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The Mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business women of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking, support and national recognition.

A Note From Our President

It is hard to believe it is February and we certainly have had a busy year and I support of our chapter.

Congratulations to Esther Edinborough meeting. Esther is sponsored by Wilma her.

Our Coastal Classic Car Show (*our main fund raiser for local scholarships*) is on March 4 and there is still a lot to be done. Our billboards and sign across 98 in downtown FWB will be going up soon. We need sponsors, judges and car entries. Talk to everyone you know. The day of show is extremely busy and I encourage every member to help in any way they can. Please sign up for a committee and join the fun.

The car show judges meeting will be February 20 and the Eglin Federal Credit Union's main office starting at 4:30 pm.

Our welcome reception following the cruise thru will be held at Two Trees on March 3.

At the February meeting our Woman of the Year will be announced as well as our Top Ten nominee for ABWA's National Award.

Deadline for scholarship applications is March 1. Tessie Dunaway is the Chairperson for this committee.

On March 11 there will be a Women's Expo at the Santa Rosa Mall. This is an opportunity for all of us to promote our businesses. Contact Stella Carr if you would like to participate.

Spring Conference at the beautiful Omni Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, as we celebrate this year's local theme of "7BRIDGES TO SUCCESS" will be April 28-30. The ladies in Jacksonville look forward to sharing their wonderful city with us. Early registration is before March 31. Hope you all can attend.

If you cannot attend the Jacksonville conference, there will be one in Philadelphia, Mississippi on March 17 and 18. Early registration is before February 17. Please read your *Women in Business* Jan/Feb 2006 issue for more details.

Our Spring Campaign is March 1 to May 31. BYOF-"Bring your own friend". New members mean new networking opportunities, new talents, skills and enthusiasm. Invite guests to meetings and other chapter events and we will watch our chapter grow.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.



Don't forget to tell your special Valentine how much they mean to you.

In the spirit of ABWA,

Doris Counts
President

Below is a wonderful poem Aurdey Hepburn wrote when asked to share her "beauty tips". It was read at her funeral years later.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/hers fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

Let us welcome our guest speaker for the month of February; Dr. Julie Harper, a licensed clinical psychologist who will discuss stress and women in the workforce.

February Birthdays

Sheila Mitchell ---3rd



Debbie Money ---24

February Anniversaries

Penny Ericksen 10th
Karyn Combs 11th
Ricky Allen 14th



PANHANDLE AREA COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

JANUARY 21, 2006

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, FL

TIME: 12:00 Noon

AGENDA: Meeting called to Order Rosalie Rowland, Chairman

Invocation
Attendees
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome
Lunch
Program

Introductions
Representative from each Chapter

Business:

Read and approve minutes	Stella R. Carr, Secretary
Read and approve treasurer's report	Stella R. Carr, Treasurer
Chapter reports	Delegate from each Chapter

Other:

Vote for new Executive Board
Chapter membership dues (\$12.50)
By-Laws Review & Approval

Next meetings: TBD

Benediction

Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2006

President Doris Counts called meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Doris lead the Chapter in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pam Lee Vice President Welcomed all guest and recognized members that were observing birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Birthdays:

December: Doris Counts, and Jeannette Jones 12/8, Jean Floyd 12/15, Rosemary Roberto 12/20, Carol Hathcock 12/22, Ana Peele 12/30.

January: Mary Florence 1/6, Barbara Banning 1/15, Brenda Daniels 1/29.

Anniversary: Mona Comacho 1/11, Brenda Daniels 1/26

Members present 26, 5 Guest 3 Speakers

Announcements:

Happy New Year!

Mid-year review of Chapter/Express Network goals.
Beginning planning for Spring Memberships Campaign.

Program: Merrill Lynch

Minutes: The minutes of December 8, 2005, were approved (as printed in Newsletter.)

Affiliations: 1. Wilma Scott Sponsored Esther Eddenburg.

Officers Reports:

Vice President: Pam Lee: No report.

Recording Secretary: Alexis Monroe: Minutes for December were short and sweet.

