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**Celebrate
The
Success!!**

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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.

See the bio for Carolyn Gialamas on page four of this newsletter. You will want to be here and learn about Financial Fitness. Make your New Year's resolution to attend the January 26th chapter meeting... you'll be glad you did!



Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

Washington Irving

Whether you celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza or another holiday, may the joy of the season be yours—and may you have a healthy and prosperous 2010.

Meeting Program January 26, 2009

Speaker: Carolyn Gialamas

"Financial Fitness"

Start your financial year off right!

Meeting Location

Anaheim Park Hotel 222 West Houston Avenue

Fullerton, CA (714) 626-7832

Networking 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm

R.S.V.P. Lynne McConnell (562) 431-6131

Menu



Meeting Policy

All members have a standing dinner reservation. Banquet chairperson confirms with the hotel the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting. Chapter is committed to the number confirmed with the hotel. Please remember to call & cancel your reservation or you will be billed for your meal unless other arrangements are made in advance & confirmed with Carol Smith. Thank you for your understanding.

Little Lotto Fundraiser



The first drawing for Little Lotto will be held at the January 26th meeting. We will draw both December 09 and January 2010 tickets. There are still tickets available so if you haven't had an opportunity to sell tickets to support our chapter education fun please contact Carol Smith at (714) 828-1497. Thanks in advance for your support of the Placentia Stars Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

President's Message

DID YOU KNOW?



Sept. 22, the founding date of the Association, was recognized as ABWA Day in 1983 and 1986 by Congressional resolution and a proclamation issued by President Ronald Reagan. ABWA groups celebrate this date by holding events across the country.

CAR RALLY



Just a friendly reminder that June 13th is car rally day. More info to come as we move into 2010—mark the date on your calendar for this extra special event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 9, 2010 Impact Council Meeting

Mar. 6, 2010 Women on the Go Conference

Apr. 9-10, 2010 District VI Spring Conference



December 10, 2009

Dear Placentia Stars Members,

Thank you to all the members who participated in the Community Christmas Baskets, the community project the chapter supported this year by volunteering time, donating gift cards or both. The chapter donated a total of \$300 in gift cards and M.J. delivered the cards to Jon Nicks. M.J. and I volunteered Thursday and our assignment was to sort all the food donated by the community. For MANY years, our past member, Judy Abrams, donated countless hours chairing the Toys for Tots program in the city of Placentia.

Thank you to Bryna for being the speaker at the November meeting and giving an excellent presentation on WIN. This is a great resource for chapter members to communicate with one another, with members across the United States and for educational opportunities.

Don't forget to call M.J. if you have 'white elephant' items to donate for the January 9th "Crazy Auction" fun-raiser. A flyer for the event is in this newsletter with all the details. Please print the flyer and distribute to all your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Thank you to the members who have already cleaned out your closets and found those 'treasures' to donate. Your participation is needed on Saturday to help set-up this event. at 12:00pm. Please contact me to let me know you are available to help.

The chapter is co-sponsoring a Miss Placentia candidate with Top Class Pizza. Our candidate, DeeDee Wang, is attending Cal State Long Beach. I met her at the Chamber Mixer Thursday and she is very personable, energetic, attractive and her talent is dancing. The pageant will be held Saturday, January 16th, at 7pm at Valencia High School in Placentia and tickets are \$18. More details will be sent in a separate e-mail in January.

Co-Chairs Carl Jeffers and M.J. Bryant have formed teams for the annual Business Associate event to be held at the chapter's April 27, 2010 meeting. Time to start thinking about a "**Star**" in your life, work or community that you would like to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments. A meeting will be held before the chapter meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 5:30pm in the lounge area of the hotel.

THANK YOU to Dan & Molly Schubert for opening their home to the Placentia Stars for our annual Christmas Party. Once again, there was great food, lots of fun and wonderful presents!!

Carol J. Peterson

Placentia Stars – President *Shoot for the moon...even if you miss it, you will land among the stars.* *Les Brown*

**Placentia Stars
2009-2010**

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Secretary's Minutes

Placentia Stars Chapter

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY'S MINUTES WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLISHING OF

THE NEWSLETTER. MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY 2010 CHAPTER MEETING.

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American Business Women's Association

Placentia Stars Chapter

Tuesday - January 26, 2010

Speaker: Carolyn Gialamas

CEO, Financial Fitness Training

CEO, Financial Fitne\$\$ 4 Kids

“Financial Fitness for the New Year”

Understanding the Basics of Finances

Common Sense Approach to Finance for both Personal and Business Needs

Carolyn Gialamas, founder and CEO of Financial Fitness Training® and Financial Fitne\$\$ 4 Kids®, is a Southern California native and holds a Bachelors degree in Finance from California State University, Long Beach. She worked in banking for nearly 17 years, with the most recent 7 years as a Vice President for Cal National Bank. She has held a California Life Insurance License as well as Series 6, 63, and 26 securities licenses.

Carolyn has always had an interest in financial matters, and that is reflected in her own personal financial affairs. She started her first IRA, investing in a mutual fund, at 18 years old. She and her husband purchased their first home at 22 years old, and they currently own several income properties in various states. Based on Carolyn's drive and financial education, she started Financial Fitness Training in the Summer of 2006 to do one-on-one financial coaching without selling products, because she saw a lot of individuals and couples who did not understand the basics of finances. She started focusing on helping clients set-up spending plans and stick to them.

Don't miss this outstanding presentation—see you there!



Crazy Auction

This auction is so 'crazy' it is hard to describe. That's why you just have to come to see it and experience it in person!!

DATE: Saturday – January 9, 2010

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

COST: \$5.00 Donation Refreshments will be served

PLACE: Community Room

Brea Congregational Church

300 E. Imperial Highway – Brea

Bring your quarters and \$1 bills.....items you bid on will be:

\$0.50, \$1.00 or \$1.50 !!

No item you bid on is over \$1.50 !!

Win a working FAX machine or new desk lamp (still in the box) or fun, usable "white elephant items"....just to name a

Invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers for a *fun* afternoon.

Hosted by the American Business Women's Association, Placentia Stars. Chapter. ABWA is a national, non-profit association for ALL women. Proceeds to benefit our Education Fund.

Placentia Stars on the web at
www.abwaplacentiastars.org

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www.laacabwa.org

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www.impactabwa.org

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Shining Star Spotlight—December 2009



Check back in January for a new year of Shining Star Spotlight. See if you can figure out who the ABWA member is to earn an additional 50/50 ticket at the meeting. See you in January.



BONUS MAIL FOR CHARITY

This is an idea to secure gift cards for charitable causes at no cost (other than some time). My Points (aka Bonus Mail) is a website that rewards you for reading email. It is based on the premise that the more people a company can bring to its website, the more people will try their products.

There are several awards but 10,000 points for a \$50 gift card is usually the best value and you earn 5 points per email read but by using the home page to buy things and earn varying amounts of additional points. You can shop at 1000+ stores over 24 categories to earn points and you can redeem your points in almost 100 stores offering everyday purchases.

We could set up a Placentia Stars email to which we all have access and the number of emails sent is based on how many are read and websites accessed. We can also get points for referring others for bonus points going to the ABWA account. Go to www.mypoints.com for more information.

INVOCATION

Lord, In the quiet of this 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 our guiding light, and thus to know each other as thou knowest us, AMEN.

BENEDICTION

Oh 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.

Celebrate

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Lynn Gaytan 12/29/97 A

Bryna Dambrowski 12/31/97 A

LITTLE LOTTO



NOV. WINNER

Elsie Rhoades

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.