance your business or career. We also offer scholarships throughout the organization and to the community.

We welcome men as members. In fact ABWA was founded by a businessman in recognition of the impact women had made on the economy in WW II.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month in Room S160 right here on this campus (*Lone Star College-Tomball*) at 6:00 p.m. for networking, dinner and a program. Our next meeting will be on April 14th and our speaker will be National Vice President Tina Gandy who happens to be from College Station. Come join us. We're one of the funnest chapters in ABWA!

ABWA Local and National Information

2010-11 Officers

President – Linda Ortiz
Vice President – Janet Petry
Secretary – Rebecca Wunderlich
Corresponding Secretary – Robbie Fravel
Treasurer – Regina Landreneau

2010-11 Committee Chairs

Professional Development – Cyndy Justice
Historian – Regina Landreneau
Hospitality – Lou Barron
Membership – Robbie Fravel
Program – Katherine Ebel
Publications – Nancy Holverson
Publicity – Tana Schmedt
Website – Vickie Butler-Rindos

2011 Delegates

FHPW – Nancy Holverson
HACA – Robbie Fravel

2010-11 National Officers

National President – Lynne Drowne
National Vice President – Tina Gandy
National Secretary-Treasurer – Tracy Sweet

National District Vice Presidents

District I Vice President – Christine Wright
District II Vice President – Tina Ackles
District III Vice President – Nancy Ballenger
District IV Vice President – Doris Brown
District V Vice President – Judy Torrey
District VI Vice President – Pattie Vargas



ABWA'S Proud Code of Conduct

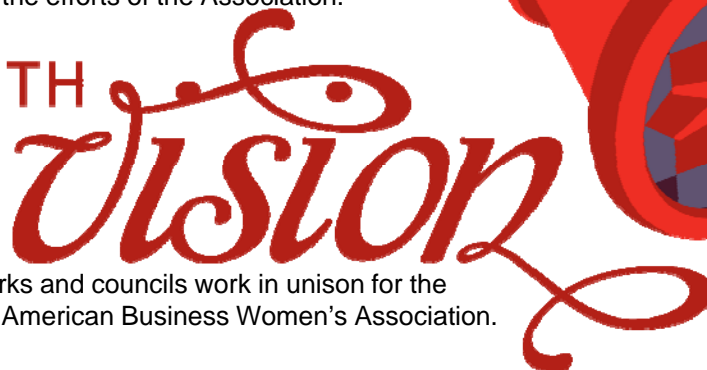
1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
2. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
3. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors, and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
4. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, and 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.

2010—2011 Annual Theme

Each year, a theme is chosen to represent the efforts of the Association.

LEADING WITH

The kaleidoscope was chosen as our *Leading with Vision* icon because it uses "mirrors and colored glass shapes working together to create beautiful, shifting symmetrical patterns" much like ABWA's National Team, members, chapters, networks and councils work in unison for the continued success and perpetuation of the American Business Women's Association.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

June 9, 2011 – Tomball Charter Chapter Monthly Meeting, Lone Star College, 6:00 p.m.

June 25, 2011 – Houston Area Council of ABWA Woman of the Year Luncheon, The Junior League, Houston, TX

July 14, 2011 - Tomball Charter Chapter Monthly Meeting, Lone Star College, 6:00 p.m.

July FHPW

July 28, 2011 - Houston Area Council of ABWA Quarterly Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Four Points by Sheraton, Katy Freeway

September 22-24, 2011 - National Conference, Irving, TX

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Please submit your information to the Newsletter Editor within one week following the monthly meeting.

As a reminder, the Tomball Charter Chapter of ABWA is a member of the following organizations. As chapter members, each of you may attend these functions. Please don't miss the opportunity . . . and don't forget to wear your ABWA name badge!

Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Date: The first Friday of each month

Location: Lone Star College -Tomball, Elmer L. Beckendorf Conference Center, Tomball, TX

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Web site: www.tomballchamber.org

Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce

Date: The fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Community Development Center, 31355 Magnolia Industrial Park Drive, Magnolia, TX

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Web site: www.magnoliatexas.org

Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce

Date: The second Tuesday of each month

Location: Eden Café, 33418 Egypt Lane @ Magnolia, Parkway, Magnolia, TX

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Web site: www.magnoliaparkwaycc.org (please check their web site for the quarterly luncheons)

Houston Area Council of ABWA (HACA)

Date: The fourth Thursday of each quarter (January, April, July, October)

Location: Sheraton Brookhollow, 3000 North Loop West, Houston, TX

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Web site: www.abwahouston.org

Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW)

Date: The fourth Monday of each quarter (January, April, July, October)

Location: H.E.S.S Club, 5430 Westheimer, Houston, TX

Time: 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Web site: www.fhpw.org