



ABWA[®]
 AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

August 2009

August Chapter Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2009
 MCM Elegante Hotel
 6:00pm - Networking
 6:30pm - Meeting Begins

The La Luz Lamplighter

La Luz Celebrates the End of a Successful Year



La Luz chapter members celebrate the end of the 2008-2009 year during the Board Surprise dinner held July 23, 2009 at the home of member Lana Hills.

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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

[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

Dear La Luz Chapter Members,

This month La Luz starts a new ABWA year. I am so excited to be president this year. I am honored to be leading such a dynamic group of women. The Executive Board for 2009 – 2010 are all first timers in their respective positions. I know each of you will help us through this learning experience. We have prepared a budget for your review. We have wonderfully experienced members leading our committees this year. The Fund Raising committee will face many challenges this year. With the remodeling at the PITT, fund raising will be even more important, but with everyone's help, we will meet our budget goals. The Professional Development committee is working on identifying opportunities for members to utilize our professional development budget. The Membership committee is gearing up for a busy year. The Programs committee is once again securing wonderful speakers for our meetings this year. For our August meeting, David Michael Horine, Ph. D., is the Clinical Director of the Sandia Center. He will be presenting "The Performance Option". We have great plans for this year and are looking forward to everyone participating.

Remember – Chapter dues of \$36 are due at August meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

In ABWA Love,

MyChelle

"A Leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

-John C. Maxwell



Focus on August Chapter Meeting

La Luz Meeting Agenda August 27, 2009

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| 6:00 | Social, Networking, Dorr Prize Ticket Sales |
| 6:30 | Call to Order & Welcome: MyChelle Andrews
Mission Statement, Pledge of Allegiance, and NM Flag Salute |
| 6:35 | Dinner
Introductions / Michelle Tabacchi |
| 7:00 | Guest Speaker - |
| 7:45 | Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Member Affiliation Financial Report Secretary Report Correspondence Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Awards Compaq – Fund Raiser ABW Day Report from Audit Committee Membership Drawing for 2nd Quater Purse-onality ABWA National Conference Ad New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Announcements / Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chairs Other Announcements Installation of Offices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Member at Large |
| 8:30 | Door Prizes |
| 8:45 | Benediction |

August Program Highlights

The presenter for the August meeting will be David Michael Horine, Ph.D., Clinical Director, The Sandia Center. He will be speaking on the topic "The Performance Options", a presentation that will enlighten, entertain and reveal how we all can enjoy greater performance, fulfillment and success in our personal and professional lives.

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Menu

Salad with Ranch and Raspberry
Vinaigrette
Chicken Marsala over Pasta
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Rolls & Butter
Chef Choice of Dessert
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

September 24, 2009
MCM Elegante

Next Board Meeting

September 10, 2009
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Committee Square

Professional Development Committee Report August 2009

In addition to soliciting candidates for and awarding a SBMEF Grant, the Professional Development Committee will continue to work toward funding the La Luz UNM Scholarship Endowment. Another important goal for this year is to provide information on professional development opportunities for our members where they can access the Business Skills Grant Program and the La Luz Professional Development funds. We will provide articles for the newsletter on these opportunities as well as bringing information to our meetings.

The committee is hoping to provide \$2000 in full registration funding for as many members as possible attend either District Conference in the spring (Reno, NV) or National Women's Leadership Conference in the fall (Chattanooga, TN). Start making your plans to attend one or both of these conferences. We also plan to reimburse members half of their registration fee for New Mexico Fiesta this next July.

This committee needs more members who have ideas on what we can do to contribute to the professional development of our members and what we can do to obtain funds for the UNM Endowment Fund. Please join us this year!

Barbara Torres
Professional Development Committee Chair

2009-2010 Membership Fees Due

The \$36.00 annual membership fees are due to the Chapter Treasurer in August. If you would like to receive a black and white copy of the newsletter through the mail, please add an additional \$36.00 to your payment. The additional \$36.00 will cover the cost of copying and mailing the newsletters to you for the upcoming year and is due at the time your membership is renewed.



Calendar of Events

1. Thursday, September 10
Board Meeting
2. Saturday, September 12
Articles to Newsletter
3. Saturday, September 19
ABW Day
4. Thursday, September 24
Chapter Meeting
5. Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
September 24, 25 and 26 ABWA
National Conference

Program Committee Report August 2009

Future Scheduled Speakers:

August 27 – Presenter- David Michael Horine, Ph.D., Clinical Director, The Sandia Center.

