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# THE LANCER

**American Business Women's Association  
Camelot Chapter  
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## Welcome to tonight's meeting!

**Our Hostesses:**

Kathy George, Marianne Troy

**The Menu:**

Blackened Haddock or Chicken Palermo, Tossed Salad and Apple Pie for Dessert.

**The Program:**

We will be celebrating "Christmas in September" tonight, benefiting the YWCA.

## From the President's Desk...

I am so honored to be your new incoming President of the ABWA Camelot Chapter. It is hard for me to realize that I have been a member for over six years already. As I reflect back six years ago, I remember walking into the Elks and thinking to myself, "I can't imagine sitting up there" - and six years later -- here I am.

I want to thank my new Board - Jen, Shelley and Diane and all the committee chairs. I know we have a lot of work ahead of us and I can't wait to continue growing ABWA Camelot even bigger and better than before.

I want to especially thank Kathy George for her leadership, and I hope I make you proud. Jen Reed, Denise Shade and Diane Brokenshire - thank you for being such wonderful examples for all of us.

This coming year is going to be filled with many exciting and new adventures and I am looking forward to guiding and leading ABWA Camelot. Here is to new beginnings -- Enjoy the ride!

Tania Srouji, President

### Upcoming Events

**September 23, 2011**

*Fall Frolic*

Best Western Premier, Harrisburg.

**October 6, 2011**

*Ladies Night Out @ 5:30pm*

Pizza Grille, Camp Hill

**October 17, 2011**

*Camelot Meeting*

Radisson, Camp Hill

Hosted by: Anne-Marie Brandt, Kathy George

**November 21, 2011**

*Camelot Meeting*

Radisson, Camp Hill

Hosted by: Anniversary Committee

**May 24, 2012**

*Little Theater of Mechanicsburg*

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

Tickets are \$20 each.

See Dottie Badger for more details.

### *Happy ABWA Anniversary!*

**Barb Finnen**  
27 years

**Tess Bockes**  
2 years

**Donna Nissel**  
24 Years

**Diane Brokenshire**  
2 years

### *Happy Birthday!*

**Ann Cirillo**  
September 13

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## Executive Board Meeting September 14, 2011

Held in the home of Tania Srouji. In attendance were the following: Tania Srouji, Abeer Srouji, Shelley Hoachlander, Diane Brokenshire, Deb Yates, Denise Shade, Kathy George, Anne-Marie Brandt and Diane Sherwood.

The meeting began at 6:24 pm.

- Menu 2011/2012 - Alicia will receive the menu for approval on 9/19/11. Tania will send to the board for approval. A request for fish was made during Lent.
- WIN - Tania spoke to National and we are not paid for as a chapter for WIN, but as individuals. Our annual fee includes the fee for WIN access. Denise questioned if there was a discounted rate if we paid as a chapter, no discounts are given. Tania will help members not signed up for WIN to sign up, Anne-Marie will bring a lap top to the next meeting to assist..
- No one from the Camelot Chapter will be attending National Conference next week in Irving, Texas.
- Rene' Street requested that Vision Statements be posted, Tania will do so.
- Best Practices deadline is July 2012, Deb Yates is our chairperson. To qualify for Best Practices, we must nominate someone for Top Ten and three people need to attend conference. The spring conference will be held in North Carolina..
- Fall Frolic will be held September 23rd at Best Western, Harrisburg..
- Woman of the Year - luncheon date is unknown at this point. Deb Yates suggested our chapter host it and that we would make money doing so. A discussion regarding plans and preparation took place and Tania suggested a May or June event.
- Keystone Council - no gala will be held, Keystone Council will be October 13th.
- Fundraising - A total of last year's sales was not available last night; however, books for the Bon Ton fundraiser are available through Dottie Badger. It was encouraged that everyone purchase a book or take two to sell. It was also mentioned that Boscov's and Macy's do the same type of fundraiser, for future reference. Wanda will do the Wolfgang Fundraiser. A Zumba fundraiser is in the works but is being postponed until further notice as research in costs, locations, and instructors is taking place. It was suggested that a cost of \$20 per person be charged which would include Zumba class, food, and drinks. Abeer suggested the meat raffle and that the firehall would assist, but it would be an ABWA event. We would have to pay costs up front. This type of event could possibly replace the fashion show. It was also suggested we consider obtaining a small games license so that 50/50 raffles could be held. There are 11 members signed up for fundraising and will meet prior to the meeting on Monday. Kathy feels we need to focus on one large fundraiser/event at a time, although smaller ones can be held throughout the year. Tania suggested a sub drive and Abeer mentioned a bake sale at Metro Bank.
- Newsletter - Tania mentioned that the newsletter can be uploaded to the national website. It is already uploaded to the ABWA Camelot website. It was suggested that we sell ad spaces to raise money. We currently use four panels, adding more would cost more money. Should additional pages be added, a request for assistance with the Lancer was made. Several printers are being contacted to compare costs of printing the Lancer. Some may offer discounts for non-profits. A suggestion of e-mailing the Lancer as opposed to printing was also made, but several preferred a printed copy.
- Programs - Abeer stated that the programs committee is starting from scratch and will plan a meeting in the future to discuss various topics. Abeer would like to bring back the 5 minute vocational speaker.
- Diane will be ordering new business cards for current board members.
- Education - A fee of \$25 is due to scholarships (Buffton) for members ability to apply for grant. Money and criteria must be submitted in order to award a scholarship in January.
- Next board meeting will be held October 4th, at 6:00 pm, in Mt. Zion UMC, 4685 Mt. Zion Drive, Enola.

