



November 2009

November Chapter Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009
MCM Elegante Hotel
5:30pm – Networking & Shopping
6:30pm - Meeting Begins

The La Luz Lamplighter

Chapter Favorite, John Freisinger, Returns as Guest Speaker



La Luz chapter members, president MyChelle Andrews (L) and Margaret Speer (R) posed with guest speaker, John Freisinger, after his presentation at the October chapter meeting.

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Woman of the Year
MyChelle Andrews

Top Ten Nominee
Margaret Speer

American Business Womens' Association
The association for all women in all occupations



ABWA Mission Statement

To bring together business women 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.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President's Message

Dear La Luz Chapter Members,

The holiday season is here. I can't believe it. We are going to have a "Sell Your Wares" during our November meeting. If you have anything you would like to sell, let me know so we have enough tables available. Then bring your cash, checks, etc and buy your holiday gifts.

We are also winding down with football concessions and starting up basketball. Bring your calendars so you can sign up.

We have a wonderful speaker this month. Jennifer Cole will be speaking on "Money Habitudes" What are your financial motivations? What are the benefits and drawbacks of your habits and attitudes?

We will not have a December meeting but I hope to see you at this years' Holiday Party. You should have already received the evite from Jeanne. Don't forget to RSVP.

See you at the meeting on Thursday, November 19nd.

In ABWA Love,

MyChelle

New Mexico Flag Salute

I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.

ABWA Proud Code of Conduct

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for ABWA
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

Benediction

Guiding Spirit, Guardian of our days
 We with us as we go our separate ways
 Help us to feel those thoughts that lift and bless
 To know a closer bond of friendliness
 To see Thy beauty, always- every day
 Translated into living- this we pray.
 Amen

"We learn nothing by being right."

-Elizabeth Bibesco, writer and poet



Focus on November Chapter Meeting

La Luz Meeting Agenda November 19, 2009

- 5:30 Social, Networking, Door Prize Ticket Sales,
Shop during "Sell Your Wares"
- 6:30 Call to Order & Welcome: MyChelle Andrews
Pledge of Allegiance
NM Flag Salute
Mission Statement:
- 6:35 Dinner – Introductions / MyChelle Andrews
- 7:00 Guest Speaker – Jennifer Cole,
"Money Habitudes" What are your financial
motivations? What are the benefits and
drawbacks of your habits and attitudes?
- 7:45 Break – Shop during "Sell Your Wares"
- 8:00 Business Meeting
- Member of the Month – November
 - New Member Affiliation
 - Financial Report
 - Secretary Report
 - Correspondence
 - Old Business
 - Holiday Party
 - 50/50 Drawing
 - New Business
 - Business Plan – vote
 - Brochure
 - Announcements / Reports
 - Committee Chairs
 - See news letter for filed reports
 - Concessions schedule available now for
Basketball, please sign up now
 - Other Announcements
- 8:30 Door Prizes - Jeanne
- 8:45 Benediction

November Program Highlights

November's presentation will be by Jennifer J. Cole, CFA, MBA. The topic of Ms. Cole's presentation is "Money Habitudes" What are your financial motivations? What are the benefits and drawbacks of your habits and attitudes?

See page 5 for more information on Jennifer Cole.

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Menu

Salad with Ranch and Raspberry
Vinaigrette
Ham & Pineapple
Twice Baked Potato
Fresh Veggies
Rolls & Butter
Pumpkin Pie
Coffee and Iced Tea

If you have special dietary requests, I will need them no later than Tuesday prior to meeting.

Thank you,

Judi Anderson, Committee Chair

Next La Luz Meeting

January 28, 2010
MCM Elegante

Next Board Meeting

December 10, 2009
TVC





Committee Square



Fund Raising Committee Report November 2009

Hello La Luz!

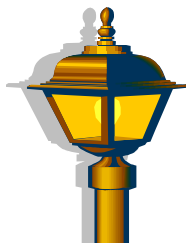
Congrats on our hugely successful Yard Sale! Thanks to all who donated and worked that day. It was a great team effort.

Here are the details of this year's fund raising plans as they stand now, with only the details through January. Each month I will update this presentation so you can see what lies ahead and determine when and where you want to participate. Let me know if the information and/or format are helpful. Always willing to make improvements. Thanks for all you do.

