



May 2009

May Chapter Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2009
MCM Elegante
6:00pm - Networking
6:30pm - Meeting Begins

April Hostesses:

To Be Determined

The La Luz Lamplighter

**La Luz Member, Betty-Mae Hartman,
Recently Honored**



Betty-Mae Hartman, a 19 Year member of the La Luz chapter, is honoree at the 27th Annual Senior Hall Fame Awards (see pg. 6 for full article)

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.

VOLUME 41

ISSUE 10

Woman of the Year
MyChelle Andrews

Top Ten Nominee
Margaret Speer

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



Invocation

Lord in the quiet of this hour
 We come to Thee for wisdom and for
 power
 To view Thy world with only love-filled
 eyes
 To grow in understanding; to be wise
 And sure to see Thy guiding light and
 thus, to know each other as Thou
 knowest us. *Amen*

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

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Dear La Luz Chapter Members,

Happy Anniversary La Luz and Luisa Gignac – 42 years with the American Business Association!

We are celebrating the chartering of La Luz Chapter at our meeting this month. In May of 1967, La Luz was chartered. One of our charter members, Luisa Gignac, continues to be a vital member of this chapter. I hope every one of our members can be at the meeting to celebrate this momentous occasion.

This month we are also electing the La Luz 2009-2010 Executive Board. As different individuals assume leadership roles in the chapter, La Luz will continue to offer opportunities to women to join together in fellowship and growth. It is expected that every member will provide support to the incoming board through their attendance at meetings and participation in one of the chapter committees. Think about where you want to contribute and how you want to enhance and/or expand your skills and experience.

At the meeting this month, you will be asked to complete both a survey that will assist the new Executive Board in their planning for the next year and a scorecard to evaluate La Luz performance relative to Best Practices. Your input in both of these is so important to helping our chapter provide a valuable ABWA experience to each and every member.

After 4 years on the Executive Board, I will be leaving the board at the end of this chapter year, but will continue to be very active as a chair of one of our committees. I wish the new board all the best in this coming year.

In ABWA Love,

Barbara

“Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience.”

-Victoria Holt, best-selling author



Focus on May Chapter Meeting

La Luz Meeting Agenda May 28, 2009

La Luz Meeting Agenda – May 28, 2009

- 6:00 **Social, Networking, Door Prize Ticket Sales**
 6:30 **Call To Order & Welcome:** Barbara Torres
Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and NM Flag Salute
 6:35 **Dinner**
Introductions / MyChelle Andrews
Member Presentation – Barbara Torres - Owner, Barbara Torres Consulting
Member of the Month Announcement –
 7:00 **Program:** MyChelle Andrews - Software Engineer for the City of Albuquerque, “Internet Presence and Website Design”
 7:45 **Break / Door Prize Ticket Sales**
 8:00 **Business Meeting**
 New Member Affiliation
 Financial Report
 Secretary Report
 Correspondence
 Old Business
 SBMEF Grant Award **VOTE**
 O’Neill’s Guest Bartender Event
 New Mexico Fiesta 2009
 New Business
 Election of 2009 – 2010 Executive Board
 Area Council Attendees
 Chapter Survey*
 Chapter Scorecard*
 VOTE to dispense with business at June Meeting
 Announcements/Reports
 Committee Chairs
 Other Announcements
 8:25 **Door Prizes**
 8:30 **Benediction**

* Work on during dinner

May Program Highlights

The May Program will be presented by La Luz member, MyChelle Andrews, who is the Website Development, Software Engineer for the City of Albuquerque. Her presentation is titled- “Internet Presence and Website Design”.



May Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2009
MCM Elegante Hotel
6:00pm – Networking
6:30pm – Meeting Begins

May Hostesses

To Be Determined

Menu

Salad with Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette
 London Broil
 Baked Potato with Toppings
 Fresh Vegetable Medley
 Rolls & Butter
 Birthday Cake
 Coffee and Iced Tea

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

Thank you,

Lana Hills, Committee Chair

Next La Luz Meeting

June 25, 2009
MCM Elegante Hotel

Next Board Meeting

June 8, 2009
TVC





Committee Square



Membership Committee Report May 2009


Thank you Mauldin's Flowers! I had the opportunity to enjoy spending the morning with Helen Dobbins on Saturday May 9th. We delivered flowers together to the Nob Hill area and thankfully she was doing the driving and the navigating as I get lost crossing the street. Personally I thought it was more rewarding than when we delivered Valentine's Day flowers. May Day flowers are important, Mother's Day flowers are important and so is the opportunity for La Luz to fund raise. I hope everyone has had the chance to deliver flowers or will look forward to trying the adventure soon.

