

# Houston

# Area Council



### Houston Council Mission Statement

To promote involvement among participating Chapters and Express Networks and to provide opportunities for combined activities to enhance our membership, to publicize ABWA and to promote education within our community.

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## Please join us

January 27, 2011

5:30pm - Networking  
6pm - Dinner/Program

Sheraton Four Points  
10655 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX

\$28 Members  
\$33 Non-Members

RSVP by Jan. 24 to:  
[hospitality@abwahouston.org](mailto:hospitality@abwahouston.org)

## January Featured Speaker

**Beverly Kaufman, Harris County Clerk (retired)**

**A Woman in Public Office and Now What am I going to do?"**

Beverly Kaufman's 36-year career in public service began when she joined the staff of the Harris County Judge. On March 11, 1994, Kaufman accepted the appointment of Harris County Commissioners Court to the office of County Clerk.



She was elected to a full four-year term in November 1994 by sixty-one percent (61.3%) and reelected in 1998, 2002 and 2006. Her administration has expanded and streamlined services as well as introduced electronic voting to our county.

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Chair Ellen Caldwell-Ng thanks the 2010 Committee Chairs



## A Note from the Chair...



**Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.**

*Andrew Carnegie*

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I begin my role as Chair of the Houston Area Council for 2011. I would like to thank the membership and past Chairs for entrusting me with this opportunity. It is truly an honor.

Over the next twelve months, the board will continue to enhance and support the mission of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) and the Houston Area Council (HAC). The council will be working hard for you and just like your chapter or express network will be working toward Best Practices and together we will accomplish our goal. We will be using some of the same tools that are available to you through WIN, Women's Instructional Network to help us achieve these goals.

Have you logged in to WIN yet? Did you know that with your membership in the council you have the potential of reaching 600 plus women just in our area alone, but through WIN the numbers are far greater?

Your board is already working hard on many of the upcoming council events that are planned for the year and we would like your help in keeping us informed of what your chapter or express network is doing. We look forward to hearing from each of you through email, newsletter, evites or phone calls. I personally will be out visiting many of your groups in the upcoming months and I look forward to getting the opportunity to know you better.

As when each New Year comes you know there is going to be some changes so, if you have not made a council meeting lately I challenge you to make at least one this year and bring a friend or two.

In ABWA friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Holladay".

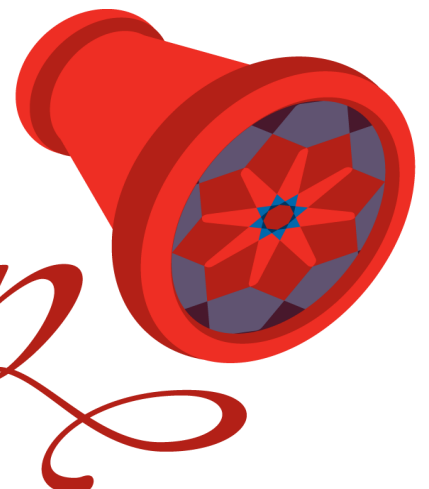
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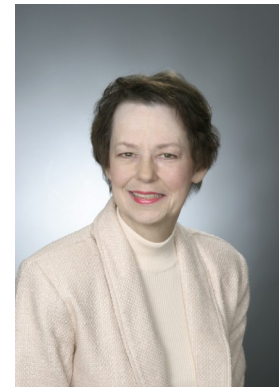
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*Vision*



# 2011 Executive Board and Committee Chairs



Clockwise from bottom left:  
Kitty Tennison, Financial Of-  
ficer; Gaylyn DeVine, Vice  
Chair; Debbie Holladay,  
Chair; Katherine Ebel, Chair  
Elect; Susan Olson, Commu-  
nications Officer



Clockwise from bottom left:  
Cathy James, Publicity Chair;  
Geanna Kincanon, Woman of the Year Luncheon  
Chair;  
Grace Pary, Historian/Photographer;  
Sheri Parrack, Program Chair,  
Myrleen Knott, Council Newsletter Editor;  
Jo Moore, Parliamentarian and Hospitality Chair;  
Nancy King, Fundraising Chair



## Excellence In Achievement Award

The Excellence In Achievement Award is awarded once a quarter to those chapters/network that have demonstrated the mission of both the Houston Area Council and American Business Women's Association within that quarter.



Houston Area Council Vice Chair, Gaylyn DeVine presents the Excellence in Achievement Award for the Fourth Quarter of 2010 to Denise Pineda, President of the Women of Excellence Chapter, Bryan, Texas

## Massie's Big Adventure On WIN



*Send us Photos* - along with the name of your chapter/express network to [newsletter@abwahouston.org](mailto:newsletter@abwahouston.org)

We're looking for pictures from your Chapter or Express Network that shows your group displaying their Massie's Big Adventure certificates from WIN.