“La Luz did shine in 2009—we will do it again in 2010!!”

Jeanne Banks,
Fund Raising Chair

Date	Activity	Info	Results
Oct 24	Yard Sale	A huge success and a good time were had by all!! Thanks.	\$620.94
Nov 14 Game at 6:00pm	Basketball Report 4:00pm	Contact Mary Boucher for details on where to park, etc.	
Nov 19	50/50 Raffle	Tickets available at the Nov meeting, Drawing at Feb Meeting	
Nov 21	Basketball Report 4:00pm	2 games—first one at 6:00pm second starts at 8:15pm. Contact Mary Boucher for details on where to park, etc.	
Nov 24	Flower Del	No sign ups yet. Need teams in the AM (9:45am) and PM (1:45pm)	
Nov 25	Flower Del	9:45 Marlene Hall needs a partner. Need one more team. 1:45 Jeanne Banks/John Dickens. Need one more team.	
Dec 1	Internet Raffle	We are going to raffle off the beautiful antique ABWA compact that Lana Hills donated to the chapter via email across the country. Only 100 tickets, \$20 each, proceeds to the UNM Scholarship.	
WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHICH BASKETBALL GAMES WE WILL BE ASKED TO WORK, SO WATCH EMAIL FOR SPECIFICS			
Dec 2	Basketball	Report time TBA—Game time TBA—against California	
Dec 5	Basketball	Report time 4:00pm--Game at 7:00pm—against NMSU	
Dec 16	Basketball	Report time 4:00pm--Game at 7:00pm—against Northern AZ	
Dec 19	Basketball	Report time 4:00pm--Game at 7:00pm—against Creighton	
Dec 22	Flower Del	9:45 Luisa Gignac needs a partner. Need another team as well. 1:30 No sign ups.	
Dec 23	Flower Del	9:45 No sign ups. 1:30 Sharon Winings needs a partner. Need another team as well.	
Dec 24	Flower Del	11:00 Jeanne Banks/John Dickens. Need 3 more teams.	
Dec 29	Basketball	Report time TBA--Game time TBA—against Texas Tech	
Jan 1	Basketball	Report time 4:00pm--Game at 7:00pm—against Dayton	
Jan 9	Basketball	Report time 11:00am--Game at 2:00pm—against UNLV	
Jan 13	Basketball	Report time 5:00pm--Game at 8:00pm—against Utah	
Feb 13	Flower Del	Valentine's Day	
Apr TBA	Yard Sale		
Apr/May	Trivia Night		
May 8	Flower Del	Mother's Day	



Committee Square



Jennifer Cole will be speaking at the November chapter meeting.

Jennifer Cole founded Cole Financial Consulting, LLC in order to offer individuals an alternative way to obtain financial planning and investment advice. Her hourly, fee-only business model is an unusual and welcome addition to the financial advisory landscape in New Mexico.

Jen began in the financial services industry in New York City in 1981. She rose to become a senior equity analyst with major Wall Street firms, providing her proprietary research to leading mutual fund companies, trust departments, pension funds, and retail stockbrokers. After a move to New Mexico and career respite, Jennifer formed Cole Financial Consulting to share her passion for living a financially-aware and balanced life.

Jen holds an MBA from New York University, a Certificate in Financial Planning from Boston University, and a BS in Business from Colorado State University. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst, the most prestigious and rigorous designation that is awarded to investment professionals.

Jen is guest lecturer at the UNM's Anderson School of Management's Investment Management Program. She enjoys performing and teaching jazz flute, and is the New Mexico coordinator for English Springer Rescue. She has also been active in a number of other volunteer efforts, including WESST, the YWCA Goals for Girls Program, Expanding Your Horizons, and the East Mountain Artists Series.

Cole Financial Consulting, LLC is a registered investment advisory firm in the states of New Mexico and Colorado. New Mexico Licensed Insurance Consultant (life, accident, health, annuities). Learn more at ColeFinancialConsulting.com.



