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Welcome to tonight's meeting!

Eileen Royer

Our Hostesses:

Dottie Badger, Alta Hendricks, and Marie Stoltz.

The Menu: Lemon Basil Cod or Meat Lasagna.

The Program: We welcome Eileen Royer, 2011-2012 ABWA District IV Vice-President. She will speak on "Membership Growth - Working and Achieving as a Team." We will also be placing nominations for "Woman of the Year."

The American Business Women's Association elected Eileen Royer from Ephrata, PA. to the position of District IV Vice President of ABWA during the 62nd annual conference in Irving, TX. Royer will represent thirteen states in the Northeast, extending from Maine to North Carolina and including the District of Columbia.



Ms. Royer, owner of Thomas F Royer Appraisal Service, has been a member of the Association for 15 years. A graduate of Millersville University, her career included developing and installing computer systems for the Department of the Navy, Hamilton Bank and Armstrong World Industries. For the past 20 years she has managed a residential real estate appraisal business.

During her tenure with the Association, Royer has served her fellow members in many capacities, including newsletter editor, website administrator, VP of Finance, VP of Communications and President. She was on the Formation Team of the Lancaster Area Express Network and also served as the General Co-Chair of the 2009 ABWA District IV Conference in Lancaster, PA. She believes that membership in a prestigious, national organization provides opportunities for growth and professional development.

"ABWA is an organization that has provided me with knowledge and skills that I can use in my business," Royer said. "In my new role, I will share experiences and encourage members to participate fully in order to achieve the greatest personal and professional growth."

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2012

*Camelot Board Meeting @ 6:00pm
M&J Pizza, Camp Hill*

February 2, 2012

*Ladies Night Out @ 5:30pm
Pizza Grille, Camp Hill*

February 20, 2012

*Camelot Meeting
Radisson, Camp Hill
Hosted by: Shelley Hoachlander
Menu Choices: Beef Tips, Chicken Marsala*

March 1, 2012

*Ladies Night Out @ 5:30pm
Pizza Grille, Camp Hill*

March 5, 2012

Camelot Board Meeting @ 6:00pm

Newsletter Submission Deadline for next month is February 10. Please submit materials to Anne-Marie Brandt via email - abrandt@teambrandt.net

From the President's Desk...

Happy New Year!! I can't wait to get this year rolling. There are a lot of new people and a lot of new beginnings.



The ABWA Camelot chapter is filled with powerful, intelligent, and influential women. We are a representation of what an organization can be utilizing our retired ladies for their experience and knowledge and mixing them in with the younger ladies' enthusiasm and spunk.

I predict 2012 is going to be an exciting and eventful year. We have a new scholarship program in place, we are hosting this year's Woman of the Year Lunch and our organization continually grows.

My wish for all of you is peace, prosperity, friendships and personal achievement. I am here if you need me and I am really looking forward to leading you this year. Wishing you many blessings this year~

Tania Srouji, President



Mary Anna Conrad

January 1

Deb Yates

January 14

Lauren Kohr

January 26

Abeer Srouji

January 27

Tania Srouji

January 29

Deborah Donahue

January 31

Karina Goldsmith

1 Year

Lauren Kohr

1 Year

*Happy
ABWA
Anniversary*

Congratulations to **Sarah Clark** - who welcomed her son, **Mason Anthony Clark** on December 15th! He was 7 pounds, 12 ounces and 20 1/4 inches long.

Committee Reports

Ladies Night Out

Once again, the group met at Pizza Grille on Thursday, January 5th. Diane S., Denise, Alicia, Kathy, Donna, Maria, Tania, Dottie, Dottie's daughter Karen and Karen's friend Alissa had a nice evening of good food, plenty of wine and great conversation.

Next month...same time, same place...Pizza Grille on Thursday, February 2nd (Groundhog Day!) at 5:30. Bring your favorite wine to share! Please let Diane S., Diane B. or Ann know if you are coming so we have enough seats for everyone. Hope to see you there!

Donna Nissel

Camelot SBMEF Scholarship Update

We are currently seeking young women in the Cumberland, Dauphin and York area who are looking for college or university funding. The scholarship is \$2000. As I write this we have 5 applicants that are entered into the SBMEF website but have not finished the process and not approved. I have had two more inquiries but are not started as of yet.

