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A NEW DAY

We are evolving. As a people, a nation, an organization, a chapter, and as individuals we are all a part of the daily evolution that affects every living thing on our planet. It is how we adapt to change that will determine if we grow stronger and continue to thrive or become weaker and decline into extinction.

High Noon has come to the brink of extinction but we are adapting to the various challenges that we have had to face and are on the road to a stronger future. There are fun and exciting things on the horizon for us that we can look forward to, but we still need to stay in the hard work of today.

At the beginning of this chapter year, we took a step back to re-examine who we are, why we are ABWA, and what we hope to accomplish with this group. A new chapter demographic of new and younger

members, was key to the self-examination that has led us back to our roots to begin anew with our goals and mission reaffirmed.

It is with all this in mind that I have taken on the task of being your chapter President this year. As I have mentioned in the past, I am but the designated driver and it is up to the membership to determine where I will steer the chapter and what our ultimate destination for this year will be. All the old adages about teamwork spring to mind and while they may seem cliché, they also happen to be true. Together everyone achieves more.

This is a new day for our chapter and I look forward to working with you all to make the best High Noon Chapter we can.

Susan



NEWSLETTER CHAIR WANTED

Do you have creative ideas about how you might put together the "High Noon Howler"? If so, we would love to let you try. Part of why it has taken so long to get this first newsletter out is that I am overcommitted and no one else has stepped up to take on the position as Newsletter Chair. This is also the kind of thing that looks great on a resume. If interested, in giving the newsletter a try, please get in touch with Susan right away.

HIGH NOON, NO LONGER A TEEN

April 2011 will mark the 20th anniversary of our High Noon Chapter. For those of you who are unaware, High Noon was one of the first day time ABWA Chapters in the country.

During a discussion with Susan Zweimiller in the ABWA home office last fall, she said "I remember when High Noon was formed. You were the express network

chapter before we had express networks". From day one, the High Noon chapter has been a trend setter. Often times we have gone our own way which sometimes made us rebels in the eyes of the more traditional chapters. Still, often times our more progressive attitudes and ideas have paid off. Over time, many of our "rebel" ways have

come to be embraced by others.

As we move from our teenage years into young adulthood, let us remember to not be afraid of change but also to honor our past and those who have brought us to where we are today.

For a related article, see "Founding High Noon" on page 4.

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ABWA'S PROUD CODE OF CONDUCT

All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.

Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.

Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.

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

Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors, and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.

Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter, and Express Network Bylaws.

2010-11 National Officers

President - Lynn Drowne
Vice President - Tina Gandy
Secretary/Treasurer - Tracy Sweet
Vice President District VI - Pattie Vargas

Susan Zweimiller
ABWA Home
Office

FUNDRAISERS

During the December chapter meeting and January board meeting, additional fundraisers for the chapter were discussed. It has been decided that we will work on a bowling fundraiser to be held on one of the first two Saturdays of March. Additional details will be coming soon but in the meantime, please start thinking about who you might get to

come bowl with us in early March.

We will also have a spring garage sale in early May. Again, additional details will be forthcoming.

Some additional research is needed to see if special permits are required, but we are also starting to look into a Bingo night.

Finally, we are planning the possibility of the return of the High Noon Halloween event for this year.

More details about all of these events will be coming soon.

ABWA

Mission

Statement

To bring together 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.

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Our April anniversary chapter meeting will be our spring membership event this year. Obviously, everyone is encouraged to bring guests to any ABWA event, but we really want to have a good showing of guests at our April meeting so please be thinking of who you can invite, and start laying the groundwork right away. Let's face it, the laid back attitude of New Mexico can sometimes make it difficult to get people to commit to things, especially last minute. So, if you are pro-active and start talking about it today you have time to build some excitement and get your guests to show up.

ANNIVERSARY EVENT

In April we will be having a special anniversary dinner. Taylor has volunteered to help us find a good location for this event and we will be inviting current and former High Noon members. More details about the

date and time will be forthcoming soon.

In addition to our dinner, we will also be having a special April anniversary chapter meeting. Our program will be about ABWA and the founding of

High Noon Chapter plus anniversary surprises for everyone. The nature of the program for this meeting makes it ideal for guests to learn about ABWA and High Noon so start working on getting lots of guests invited.

FOUNDING HIGH NOON—PART 1 OF 2

BY LOIS TERRELL MILLS

I moved to Albuquerque in 1990 as a result of marriage to my wonderful husband. I was then Secretary-Treasurer of ABWA and a candidate for National President. The Albuquerque ABWA members were fabulous—totally welcoming me in to the local area, helping me job hunt, and supporting my campaign for National President. I can recall working at the 5k race we sponsored as a group of chapters—I can't remember if we called it a Council or not—working at Balloon Fiesta at 4am or something like that, and just attending various chapter meetings. I was blessed to be elected National President in November 1990!

I can't remember how it happened but I know that ABWA was just starting noontime chapters and I wanted to start one in Albuquerque. I discussed it with Barbara Torres, Jeanne Banks and Rosalie Graves and we decided to give it a go. I was working at Ethicon, Inc. (now Ethicon Endo-Surgery) and got approval to meet there. We contacted National Headquarters to get the organizing package and we were off. I think Barbara was the official New Chapter Formation Chair. We sent out invitations to women we knew or saw in newspapers and I invited women from Ethicon. We were able to Charter fairly quickly. Tahlia, was our first President and Zita served as Secretary. Carol Bernstein joined—I think she was someone Barbara invited. The Chapter took off quickly.

I recall in the early days, and I think still, we've struggled to find the balance of being connected to the other traditional chapters while being different from the elements of a noontime chapter. We did focus on education and training of our members first while still wanting to support helping other women through the scholarship program.

I remember our first Trade Show—Carol's brainstorm. It was exciting to work together on this new concept and we did very well our first year. Several members went to Las Vegas for the National Convention—my outgoing year— and then on to Washington, D.C. the next year. That was the year of the STRUT on the National Walk—and by then we had discovered Weekenders—so Zita, Carol and I and I can't remember our 4th partner, STRUTTED our stuff! What fun! We also discovered that Carol and Zita loved muscles! They went out to an old haunt of Zita's and brought back 2 bags of muscles!!! Zita, Carol and I share lots of fond memories going to conferences and conventions together—you'll have to ask Zita about our room changing stories—seems like everywhere we went, we had a room problem and had to move rooms.



The Mills Family

Part 2 of Lois' recollections will be printed in the next newsletter.

Save the Date

February 3rd, 5pm
Bowling Event Planning

February 7th, 6pm
Area Council Meeting

February 17th, 11:30am
Chapter Meeting

March 1st, 6pm
Area Council Meeting

March 5th or 12th (final
date and time TBA)
Bowling Fundraiser

March 17th, 11:30am
Chapter Meeting

April 5th, 6pm
Area Council Meeting

April (date and time TBA)
Anniversary Dinner

April 21st, 11:30am
Chapter Meeting

April 29th & 30th
Spring Conference



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