



July 2009

**July Chapter Meeting**

Thursday, July 23, 2009  
Lana Hills' Home  
(13111 Marble Ave. NE, ABQ)  
6:00pm - Networking  
6:30pm - Meeting Begins

**July Hostesses:**

To Be Determined

# The La Luz Lamplighter

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## La Luz Chapter Selects 2008-2009 SBMEF Outright Grant Recipient



Eve Flanigan (above ) has been selected as the 2008-2009 La Luz Chapter SBMEF Outright Grant Recipient. See Eve's bio on page 4.

### 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.**

### 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,

Wow! This month marks the end of our fiscal year and this has been a great year for La Luz. Some of our accomplishments include:

- ⇒ Supported our chapter goals through GREAT programs, member presentations, supporting members' professional development, etc.
- ⇒ Raised funds with UNM Concessions, Mauldin's flower delivery, 50/50 drawing, Guest Bar Tender night at O'Neills, Door Prizes, and member donations
- ⇒ Made a GREAT start on funding our UNM Scholarship Endowment
- ⇒ Welcomed several new members to the ABWA experience
- ⇒ Sponsored members attendance at District and National Conferences by paying their registration costs

Thank you to each and every member of this great chapter for making my last two years as president of La Luz so rewarding. You are all so very special to me!

In ABWA Love,

*Barbara*

*"I really don't think life is about the I-could-have-beens. Life is only about the I-tried-to-do. I don't mind the failure, but I can't imagine that I'd forgive myself if I didn't try"*

*-Nikki Giovanni, poet, essayist, and lecture.*



## Focus on July Chapter Meeting

### La Luz Meeting Agenda July 23, 2009

- 6:00 **Social, Networking, Door Prize Ticket Sales**  
 6:30 **Call To Order & Welcome:** Barbara Torres  
**Mission Statement, Pledge of Allegiance, and NM Flag Salute**  
 6:35 **Dinner**  
**Introductions / MyChelle Andrews**  
 7:15 **Break / Door Prize Ticket Sales**  
 7:30 **Business Meeting**  
     New Member Affiliation  
     Financial Report  
     Secretary Report  
     Correspondence  
     Old Business  
     New Mexico Fiesta 2009  
     Chapter Scorecard  
     Chapter Survey  
     New Business  
     Selection of Audit Committee  
     VOTE – ABWA Proud Code of Conduct  
     Recognition Activities  
     Announcements/Reports  
     Committee Chairs  
     Other Announcements  
     Installation of Officers  
 8:20 **Door Prizes**  
 8:30 **Benediction**

### **July Program Highlights**

The July meeting will be fun for all! Please come to enjoy the great company of your fellow La Luz members in a casual environment. The annual July meeting is also a time to show your appreciation for our current Board Members and Committee Chairs and the work they have completed over the past year and support the members who will be sworn in as our 2009-2010 Executive Board members and Committee Chairs.

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### **Menu**

Chips and Dip  
 Veggie Platter  
 Barbeque Brisket  
 Potato, Chef & Fruit Salads  
 President's Choice of Dessert  
 Sun Tea & Coffee  
 Margaritas and Wine

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**

August 27, 2009  
 MCM Elegante

### **Next Board Meeting**

August 13, 2009  
 TVC





## Professional Development Committee Report July 2009

The following bio was written by our 2008-2009 SBMEF Outright Grant Recipient, Eve Flanigan who will be attending the July Chapter Meeting on July 23, 2009:

Eve Flanigan, La Luz Chapter's 2009 scholarship candidate, is working toward a master of public health degree through Walden University. In 2005, Flanigan left a 15-year career of service at a mental health agency to form her own grant writing and nonprofit consulting business. In the process, she found a heart-driven path in a leadership role with a grassroots organization that formed to address drug and crime problems in Carlsbad, New Mexico. "It took me this long to find what really drives me," says Flanigan, "I've come to think that we have a moral obligation to use the talents we were given to their maximum possible benefit, and getting this degree will help me do that. I am extraordinarily grateful to the La Luz Chapter of ABWA for helping me become a better advocate for a healthy and safe community."

