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- Woman of the Year-Gwendolyn Jones West

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2010

District 1 Vice President



Atlanta Area Council *July Luncheon*

District 1

*Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
 Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Tennessee*

July 24, 2010

*Crowne Plaza NW
 6345 Powers Ferry Road
 Atlanta, GA 30339*

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Janice Truesdale Harris
Chairman,
2010 Atlanta Area Council

To My ABWA Sisters,

Do you believe it has as been six-months since the start of our 2010 term of the Atlanta Area Council? It has been a very rewarding experience for me. We have accomplishments worth bragging about. I do not say "we" lightly because working together to support the goals of the Council, we made it possible to successfully accomplish the following:

1. **Successful** January Luncheon celebrating our AAC Woman of the Year and recognizing and Scholarship Recipients; over 100 members were in attendance.
 2. **Successful** Delegate's Lunch & Learn Luncheon in February reviewing the delegate's responsibilities.
 3. **Successful** April Council Meeting with a great Speaker and the recognition of our eminent Inner Circle Members.
 4. **Successful** representation of ACC members at our April Spring Conference in Naples as our very own Anne Pasquini officiates in her role as District I Vice President.
 5. **Successful** Leadership Workshop in June with a powerhouse speaker and our own AAC powerhouse presenters.
- Four **successful** Executive Board/Committee Chair's Meetings conducting duties which produced outstanding AAC programs.

WE can indeed be proud of our first six-months, and I look forward to the next six-months as we continue to be a leader among ABWA Councils.

Your ABWA Sister,

Janice Truesdale Harris



Janice Truesdale Harris, Chair
2010 Atlanta Area Council

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010, 11:00 A.M.
ATLANTA MARRIOTT BUCKHEAD HOTEL ,
ATLANTA, GA

The Atlanta Area Council Second Quarterly Meeting and Inner Circle Recognition met Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Marriott Hotel on Lenox Road. The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am by Chair Janice Truesdale Harris. The invocation and pledge was led by Recording Secretary Deborah Sturgis Shields. Chairperson Harris introduced the Head Table. Vice Chair Judy Williams and Treasurer Carolyn Coleman were absent. National Officers, Top Ten and PAACC were acknowledged. The welcome was given by Elizabeth Echols. A moment of silence was given in honor of long time member, the late Mrs. Christine Benton.

Approval of the minutes and treasurer's report of the last meeting was given and they were filed for audit.

Dorothy Steed, Chair of the June Leadership Workshop reminded the group that the Workshop is June 12th beginning at 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at Hotel Midtown and encouraged all to attend. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Ethelyn Barksdale, Gail Dunn, Saylia Hammonds and Rosemary Willingham will take part in leading the workshop. Dorothy Steed asked the group for items to fill the goody bags which will be given out.

Rosemary Willingham, Past Atlanta Council Chair updated members on the celebration for Anne Pasquini on Friday, July 23, 2010 theme to "Find a Pot of Gold" and encouraged all to support her by attending and joining the group for dinner after the reception at Ray's on the River. The cost is \$25.00 which includes tax and gratuity. Members were asked to show our love with business card ads for \$25.00 for the souvenir program for the luncheon on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at I-285.

The Haitian Relief Fund raised \$370.00. Elizabeth Echols told the group that the check would be sent by the middle of the week. Elizabeth Echols updated members about the cost of the trip for the District 1 Conference of \$105.00 per person round trip. All monies were due at the end of the day Saturday. Anne Pasquini gave assurance that the rooms are all on the beach. District 1 VP Pasquini explained that the National Conference will be in Chattanooga, TN and the registration has been set up to be made in four payments to make it easier.

Announcements were given by the chapters: Dr. Maggie Mercer Douglas County Charter Chapter will be featured in Lifestyles Magazine, Saylia Hammonds extended an invitation from Pyramid Chapter for their 31st Anniversary Dance on June 19th at Atlanta Airport Hilton, Pat Zovickian, Newsletter Chair will provide scanning for free of charge if given a hard copy of business card for the July Luncheon program ad, Eunice Carter, Publicity Chair spoke on the late Pat Malone's honor of being placed on the Wall of Fame for Women at the Civic Center for the Princess Diana exhibit, Roshon Thomas, VP of New Roc Charter Chapter invited all to attend their meeting on Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Express at 11:30 am., Richie Morris, Program Chair commended all the Delegate's who attended the Lunch & Learn held in February. All attendees were asked to stand and Judy Williams, AAC VP was thanked for having the new delegates compete on taking the information back to their chapters, Andrea Darden was complimented on being a new member and her willingness to compete, Terri Hair, Hospitality Chair thanked her committee and asked all members to have their checks already written out when they arrive or have exact change ready. Janice Collier, Ways & Means Chair expressed thanks to the vendors that were present and they gave a short infomercial about their businesses. The vendors present were Angela Skeete (Horizon Chapter), Denise Fareed,

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Make Your Council Meeting Reservations

To make meeting reservations, please email Hospitality Chair, Terri Hair at: hair218@hotmail.com or call at her at 678-789-3033. Make sure you put in the subject line of your email "AAC meeting reservation" so Terri can quickly identify your email. Reservations are due by the Tuesday before the meeting. And remember, "**A reservation made is a reservation paid**". If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be expected to pay the meeting fee.

