



November 2013

November Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013

MCM Elegante Hotel
2020 Menaul Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

6:00pm – Networking
6:30pm - Meeting Begins

The La Luz Lamplighter

La Luz Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reception/Open House



A Reception/ Open House honoring MyChelle Andrews was held October 27 in Placitas. MyChelle has been a member of La Luz chapter, since November 2006, and was selected as one of the 2011 Top Ten Business Women in ABWA. MyChelle has served on the La Luz Board of Directors as President and Vice-President, Chair of the New Mexico Area Council and Chair of the New Mexico Fiesta and as the 2011-2012 District VI Vice President.

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.

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*For Information on Attending Meetings or
Joining ABWA Contact: Earlena Giddings-Hill:
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Meal cost of \$20.00 will be collected at the
door.*

2013 Woman of the Year

Dana Roberson

2013 Top Ten Nominee

Margaret Speer

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



The La Luz Vision Statement

Within the next five years, La Luz will be a Best Practice Level I chapter and have a reputation in the community for "Empowering our Membership through Education and leadership".

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
Be 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



President's Message

Dear La Luz Chapter,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I would like to thank all of you for all your support, your enthusiasm in promoting ABWA and all in all your friendship.

Thank you all for being such a great group.

I would not be able to do a lot of things without you, ladies, and I am saying 'Thank you' to my board and my committee chairs for working with me and changing the board meeting location to accommodate my long drive down from Los Alamos without even blinking.

I truly enjoy our meetings every month and I look forward to seeing you all (or most of you) in just a few days.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

In ABWA Love,

Carmen





Focus on November Chapter Meeting

La Luz Meeting Agenda – November 21, 2013

- 6:00 Social, Networking, Door Prize Ticket Sales
- 6:30 Call to Order & Welcome
 Pledge of Allegiance
 NM Flag Salute
 Mission Statement
- 6:35 Dinner – Introductions
- 6:50 New Member Affiliation
- 7:00 Guest Speaker – Peter D. Murphy “ 15 Steps to Success (Goal Setting/ Affirmatives) ”
- 7:45 Chapter Highlights:
 Get to Know our Members Better / Member “Speaker”- _____
 Member of the Month – November
 Birthday Flowers
- Business Meeting:
 Correspondence
 Best Practice Status
 Committee Highlights:
 Fundraising
 Prof. Development Programs
 Membership
 Education
 Newsletter
 Publicity
 Area Council
- 8:45 Door Prizes
- 9:00 Benediction

October’s Speaker



TK O’Geary

“How to focus or energize your team”

TK is the immediate Past President / Board of Directors at NM MESA and Immediate Past District Governor at Toastmasters International.

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Menu

Salad with Ranch Dressing and
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 Turkey with Dressing and Sweet
 Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
 Rolls and Butter
 Dessert
 Coffee and Iced Tea

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

Thank you,

Jeanne Banks, phone 505-239-2403 or
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Next La Luz Meeting

December 19th, 2013

MCM Elegante

Next Board Meeting

December 5th, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn





Committee Square



Executive Meeting Highlights

Fundraising

Garage Sale made \$975.30

Area Council News

MyChelle Andrews has been nominated for Area Council Chair

Jeanne Banks has been nominated as Treasurer

MyChelle Andrew's will serve as this years Fiesta Chair, she is looking for volunteers

All Chapter Holiday get together is looking for volunteers

Tierra Encantata is asking for toiletries. Please bring them to the next Area Council meeting

High Noon Chapter is Collecting Outerwear

Education

MyChelle is currently working with 4 candidates in time for the January completion time frame but there is still time for more College students to get their application packets in.