### Eve Flanigan

Principal

Flanigan & Associates Grant Writing and Consulting

## 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.

## Committee Square



### Calendar of Events

1. Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18  
ABWA Fiesta
2. Thursday, July 23  
Chapter Meeting  
Lana Hills' Home
3. Thursday, August 13  
Board Meeting
4. Saturday, August 15  
Articles to Newsletter
5. Thursday, August 27  
Chapter Meeting
6. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 24, 25 and 26 ABWA National Conference

**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!**



## Membership Committee Report July 2009

I would like to thank the four members who brought guests to June's associate appreciation day. I would also like to thank Margaret for providing lovely gifts for the associates well as another great speaker. The most exciting thing about the evening was that we got a "joiner". MyChelle's guest **Kathy Elrick** is our newest member. Congratulations MyChelle, Kathy and La Luz! **double points** were rewarded on this special night. The second quarter's drawing will be during July's meeting. Good luck everyone.

La Luz has four great new members! However, we have only been able to welcome Dana formally with the new member affiliation ceremony. With their busy schedules, the difficulty has been rounding these fine ladies up. Perhaps we can welcome them at July's meeting or look for them at Fiesta. I know Kathy will be there with her KatE Kreations-Polymer Clay Sculpture and Jewelry.

### Please welcome

Dana Roberson 01/22/09  
Jo Ann Torres 01/22/09  
Kathy Elrick 06/23/09  
Rachel Query 10/23/08

If you know someone who might be interested in ABWA and our La Luz Chapter, I would be glad to give them a call.

Michelle Tabacchi,  
Membership Chair



## Fundraising Committee Report July 2009

Just a heads up on the upcoming UNM football schedule. Please add these dates to your calendar.

Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. (vs. Tulsa)  
 Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. (vs. Air Force)  
 Sept. 26 at 8:00 p.m. (vs. NMSU)  
 Oct. 24 at 6:00 p.m. (vs. UNLV—  
 Homecoming)  
 Nov. 14 at 12:00 p.m. (vs. BYU)  
 Nov. 21 at 4:00 p.m. (vs. CSU)

These are all Saturday games. Report times are not known as of this time. Report times for previous years' games were 2:30 hours prior to game time. A sign up schedule will be sent out once report times are finalized.

Thank you.  
 Mary L. Boucher



**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



### Luz Meeting Summary Evaluation

**PROGRAM:** Karen Heerschap, CPA "Tax Deductions for Small Businesses"

**LOCATION:** MCM Eleganté

**DATE:** June 25, 2009

**Attendees:** 17 members 5 Guests

**Respondents:** 15

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

**Relevant for the Chapter** 4.60

**Quality of Presenter Material?** 4.80

**Quality of Presenter?** 4.93

**Overall Meeting** 4.80

#### Comments:

1. Great presentation. Interesting material for members without their own business but considering it in the future.

2. Many questions that were helpful, yet kept the presentation going too long. "Heavy" subject matter...
3. She was wonderful!
4. Wonderful speaker! Making tax info fun and informative.
5. La Luz Rocks! Great meeting—good show.
6. Karen was excellent. She is knowledgeable and answered all questions easily.
7. Not so many individual questions—too time consuming.
8. Excellent speaker—very knowledgeable.

#### Suggestions to improve the La Luz meetings:

1. Potential new members meeting had good contact. Perhaps better time control in the future. Many attendees have work the next morning and do not own a small business.
2. Keep talks/questions focused.
3. All speakers need to project and speak distinctly.

## Member Birthdays and ABWA Anniversaries

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

Inga Mass 07/08  
 Margaret Dike 07/15  
 Carmen Dickens 07/26



**The following members are celebrating Anniversaries in July!**

Michelle Tabacchi 2008  
 Sarina Turnbull 2008



## ABWA Area Council Minutes

July 7, 2009

Those present were:	Debbie Reynolds, Evie Zlotkin	Charter Chapter
	Holly Sylvester	High Noon
	Jeanne Banks, Joann Torres	La Luz

The meeting was called to order by Debbie at 6:07pm and we started with introductions.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

Holly Sylvester accepted the position of Secretary on the Area Council.

Website: Need to update meeting nights/new officers, take off bowling, and add ABW Day event.