MyChelle Andrews and I will be attending the Conference for Women at the Convention Center on Saturday 05/16/09. We will be proudly sporting our styling ABWA name badges and handing out our La Luz information. All the while we will be enjoying the great networking event. We hope others are scheduled to attend. We will look for you there. Thank you for your support!

Remember the offer of **double points** still stands to help promote our exciting ABWA La Luz chapter. Please plan to bring guest(s) in June. This is an exciting time for our chapter and guests will appreciate the different venue too.

The Membership Committee's first quarter contest drawing was earned by Judi Anderson. Let's all ask her at the May meeting what movie she went to see with the winning tickets. ***You do not need to be present to win*** Disclaimer notice-no purchase necessary but you must participate for a chance to win so bring a guest or two. This quarter's winner could be you!

Michelle Tabacchi,
Membership Chair

 Submit Articles for
the La Luz
Lamplighter to:

ingamass@comcast.net



Calendar of Events

1. Saturday, June 6
Guest Bartender Night
2. Thursday, June 11
Board Meeting TVC
3. Saturday, June 13
Articles to Newsletter
4. Saturday, June 20
2009 ABWA Leadership
Roundup, Phoenix, AZ
5. Thursday, June 25
Chapter Meeting
MCM Elegante
6. Friday and Saturday, July 17
& 18
ABWA Fiesta
7. Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, September 24, 25
and 26
ABWA National Conference

Fund Raising Committee Report May 2009

UNM Concessions—You really turned this around, La Luzers! We added another \$349.23 to the coffers from your efforts in Feb and March. More will come when the PowWow is paid. Total to date---\$1975.80! Congratulations to all!

Flower Delivery—Thanks to all who were able to deliver on Mother's Day.

New "Joint Venture"—Need to keep this event in the forefront, it is our next big endeavor and it is going to be a blast!! The Professional Development and Fundraising Committees (that really means all of you!) are sponsoring a Celebrity Bartender night at **O'Neill's Pub on June 6** from **5:00-8:00**. We will have a silent auction and door prizes at that event. So don't lose those great items that you have! What is a Celebrity Bartender night, you ask? It is a wonderful way for us to earn money for our UNM Scholarship. O'Neill's will furnish appetizers and for each person who comes in, fills out a card giving their email address so they can receive O'Neill's messages, O'Neill's will donate \$3 to our scholarship fund. The silent auction proceeds will also go toward the scholarship. Door prize ticket sales will benefit the chapter's general fund. Our job is to continue to get items and to invite our friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to join us for a drink and help education. Mark your calendars for **June 6!!** O'Neill's is on the south side of Central almost at the corner of Washington. Don't let the drive by fool you—there is a large parking lot on the south side of the building!



Committee Square

Program Committee Report May 2009

At the April meeting, Margaret Speer gave a presentation on how to manage ourselves, to save and use time more effectively. Her focus was on the value of time and how we must learn to fit our activities into our schedule. She suggested keeping a time log for a period of time to determine if time was being used wisely or wasted and gave a handout with timesaving tips.

Future Scheduled Speakers are as follows:

May 28- MyChelle Andrews, Website Development, Software Engineer for the City of Albuquerque- "Internet Presence and Website Design"
(Chapter Birthday and Elections)

June 25- Karen Heerschap, CPA, Tax Manager at REDW- "Tax Deductions for Small Businesses"
(Business Associate and Scholarships)

July 23- Board Surprise

Luz Meeting Summary Evaluation

PROGRAM: Margaret Speer "Manage YOURSELF to Use Time Effectively"
LOCATION: MCM Eleganté
DATE: April 23, 2009
Attendees: 13 members 1 Guest
Respondents: 8

Rating scale of (5) for the most favorable impression gradating to (1) for the poorest impression

Relevant for the Chapter	4.63
Quality of Presenter Material?	4.75
Quality of Presenter?	4.88
Overall Meeting	4.37

Comments:

1. Great job! Very interesting!
2. Great topic. Great ideas.

Suggestions to improve the La Luz meetings:

1. **Speakers relevant to volunteering to better our living conditions—city—state, etc.**
2. **Fish was ??? (couldn't read writing).**

Interested in vendor booth space at 2009 ABWA New Mexico Fiesta? See pgs. 7 and 8 for information and application.