September 24 – Presenter- Gena Wilmitis, Investor Education Coordinator. "Women in Transition"

Judi Anderson
Program Committee Chair

Membership Committee Report August 2009

Committee Report: Membership - No Meeting

Action Items

- Determine if Chris will still be participating on the team
- Need committee members
- Need to develop plan for the year
- Need to review the business plan
- Will receive the items from Jeanne and/or Michelle

Sharon Winings
Membership Committee Chair



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





Committee Square



Fundraising Committee Report August 2009

Hello La Luz!

It is a new year, a new La Luz Board and with that comes new Committee FUN as well! Of course, you know that everyone is on the fund raising committee—and this year, we are going to do some new and different things. What things you ask??

We are going to have a new event or two that will let us work together as a team to sharpen our skills and enhance our relationships. The exact plans for these events need your input and support—please plan on attending a Fund Raising Committee meeting the week of Aug 31-Sep 4. The exact date, time and location will be determined and announced at the meeting.

Don't worry—we are still going to participate in some of your old favorites as well—50/50 Raffle, Flower Delivery, and UNM Concessions. The future of our concession involvement is still up in the air due to construction at The Pit—so stand by for updates on that as well.

I am excited to lead this committee in 2009-2010 and look forward to your support and involvement.

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

Jeanne Banks,
Fund Raising Chair

UNM Football Fundraising Schedule

The following information is from Evie Zlotkin regarding ABWA's fundraising activities during the upcoming UNM Football season.

Well we are less than a month away from the Football season and now it is time to seriously think about working the games. I have not received the report times for the games yet, but thinking about last season I am assuming that for football we need to report about 3 hours prior to game time since the gates open 1 1/2 hrs prior to game time and we need to be ready. As soon as I know I will pass on the exact times for reporting. Here is what I have so far:

September 12 - Game time 6 pm vs Tulsa.

Mary Boucher
Michelle Tabacchi
Sue Rose
Evie Zlotkin

September 19 - Game time 5:30 pm vs Air Force

Mary Boucher
Lorraine Garcia

September 26 - Game time 8 pm vs New Mexico State

Lorraine Garcia
Sue Rose
Mary Boucher will help with set up - her son Adam is playing in the band with NMS
Evie Zlotkin

Please recruit workers for these games. I would really like names asap so I don't have to scramble at the last minute for workers.
ThankYou!!!

Evie

Member Birthdays and ABWA Anniversaries

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

Helene Dobbins 08/09
Dana Roberson 08/16
Betty Jo Maes de Carter 08/17
Chris Mahan 08/18
Luisa Gignac 08/25
Mary Boucher 08/30



The following members are celebrating Anniversaries in July!

Mary Boucher 1993
Carmen Dickens 2007



La Luz – July 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes

La Luz – July 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Lana Hill's Residence, 13111 Marble Avenue, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

President, Barbara Torres opened the meeting at 6:30 PM by reading the ABWA Mission followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Vice President, MyChelle Andrews announced due to feedback from the survey, beginning with the August 27 meeting members will be asked to introduce themselves with their name and how long a member of ABWA. Getting better acquainted will be accomplished by topics to discuss at the tables.

Eve Flannigan was inducted as a new member and as the SBMEF scholarship recipient, was presented with a \$1,500 check.

Business Meeting: The financial report (as published on the website) was filed for audit. The final 2008-2009 financial report will be filed with the National office.

Minutes from the June 25, 2009 meeting were accepted as printed in the July 2009 newsletter.

Correspondence: President, Barbara Torres read an invitation to attend a high tea to support Resources, Inc for victims of domestic violence.

Lana Hills read a thank you card from the banquet coordinator at MCM Elgante, thanking the chapter for our business.

Old Business: An excellent report on the 2009 Fiesta. There were 47 attendees, which included 16 out of town guests; speakers were outstanding and the event may finish in the black.

There were 13 responses to the Chapter Scorecard and Chapter Survey. The Chapter Scorecard responses showed that the majority of members want to achieve the Best Practices Standards. The incoming Executive Board will work toward that goal.

New Business: The Chair of the Audit Committee is Kathy Elrick and will be assisted by Shirley Dean and JoAnn Torres.