Calendar of Events

1. Wednesday, December 2
ABWA New Member Orientation
2. Sunday, December 6
Holiday Party
3. Thursday, December 10
Board Meeting
4. Saturday, January 9, 2010
Professional Development Committee Meeting
5. Thursday, January 14, 2010
Board Meeting
6. Thursday, January 28, 2010
Chapter Meeting

Professional Development Committee Report November 2009

The La Luz Professional Development Committee met on November 4, 2009. We addressed the various areas of responsibility for the committee and report the following:

SBMEF Grant: SBMEF is moving to its own web site. La Luz will be receiving logon information to access the site for applying for the grant. Information will be provided to our members and state universities as we receive it.

UNM Scholarship Foundation: The committee is drafting a letter to send to current and past members of La Luz Chapter. In this letter we will let them know about the foundations and how they can contribute. Members may use this letter as a template for offering their companies or others the opportunity to contribute.

Member Professional Development: The chapter is building a notebook containing information on seminars offered in Albuquerque. The notebook will be available at each meeting. A suggestion was made to consider an educational outing for our members to a museum or one of the NM Ghost Towns.

Newsletter: The committee will continue to provide articles for the *Learning More About* . . . section of the newsletter. For November, there will be an article on the Edgewood Wildlife Park in addition to articles on our Member of the Month and the Lamplighter Newsletter editor. We plan to encourage members to submit information about our members that we can include on a Bulletin Board.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 5PM prior to the chapter meeting on November 19, 2009.

Barbara Torres, Professional Development Committee Chair



Committee Square



Area Council Update November 2009

By now you should have received an Evite to the next major Area Council event--the Holiday Party on December 6, 2009. It will be at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Jefferson and I-25 starting at 5:00. There will be an Edible Auction again whose proceeds will be donated to SBMEF in honor of Pam Gordon. You may participate in a Gift Exchange by bringing a gift (\$20 limit) for either a man or a woman (clearly marked, of course.)

The newly elected Area Council Officers for the 2010 Council year are MyChelle Andrews (La Luz), Chair; Alfred Padilla (Tierra Encantada), Vice Chair; NaTasha Vaughn (High Noon), Secretary; and Jeanne Banks (La Luz), Treasurer.

Jeanne Banks,
Area Council Treasurer



Luisa Gignac, La Luz Chapter member, helps out at the Yard Sale fund raiser held October 24, 2009. The event raised \$630!

Contact Marie Gignac (505-265-1019) to help with the Holiday flower Delivery.

Thanksgiving:

Tuesday, 11/24- 9:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 11/25: 9:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.

Christmas:

Tuesday, 12/22: 9:45 & 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 12/23: 9:45a & 1:30 p.m.

Program Committee Report October 2009

Future Scheduled Speakers are as Follows:

- **December-** Holiday Party- No Program
- **January 28-** Presenter: Clifton Chadwick, "5 Steps of Copy that Sells". An analogy between any sales cycle and how that works for commercials and print advertising. He will show the correct elements in the correct order to assure maximum success.
- **February 25-** Dave Frank, Director of Sales & Marketing, Z-Coil. "Ask and Listen not Tell and Sell". How to Effectively Reach People in the 21st Century.



Our La Luz Chapter scholarship has been established. Tax deductible donations may be made by sending a check to:

University of New Mexico Foundation, Inc.

MSC07 4260

1 University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

Be sure to provide the following information on your check:

La Luz Chapter, ABWA Scholarship



Member Birthdays and ABWA Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following La Luz members celebrating a birthday in November!

JoAnn Torres 11/18
Ruth Roberts 11/22



The following members are celebrating Anniversaries in November!

Helene Dobbins 1993
Judi Anderson 2001
MyCelle Andrews 2006
Doris Price 2007





Getting to Know ...



Inga Mass has been the editor of the La Luz Lamplighter since the fall of 2008

Getting to Know ... Your La Luz Lamplighter Editor, Inga Mass

As a product of a small town childhood, moving to New Mexico was a life-changing event. I grew up in the middle of the Pennsylvania heartland, in a town named Lebanon, about 15 miles east of Hershey, PA. to hardworking parents who instilled that same work ethic in me.

I started my working career in 1981, a year before I graduated from highschool. I started my working career as a cashier for Hardee's Food Systems. Little did I know that this after school and weekend job would turn in to a 12 year career, and that I would end up as the manager of a Million Dollar a year restaurant that was also a training restaurant for up and coming managers for the company.

I moved to New Mexico in 1993 after visiting several times, first to help my older sister relocate with her two small daughters and then again to visit a few months later. During those visits I discovered I LOVED NEW MEXICO!