Officers to be Elected

Voting for officers for the 2009-2010 Executive Board will take place at the May 28, 2009 chapter meeting. The following are the candidates and the position they are running for:

- President:** MyChelle Andrews
Vice President: Michelle Tabacchi
Secretary: Marlene Hall
Treasurer: Maebell Pendleton
Member at Large: JoAnn Torres and Chris Mahan

Be sure to get your name in the drawing for a pair of movie tickets! All you have to do is bring a guest to any La Luz function and your name will be entered into the quarterly drawing for a pair of movie tickets!



Member Birthdays and ABWA Anniversaries

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

- Lana Hills 05/06
 Judi Anderson 05/17
 Margaret Speer 05/20



The following members are celebrating Anniversaries in May!

- Luisa Gignac 1967
 Bea Gallegos 1983
 Marie Gignac 1988
 Annie Hooten 2007
 Inga Mass 2008
 Cathy Zeringue 2008





Spotlight on our Members

Congratulations to Betty-Mae Hartman

Silver Horizons honors five New Mexicans

By Amanda Schoenberg
Journal Staff Writer

The following is an excerpt of an article printed in the April 19 Albuquerque Journal Mature Life in which Betty-Mae Hartman was named as a Senior Hall of Fame honoree.

From advocating for children to preserving the Rio Grande bosque, the 27th annual Senior Hall of Fame honorees — F. Chris Garcia, Betty-Mae Hartman, Richard (Dick) Kirschner and Anne Nokes — have served their community in many ways.

“It’s just amazing what these people have done,” says Lori Feibelman, executive director of the nonprofit Silver Horizons, which organizes the Hall of Fame. “Every year you think, ‘Could we possibly get a batch as great as this one?’ And every year you’re just blown away.”

The Senior Hall of Fame honors individuals who spend their lives in community service. This year honorees will be inducted May 21 at an event that raises money for Silver Horizons’ work for older residents, including emergency utility-bill assistance, home repairs and a food pantry program.

Silver Horizons also will bestow a Special Achievement Award on Albuquerque resident Kim Perdue, who has spent more than 30 years working on behalf of seniors. He is the seventh person to receive the

honor, according to Feibelman.

Betty-Mae Hartman

Thanks to Hartman, residents of Helmstedt, Germany, and Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, have had a chance to learn about Albuquerque — and vice versa.

A volunteer with the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation for about 20 years, including six years as president, Hartman has hosted dozens of international visitors and visited eight sister cities, including Albuquerque, Spain; Hualien, Taiwan; Lanzhou, China; Sasebo, Japan; and Chihuahua and Guadalajara, Mexico.

“It was just a chance to see different people, to be exposed to (a) different culture,” she says.

The Albuquerque native graduated from what became Sandia High School, went to Oberlin College and was one of two women to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in business administration from UNM in 1942.

Living in Tennessee with her husband, Leonard, Hartman took flying lessons. When they returned to New Mexico, she became a volunteer pilot, checking out Girl Scout summer camps.

Hartman, 88, led several local educational initiatives, including a county task force to determine a new public school funding formula.

She helped create the Career Enrichment Center for high school students and the local Workshop for the Blind.

She also helped found a wholesale



moccasin business and worked at the R.N. Koch jewelry company.

Hartman remains active in La Luz Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association and the Sister Cities Foundation — she hopes to visit the newest Sister City in Rehovot, Israel, and to help organize the Sister Cities International conference in 2010.

“You never retire from volunteering,” she says.

The 27th annual Senior Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon will be May 21 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North (5151 San Francisco NE), starting with a 10:30 a.m. silent auction and social hour followed by a luncheon and inductions from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For information about the Senior Hall of Fame, see www.silverhorizons.org or call 884-3881. Tickets to the luncheon are \$40.