On a board recommendation, the members voted to renew our commitment to the ABWA Proud Code of Conduct.

ABWA Day will be September 19 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. More information will be given at the August 27 meeting.

Members voted to participant in the combined holiday party and will be responsible for registration for the event.

On a move by Judi Anderson and second by MyChelle Andrews members voted to accept the opportunity to place an ad in the National Conference Program with the other New Mexico chapters or alone.

MyChelle Andrews moved and Jeanne Banks seconded to donate a purse (value \$100) to be auctioned at the National Conference. The funds from the auction will go to the ABWA Foundation. MyChelle Andrews will send the necessary forms to the National office. MyChelle Andrews and Judi Anderson will shop for the purse and contents to be paid for by the Chapter.

It was suggested that the donated ABWA compact from Shannon Wheat be auctioned at the combined holiday event in December.

Members were recognized with pins commemorating their years of membership: 40 years—Luisa Gignac, Shirley Dean; 35 years—Margaret Dike, Ruth Merrill; 30 years—Jeanne Banks and Barbara Torres; 25 years—Bea Gallegos and Ursula Garduno.

New Officers MyChelle Andrews, President and Marlene Hall, Secretary were installed.

President Barbara Torres adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Speer, Secretary

(Meeting Report emailed to National July 25, 2009)

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

LaLuz 2009 Executive Board Agenda

August 13, 2009

Called to Order at 5:40 PM, President MyChelle Andrews

Attendees: MyChelle Andrews, Michelle Tabacchi, Jeanne Banks, Margaret Speer, Barbara Torres, Inga Mass, Judi Anderson, Marlene Hall, JoAnn Torres

Minutes-Executive Board Meeting minutes from July 11, 2009, meeting will be prepared by Michelle Tabacchi as no secretary was present at this meeting.

July Chapter meeting minutes were reviewed – no changes.

Treasurer Report – Books not yet closed by Jeanne due to pending checks for July expenses not yet written. Jeanne will provide report to Inga by the weekend. All documents will be ready to hand off to JoAnne Torres, the new Treasurer at the August Chapter meeting, August 27, 2009.

Member of the Month – Nominee was designated and will be announced at the August 27 meeting.

WIN website as a communication tool.

MyChelle proposed we use WIN for documents going forward.

National Conference – **Deadline for registration has been extended to end of August.**

The purse to represent the La Luz chapter is almost done. MyChelle will report at the chapter meeting August 27 that we are not doing an ad for convention.

National Conference next year will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Best Practices from WIN – MyChelle to download future information and provide copy to the board members. MyChelle will email programs document for Best Practices to Judi for the Program Committee.

Member at Large – Chris Mahan will not be available to fill this position.

Budget Review - MyChelle provided a draft of proposed budget for this coming year. It was reviewed and discussed in detail.

Budget was approved as noted and will be presented at the August 27 meeting by MyChelle.

Business Plan Review – MyChelle provided a draft for review.

Future Board Meeting Location – Meeting location will remain the same as long as we keep the meeting within a reasonable timeframe and it doesn't run too long.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee Report – Jeanne Banks

- UNM Concessions - Potential earnings this year expected to be less due to construction at the PIT.
- Scholarship fund goal - \$1,000 from events, \$1,500 donated from club
- The antique compact will be sold as a fundraiser with the proceeds donated to the scholarship fund.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, Cont.

Program Committee Report – Judi Anderson

- Judi has reviewed menus and we will have different options this year.
- Cost of dinners for chapter meeting will remain the same at \$18.
- The biography of the guest speaker for each chapter meeting will appear in the e-vite for each meeting.

Membership Committee Report

- Chapter cards for Sympathy, Birthday, etc.

Professional Development Committee Report -Barbara Torres

- Barbara will include information in the August newsletter.

Meeting Agenda for August 27 meeting - MyChelle has prepared the agenda.

Next Board Meeting – September 10, 2009. Same location.



The following e-mail was sent to Albuquerque and Santa Fe ABWA members regarding the upcoming ABW Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Page 9 of the Lamplighter is the reservation form for the event. All members are encouraged to attend the celebration and bringing a guest is welcomed.

Albuquerque and Santa Fe ABWAers ~

We invite you to join us for our Saturday, September 19th, **American Business Women's Day Celebration**. We will meet at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center from 11:30am – 1:30pm. We'll have a great lunch, hear a national keynote speaker talk about leadership, network with other ABWA members, and get to know our guests as we teach them some basics of ABWA.