My first job after moving to New Mexico was for Olympus America as a Quality

Assurance Inspector. Because of this job, I made two very important contacts. The first was with a line technician who eventually talked me in to joining her and her uncle one early January morning to experience a sport called Hot Air Ballooning. Little did I know that this would be the day I met my future husband! The people I met that day were friendly and welcoming and I had such a great time that I started joining them on the weekends and eventually after 3 years Bob Mass, one of the pilots and a balloon owner I met on that first day, and I started dating and eventually married the next year. We married in 1998 and have been going strong ever since.

The second contact I made at Olympus America was with a woman who worked evenings down the street at a company called U.S. Cotton, LLC. After Olympus America told its employees it was shutting its doors, she found another fulltime job, which opened her position at U.S. Cotton, LLC. This part time position was being changed to a full time job and I was fortunate enough to get it. The job was as a Human Resources Assistant.

From this assistant position, I eventually was promoted to Benefits Manager, Human Resources Manager, and then to the position of Corporate Director of Benefits Administration, at which time I was in charge of the Benefits plan for almost 1000 employees covering 4 states.

I left this position in 2005 after eight years with the company. At the time I thought I would only take a month or two off, but decided I would rather stay at home to take care of one of my six grand children part-time and my husband full-time!

I started my own business as a BeautiControl Consultant in 2005 and have recently been promoted to Unit Director.

Getting to Know ... New Mexico better

Wildlife West, in Edgewood New Mexico

Wildlife West

-Take I-40 east to Edgewood exit. Go under freeway, turn left on frontage road and follow the signs. For information on hours, etc. call (505)281-7455 or log on to www.wildlifewest.org. This is a perfect day outing for the family as you will understand from the following article written by my great grandson who spent a week as a Jr. Ranger at the site -Betty-Mae Hartman

When I was at WildLife West there were 60 people total. There were 10 groups of 6. I went there to be a Jr. Zookeeper. It was 5 days long, 3 hours a day, 15 hours total. There were many animals but my favorite 3 were a baby deer, Sparks the bobcat, and Marshmallow an albino raccoon. I held a falcon. I fed deer, bobcats, mountain lions, raccoons, a roadrunner, a black bear, wolves, a coyote, falcons, an eagle, parrots, a vulture, turkey vulture, great horned owl, and a bald eagle.

I went with my best friend, Jackson. He was funny. One time he yelled, "Xavier, what is this?" and he had the tail of a skink lizard. I would go there again because it is fun.

In the summer they also have concerts. There are many things to do there.

They are located in Edgewood, N.M at 87 North Frontage Rd., and you can call them at 1-5-5-281-7655

Xavier Nissen
Age 10



Getting to Know ...



Getting to Know ... *La Luz Treasurer Marlene Miklik Hall, an Indiana Hoosier by birth, New Mexican by Choice!*

In my search to find an organization that would share my values as well as help me continue to move forward in my life, I found ABWA through my dear friend Mychelle Andrews, our current Chapter President. When Mychelle extended the invitation to attend a meeting, it quickly appealed to me since my Mother and older sister were both very active in ABWA many years ago in Indiana. Since they have both passed away, choosing ABWA is rewarding to me on many levels and a tribute to them.

Now that I'm 55 years old (why not tell your age?) my career moves are numerous. They have contributed to who I am today so here are some highlights.

- >Secretary/Personal Assistant to the President of U.S. Steel Container Products Division in Chicago at 24 years old.
- Management position at 28 years old with U.S. Steel Oilwell International in Houston where I swam in a sea of "oil men." Almost thirty years ago in the early 1980's women were still fighting for their voice in the business world. I was swimming upstream daily.
- Promotions for the #1 radio station in Houston in the 80's.
- Digital Equipment Corporation (Albq.) - I held the position of a Customer Support Consultant resolving serious customer satisfaction issues with our government accounts in New Mexico (Kirtland AFB, Sandia, DOD, LANL, and White Sands.)
- Retail Management – Managed Cost Plus World Market, Eddie Bauer (Chicago), Pharmaca. This is a daily exercise in customer service, creativity,

project management, human resources and constant focus on increased revenue with long hours.

- Advertising Sales – Sold print advertising in Indiana, Illinois, and Albuquerque. Recipient of two national sales awards in my first year with Target Media
- Corporation a California-owned company who was my employer in Albuquerque.

