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Chapter Vision Statement

To offer women the opportunity to network and grow personally and professionally through mentoring, education and team support.

GREATER OAKLAND NEWS

**GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER
 CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN**

www.abwa-greateroakland.org
 A Chapter of the American Business Women's Association

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.

President's Letter

February 13, 2024

Hello Members

Happy New Year. It seems impossible that we've started a new year already and now it's February.



Our February speaker is LuAnn Buechler, Leadership: Passion in the Workplace. Discover your own top 5 passions and why passion is important in the workplace. It's a virtual meeting, so it's easy and it's free. Please invite a friend or two.

Until then, be well.

In ABWA Friendship
 Mary Mills, President

Our new National Board and President Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes are focusing on ways to increase ABWA membership. Who do you know that you can spread the word to, or an event where we can promote ABWA? If you have suggestions, please contact any board member. All ideas are welcome.

Greater Oakland is having a Spring event, Ladies Day Out, on April 21 at Creative Fashions in Holly, MI from noon to 4 pm. There will be light refreshments served as well as a discount offered on regular priced items. Save the Date and spread the word, everyone is welcome, so bring your friends. We are also inviting area chapters to attend so we hope to have a good turnout. The flyer with all the details will be out soon.

Register now for the Regional Virtual Conference are March 22 – 23, 2024. This is a good conference to attend to network, get updates on ABWA, attend seminars and hear a great keynote speaker. Check the Achieve Newsletter for the tentative agenda, the professional development sessions and the keynote speaker. You won't want to miss it. Added bonus, we have budgeted for partial reimbursement of the registration fee.



Calendar of Events:

2023-24 Calendar

- February 27 – Greater Oakland Meeting, Speaker LuAnn Buechler, Passion in the Workplace. Virtual meeting 6 pm
- March 22-23 – ABWA Regional Conference, Virtual
- March 26 – Greater Oakland Meeting, Speaker Shirley New, ABWA Top 10 Business Woman 6 pm
- April 13 – Eastern Michigan Council, Hosted by Greater Oakland, Deer Lake Banquet Center, Clarkston, 8:30 am
- April 21 – Ladies Day Out, Creative Fashions, Holly, MI Noon to 4 pm
- April 23 – Greater Oakland Meeting, Speaker Sydney Lawson, Introducing Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

COMMITTEES

Audit

Karen Conway

Best Practices

Jo Ann Huebner
Executive Board

Education

Jo Ann Huebner

Fundraising/Advertising

Jo Ann Huebner
Mary Mills

Hospitality

Mary Leonard

Membership

Executive Board

Newsletter

Mary Mills

Programs/ Professional Development

Publicity

Karen Conway

Website

Jo Ann Huebner

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Woman of the Year

Jo Ann Huebner

March 8, 2024



International Women's Day
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GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER
Chartered September 17, 2000

2022-2023 Executive Board

President – Mary Mills

Vice President – Mary Leonard

Secretary – Lynn Pomerleau

Treasurer – Jo Ann Huebner

2023 Woman of the Year

JO ANN HUEBNER



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Mary Mills - 3/27/89, 35 years
Marylynn Pomerleau - 3/30/22, 2 years
Karen Conway - 3/31/10, 14 years

**Tuesday
February 27, 2024**

Program: Leadership: Passion in the Workplace

Speaker: LuAnn Buechler, CMP, Business Owner, Trainer, Consultant

Virtual Meeting

6:00 pm Networking/6:15 Introductions
6:30 Speaker

7:15 pm Meeting

Registration required by

February 23, 2024 at

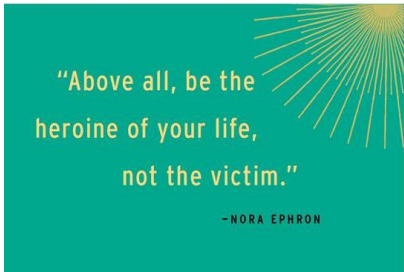
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JoAnn Huebner 3/31
Mary Mills 4/23
Lynn Pomerleau 4/28

Core Values for the American Business Women’s Association

1. **Selfless Leadership** – Be committed to doing the right thing, always. Be transparent in your actions even when no one is looking!
2. **Building Community** – Be committed to creating sustainable ABWA communities where women can connect, learn, and grow together.
3. **Value and Seek Diversity** – Be committed to recruiting new members from diverse cultures, work industries and experiences.
4. **Manage for Innovation and Excellence** – Be committed to original thinking and delivering excellence in everything you do.
5. **Lifelong Learning** – Be committed to enhancing your own business knowledge, skills, and acumen. Be unafraid to make mistakes, iterate, err and try again.
6. **Focus on Facts and Own the Results** – Be committed to using “data” to drive your decisions and actions, and be accountable for your performance, good and bad.
7. **Choose to Make a Difference** – Be committed to unlocking a member’s potential and inspiring/motivating her to become the best version of herself.
8. **Celebrate** – Be committed to celebrating members’ achievements.



