

Kansas City Express Network

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Learning About ABWA through Our Past

Taking a moment to look back at our history helps us to understand where we come from and what brings us together. The following is an excerpt from the ABWA Hand of Friendship Tea and Enrollment Party Manual written in 1953. Surprisingly advanced for its time, it remains relevant today. Read the entire manual online on WIN for more.

"This [ABWA] is an entirely new kind of organization. It is not a club or sorority, but an educational association for the advancement of women in business. The American Business Women's Association came into being because women in business recognized the need for a national organization, just as doctors, lawyers, and other business professional men need theirs; an organization devoted to increasing their efficiency, their earning ability, their success, and happiness, and in [e]very way serving their best interests...

The ABWA program is both social and

educational; however we do stress the educational side because one of our purposes is to help advance us in our jobs and increase our earnings. Since we can only increase our earnings by increasing our efficiency, our educational program is designed accordingly. One of our main objectives is to gain better recognition for women in business as business women through education and understanding. I am sure we all agree this is a worthwhile goal. ABWA is a friendly organization. Its members are formed into chapters with a maximum enrollment of one hundred members in one chapter. In this way, it is easier to know one another; members quickly become acquainted and within two or three months a new ABWA member should be calling fifty to sixty new friends by their first names and have an understanding of many occupations other than her own..."



From ABWA Hand of Friendship Tea & Enrollment Party Manual. Hand of Friendship Tea Photo - Sedalia, Missouri 1953

The KC Express Network Meets Monthly

Join us the third Tuesday of every month at the Deer Creek Golf Club for our monthly luncheon event. See the last page of this newsletter for more info. **Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 21st at 11:20am.**

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.

Monthly Meeting Recap and Previews

Each month we bring to you topics and presenters who help to inform and educate our members and guests on relevant and timely topics to help us grow professionally and personally.

In April we brought to you, **Gene Pulliam**, who believes that we can all experience more of life than we typically aspire to; or dare to challenge ourselves to become.

This month we present **Kathleen Randall**, Professional Organizational

Communicational Specialist, and the topic of "Winds of Change: Understanding Generational and Cultural Differences."

Get ready to learn: Keys to understand Millennials, Gen Xers, Baby Boomers, and the Matures; Insight regarding digital natives, digital immigrants, and their uses of social media; Tips to communicate with cultural & generational differences; Strategies to build stronger teams and get buy-in from co-workers and employees.



Kathleen Randall, Professional Organizational Communication Specialist
May, 2011

Get On the Right Track with Ann Gaffigan in June



Join us as we welcome Ann Gaffigan in June to our ABWA KC Express Network meeting.

A former collegiate and professional track & field athlete, Ann Gaffigan now runs her own web development business out of Overland Park, Kansas, and is a co-founder of WomenTalkSports.com, a site dedicated to enhancing and increasing the visibility of women's sports.

She strongly believes in the need to offer better, more positive female role models to the next generation and that showcasing women's sports is the way to do so.

We Need Your Help to Win Best Practices 2010-2011



At our May meeting we will provide you the opportunity to complete the Member Interest Survey. Your feedback helps to guide us in the coming year and allows us to present you with meaningful, timely topics.

We still need your help to complete the Best Practices Survey on WIN though.

By being a Best Practices Network we're able to receive national recognition and attract new members and guests to our KC Express Network. Thanks in advance! We look forward to your feedback!

Scholarships

Congratulations to Judy Bond, our 2010-2011 KC Express Network Member Scholarship Recipient! Judy completed a certified continuing education course and submitted the appropriate paperwork to be reimbursed up to \$250 for the coursework she completed. Way to go!

This scholarship for members only, will be available again in the 2011-2012 term.



**Guests and Members,
Save time and
network more by
prepaying for
monthly KC Express
Network Lunches
online at:**

abwakcexpress.org
Payment is non-refundable,
however you may send
someone in your place if you
are unable to attend.

Coming Soon! Careers.abwa.org

The American Business Women's Association proudly presents another great product in our quest to continue *Changing Women's Lives...One Woman at a Time!*

This new online resource is designed to bring even greater job opportunities to female professionals nationwide. Whether you are looking for a new job opportunity or you're ready to take the next step in your career, ABWA's Career Connection will help you find the opportunity that's right for you.

Your career success begins right here:

- Resume posting and job search services are both FREE and confidential!
- Create a password-protected account for managing your job search.
- Save job postings—with advanced job search options—and apply to positions when you're ready.
- Job Agent and RSS Capability allow you

to receive email notifications when posted jobs match YOUR criteria.

- Document Manager allows you to post up to five professional documents—published articles, portfolios, and more!

The ABWA Career Connection focuses on women's need for a centralized resource for job placement and career enhancement. This new system offers many features and benefits designed to connect professionals with quality job opportunities everyday.

Simply setup a Job Agent to automatically receive updates when new jobs matching your criteria are posted. Our site makes researching job opportunities faster, leaving you more time to plan your next career move.

Info extracted from ABWA.org on 5-15-11.



Our Chapter's Vision Statement

The annual theme for ABWA is "leading with vision." One of the key elements of leadership is the ability to create a vision and lead people towards its fulfillment. As we head into our 2010/11 term, we look to you to join us in creating a shared vision for ABWA and providing leadership to carry out that vision.

Keep Connected! Find your local Kansas City Express Network online at www.abwakcexpress.org and find the ABWA National information as well as the Women's Instructional Network at www.abwa.org.

ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

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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KCEN Monthly Luncheon Meeting Information

Our Kansas City Express Network (KCEN) of the ABWA **meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month** at Deer Creek Golf Club located north of 135th Street and Metcalf in Overland Park, Kansas.

Meetings begin at 11:20am with open networking, followed by a presentation and lunch. **Please arrive by 11:30am. Meetings conclude promptly at 1pm.** We welcome you to stay longer, if you wish to continue networking.

Since forming our Network more than 10 years ago, we have kept the prices of our meals the same for guests and members, while maintaining a high quality meal and venue. **To keep our meetings open and affordable, please RSVP by midnight the Thursday before our meeting.**

Members with advance registration through Evite pay \$15 per meeting, and guests with advance registration pay \$20 upon arrival. **You can now prepay online!**

Members or guests without an advance reservation is welcome to join the meeting, but pays \$20 at the door. Please contact Beth Dawson at info@dawsonphotos.com to be added to the guest list or to RSVP if you are not able to RSVP online.



We kindly ask that you let us know the names of your guests rather than just reporting a number of guests so that they maybe added to the meeting roster; contact Beth Dawson at info@dawsonphotos.com to do so. Thank you!

The meal is included as part of the price of the monthly meeting networking event and presentation. Gluten Free and vegetarian meals available upon request for those with advance reservations.

May Menu: Mexican Fiesta with Water, Tea, And Coffee Service.