As a cancer survivor I encourage each of you to pay attention to anything that seems unusual and overcome the fear that may keep you from checking it out. Early detection is a life saver. I underwent extensive chemotherapy treatments and radiation spanning 9 months and am healthy today, due largely in part to the expertise and knowledge I've been privy to at Pharmaca.

I'm an animal rights supporter, abused women's rights advocate, an opinionated voter, and believe in volunteering. Currently I spend a morning every week helping two kindergarten children, Crystal and Felipe, learn to read and write through the Albuquerque Reads program. I've loved, I've lost, I've traveled, I've followed my heart. I am passionately loyal to my friends, my family, my job, my pets. Making a positive difference in the lives I touch is a constant goal. Many days when there is too much job and too few hours, I find myself wondering what's next and am always open to new possibilities, experiences, and friends!

ABWA: Member since 2008.

Birthplace: Indiana

Geography: Lived in Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas, Illinois, and New Mexico.

Education: Two Bachelor Degrees, Court Stenography certification, currently a student to obtain certification as an Herbalist.

Travels: Egypt, Germany, France, Spain, England, ¾ of the United States.

Family: Divorced with two older brothers. My children are my brothers' children and grandchildren. My rescued pets and friends comprise the rest of my family.

Goal: To work only 45 hours/week ☺ To change my concept of time and find more of it!

Wish list: Travel the Alaskan railway; visit Austria (the birthplace of my "Miklik" grandparents); be a guest in Oprah's audience for her "Favorite Things" show; and read a minimum of one book/month.



Marlene Hall (R) and MyChelle Andrews (L) are shown at the July chapter meeting as they are being sworn in as 2009-2010 Board Members.



The ABWA
Party is Sunday
ember 6, 2009.

; on Attending?

1 give your checks
nne Banks at the
ember meeting.

La Luz – October 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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MCM Eleganté

Meeting came to order at 6:30p.m.

6:35 p.m. Introductions

No. of attendees: 24

Business Presentation during dinner: Marlene Hall re: Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy

7:00p Guest Speaker – John Freisinger, “Presentation Skills” (Intro by Margaret)

“Be Bold, Be Beautiful, Be Gone”

7:40p Mychelle Andrews presented the speaker with a gift and announced we were donating \$50 in his name to our scholarship fund.

5-minute break

7:45 p.m. Member of the Month: Marlene Hall

Financial Report will be filed for audit

Secretary report – approved as printed

Correspondence: Michelle Tabbachi

Luncheon appt. on 11/4 with Gena Wilimitis, speaker of 9/24/09 meeting. (with the state of New Mexico). She is requesting La Luz give their support to help her present her program to a national level. Representatives from La Luz will be meeting with her to discuss this further.

Jeanne Banks: Holiday Party is 12/6 at 4:30p.m –cost is \$25. At the Holiday Inn at Jefferson and I-25. There will be an edible auction – bring donation of baked goods.

Area Council Meeting next Tuesday – proposed we do an SBMEF donation in Pam Gordon’s name.

High Noon Chapter, 2nd annual fund raiser Halloween Bash. Friday 10/30, 7p at the Albuquerque Museum at Mountain St. (by Old Town). Music, dancing, food, cash bar, silent auction. Costumes optional. Tickets available from Holly. Cost is \$25 each.

New Business: Jeanne, 50/50. Will do the drawing on 12/6 at the holiday party. Jeanne will mail each member 10 tickets to sell.

Jeanne: Organizing a raffle for the ABWA antique compact to raise money for the scholarship.

Marie Gignac : Holiday flower Delivery. Signup sheets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mychelle to post info on our website.

Thanksgiving: Tuesday, 11/24- 9:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/25: 9:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.

Christmas: Tuesday, 12/22: 9:45 & 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 12/23: 9:45a & 1:30 p.m.

Doris – Suggested handcrafts allowed at the November meeting (pre-Christmas).

Mychelle: Full-time Students qualify for discounted memberships.

Jeanne: Door Prizes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

La Luz 2009-2010 Executive Board Agenda

November 5, 2009

5:30 PM

5:30p Michelle Tabacchi, V.P., opened the meeting.