Geanna Kincanon, Debbie Holladay  
Leading Women's Express Network  
Bryan, TX

# In Memoriam



Charles Joe King

January 15, 1930 –  
December 8, 2010

Charlie King was a member of the American Business Women's Association and San Jacinto chapter for many years.

He was a great supporter of ABWA and all the projects of San Jacinto Chapter and he will be greatly missed.

Memorial donations may be made to ABWA San Jacinto Chapter and mailed to Nancy King, 7123 Cornflower Lane, Katy, TX 77494

**Janet Reinhardt**, an ABWA San Jacinto Chapter member for several years, passed away in December 2010.

Janet was a previous award winning ABWA newsletter editor.

Although unable to attend meetings in the last few years due to her health, Janet was well-loved and continued to keep in touch.

Members describe her as a delight to know and noted her intelligence and class that she mixed with a great smile.

## Save the Date...

**January 27th** - Council Quarterly Meeting, Four Points Sheraton, Houston

**April 29-30** - 2011 Western Regional Conference, District II and VI, Santa Fe, NM

**May 4th (WED)** - Council Quarterly Meeting

**June 25th** - Women of the Year Luncheon, Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, TX 77027

**July 28th**- Council Quarterly Meeting-  
Holiday Spectacular in July

**Sept 22-24** - ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference, Irving, TX

**October 27th** - Council Quarterly Meeting



*San Jacinto President Shirley Woodard receives a Houston Council check from Chair, Debbie Holladay in memory of Charlie King*



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## Thanks to our November Vendors

Tara Cook, Scentsy

Marilyn Houser-Nelson, Ft. Bend County Chapter

Nancy King, Miche Bags

Suzette Peoples, *It's All About You, You, You!*

Janet Petry

Shirley Woodard, San Jacinto Chapter Fundraiser

*For vendor table*

*Availability at our next quarterly  
meeting*

*Contact:*

*Nancy King*

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# Meeting Minutes.....

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ellen Caldwell-Ng. @ 6:00 p.m. at Sheraton Four Points, Houston, Texas.

Program: Donna Fisher, award winning certified speaking professional "Conscious Language"

## **Business Meeting:**

### Old Business:

Roll Call by Tana Schmedt determined there was a quorum.

July Minutes submitted by Tana Schmedt, approved as submitted.

Recognition of Sponsors and Vendors

Past National Officers, Chairs, Top 10 and Women of The Year recognized.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Debbie Holladay were approved and filed for audit.

### New Business:

Achievement Award presented by Gaylyn DeVine: Woman of Excellence Chapter.

Marilyn Nelson, District II National Top Ten presented certificate by Gaylyn DeVine.

Mary Jane Brock, Nominations Committee Chair, presented roster for 2011 Board with no opponents.

Grace Pary moved officers accepted by acclamation. Louise Grasse seconded.

Installation performed by Sheri Parrack.

New Board installed as follows:

Debbie Holladay - Chair  
Katherine Ebel - Chair Elect  
Gaylyn Devine - Vice Chair  
Susan Olson - Communications Chair  
Kitty Tennison - Treasurer

Chair, Ellen Caldwell-NG recognized her board with thank you gifts

Announcements:: National Conference Update presented by Tina Gandy.

Christmas party is Friday December 3, 2010.

Chapters & Networks requested to get their current rosters to Jo Moore.

2011 Volunteers Requested- 2011 Dues Requested

Door Prizes & 50/50 raffle

Benediction

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tana Schmedt**  
**Communications Officer**

*Thank you to B-CS Tax Group-  
Debbie Holladay and TLS  
Graphics- Gaylyn DeVine for  
providing the door prizes for the  
November meeting!  
Looking for a fun inexpensive  
way to promote your business,  
raffle item donations are being  
accepted at this time contact  
Nancy King,  
[fundraising@abwahouston.org](mailto:fundraising@abwahouston.org)*

# 2011 Regional Conference

2011 Western Regional Conference – Santa Fe, NM –  
April 29-30, 2011

## Agenda

### Friday

- 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Celebration Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ABWA Updates, News, and Information
- 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Submit Newsletters for Competition
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on Own/Exhibitor Shopping
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ABWA Updates, News, and Information (continued)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Banquet



### Saturday

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Conference Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Professional Development Seminar
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on Own/Exhibitor Shopping
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Professional Development Seminar (continued)

For registration and more information – <http://www.abwa.org>

## ABWA 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.



### 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