What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you. -

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

CHAPTERS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Airport Charter Chapter
Atlanta Peach Chapter
Cherokee Eagles Charter Chapter
Sphinx II
Southlake Chapter

APRIL

Douglas County Charter Chapter
EBEN
Pyramid Chapter
Snapfinger Woods Chapter
Crabapple Chapter

JULY LUNCHEON

All chapters and express networks and PAACC bring gift valued at \$25.00

SEPTEMBER

ELEN
Golden Dome Chapter
Greenbriar Chapter
Peachtree Spectrum Chapter
NFEN

NOVEMBER

Hidden Hills Chapter
Gwinnett Charter Chapter
Horizon Chapter
Lake Lanier Charter Chapter
New-Roc Charter Chapter

Chapter and Express Network Presidents and Delegates please note that door prize gifts should be new, unused gifts with a value of \$10.00 or more and they should be provided gift wrapped or in gift bags. The Council is asking each chapter or express network to bring a minimum of five door prizes to each meeting when your chapter/express network is listed as the "Chapter of the Month".

ABWA Mission

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.



2010 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Jan Luncheon Planning meeting/Woman Of the Year & Scholarship Recipient Recognition	Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly Cafeteria North Druid Hills Rd.
Council Meeting Woman of the Year and Scholarship Recipient Recognition	Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010	11:00 am	Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel and Conference Center 3405 Lenox Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30326
Delegate Lunch & Learn	Saturday, Feb 20, 2010	11:00 am	Shula's at Atlanta Marriott Buckhead
Executive Board Meeting	Saturday, Mar 20, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly
Council Meeting-Speaker & Recognition of Inner Circle Members	Saturday, Apr 24, 2010	11:00 am	Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel
Education Leadership Workshop Planning Meeting	Saturday, May 15, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly
Education Leadership Workshop	Saturday, June 12, 2010	8:30 am-2:30 pm	Hotel Midtown
July Luncheon Planning Meeting	Saturday, June 19, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly
July Luncheon Friday Night Reception	Friday, July 23, 2010	6:00 pm	Crowne Plaza Perimeter NW
July Luncheon-Honoring District I VP Anne Pasquini	Saturday, July 24, 2010	Forum: 9:00 am Luncheon - 11:00 am	Crowne Plaza Perimeter NW
Executive Board Meeting	Saturday, Aug 14, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly
Council Meeting – ABW Day & Top Ten Recognition	Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010	11:00 am	Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel
Executive Board Meeting	Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010	9:30 am	Piccadilly
Council Meeting – Office Elections	Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010	11:00 am	Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel
Holiday Luncheon	Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010	11:00 am	TBD

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Marie Hamill and Nicole Kenyon.

Greetings were brought from District 1 VP Anne Pasquini who thanked all for supporting her as Atlanta Area Council Chair and through her campaign for District 1 VP. Gifts were given to each member that served with her during her year as AAC Chair. District 1 VP Pasquini wanted to give them a proper "thank you" and stated that it takes a whole team to lead the Council.

Bessie Poole blessed the meal and the group was asked to continue to network throughout the lunch.

Richie Morris, Program Chair introduced Doug Grady, the Speaker of the Hour. Eric Swanson was unable to attend because of an illness in his family. Mr. Grady is President of High Achievers' Network and for over 15 years he has been engaging audiences from coast to coast with his wit and wisdom. Mr. Grady is also a musician. Member Roshon Thomas volunteered to take part in a short presentation on "Here I Come To Save The Day". Mr. Grady offered members a reduction for his seminar on May 27, 2010 for \$149.00 if you join his organization at the meeting and you would be able to bring a friend for free. At the conclusion, Mr. Grady sung a song for the ladies, "Stop Working For the Man". Richie Morris thanked Mr. Grady and presented him with a token of appreciation from the group.

Marcita Scharnhorst presented the Inner Circle members who have sponsored 11 or more members. They are: Janice Truesdale Harris (16), Barbara Campbell (19), Janice Collier (14), Bessie Poole (16), Sarah Mobley (14), Precious McBride (11), Gail Davenport (16), Anne Pasquini (25), Deborah Shields (23), Marcita Scharnhorst (15), Marlena Coggins (110), Launa Bacon (23), Videssa Woods (39), Zena Jiles (48), Joyce Garrett (60), Morelle Townsend (63), Rosemary Willingham (17) & Richie Morris (19). Each Inner Circle Member was given a gift.