Members present: Michelle Tabacchi, Margaret Speer, Inga Mass, Judi Anderson, Jeanne Banks, Barbara Torres, and Marlene Hall.

- Addition of Topics to Agenda
 - >Jeanne requested addition to Program Committee discussion to include monetary obligations of monthly meeting “no-shows.”
- October Board Meeting Minutes
 - >No corrections made.
- October Meeting Minutes
 - >Discussed, corrections made, Marlene to forward revised copy to Inga for publication in newsletter.
- October Treasurer Report
 - >JoAnn absent from email. Communicated through Michelle that she would forward Treasurer’s Report via email to the Board.
- Brochure
 - >Reviewed and approved by Board.
- November Meeting – Do we want to have a member craft sale?
 - >Board agreed to support members with a craft sale to begin at 5:30 p.
 - >Judi to send email announcing craft sale to members.
- Selection of Member of the Month
 - >Member Selected.
- Business Cards
 - >Board Members to let Mychelle know if they’d like to order cards.
- Business Plan – take to members for a vote
 - Review Section – Membership Recognition
 - >Board reviewed the Membership Recognition section of the Bus. Plan and added the words to say that the Woman of the Year and Top 10 Candidate will have their registration for the National Committee paid by the chapter.
 - April Board Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2010, so it doesn’t conflict with District VI conference, which starts April 9, 2010.

Area Council Holiday Party Specifics

Kathy (Jeanne)

- > Date/Time/Place: Sunday, December 6, 2009. Social time at 5p, dinner at 6p, ending about 8p. Holiday Inn and Suites at I-25 & Jefferson. \$25/person. Meal: Ham, Turkey or Vegetarian plate options.
- > Edible Auction proceeds go to scholarship fund in honor of Pam Gordon. Donations welcome in lieu of bringing sweets.
- >\$20 gift exchange. No theme. Label gift for male or female.
- >E-vite will be sent. Must RSVP by Monday, November 30, 2009.
- >Attendees being asked to pay for Holiday Party at the November 19, meeting.

- Website Updates-Change agreed to by Board
 - Board Member at Large should read as “Board Delegate”

Jeanne (JoAnn)

- Fund Raising Committee Report
 - Fund Raising by Category
 - >UNM Concessions –no new updates
 - > Trivia Night – No update.
 - >Garage Sale - \$637 earned. All remaining items were delivered to Family Treasures and then to the Bargain Box. Men’s clothes to St. Martin’s downtown. Next yard sale date to be published next January. Tentatively held in April 2010.
 - >50/50 Drawing – Discussed when tickets would be distributed.
 - >Board discussed no-shows to monthly meetings and responsibility of covering expense of dinner.
 - > Members to be advised: If you have a guest coming, the member is to RSVP that they are bringing a guest.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

(Multiple guests – Drop reservation at hotel by 10%)

>RSVP list to be printed and provided to JoAnn.

- Program Committee Report Judi (Marlene)
 - >November Program information (Speaker & Menu) scheduled.
 - >Request to hotel that meal to be on table by 6:30p.m. and provided to the speaker first.
 - Membership Committee Report Sharon (Kathy)
 - >Working on Orientation for December 2.
 - >Spring Membership Campaign Planning
 - Professional Development Committee Report Barbara (Michelle)
 - November Newsletter Inga
 - >Tierra Encantada President is Yolanda Arrey
 - >High Noon President is Colleen Herrera; colleenherrera@gmail.com
 - SMBEF – Contributions to National review.
 - >JoAnn to submit funds monthly to ABWA headquarters donating \$50 to SBMEF with accompanying letter stating it is donated to the scholarship fund in the speaker's name..
 - >Barbara gathering information on educational courses as a resource for members. Info. Welcome.
 - >Articles for Newsletter: Letters will go out to all ABWA local members about the Request this item be added to a future board meeting agenda for discussion:
 - >ABWA UNM Foundation Scholarship discussed as solely a LaLuz Chapter project.
 - >Barbara discussed avenues of reaching potential candidates for the scholarship award.
 - >Barbara is sending a letter and application to the major state universities requesting applications be returned to us by February 15, 2010. Other avenues of reaching potential candidates being explored.
 - >Article: Getting to know New Mexico about Edgewood Wildlife in the next newsletter.
 - November Draft Meeting Agenda: Changes discussed and agreed upon. Michelle to inform Mychelle of recommendations. Jeanne – please pay for Dec. party at 11/19 meeting.
 - Next Board meeting 12/10. No chapter meeting will be held in December.
- 6:45p Meeting adjourned.