*Shelley Hoachlander, 2011-12 Secretary*

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*\*\* Congratulations to Jen Reed on the birth of her daughter, Peyton Ora, on 9/17/2011. 8 lb, 1.5 oz. \*\**

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## Camelot Meeting Minutes - July 18, 2011

*ABWA Camelot Chapter's Monthly meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel on August 15, 2011.*

Kathy George, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 with the welcome, the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Kathy introduced our guests for the evening: Fannie Srouji, Elaine Sotherden and Laura Maynard. She also thanked the hostess, Barb Finnen, Mary Johnson and Jan Derk.

Our speaker for the evening was Laura Maynard from Pet Solutions/Invisible Fence. Laura discussed different types of dog breeds and their characteristics.

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

- The Meeting minutes were approved by Diane Brokenshire, second by Deb Yates.
- The Treasurer's report was approved by the Executive Board and submitted for audit.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dottie Badger passed around the sign-up sheet for patron ads for the Fall Frolic. Fall Frolic is September 23; dead line for reservations is Sept 9th.
- Former member Rozella McClain passed away last week. A motion has made by Denise Shade and second by T. Tetsko to make a \$25.00 donation to her church.
- Kathy presented Donna Nissel a certificate of appreciation for her 15 years of dedication to the publication of "The Lancer".
- Tania Srouji presented our final scholarship to Elaine Sotherden. Elaine thanked the chapter and talked about her plans to the future.
- Deb Yates talked about the YWCA donations. We will be collecting donations at the September meeting for the "Y". Deb passed out a "Wish List". She also talked about the Fashion Show fund raiser. Anyone interested, please contact Deb for tickets.
- Abeer talked about some fund raising ideas. Zumba Fund Raiser is planned for October. Possible meat raffle in November. Open House at Hampden Nutrition with Marianne Troy.
- Kathy George installed the new President, Tania Srouji, Secretary, Shelley Hoachlander and Treasurer, Diane Brokenshire. Vice President, Jen Reed will be installed next month.

### **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Barb Finnen has 35 years of service with the Federal Government at the Navy Depot.
- Sarah Clark is having a baby boy.
- Abeer Srouji has been appointed to the LLS board.
- Wendy Hammaker's baby was born last Sunday.
- Nancy Fodor has left the Bon Ton and taken a job as a recruitment person with a college in California.
- Eye Candy is conducting a "Day of Empowerment" for Women on Oct. 18th. Location to be determined. All profits will benefit the YWCA.

The next board meeting will be held at the home of Tania Srouji, Sept. 14 @ 6:00. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

*Denise Shade, 2010-11 Secretary*

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## Committee Reports

### **Ladies Night Out**

A group of eleven met at the Pizza Grille on September 1st - Diane S., Diane B., Ann, Denise, Marianne, Donna, Phyllis, Maria, Sally, Dottie and her daughter Karen. It was a great night as usual with good food and lively conversation. Next month we will meet again at the Pizza Grille in Lemoyne on Thursday October 6th at 5:30.

If you plan to come, please contact Diane Sherwood at dsherwood@state.pa.us, Diane Brokenshire at dianecb12@yahoo.com or Ann Cirillo at 737-7107 by Tuesday, October 4th so they can arrange for enough seating. Please join us...don't forget - Pizza Grille is BYOB!

### **Wolfgang Candy/Christmas Wrap fund raiser**

Brochures are on order for distribution at the Camelot September meeting.

Orders should be completed by the October meeting for delivery at the November meeting.

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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*

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## **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.