The Chapter of the Month was Douglas County Charter Chapter.

Chair Janice Truesdale Harris thanked Fannie Nelson for the beautiful decorations and thanked all who were present and the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Deborah Sturgis Shields, Recording Secretary

HIDDEN HILLS CHAPTER SERVES FAMILIES AT HAGAR HOUSE

The Hidden Hills Chapter of ABWA shared an unforgettable experience with their adopted families at Hagar House this past Easter Sunday. The Chapter prepared a wonderful dinner consisting of baked chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, green beans and cupcakes for all for dessert. A special appearance by the Easter Bunny, who led the ten children present on a Easter egg hunt topped of the evening. Thanks to Janice Truesdale Harris, for organizing all activities concerning Hagar House as well as those participating, Barbara Campbell, Betty Christian, Kathy McClure, Pauline Dailey, and Janelle Frierson (a student of Redan High School) as the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to Barbara Campbell, Gwen Touchstone, and Renee Jakes for providing the funds to buy the food and other needed items for the shelter.

Hagar House, a shelter in Decatur that assists homeless mothers with children with shelter, food, job and housing placement and counseling could use all of our help. Volunteers are needed for child care, technical training, and donations of everyday things we take for granted--things like soap, laundry detergent, diapers, paper towels and feminine products. Not many know that if a group does not volunteer to donate and prepare dinner, these women and their children would not have any dinner. Each night a different organization takes responsibility for feeding these families. If you or your group would like to assist, contact: [Sue E. Holec <sue@decaturcooperativeministry.org>](mailto:Sue E. Holec@sue@decaturcooperativeministry.org) for donations, or Janice Truesdale Harris for information on volunteering.





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Treasurer's Report



Financial Report
March 1, 2010 - May 31, 2010

Description	Amount
Beginning Balance (from bank statement)	\$5857.84
Income/Deposits (itemized below)	+2220.76
Disbursements /Checks (itemized below)	-2555.39
Other withdrawals/debits	-15.76
Ending Balance	+5507.45

Income:

Ways and Means (Total)	\$ 271.00
Vendors (3)	\$ 95.00
Raffle	\$176.00
Hospitality (4/24 Luncheon)	\$1460.00
Newsletter (Ads)	\$ 48.00
Haitian Relief Fund	\$ 230.00
Membership Dues	\$ 75.00
July Luncheon Ads	\$ 110.00
July Luncheon Vendor (still owe \$10)	\$ 25.00
Intuit ACH Transactions	<u>\$ 1.76</u>
Total	\$2220.76

Disbursements/Debits

1095 Gerald Dailey (Photography 2009 July luncheon)	\$ 65.00
1136 Allegra Printing (Directory Printing)	\$ 132.00
1137 Hotel Midtown Atl.(Deposit for June Workshop	\$ 500.00
1138 TK Graphics (July Luncheon Invitations)	\$ 149.80
1140 At Your Service Creations (Newsletter Printing)	\$ 50.00
1141 Marriott Atlanta Hotel(4/24 Luncheon)	\$ 1375.44
1144 Fannie Nelson (Flowers)	\$ 125.00
1145 Janice Harris (Inner Circle Gifts)	\$ 157.46
Intuit ACH Transactions	\$ 1.76
Bank Charge (Account Analysis)	<u>\$ 14.00</u>
Total	- \$2571.15

Submitted by: Carolyn B. Parks, Treasurer

Photo Memories from April, 2010 Atlanta Area Council Meeting



District 1 Spring Conference Naples, Florida May 21st and 22nd



The purpose of the spring conferences is to bring concentrated professional development opportunities and educational programs to members. Spring conferences also provide an excellent opportunity for members to become familiar with the district's candidates for the office of district vice president (DVP) prior to the election at the national conference. DVP candidates are introduced to the membership at spring conferences, and while they do not formally campaign, aside from giving their campaign speech, they are available to talk with the members in a more personal setting.

On Friday morning, we kicked off with a networking extravaganza providing attendees an opportunity to connect with the Association leaders and dignitaries, including the National Board of Directors, Ambassadors and ABWA Top 10 Business Women, not to mention the boundless connections made with members from your district.

This was a weekend of networking, learning and just having fun. If you have not been to a district or national conference, I encourage you to start planning now to attend at least one and your life will change forever. I am a twenty-two year member of ABWA and I look forward to attending each year. My very first spring conference was 1989 Savannah, GA; I've only missed one Spring Conference since then and have not missed one National Conference. Start now - invest in yourself plan to attend the next spring or national conference. Have your Chapter or Express Network commit to spending dollars to help educate you.

Submitted by Bessie W. Poole

Bessie is a Past Atlanta Area Council Chairman (PAACC) and Golden Dome Chapter member.

