

Maia Jennifer Hopwood - 2009

Member: 7 years Joined ABWA: felt like I fit in right away.
Best Benefit: Met new people, developed friendships, learned to work well with others even when their opinions differed from mine.
ABWA mentor: Several women in our group I look up to
20 min. interview with? Virgin Mary
Most important question to ask her? Are the things written about you true?

Maia Mary Shindell - 2008 (Maia's in a catch-up year)

Member: 19 years Joined ABWA: network with women in business--worked in a mostly male office
Best Benefit: Building leadership skills, public speaking skills and learning to engage the benefits of team work
ABWA mentor: Diane Nixon
20-min. interview with? Florine Mark
Most important question to ask her? Detroit News quote 'She's filled with ideas about how you can make an organization, a person or community much more successful and more complete.' I'd aske her to share some of her ideas!

Nokomis Dawn Ballard

Member: 2 1/2 years Joined ABWA: for community involvement and scholarships
Best Benefit: social networking
ABWA mentor: Theresa Burby
20-min interview with?
Most important question to ask her?

Novi Sharon Hanba

Member: 1 1/2 years Joined ABWA: warmth and friendliness of the Novi group
Best Benefit: friendships, opportunity to learn about marketing by writing publicity articles
ABWA mentor: Chris Stuwe, Marcia Applegate, Betty Shultz, Margaret Laitala and Bettie Johnson
20-min interview with? Diane Rehm
Most important question to ask her? What are the top 3 things she has learned to date about life?

Nu Lite Barbara Shackelford

Member: 5 years Joined ABWA: opportunity to be part of a great organization
Best Benefit: meeting lots of remarkable business women in chapter and at National
ABWA mentor: Christine Cook
20-min. Interview with? Oprah Winfrey

Most important question to ask her? Even though I am retired and a mature woman, I still have dreams and goals that I have not achieved. What would be her best advice for me concerning them? Considering my maturity should I be content with what I have achieved or should I continue to pursue them?

Seven Island Kay Wyszynski - not able to attend

Suburban Connection Debbie Bernard

Member: 3 years Joined ABWA: opportunity for networking

Best Benefit: networking

ABWA mentor: Diane Nixon

20-min. Interview with? Queen Elizabeth II

Most important question to ask her? Considering all that she's seen and accomplished, now that she's in her eighties and has every right to "retire" and enjoy her golden years, why does she choose to continue to live such a public life? What is the driving force in her continuing on as Queen?

Te Wan A Going Ida Grams - not able to attend

Tipacon Tammy Murray - not able to attend

Virgo Linda Hardenbergh

Member: 14 years Joined ABWA: was impressed by this organization that raised scholarships dollars for local area women and wanted to be part of it.

Best Benefit: lasting friendships

ABWA mentor: Kathy Kehren & Marian Smith

20-min Interview with? Katie Couric

Most important question to ask her? How do you balance family and career?

Vivon Claudia Cartwright

Member: 2 years Joined ABWA: First heard of ABWA when applied for a scholarship and won. Pam and Patty Allen stayed in touch but wasn't quite the right time. Invited to a membership meeting by Bev Seaford and came with application and checkbook in hand.

Best Benefit: mentoring and unconditional support. New friendships an added plus.

ABWA mentor: Cathy Alderman

20-min interview with? Congresswoman Candice Miller

Most important question to ask her? How do you stay true to your beliefs and convictions when you have so many powerful people trying to change your direction?

Celebration of Chapter's Top Ten Nominees:

Greater Oakland JoAnn Huebner

Member: 20 years Joined ABWA: desire to meet other women in business

Best Benefit: opportunities to explore and grow in new business and social areas

ABWA mentor: Rita Boyl-Feeley and Diane Nixon

20-min interview with? Barbara Bush

Most important question to ask her? How do you suggest that women in senior management roles balance their lives to provide the attention needed to family, job and their own personal well-being?

Maia Janis Williamson - 2009

Member: 18 years Joined ABWA: camaraderie, networking and educational benefits

Best Benefit: educational - received a couple scholarships

ABWA mentor: Shirley Myrick

20-min interview with? Oprah Winfrey

Most important question to ask her? I would mention to her, since she had the leadership school for girls built in Africa, would she consider building a school in the US for special needs children.