Professional Development Opportunities Check List

La Luz Business Skills Tuition Reimbursement

Qualification

- Max of 1 per fiscal year one half (1/2) of the tuition up \$80
- Female US Citizen
- Must be a member of La Luz ABWA
- Enhances Life Skills and / or Career Skills

Process

- Submit application to Judi Anderson at least 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline. Email to TorresBW@aol.com or snail mail to: PO Box 478, Tijeras, NM 87059-0478. Include:
 - a. course description
 - b. rational for attendance
 - c. date, time and location of class
2. Professional Development committee will vote on approval, requires a majority vote
3. Applicant will be notified of approval
4. After attending the class:
 - a. submit a written report for publication in the newsletter
 - b. receipt

SBMEF Business Skills Tuition Reimbursement

Qualification

- Max Per fiscal year one half (1/2) of the tuition up \$500
- Minimum per reimbursement \$50
- Must attend a licensed, accredited or state-approved institution in the United States or its possessions, territories, or districts
- Female US Citizen
- Does not need to be a member of ABWA

Process

1. Submit application within 90 days of attending the course. Include:
 - c. course description
 - d. rational for attendance
 - e. verification of the institution's or organization's credentials

Outright Grants Program Qualifications

- Max Per fiscal year \$1,500
- Funds are to be used only for tuition, books and fees.
- Female US Citizen
- Must be at least at the sophomore level in college (completed 45 credit hours) applying for funds to be used the following year.
- Does not need to be a member of ABWA
- Have a 2.5 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher

Process

1. Complete the candidate information section of the SBMEF application in full.
2. Provide official transcripts of grades from all colleges attended.
3. Write a one-page biographical summary
4. Submit three current letters of reference from persons other than relatives.

2009-2010 SBMEF Outright Grant Application

All areas must be completed for consideration Chapter/Network Sponsor La Luz Chapter

Name _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

ABWA member number (if applicable) _____

Daytime Telephone Number (include area code) _____

Present Address _____

Street

City, State and ZIP

U.S. Citizen? Yes No E-Mail Address _____

If the address given above is your temporary address while attending school, provide the name and permanent address of someone through whom you can always be contacted:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Street

City, State and ZIP

Amount of SBMEF funding for which you are applying: \$ _____ outright grant (\$1,500 maximum)

Have you previously received scholarship assistance from an ABWA chapter/network? Yes No

If yes: How many chapter/network scholarships have you received? _____ Total amount \$ _____

Have you previously received funding through SBMEF? Yes No

If yes: How many grants? _____ Total amount \$ _____

Do you have outstanding education loans (other than SBMEF)? Yes No Total amount \$ _____

What is your cumulative unweighted grade point average (GPA)? _____ (on a 4.0 scale -- 2.5 minimum)

At the beginning of the academic term for which funding is sought:

Name and address of school you will be attending

What will your academic classification be? Junior Senior Graduate student

How many hours have you completed? _____ Additional hours needed to complete degree? _____

You will be attending school: Part time Full time

Field of Study _____ **Career objective** _____

Degree you will receive _____ **Expected completion date** _____

Month/Year

Date term begins _____

Expenses (Aug. 1 - July 31):

Tuition and fees - \$ _____

Books - \$ _____

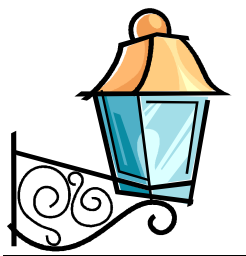
As required, I have attached: official transcripts 3 letters of reference one-page biographical sketch

chapter/Express Network sponsorship form new member application

I attest that all applicant information is complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____



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ABWA – Albuquerque and Santa Fe Chapters Meeting Nights and 2008/2009 Presidents

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La Luz Chapter	11:30 4 th Thursday MCM Elegante	MyChelle Andrews		mkandrews@cabq.gov
Tierra Encantada Chapter	3 rd Tuesday Santa Fe	Colleen Herrera		colleenherrera@gmail.com

All Meetings in the evening unless noted otherwise.