Top Ten

Jeanne is doing the first cut on longevity and then will work with members with what they need to achieve before May, 2014

Leadership

Opportunities at local levels
Area Council-
Fiesta support
Run for District Office

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

Michelle Tabacchi 11/11
Vanette McMillin 11/15
JoAnn Torres 11/18



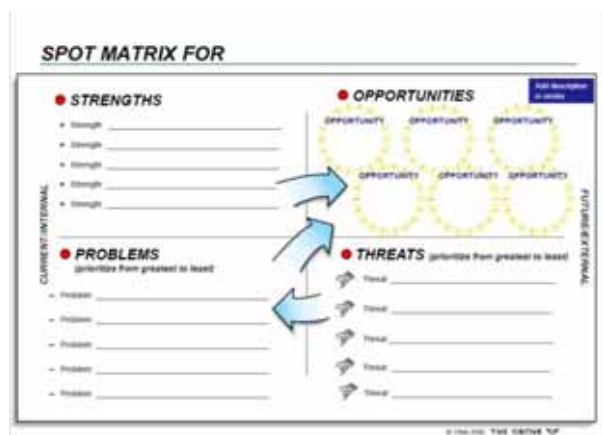
The following members are celebrating Anniversaries in November!

Gail Tate 2012
MyChelle Andrews 2006



La Luz members,

Kathy started this project at the last chapter meeting, but I we would like to see more responses, please.



Let the La Luz board know what YOU think should be entered here - see attached!

1. Thursday, December 19, 2013
Chapter Meeting
2. Thursday, December 5, 2013
Executive Board Meeting
3. All Chapter Holiday Party December 8, 2013
4. ABWA Fiesta July 18 -19, 2014

Executive Board Meeting Minutes – November 7 2013

Please log into WIN to find the Board Meeting minutes there!

What's YOUR Leadership Path?

In ABWA, there are many opportunities to gain or improve your leadership skills. Having just completed two years of service at the National Level, I know I have grown in ways I could have never imagined. My leadership journey has taken me places and shown me sides of ABWA I would have never seen any other way. Being able to travel around the country representing ABWA was an honor and a privilege. I made friends in ever district and saw how others members, chapters, express networks and council conduction events and business.

As a leader, I have honed my communication and public speaking skills, inspired others to reach outside their comfort zones and accomplish feats their never imagined. Mentoring and being mentored are two of the most important parts of my leadership journey.

Do these sound like things you would like to experience?

You CAN!

In ABWA, you can create your own leadership path. Here are the opportunities available. Start at the local level and go up or start in the middle. There is no set path. All you have to do is TAKE ACTION. That's what I did and it has made all the difference.

Local Leadership

The easiest place to start is at the local level. Join a committee, serve on your local league's board of directors or chair a committee. The most important set is to get involved. You don't have to hold ever position, just the ones that interest you the most. The only position you have to hold to run for a National Office is league president. The great thing about serving at the local level is there are member of your own league right there to help you, support you and sometimes push you along.

Opportunities include:

Board of Directors - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Delegate;

Standing Committees – Fundraising, Professional Development Programs, Membership, Education, Newsletter, and Publicity;

Adhoc Committees – Garage Sale, Trivia Night, Top Ten, Women of the Year, Audit, Nomination and ABW Day

Area Leadership

In New Mexico we have the New Mexico Area Council. This is a group of league in New Mexico that share ideas, host events and support the local leagues. Anyone can serve on the board of directors, you don't have to be your chapter delegate. Everyone is welcome to attend the month area council meetings. By volunteering at the area level, you are expanding your exposure to ABWA to include the other chapters in our area. Your network is growing and you gain more friends.

Opportunities include:

Board of Directors – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasure;
Committees – Fiesta, Membership Event, and Holiday Celebration

Regional Leadership

Volunteer to be on one of the Regional Conference Teams. When you volunteer, you get a discount on your registration fee. At the Regional Conference, you expand your network and exposure to ABWA even more. Members from across the country attend one or more of the regional conferences. You don't have to attend or volunteer for your regional conference, you can attend and volunteer at any of the regional conferences.

Opportunities include:

There are 12 volunteers needed to help in registration and logistics. There will be a callout for volunteers in the regional conference section of this next magazine.

National Leadership

There are two way to become involved in leadership at the national level. Volunteer to work at the National Women's Leadership Conference and run for National Office.

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and exposure to ABWA even more. 100s (650 in 2013) of members from across the country attend the National Women's Leadership Conference.

Opportunities include:

Committees – credentials, logistics and registration.

Volunteer for a committee and work your way to chair. Each year the co-chairs are selected from prior committee volunteers. The conference co-chairs are selected from prior committee co-chairs.