This is an enrollment event as well as a celebration. We want you to invite many of your women co-workers, friends and neighbors to join us for the event and later, to join us in our chapters. Please act soon; reservations must be received by September 11th.

All the details, including the registration form, are on the attachment. Print one for yourself and forward the attachment to everyone you want to invite. Keep in mind that the attachment shows the who, what, when and where – you need to provide the WHY in the body of your email.

Problems with the attachment or any questions? Contact Donna Luke via email djluke2020@comcast.net or phone 307-2906.

Thanks and see you at the luncheon!

Albuquerque Charter Chapter ABW Day Committee Co-chairs:
Donna Luke, Carol Matthews, and Susan Thorpe

American Business Women's Day Celebration

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
 2401 12th Street NW • Albuquerque NM 87104
 Luncheon - \$25

Saturday, September 19, 2009
11:30am - 1:30pm

Speaker: Katie Snapp
 a national keynote speaker and author of a new book entitled,
Skirt Strategies: 249 Success Tips for Women in Leadership

Katie works with women across the country, coaching them to leverage their natural feminine strengths. Through the beauty of simplicity, women can build their leadership skills and heighten their self-awareness, resulting in stronger self-confidence. Her presentations are both informative and humorous. Her background information can be found at www.Better-Leadership.com

Lunch:

Marinated Pork Loin, Spinach Salad & Redskin Potatoes or Vegetarian (on request)

Reservations must be received by September 11

Optional:

From 2-3pm on Saturday, the Cultural Center presents Pueblo Dances in the courtyard. They charge \$4 for entrance to the courtyard, museum, gallery & exhibits and are open until 5pm.



Please print:

Name:	Phone:
Business:	Title:
Lunch choice (circle one): Pork Vegetarian	
Name:	Phone:
Business:	Title:
Lunch choice (circle one): Pork Vegetarian	

Make your check payable to **ABWA Charter Chapter** and mail this bottom portion to:
 ABWA-Donna Luke, 7900 San Pedro NE, A-5 Ste 3, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Total number of attendees _____ x \$25 = \$_____ remittance

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

1. Submit application to Judi Anderson at least 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline. Email to judianderson@comcast.net or snail mail to: 1104 Sagebrush Trail SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 Include:
 - a. course description
 - b. rationale 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. rationale 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.

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 Vice President - Casey Coven
 Secretary/Treasurer – Deb Horrocks
 District VI Vice President - Michelle Egbert

La Luz 2009-2010 Officers and Committee Chairs

Executive Board

President – MyChelle Andrews
 Vice President – Michelle Tabacchi
 Secretary – Marlene Hall
 Treasurer – JoAnn Torres
 Member-At-Large -

Committee Chairs

Professional Development Committee Chair –
 Barbara Torres
 Program Committee Chair – Judi Anderson
 Fund Raising Committee Chair –Jeanne Banks
 Membership Committee Chair –
 Sharon Winings

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**Do you have an idea or story for the Lamplighter?**  
**Do you have accomplishments you would like to share with other chapter members?**  
**Do you have pictures or an event to share with the Chapter?**

**Send your articles, pictures, or ideas to Inga Mass at**  
[ingamass@comcast.net](mailto:ingamass@comcast.net)



Log on to our Website at:  
[www.abwa-laluz-abq.org](http://www.abwa-laluz-abq.org)

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

|                             | Meeting Night                                          | President       | Phone      | E-Mail                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Albuquerque Charter Chapter | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday<br>MCM Elegante              | Margaret Gates  | H 294-8783 | <a href="mailto:jimmagates@aol.com">jimmagates@aol.com</a>                         |
| High Noon Chapter           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday<br>Shoneys/Louisiana<br>11:30 | Colleen Herrera |            | <a href="mailto:cherrera@albuquerquemuseum.com">cherrera@albuquerquemuseum.com</a> |
| La Luz Chapter              | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday<br>MCM Elegante               | Barbara Torres  | H 281-5076 | <a href="mailto:torresbw@aol.com">torresbw@aol.com</a>                             |
| Tierra Encantada Chapter    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday<br>Santa Fe                    | Yolanda Arrey   |            |                                                                                    |

All Meetings in the evening unless noted otherwise.