



High Noon Howler

High Noon News in Black and White that howls to be READ. Albuquerque, NM



Colleen Herrera, President 2009-2010

No News is Good News, or is it????

I've determined that no news certainly isn't bad news. It would appear that the cat has clawed it's way into the proverbial tongue of our lovely President. Is the silence from the President an indication that the High Noon chapter is doing good or bad? I say good, and I'll tell you why.



It has been my experience that, indeed, no news is good news.

Almost 11 years ago I was a jolly pregnant gal a little over 1/2 way to my due date. My poor Mother didn't hear much from Albuquerque at that point because I was raising (or chasing) an active 18 month old. As most of you know when you're raising a toddler there isn't much time for idle chit chat. One Monday morning in May my Mother received a phone call from Albuquerque because I had just delivered a 1 lb 9 oz baby girl at a mere 26 weeks into the pregnancy. This was very bad news.

Just last year I received a call from my Mom stating that "Dad's in the hospital with kidney failure." Again, bad news. Dad went home after a 2 week stint in the hospital and does relatively well for a guy who's refused dialysis and the phone line was silent. The calls came more frequent during the last weeks of September with more sad news regarding his deteriorating health. October 3rd the phone rings, Dad had passed away. This was hands down the worst news I had ever heard.

So, you see, news always comes when it's bad. We often keep quiet when we have good news or no news at all.

Colleen is quiet and there's been no newsletter for three months, but let it be known that ABWA High Noon is o.k. Yes, we need to raise more money before the end of the year, however, we knew it, budgeted for it, and have counted on it. It's not bad news, not new news, it's just news (better late than never news).

See you Thursday,

Shannon

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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen 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.

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Wong

Beginning Balance:	\$2,524.99
Income:	
Dues	00.00
Concessions	00.00
Total Income	\$000.00
Expenses:	
IRS—501 Filing Fee	400.00
ABWA Area Council	100.00
Southwest Cyberport—Feb/April	95.69
Total Expenses	\$ 595.69
Ending Balance	\$1,929.30



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Looking Ahead



ABWA HIGH NOON Meeting—May 20, 2010

Turner to Cezanne —May 16—Aug 18
 Albuquerque Museum

Memorial Day— May 31st

Minute by Minute...

Susan Starnes

High Noon Meeting – March 18, 2010

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Zita McCullough at 12:03pm. (Zita was asked to run the meeting by chapter President, Colleen Herrera, since three officers were absent from the meeting).



Introductions: The following members and guests were in attendance:

Sharlene Argyres (guest), Carol Bernstein, Charlene Greenwood,

Zita McCullough, Melissa Minter, Alexis Powell (guest), Kathy Santoro, Susan Starnes, NaTasha Vaughn, Shannon Wong, and Mae Yee. Not enough members were in attendance for a quorum so no votes could be taken at this meeting.

Program: A presentation was given by member, Mae Yee who discussed current tax laws and some of the recent changes that could impact tax returns filed by most people.

Business Meeting:

Professional Development Chair, Mae Yee, was asked to report on this year's scholarship program. Mae reported the committee discussed making some changes to this year's program and deferred to Susan Starnes for the report. Susan reported that the committee planned on changing the deadline for scholarship applications since the May deadline was set when scholarships were awarded in July. This year since we are awarding the scholarships in August the committee felt it would be appropriate to extend the deadline into mid to late June, the chapter could vote on finalists at the July meeting and the scholarships could be awarded at the August meeting. In addition, the committee planned on broadening the eligible schools to include all of New Mexico rather than just the Albuquerque area. Scholarship Service organizations will also be sent the application and eligibility information this year. Plus we will be setting up a new email box specifically for application submissions rather than just accepting mailed hard copy applications. The committee also suggested that the chapter consider going back to awarding scholarships in the month of July so that we are awarding in the same fiscal year as we are budgeting. This issue will be revisited during the planning meeting for next chapter year.