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

American Business Women's Association

Concession Space for ABWA New Mexico Fiesta 2009

Through our Area Council, the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) chapters in Albuquerque and Santa Fe have arranged to hold an exciting event entitled "Fiesta 2009", being held at

Hilton Garden Inn Albuquerque Uptown
6510 Americas Parkway
Albuquerque, NM
87110
July 18, 2009

There will be two special areas allocated to crafters or vendors.

1. A booth space is **\$35.00**.
2. Space will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
3. We have ten spaces in one room. You will be assigned a 6ft by 2 ft table. You are not allowed to bring your own tables.
4. We have 5 spaces in the lobby. You will have to bring your own set up/ tables for this space.
5. Set up for the event will be from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM. You must be completely set up for business by 7:30 AM
6. You must have your booth/display broken down by 5:15 PM

Once again we will ask any vendors that wish to participate in our raffle to provide an item. The raffle will be held after the last session on Saturday. Each vendor will collect the raffle information at their booth.

The vendor room will be open:

Saturday, July 18th from 7:30 AM till 4:30 PM

You can expect approximately 70-80 people to attend.

We invite guests from the hotel to come in and shop.

Our vendors in previous years have found this to be a profitable success.

We are also offering the following levels of sponsorships. If you would like to be a sponsor, please indicate the level you would like at the top of the application form.

Level	Donation	Recognition
1	\$200	Full Page ad on the web site and in the brochure, Registration and a Booth Space
2	\$125	Business Card ad on the web site and in the brochure and a Booth Space
3	\$50	Business Card ad on the web site and the brochure OR Booth Space and a Listing on the Web Site and the brochure

Lunch on Saturday is available for vendors for \$16

We are looking forward to you being part of our event. This is a good time to renew old friendships, and/or to make new ones!

If you have further questions please contact me at 505.237.9777 home or e-mail: judianderson@comcast.net

Sincerely,

Judi Anderson

La Luz Chapter-ABWA

Concession Coordinator

2009 ABWA New Mexico Fiesta
Vendor Response Form

Business Name

Owner Name

Mailing Address

City **State** **Zip**

Phone

E-mail address

Type of product you will be selling

How many booths are you reserving?

Which space are you requesting?

Lobby with own set up?

6 ft x 2 ft Table?

Do you need access to an electrical outlet?

Will you be participating in the raffle?

Will you need a basket to collect raffle tickets?

Booth Space is \$35

Room will be available for set up at 6:00 AM

We request vendors do not break down until 4:30 PM on Saturday

Send application with a check made out to

ABWA NM Fiesta 2009

To

Judi Anderson

1104 Sagebrush Trail SE

Albuquerque, NM 87123



April 29, 2009

Barbara Torres, President
La Luz, ABWA
PO Box 478
Tijeras, NM 87059-0478

Dear Barbara:

The entire National Support Team sends congratulations to the members of La Luz in the anniversary month of its founding on 5/19/1967.

Celebrate your accomplishments and expand your horizons for the future through active and wholehearted participation. I hope you will join us for the 60th Anniversary in Kansas City so I can hear about your achievements, first hand.

Every member is part of a dynamic national network of women who are achieving extraordinary personal and professional goals through ABWA.

I challenge each of you who belong to La Luz to embrace this year's theme, ***Promise to Deliver***. Make a commitment to provide professional development and networking opportunities to working women in your communities and then do all you can to fulfill that promise by applying enthusiasm and strong work ethics to achieve truly amazing results.

Best wishes and keep changing women's lives, one woman at a time.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rene Street". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rene Street
Executive Director
American Business Women's Association

Changing women's lives ... one woman at a time.