Rosters: Debbie distributed chapter rosters.

Fiesta: Next meeting Wed night at Applebees on Menaul at 530pm. We have 31 paid registrations and 5-6 responded yes to the "evite", but have not paid yet.

ABWA Day is set for Saturday September 19 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center hosted by Charter Chapter from 1130am to 130pm.

Concessions: Evie presented the 6 game fall football schedule for concessions that we will all take back to our chapters. All games are on Saturdays beginning Sept ember 12. We discussed the change in concessions coordinator for UNM and do not yet know who will be leading that team. Evie will continue to be our general concessions coordinator, but cannot attend each event this year due to a personal issue. We discussed basketball and my have to only volunteer for 1 game per week this season (either men's or women's games) after talking to Charter Chapter.

At the next meeting in November, we will have board elections.

#### Chapter Reports:

Charter - The last speaker was on Reiki. Charter will celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August.

High Noon – The last speaker was about the Nuvita corporate wellness solutions program and they had their June social in T or C.

La Luz – The last speaker discussed tax law and was very informative. They have 2 new members and are planning their "board social" soon.

Tierra Encantada – No representative present to give report.

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 3rd at 6pm in the Taos Room at Kaseman Hospital. Holly to call and reserve the meeting room.

## La Luz – June, 2009 Meeting Minutes

La Luz – June 29, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
MCM Eleganté

President, Barbara Torres opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and pledge to New Mexico flag.

Vice President, MyChelle Andrews asked members to introduce themselves with their name, how long a member of ABWA and why they joined/stayed. Guests were asked to give their names and why they chose to attend the meeting.

Inga Mass was honored as the member of the month for her outstanding contribution as the Celebrity Bartender at O'Neill's Irish Pub. The June 6 fundraiser was a huge success.

Jeanne Banks, did a recruitment presentation titled, "ABWA...NOW more than ever". She described her ABWA journey from college to the present and listed reasons why women would want to become and stay members of ABWA.

### **Program:**

Karen Heerschap, CPA, was the presenter with a PowerPoint titled, "Tax Deductions for Small Businesses". Ms. Heerschap answered many questions with her slides and from members and guests.

### **Business Meeting:**

**On a recommendation from the May 28 meeting the only business conducted was the member survey that was distributed as members arrived with the request that it be completed and given to Jeanne Banks before leaving. The survey will be emailed/snail mailed to members not present.**

### **Recognition of Business Associates:**

The business associates recognized were: Roberta McGrew, guest of Judi Anderson, Garnet Clark, guest of Barbara Torres, Jane Hotchkiss, guest of Lana Hills and Kathy Elrick, guest of MyChelle Andrews. Kathy signed up as a member.

### **Announcements:**

Members will be contacted with details of the July "Board Surprise" meeting location.

Speakers and location are confirmed for Fiesta. All the booths have been taken. Registration forms were distributed.

The August 27 program speaker is: David Michael Horine, Ph.D., and Clinical Director at Sandia Center. The title is: "The Performance Option".

The meeting was closed with the Benediction lead by the Barbara Torres at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Speer, Secretary  
(Meeting Report emailed to National June 26, 2009)

## 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](mailto:judianderson@comcast.net) or snail mail to: 1104 Sagebrush Trail SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 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

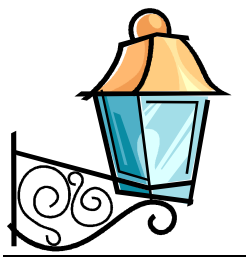
### Outright Grants Program Qualifications

- 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.

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**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**

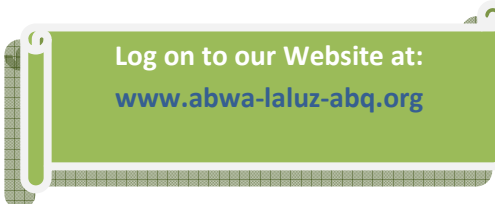
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 Judi Anderson  
 Program Committee Chair – Lana Hills  
 Fund Raising Committee Chair – Ursula Garduno  
 Membership Committee Chair –  
 Michelle Tabacchi

**La Luz Lamplighter Editor**

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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)



**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.