As Membership Chair, Zita McCullough reported on the event planned for this year. A planning meeting was held with Carolyn Ogren, Holly Sylvester, Zita McCullough, and Susan Starnes in attendance. The event this year will have the same format as last year with the same ice breaker as last year, followed by slide show of High Noon events by Charlene Greenwood, an ABWA video provided by National, and current members speaking on why they joined ABWA and why they remain members. There will also be refreshments and door prizes, including a drawing for a free one year National membership for those who sign up to join that evening. NaTasha Vaughn has provided us a 750 square foot meeting room at her beautiful hotel for little cost and the hotel will provide refreshments. All members need to get their list of guests to be invited to Zita by Tuesday, April 13th. The Membership Committee will be addressing the invites on Thursday, April 15th. The event will be held from 6-8pm on Thursday, April 29th. Zita reported that she was told by Colleen that we needed to reduce the budget for this event because during the most recent board meeting it was discussed that our current cash reserves were low right now.

Minutes, Continued.....

courtesy Susan Starnes

During a recent board meeting, attendees discussed the possibility of other fundraisers right away to help restore our cash reserves right away. Shannon Wong reported that Reva Case has put together some MaryKay gift baskets targeted for Mother's Day (samples were passed around during the meeting). Reva will donate 50% of proceeds from these baskets back to the chapter. Shannon offered to take photos of the baskets and put them on the chapter website for people to review. Carol Bernstein also reported that Pampered Chef and Southern Living were other fundraisers discussed at the board meeting. In addition, Carol reported that the KUNM event she contacted members about recently was already full by the time she got back to them but we have been put on a "waiting list" for the next event in October and should expect to be contacted in July or August for the October event. Charlene Greenwood reported that she had sold eight of the books from last year's Halloween Event and had offered to donate \$4 a book. For the garage sale scheduled for May, Carol reported that Delora Saviteer was looking into a booth for us at the Indoor Flea Market on 4th Street. Carol also mentioned that some volunteers and trucks will be needed to help pick up larger items (i.e. desks). Our main fundraiser, the Halloween Dance, will be held the Friday before Halloween but there was some discussion that we may not use the Albuquerque Museum as the location this year. In addition, the disc jockey used last year will be unavailable for this year so we will need to be finding another for the event. More news about all of these fundraisers will be coming out soon; members should watch their emails for additional information.

In addition to fundraisers, the board meeting also discussed our June Social and decided that we will return to The Sierra Grande Lodge in T or C on the 3rd or 4th weekend in June. June 26th was discussed as a possible date for this social.

NaTasha Vaughn reported that the NM Area Council Fiesta event will be held on July 16th and 17th at the Courtyard by Marriot near I-25. Registration fee has not been set yet but will be around \$95. Additional information will be coming out soon. Holly Sylvester will be at our district spring conference event in Reno and handing out post-cards promoting Fiesta. NaTasha also passed out some flyers regarding the La Luz membership event, for which they are inviting all chapters to participate. High Noon will be chairing the annual ABW Day Celebration this year and Susan Starnes has volunteered to be the event chair. Susan reported that she is working on a location and theme but wanted to wait until after our chapter gets past our membership event before she gets her planning committee to start work on details. Chapter members volunteered to work on this committee with Susan a few months ago. Susan will be contacting those volunteers soon.

Susan Starnes, Program Chair, reported that the program for April will be presented by Charlene Greenwood and NaTasha Vaughn as the second month of our internal speakers. The program for the May meeting will be our annual "About ABWA" talk.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

Minutes submitted by

Susan Starnes as acting Secretary for this meeting only



June Social

Sierra Grande Lodge—T or C New Mexico

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If you have not had the pleasure of experiencing a weekend at the Sierra Grande Lodge & Spa with this group, I would highly encourage you to do so. Check it out on the web at: www.sierragrandelodge.com

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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.
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Next Meeting
May 20, 2010
Shoney's Restaurant
11:30a-1:00p

The world's favorite season is Spring.
All things seem possible in May.
Edwin Way Teale

High Noon Executive Board

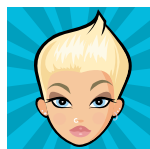


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Happy Birthday

3/2—Carol Bernstein
3/7—Carolyn Ogren
4/30—Joy Madole
5/22—Liz Lucero

Happy Anniversary

1991—Zita McCullough
2007—Kathy Santoro
2008—Reva Case
2008—Carolyn Ogren
2008—Shannon Wong
2008—Sandra Trujillo
2000—Liz Lucero



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