Corresponding Secretary: Salley Belton No Report

Treasures Report: Penny Ericksen: Reported
Beginning Balance on hand: \$2,951.73 Christmas funds raised \$1100.

Restricted Funds \$675.00 CCCS \$877.30

There were no questions and the report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/Bulletin: Information for newsletter needs to be in ASAP!

Hospitality: No Report

Program: No Report

Education: No applications yet

Ways & Means: Looking for a cheer basket to be donated for the February meeting.

Tonight's door prizes has brought in \$64.50

Roving reporter: No Report

Benevolence: Mary Florence's uncle died in Chicago and she is left today to go there. Rita Winter's had a hysterectomy, Laurie McGrew had been ill but feeling better now, Former member Gloria Walker had a stroke and is starting to feel good and thanks to all. Melba Striblin's mother is now with Hospice, Tessie Dunaway loss a family member recently.

Panhandle Area Council: 1/21 in Tallahassee at the Holiday Inn.

CCCS Report: We are in need of Sponsors and team work to help out with the final details of the car show.

Old Business:

Grapevine Tx. was a great experience and it is advisable for everyone to go to the next national conference. This is where we received the Banner Award.

Rosie Rowland is our Women of the Year and Karyn Combs is our top 10 Women of the year. Our next leadership conference will be held at Anaheim CA.

New Business:

Elections for Chapter/ Network Women of the year will be announced next month.

Karyn Combs received the friendship award for sponsoring the most members this year.

Alexis Monroe made a motion to have a monthly 50/50 drawing to offset the Christmas party dinners. Pam Lee 2nd, Vote passed.

Laurie McGrew Gave us a name and number of a man whom is very talented in getting sponsors, and suggested we make a calendar of our car show to make extra money for little cost.

Dinner Won By: Tessie Dunaway

Door Prizes: Wilma Scott X3, Jean Floyd, Ricky Allen, Carol Hathcock, Doris Counts X2, Jackie Woerl X2, Karyn Combs, Salley Belton. **50/50-** Doris Counts won **\$22.50**

Important upcoming events:

1/21- Panhandle Council Meeting in Tallahassee, Holiday Inn
1/26- CCCS and Board meeting at Doris Counts house 14 Lakewood Mary Esther 6PM.

1/31- Second option of Chapter special Scholarship request forms and funds are due.

2/8- CCCS meeting Niceville at Susan Wellema's house 1313 Limestone 6PM

Meeting called Adjourn at 8:30PM

Vice President Pam Lee, led the chapter in the benediction.



Jackie Woerl was able to spend time with all 6 grandchildren over Christmas and New Year's weekends. It was wonderful. **SHE HAD FUN!**

Ana Brown spent Christmas in Puerto Rico with her sister from New York and her little sis from P.R. Lots of Fun was had by all.

Martha Considine spent Christmas in North Carolina with daughter/ husband and 2 grand daughters home from Miami University.

Doris Counts traveled to KY for Christmas Eve day to surprised their daughter and family. Then on to VA. to visit with Larry's mother.

Alexis Monroe spent a nice quite Christmas here relaxing. Alexis has expanded her business and has hired an employee. She now offers massage appointments from 8AM to 8PM and Saturday appointments as well. Life is wonderful. The American Women's Fitness is having great deals for the beginning of the year.

Come join me in working out I have lost 10lbs and 10 inches in 2 months. 😊

Karyn Combs and her dad have completed their book entitled an "African American Quiz Book for all Americans!" We are excited and hope everyone will buy a copy and have it signed by us!

