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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

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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

July 13, 2023

Hello Members

Welcome the hot days of Summer! I hope all is well and you are having some summer fun.



Our membership voted to move our July meeting to Saturday, July 15 at the District V Vice Presidents Luncheon celebration. Our speaker that day will be Cheryl Blair, ABWA National President. Her presentation will be Connections Matter – All Aboard, learn to throttle up, track your gratitude, blow your own whistle and take a “brake”. Cheryl always gives a great presentation, so I hope you’ve registered to be there.

Next month starts our new Chapter Year. The board will be working on the new budget, new programs and membership strategies. We will be sending out the member survey, so be sure to fill it out and give us all of your suggestions. We appreciate your input.

I’m looking forward to the new chapter year and working to expand our chapter.

In ABWA Friendship
Mary Mills, President



Calendar of Events:

2023 Calendar

- July 14-15 – District V Vice President Celebration and luncheon, Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor
- August 22 – Greater Oakland Meeting, Nino’s Italian House and Virtual, Amber Clark, ABWA Top Business Woman, NO Means Next Opportunity
- September 10 - Eastern Michigan Council Meeting, celebration of WOY, Protégé and Top 10
- September 26 – Greater Oakland Meeting, Vanessa Willis, Past ABWA National President
- October 4 – 7 – National Women’s Leadership Conference, Chattanooga

COMMITTEES

Audit

Best Practices
Jo Ann Huebner
Executive Board

Education
Jo Ann Huebner

Fundraising/Advertising
Jo Ann Huebner
Tammy Murray
Mary Mills

Hospitality
Tammy Murray

Membership
Executive Board

Newsletter
Mary Mills

Programs/ Professional Development
Executive Board

Publicity
Karen Conway

Top Ten

Website
Jo Ann Huebner
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Woman of the Year
Mary Mills




GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER
Chartered September 17, 2000

2022-2023 Executive Board


President – Mary Mills
Vice President – Tammy Murray
Secretary – Lynn Pomerleau
Treasurer – Jo Ann Huebner

2023 Woman of the Year

JO ANN HUEBNER



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Tammy Murray, 7/30/85 - 38 Years

Tuesday
July 15, 2023

Program: Connections Matter – All Aboard

Speaker: Cheryl Blair, ABWA National President

In Person at District V VP Luncheon Event, Kensington Hotel, Ann Arbor

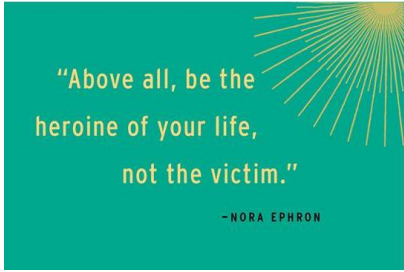
8 :30 Registration, 9 am Welcome
9:15 am Speaker



No July Birthdays

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.



District V Grant Recipient

Mary Mills and Jo Ann Huebner met with Abigail Ortwine, our Greater Oakland Grant Recipient, on June 30 at Sarah’s Coffee, to present her with her scholarship check. Abigail was there with her father, Keith, to receive the scholarship check and the letter from ABWA National congratulating her. She is working on her Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Grand Valley State University; she’s enrolled in their accelerated program, and will be at in classes this summer. She told us about her experiences working with children and adults and told us of the many and various ways that help people with speech that isn’t strictly pronunciation. It is really a fascinating area for a career. She is a very bright and engaging young lady and we enjoyed meeting her and her father.

Abigail will be doing an internship in Macomb this fall and may join us on our Zoom meetings if she can.



Abigail and Keith Ortwine



Mary Mills, Abigail Ortwine and Jo Ann Huebner

GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER JULY MEETING

CONNECTIONS MATTER - ALL ABOARD



Keynote Speaker: Cheryl Blair

Cheryl Blair is an insurance agent with the McGowan Insurance Group in Muncie, IN. She is a member of the

ABWA Raintree Chapter and is ABWA's 2022-2023 National President.

Let's all get on board with Cheryl to find out why connections matter.

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Changing Women's Lives One Woman at a Time

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Learn to "Throttle" Up

Learn to "Track" your Gratitude

Learn to Blow your Own "Whistle"

Learn to take a "Brake"

Our July Meeting will be in person at the District V Vice President Celebration On 7/15/2023 at the Kensington Hotel, 3500 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