La Luz Chapter of ABWA

Presents

Celebrity Bartender Night

An event the entire family can enjoy



Featuring

Judi Anderson as our Celebrity Hostess
Inga Mass as our Celebrity Bartender



A night of FUN—with FABULOUS ITEMS in a Silent Auction

Saturday, June 6, 2009
5:00 – 8:00

Raffle Tickets
\$5 each / \$20 for 5 Tickets

Each person who completes a registration form \$3 will be
donated to the La Luz Scholarship Fund by O'Neil's

O'Neil's **IRISH PUB**

in Nob Hill
4310 Central SE

For more information:
www.abwa-laluz-abq.org
Inga 505-366-4515
MyChelle 505-281-4093



A fund raiser for the
La Luz ABWA Scholarship Fund
at the UNM Foundation
and the La Luz General Fund



Michelle Egbert
2008-2009 District VI Vice President
2007 Top Ten Business Woman

May, 2009

Dear ABWA Friends,

These past two months have been rewarding ones. I had the honor to preside at our district conference as well as attend three other district conferences. The excitement about WIN (Women's Instructional Network) has increased from conference to conference. If you have not had a chance to experience WIN please take some time and explore this new tool. I have posted a tutorial on my web site to assist you as you navigate WIN and explore the options available to you.

ABWA National is providing an awesome benefit to members. If you pay your dues and the \$15 WIN technology fee 60 days prior to your renewal date, you will have access to WIN for 14 months instead of 12 months. That's 60 days of WIN for free! Future dues and the WIN technology fee will not be due again until next year's renewal date.

Now that we are in May our chapters and Express Networks will be electing their new officers. Current officers should be reviewing their transition plan or developing one that will ensure a smooth transition. Once elections are complete, this is a great time for newly-elected officers to meet with committee chairmen to discuss what worked well this year, what could be improved, and to review your chapter or Express Network goals and Best Practices scorecard.

Key dates to share with your members -

Top Ten Nominee Application Deadline: May 15

District V Conference: May 15 and 16

Best Practice Submission (inserts only): No later than July 31

ABWA National Conference: September 24-26 - The Place To Be

It is an honor to serve as your District VI Vice President. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or comments you would like to share.

In ABWA friendship,

Michelle

Michelle Egbert
2008-2009 ABWA District VI Vice President
2007 Top Ten Business Woman

Email: MichelleEgbert@comcast.net

Web: www.abwamichelle.com

La Luz – March, 2009 Meeting Minutes

La Luz – April 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MCM Eleganté

Welcoming Committee: Margaret Speer and Doris Price

Acting Treasurer: Mary Boucher

Vice President, MyChelle Andrews opened the meeting at 6:30 PM; the Invocation (led by Margaret Speer) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and pledge to New Mexico flag.

Secretary Margaret Speer asked attendees to introduce themselves and share a time saving tip.

Judi Anderson was honored as the member of the month for the work she did on Cinco de Mayo Recovery and the Celebrity Bartender Night.

Program:

Margaret Speer gave a presentation on how to manage ourselves to save and use time more effectively. Her focus was on the value of time and how we must learn to fit our activities into its schedule. She suggested keeping a time log for a period of time to determine if time was being used wisely or wasted. A handout with time saving tips was distributed to attendees and can be sent electronically to absent members by request (margaret.speer@lmco.com).

Business Meeting:

Financial Report: Accepted as printed, filed for audit.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the March 26, 2009 meeting were approved as published in the April 2009 newsletter.

Correspondence: **Secretary Margaret Speer read a note from June Brunner thanking the chapter for remembering her and her family during their time of sorrow.**

Old Business:

O'Neill's Guest Bartender Event, Saturday, June 6, 6-8 PM, in Nob Hill: MyChelle distributed flyers for this event and encouraged members to post them at as many locations as possible. Along with the flyers members received two forms each for donations to the silent auction.

Membership Contest: Judi Anderson was the winner of the contest and will receive the movie tickets.

New Business:

SBMEF applications: Members were asked to have students apply for the scholarship.

Fund Raising: Members need to think about what we want to do for fundraising next year.

A request was made for members to work in the concession during the Pow Wow.

Newsletter Mailing: As a cost saving measure, newsletters will no longer be mailed (cost is \$8/month per newsletter. Black and white copies will be available at the monthly meeting unless other arrangements are made.

Nominating Committee: Helene Dobbins volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Ruth Merrill will be a committee member.