Run for National Office. When you decide to run for National Office, you are not only expanding your networking and leadership opportunities, you are also giving back to the association in a very important way. Without a National Board, our association would not exist. We are required to have three candidates for District Vice President from each district. When you serve on the national board, you are both a member of the board of directors and trustee for the Stephan Bufton Memorial Education Fund a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

As District Vice President you are representing your district at the national level. You are responsible for communicating the National Board of Directors Key Result Area goals and national news to your district. You have an equal vote on the national board and help to set the direction of the association.

As National Secretary – Treasurer you are responsible for taking all of the notes during each of the board meeting: monthly and official board meeting. You are also responsible for reporting the financial report at the Annual Meeting held during the NWLC. You also are a mentor for the DVPs, every 3 months you are assigned a new group of three DVPs. You represent all of the members in the association.

As National Vice President you are responsible for taking over for the National President should she have to step

down for any reason. You are also responsible for coordinating project that support the KRAs with the prior two national boards. You also are a mentor for the DVPs, every 3 months you are assigned a new group of three DVPs. You represent all of the members in the association.

As National President you are responsible for leading the National Board of Directors, coordinating with the Ambassador's Steering Committee Chair on the KRAs, work with the Rules Advisor and the Sgt. At Arms and is the interface between ABWA National and the Membership. You work with the National Team (headquarters) to implement new initiatives and run the association. You run all of the board meetings and the annual meetings. You also are a mentor for the DVPs, every 3 months you are assigned a new group of three DVPs and you mentor the NST and NVP. You represent all of the members in the association.

As a member of ABWA you have all of these opportunities available. You pick and choose which ones help you achieve your goals in live.

My leadership journey looked like this:

- 2007 District VI Spring Conference Committee
- 2007 - 2009 Vice President
- 2008, 2009, 2011, 2014 NM Fiesta Chair
- 2009 - 2011 President
- 2011 District VI Vice-President
- 2012 National Secretary-Treasurer
- 2013 National President Candidate
- 2014 Area Council Chair

What does your leadership journey look like?

If you have any questions about the leadership opportunities available in ABWA, please let me know. I am here to help you find what you need from ABWA.

MyChelle

From Betty

For Regional Conferences I only require 12 volunteers to help in registration and logistics. I do a call out for volunteers in the regional conference section of this next magazine. For National Conference the committees are credentials, logistics and registration. We are close to selecting the new committee leads but not ready to announce them yet. Thank you for including this in your newsletter. For National Conference I am always looking for some new committee members, especially those who want to sometime move up into a leads position and not just work because of the discount. It is important for the future of this model to have members who want to advance.



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District VI Vice President - Barbara Jenkins

La Luz 2013-2014 Officers and Committee Chairs

Executive Board

President – Carmen Dickens

Vice President – Kathy Elrick

Secretary – Dana Roberson

Treasurer – Josanne Cossio

Board Delegate – Sylvia Adair

Committee Chairs

Professional Development Programs Committee Chair – Margaret Speer

Education Committee Chair – MyChelle Andrews

Newsletter Committee Chair – Felecia Schreier

Publicity Committee Chair – Carmen Dickens

Fund Raising Committee Chair – Dana Dotoli

Membership Committee Chair – Earlena Giddings-Hill

La Luz Lamplighter Editor

Carmen Dickens

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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 Felecia Schreier at

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Log on to our Website at:
www.abwa-laluz-abq.org

ABWA – Albuquerque and Santa Fe Chapters Meeting Nights and 2010-2011 Presidents

	Meeting Night	President	E-Mail
Albuquerque Charter Chapter	2 nd Tuesday MCM Elegante	Donna Luke	djluke2020@comcast.net
High Noon Chapter	3 rd Wednesday Le Peep in Albuquerque	Susan Starnes	ron.l.schmidt@att.net
La Luz Chapter	11:30am – 1:00pm 4 th Thursday MCM Elegante	Carmen Dickens	Carmen.Dickens@comcast.net
Tierra Encantada Chapter	3 rd Tuesday Santa Fe	Yolanda Arrey	

All Meetings in the evening unless noted otherwise.