Education & Leadership Workshop Wrap-Up

By Elizabeth Echols

The June 2010 Education & Leadership Workshop held on June 12, 2010 was again a huge success; with an attendance of 53 participants. If you missed it, you missed a treat. The guest speaker, Taryn Pisaneschi, a social media expert, is a powerhouse speaker. She empowers small businesses, freelancers and solopreneurs to take charge of their own marketing and branding strategies.



We also had our own AAC/ABWA powerhouse speakers who shared valuable and much needed information to have a successful ABWA Chapter or Express Network. Each year the information given is great, but this year's information took you to another level with a wealth of information. Information was received from seasoned and new AAC/ABWA members who showed their passion in being a member.



The workshop theme delivered just what it intended and more. You walked away with answers to help you prepare for the challenges facing your Chapter or Express Network without getting stressed from experiencing unknown and unexpected changes. Our own District 1 Vice President, Anne Pasquini delivered excellent information on Parliamentary Procedure and Best Practices requirements for ABWA.



Some of the information received was: the incoming presidents role, new officers training, best practices, parliamentary procedures, membership recruitment and retention; entrepreneurship, long term care, life insurance buyer's guide, the future of healthcare, presenting yourself in the workplace, etc.



Thank you Dot Steed, Ethelyn Barksdale and Committee Members for another successful workshop.

The Atlanta Area Council

invites you to attend the Annual July Luncheon
in Honor of 2010

ABWA District I Vice President Anne Pasquini



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Friday Night Reception, July 23, 2010
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Saturday Forum, July 24, 2010
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Saturday Luncheon, July 24, 2010
11:00 AM

Luncheon cost is \$40.00 **for reservations made before
June 30th or \$45.00 after June 30th.**

Checks should be made payable to Atlanta Area Council. Reply to Chris Mann at
chrismann5204@att.net or call 404.752.8244 (home) or mail to:
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 - ***8 oz. Prime Rib with Natural Pan Au Jus,
 - ***Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Lemon Dill Butter SauceAll entrees will be served with seasonal mixed vegetables and whipped potatoes. Coffee, tea and soda are also included.
- \$25.00 each and includes sales tax and gratuity
- Confirm your reservation by replying to Janice Truesdale Harris, 2010 AAC Chair at rjharrisrj@bellsouth.net or 404-296-5920
- Time: 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm on July 23rd
- Reply on or before July 9, 2010
- Transportation for out of town guests will be provided





Newsletter Competition Changes: New Procedures and How They Affect You!

Chapters and Express Networks:

- The process for entering your newsletter at your district conference remains the same.
- The winning district newsletters will be returned to National Headquarters in Kansas City.
- These newsletters will be judged by outside judges in Kansas City during the summer months.

Councils:

- Councils may only enter the newsletter competition at the *national level*.
- To be eligible to compete, one copy of two different issues from the 2009-2010 award year must be received at ABWA National on or before **July 31, 2010**.
- These newsletters will be judged by outside judges in Kansas City during the summer months.
- Note: Newsletters sent to National regularly will not automatically be entered into the competition. Entries must be marked "**For Newsletter Competition**".

What Happens at the National Women's Leadership Conference:

- In Chattanooga, a primary member from each of the district winning newsletter teams and a member from each council that submitted a newsletter for competition must sign in on **Thursday** at the ABWA Merchandise Booth located in the Expo Center. Check the conference program for times.
- A primary member of the group must be in attendance to accept the national conference newsletter award.
- You will still want to share your newsletter so please bring one copy of two different issues from the 2009-2010 award year and place them on the newsletter display tables located in the Expo Center.
- The national newsletter winners will be recognized during a general session on the big stage!

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL EVENTS FOR 2010

AT A GLANCE

Jan 9, 2010	Planning meeting for Jan. Luncheon
Jan 23, 2010	Council Meeting
Feb 20, 2010	Delegate Luncheon
Mar 20, 2010	Executive Board Meeting
Apr 24, 2010	Council Meeting
May 15, 2010	Leadership Training Planning
June 12, 2010	Education Leadership Workshop
June 19, 2010	July Luncheon Planning Meeting
July 23, 2010	July Luncheon Friday Night Reception
July 24, 2010	July Luncheon Honoring District I VP
Aug 14, 2010	Executive Board Meeting
Sept 25, 2010	Council Meeting/ABW Day & Top Ten Recognition
Oct. 16, 2010	Executive Board Meeting
Nov. 20, 2010	Council Meeting/Elections
Dec 11, 2010	Holiday Luncheon

****Executive Board Meetings will continue to be at Piccadilly's on N. Druid Hills Rd at 9:30 am****



The mission of the Atlanta Area Council is to promote communication between chapters, to disseminate information, to exchange ideas, to participate in workshops, seminars, and other joint activities, and to provide opportunities for members to grow personally and professionally through education, networking support, and community recognition.



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