ABWA’s 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 of conduct 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.

- As an ABWA member, I will serve as a goodwill Ambassador for the American Business Women’s Association.
- As an ABWA member, I will adhere to the Association’s Bylaws and comply with the Association’s Brand Guidelines.
- As an ABWA member, I will not use my personal power or influence to advance my own interests.
- As an ABWA member, I will not allow my personal beliefs or convictions to alienate other members, prospective members, and sponsors at any level of the ABWA organization (local, regional or national).
- As an ABWA member, I will always treat member colleagues, the ABWA National Team, guests, speakers, vendors and sponsors with dignity and respect.

Our core values are the foundation for which the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) was founded on in 1949. They’re reflective of the ethos of the ABWA culture, and have been integral to creating an enduring and supportive community for generations of women in the workplace.



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WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION



Lynn Pomerleau

I nominate Lynn Pomerleau for Greater Oakland’s 2024 Woman of the Year. Lynn has been a member of our chapter for almost 2 years. During this time, she has contributed in many ways. She worked at our 2022 and 2023 holiday auctions and co-managed the silent auctions by setting up tables, collecting donations, helping other members get and organization donations, close the auctions and deliver items to the winning bidder. She also made sweets to donate to our live dessert auctions. Lynn helped out in the planning of the auction and donated the resources of her UPS business to print ABWA materials and auction programs. In her first year of membership, Lynn hosted a chapter meeting at her UPS store and delivered a presentation on her experiences in opening this franchise. When asked by the Board to step in and fill an opening as our Secretary, she enthusiastically said yes. Lynn does a great job in recording the minutes of our Board and Chapter meetings on a timely basis. Lynn helped the Board sponsor our 2023 spring membership event and is working to set up our 2024 event. She has served as our representative for the Clarkston Chamber for the past few months and is working to make us known to other area Chambers. She has just volunteered to be our 2nd alternate for the Eastern Michigan Council. Although she is still a relatively new member and very busy running her own new UPS business, Lynn has a positive attitude, wants the chapter to succeed and is always willing to pitch in and help out wherever needed. She is very deserving to be our 2024 Woman of the Year.

Protégé Award



Nicole Walsh

I nominate Nicole Walsh for Greater Oakland’s 2024 Protégé Award. Nicole has just complete 1 year of membership with our chapter. Nicole was very active at our 2022 and 2023 holiday auctions. She co-managed the live dessert auctions both years and assisted the auctioneer in presenting desserts for bidding. She helped out even before she became a member! Nicole delivered a presentation to our chapter on Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and shared how this is important for the success of an

organization’s website. Nicole is a young professional with children in school. She attends our meetings and activities when her schedule allows. She is very deserving to receive our Protégé award due to her enthusiasm and positive attitude, willingness to share her technical knowledge and willingness to volunteer at our fundraisers.

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MC KAY

Barbara McKay - March 21, 1933 – February 3, 2024

Barb was a charter member of Greater Oakland Charter Chapter in September 2000 and we celebrated her 45 years with ABWA at our January meeting. She began her ABWA Journey with Aqua Terra Chapter in Oxford and held many board positions and chaired many committees. In Greater Oakland Charter Chapter she continued her work in supporting women in their educational and career paths, working on many committees and raising funds for scholarships. She had a real love for helping and doing good things for others, which continued until the end. She is going to be missed by her Chapter and her ABWA sisters.





APEX Courses Offered Complimentary in February and March

IMPROVEMENT KATA ESSENTIALS

February 1st – 29th, 2024

The Improvement Kata is a pattern of activities that helps us move from a current condition to a target condition in a deliberate way. The Improvement Kata is designed to help people strive toward challenges or solve complex problems with solutions that are not obvious. Learn the four steps of this pattern and how learners work with a coach to develop scientific thinking skills while solving problems.

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COACHING KATA ESSENTIALS

March 1st – 31st, 2024

The coaching Kata is a set of practice routines for teaching scientific thinking to the improvement Kata learner. Learn the main objective and activities, characteristics of the coach-learner relationship, the deliberate way questions are used, and how this contributes to establishing a continuous-improvement culture.