Other Announcements:

Ursula Garduno announced that Betty Mae Hartman was one of the New Mexico Silver Horizons Honors Recipients and read from about it from an Albuquerque Journal newspaper article.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction led by the Margaret Speer at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Speer

(Meeting Report mailed to National April 29, 2009)

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

La Luz 2008-2009 Executive Board Meeting Agenda
April 9, 2009
Called to order @ 5:30 PM President Barbara Torres

Attendees: MyChelle Andrews, Lana Hills, Inga Mass, Margaret Speer and Michelle Tabacchi, Barbara Torres

Minutes—April 9, 2009 executive board meeting and April 23, 2009 chapter meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report – Report accepted and will be published in the newsletter

Member of the Month nominated – will be announced at the May 28 meeting

Board Election – Announcement needs to be in the newsletter. Slate of officers will be presented at May meeting

Area Council Report –The next Fiesta planning meeting is Thursday, May 21, at the Village Inn on Menaul, Order at 5:30 PM, start meeting at 6:00 PM

Chapter Evaluation (Best Practices Scoreboard) & Chapter Survey– The entire chapter will complete the evaluation and survey at the meeting. Documents will be sent as attachments to the newsletter and will be available at the meeting.

Fund Raising Committee

- Congratulations on turnaround for UNM Concessions
- Thanks to all that made deliveries on Mother's Day.
- Discussed the O'Neill's Pub Celebrity Bartender event. Every member needs to get door prices and auction items and attend to support this important fund raising event.

Program Committee

- May 28 – MyChelle Andrews, will present "Internet Presence and Website Design". Chapter 42 birthday celebration and elections
- June 25 – Karen Heerschap, CPA, Tax Manager at REDW, "Tax Deductions for Small Businesses" (business associates & scholarships)
- July 23 – Board Surprise

Membership Committee

- Judi Anderson won the membership-building contest for the first quarter.
- The June 25 meeting will be a membership recruitment event
- Michelle will contact members that have been absent from several meetings and also inquire about dues renewal

Professional Development Committee Planning –

- Guest bartender event at O'Neill's Pub, on Central, Saturday, June 6.
- SBMEF Grant – Four applications have been received for the Grant. The committee will select a candidate prior to the May meeting and will ask for confirmation of the candidate.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ◆ **The Board will recommend that the chapter dismiss business items at June meeting**
- ◆ Lana Hills will get the cake for the birthday (June) meeting. Barbara Torres will read the 42nd birthday congratulations letter from the National Support Team.
- ◆ Barbara Torres will do the member presentation at the May meeting
- ◆ President, Barbara Torres, will announce the Member of the Month at the May meeting
- ◆ Committee Chair Reports to newsletter: All Committee Chairs
- ◆ May Executive Board meeting minutes to newsletter: Margaret Speer

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM, next meeting will be a Joint Board meeting, June 9, 2009, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Speer, Secretary

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.

—————



ABWA Executive Director

Carolyn Bufton Elman

ABWA National Headquarters

9100 Ward Parkway
 Post Office Box 8728 Kansas City, MO
 64114-0728
 Phone: (816) 361-6621 Fax: (816) 361-4991
 Member Services: (800) 228-0007
 Website: www.abwa.org



ABWA 2008-2009 National Officers

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

La Luz 2008-2009 Officers and Committee Chairs

Executive Board

President - Barbara Torres
 Vice President - MyChelle Andrews
 Secretary - Margaret Speer
 Treasurer - Jeanne Banks
 Member-At-Large - Inga Mass

Committee Chairs

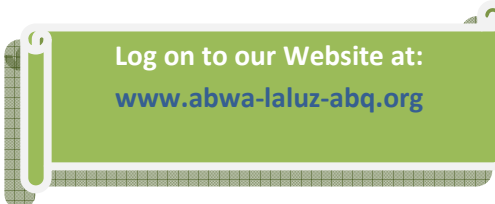
Professional Development Committee Chair –
 Judi Anderson
 Program Committee Chair – Lana Hills
 Fund Raising Committee Chair – Ursula Garduno
 Membership Committee Chair –
 Michelle Tabacchi

La Luz Lamplighter Editor

Inga Mass
 6111 Dungan NE.
 Albuquerque, NM 87109
 ~~~~~

**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     | Colleen Herrera |            | <a href="mailto:cherrera@albuquerquemuseum.com">cherrera@albuquerquemuseum.com</a> |
| La Luz Chapter              | 11:30<br>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.