ABWA Fort Walton Beach Charter Chapter
Officers for 2005-2006

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

President Elect

Doris Counts

Pam Lee

Alexis Monroe

Sallye Belton

Penny Erickson

Mary Florence

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bulletin

Linda Flowers

Membership

Mary Florence

Hospitality

Jackie Woerl

Education

Tessie Dunaway

Program

Jean Gunn

Publicity & Public Relations

Anna Peele

Ways and Means

Susan Wellema

Benevolence

Annie Corbett

Roving Reporter

Sara Perez

Special committees

Coastal classic Car Show

Alexis Monroe

Panhandle Area Council

Mary Florence

*******Just A Reminder*******

Members on the permanent dinner reservation list who are not planning to attend a monthly meeting, or members wishing to make reservations for yourself or a guest need to contact the message line at 314-3010, no later than the second Monday of each month prior to Thursday's meeting. It is the responsibility of the member to cancel dinner reservation, or be billed for that missed meal.

Inspirational moment:

Teach us to number our days that we may present to you a heart of wisdom

Make today a masterpiece

John Wooden, UCLA's hall of fame basketball coach, says: "Too often we get distracted by what's outside our control. The door to the past has been shut and the key thrown away. And you can't do anything about tomorrow; it is yet to come. However tomorrow is determined by what you do today. So make today a masterpiece." Two ingredients are necessary to do that: decisions and the discipline to follow through. One's worthless without the other. Time is an equal opportunity employer. But how we treat time is not equal. For example, give a block of marble to the average person and you end up with a block of marble! But put it into the hands of an expert sculptor and watch. First he decides what it's capable of becoming. Next he draws a plan. Then he practices the disciplines of his craft until it's transformed into a masterpiece. How? By recognizing and releasing the potential within it.

Too many of us fail to acknowledge our lack of success as –poor decision-making! We make choices, experience negative consequences and keep wondering why we can't get ahead. Others know their choices are not good for them, but make them anyway – like the alcoholic who keeps drinking, or the person who engages in one bad relationship after another. Nobody said good decisions come easy, but they're necessary to success. That's why David writes, "Teach us to number our days that we may present to you a heart of wisdom.

Information to be published in the monthly newsletter should be submitted shortly following the board meeting. Last minute request will be printed in the next month issue. Direct any questions regarding the newsletters, or the web page to linnflowers@cox.net.

January Treasurer Report

Regular Account

12/30/05	Beginning Balance		\$2,951.73
<u>Receipts</u>			
01/09/06	Ways & Means (\$ from 12/05\$ Silent auction)	75.00	
01/12/06	Dinners	422.50	
01/12/06	Ways & Means	64.50	
01/12/06	Membership (Winters)	24.00	
01/12/06	Pin money from C. Hathcock	8.00	
	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 594.00</u>	

Disbursements

01/05/06	Alexis Monroe (storage keys)	\$ 5.06	
01/05/06	Sprint (December bill)	11.95	
01/05/06	Visionary Technologies (website maint.)	50.00	
01/05/06	Domain Discover (domain name renewal)	25.00	
01/12/06	Two Trees (dinners)	504.50	
01/13/06	Friendly Florist	11.99	
01/16/06	Annie Corbett (flowers for Q. Winters)	20.14	
01/16/06	Sprint (January bill)	16.07	
	<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 644.71</u>	

01/31/06	Ending Balance Checking Acct.		\$2,901.02
	Petty Cash		<u>25.00</u>
	Total Funds		\$2,901.02

Restricted Funds National

12/30/05	Beginning Balance		\$ 655.00
<u>Receipts</u>			
	<u>Total Receipts</u>		-0-
<u>Disbursements</u>			
	<u>Total Disbursements</u>		-0-
01/31/06	Ending Balance		\$ 655.00

Coastal Classic Car Checking Account

12/30/05	Beginning Balance		\$ 877.30
<u>Receipts</u>			
01/04/06	Added back ck# 1191 (never cashed)	\$ 21.47	
01/09/06	Sponsors (see attached list of names)	375.00	
01/09/06	Car Show Entries (see attached list)	75.00	
01/16/06	Car Show Entries (see attached list)	25.00	
01/16/06	Merrill Lynch Donation	100.00	
01/30/06	Car Show Entries/Sponsors (see attached list)	350.00	
	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 946.47</u>	
<u>Disbursements</u>			
	<u>Total Disbursements</u>		-0-
01/31/06	Ending Balance		\$1,823.77