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See Jennifer's responses above

Council WOY Presentation - Diane Nixon thanked delegates for their nominations and voting for this the 2009 Eastern MI Council Woman of the Year. Past Council WoY were recognized. This year's nominees were Lisa Beedon, Diane Ehret and Sandy Sidaway. The elected Council WoY is Diane Ehret who was presented with a crystal vase.

Business Meeting:

Spring Conference Update - Dawn Ballard, General Chair, gave a brief update on the Midland District V spring conference. Plans are well in hand and Nokomis members are looking forward to hosting this great event. There will be a shuttle bus provided Thursday night for those signed up to attend the Great Lakes Loons game. Thank you to all EMC members who have signed up to help in Midland!

DVP Luncheon Update - Sandy Sidaway, Co-Chair of the 2009 DVP Luncheon, shared with everyone the deadline for early registration is 6/15/09. Please encourage all your members to attend this wonderful networking event honoring Barbara Young, District V VP. Program ad and vendor opportunities are still open as well. Linda Hamilton is looking for more hostesses. Diane Nixon made the announcement looking for EMC chapter basket donations.

2/14/09 Meeting Minutes: Diane Nixon announced a correction in the minutes. The DVP luncheon date had been mistyped as 7/12 rather than 7/11. Minutes received as published.

Treasurer's Report - no formal treasurer's report for this special event.

June meeting - Linda Hamilton announced the 6/13/09 meeting is being hosted by NuLite chapter. We're meeting at the Weekday's restaurant in the Genesee County Skills Center on Torrey Road. Flyers distributed.

Chapter sharing:

a. Cass River - Stephanie Kaiser-Winslow announced a great Winter Warm-Up. Appreciated everyone who attended. 13 first timers.

b. Achates - Geri Allen announced a membership event on 4/23/09 at the Howell Opera House

c. Greater Oakland - Jo Ann Huebner shared in February Novi Oaks and Great Oakland hosted a charity poker event. It was very successful and they are doing it again the first weekend in June. They raised \$3,400 to split. Only expense: time

d. Maia - Mary Shindell announced Maia's first Women Making Connections event is scheduled for 5/5/09. \$5 preregistered via PayPal or \$10 at the door. Our major fundraiser this year.

e. Nokomis - Theresa Burby shared at their last meeting they had a great speaker on resumes and interviewing skills. Also asked those attending the Great Lakes Loons game to "wear red".

f. Novi Oaks - Marcia Applegate announced their Autumn Brunch With Auction is 10/17/09 - \$20 before 10/4/09 and \$25 after. 9/9/09 they are hosting a "Shop 'Til You Drop" event at the Doubletree Hotel to draw community interest - looking for exposure

g. Nu Lite - Linda Hamilton announced they are selling pecans again \$7.50/bag. They ordered more in April rather than their regular October order.

h. Suburban Connection - Pam Gerlach shared their Spaghetti Dinner with Hypnotist on 4/29/09. Tickets still available at \$12. \$15 at the door.

i. Te Wan A Going - Debbie Freeman shared they are selling Walker Farms gift certificates at \$25 each. She'll have these also at our June EMC meeting.

j. Virgo - Marian Smith shared their spring enrollment event is 5/14 and they have five prospective members! They also have a new website: www.abwa-lansing.org

k. Vivon - Pam Allen shared they did a membership drive on 3/30/09 - first time trying this out. Very good response.

l. Crossroad Connection - Mary Jo shared they tried something new -- they attended the UM-Flint Career Fair explaining to students about good resumes. They had two guests attend this week's meeting from this event and one joined! Sandy

Sidaway shared information on the table from a faculty member at UM-Flint from the School of Management on two seminars being offered.

Nancy Provost shared the January, 2009 brainstorming their chapter did. Had Dawn and Theresa attend from Nokomis sharing their hints and suggestions before the career fair. Nancy also showed their new tri-fold chapter brochure! Also their new email address is: www.abwagrandblanc.org

50/50 raffle - 3 winners were drawn-- Jennifer Hopwood, Rhonda Raquepaw, and Lacey Moore

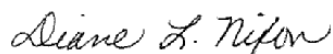
Announcements:

Diane Nixon shared she has been named Co-Chair of the 2009 NWLC Registration Committee with Dee Kirtley

Lisa Beedon announced she is closing 4/30/09 on a house in Port Huron.

Lisa Beedon led the membership in the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Nixon
Communications Officer