The Camelot SBMEF scholarship applications must be completed by March 30, 2012. We are allowed up to 10 approved applicants. National officers, Trustees of SBMEF will do the selection and the winner will be notified in May. We need a minimum of three eligible applications.

If you know of any female students that can benefit from the scholarship, please have them email me at DYates7870@aol.com.

Please get the word out!

Debra Yates, Education Chair

Camelot Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2011

ABWA Camelot Chapter's Monthly meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel on December 19, 2011.

The ABWA Meeting began at 7:10 pm. Christine Wren was inducted as a new member, and Wanda Metzger was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her leadership in Wolfgang Fundraising. The Holiday Program included a mini-concert by the Donegal High School "Rhythm Dancers," directed by Sharon Boyer.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- The Meeting minutes were approved by Diane Brokenshire, second by Mary Johnson.
- Tania reminded members to keep current with their National dues.
- Spring Conference in North Carolina will take place March 22-24, 2012. The chapter has some money available for registration fees.
- Dottie Badger stated that \$600.00 worth of BonTon books had been sold and \$186.36 was raised through the store sales giving ABWA a total of \$786.36.
- Abeer sent THANK YOU's for those who sent cards. T. Fetsko had back surgery.
- Committee descriptions will be e-mailed out by Tania.
- Deb Yates gave update of Woman of the Year Event, which will be held Sunday, June 3, 2011, with a Hawaii Spring Fling theme. The next meeting will be held 1/23/12, at Deb's house.
- Marianne Troy stated that 5 people were present for the Zumba fundraiser and \$60.00 was raised.
- Deb Yates stated that the scholarship apps are active online.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Donna Nissel was in touch with Debbie Miller, a former member who sent Christmas wishes to everyone. She also shared that her work donated 12 complete dinner baskets through the Red Land Food Bank.
- Diane Brokenshire was elected vice president of West Shore Rec.
- Abeer Srouji has been appointed to the LLS board.
- Anne-Marie's husband is in remission and she was awarded the MS Society Leadership Award.
- Wanda shared pictures of her grandchildren, who are doing well.
- Anne-Marie and Tania are both nominated for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Woman of the Year Campaign.

Next Board Meeting is TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

- **Shelley Hoachlander, Secretary**

Executive Board Meeting - January 2, 2012

The January Board meeting was held at the home of Tania Srouji. In addition to Tania, those in attendance were Shelley Hoachlander, Diane Brokenshire and Kathy George. The meeting began at 6:05pm.

- Eileen Royer; ABWA District IV Vice President, will be speaking at our January meeting and will discuss Membership Growth.
- Committee descriptions will be ready by the next meeting.
- The next board meeting will be held at M&J Pizza (formerly JoJo's) in Camp Hill, at 6:00 pm.
- Tania will be following up with those who have not renewed as of yet or those with late payments.
- Tania will be checking with the Business Women Forum for money due. The event will be held in April.
- Marianne Troy would like to have another Zumba Fundraiser. Tania would like to see a spring fundraiser held. She would like to see more new members get involved with events. An amount of \$2500.00 needs to be raised.
- Kathy George stated that nominations for Woman of the Year is coming up at the January meeting. The top three will receive applications that will be due February 20, 2012. The announcement will be made in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Shelley Hoachlander

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INVOCATION:

Lord, in the quiet of this evening hour, we come to thee for wisdom and for power, to view Thy world through 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

BENEDICTION:

O 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

Vision Statement Camelot Chapter ABWA

The vision of the Camelot Chapter within the next several years is to become the premier leading organization in the Harrisburg area to support local women by providing monthly educational programs and business networking opportunities. The chapter's goal is to help members achieve leadership skills by working as a team, attending regional and national conferences and participating in fundraising events.

ABWA Mission Statement

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.



ABWA Proud Code of Conduct

ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct was developed as a means of guiding all members in making ethical decisions. The broad statements of the code that are listed below are not expected to cover all conduct for all situations. This is why the Proud Code of Conduct was created as a living and fluid code.

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

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