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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.*

President Message

Dear ABWA Sisters and Friends,

Happy Anniversary Fort Walton Beach Charter Chapter for 38 years of service
in Okaloosa County! (May 1973-May 2011)

I would like to thank our Education Committee for their hard work in selecting
scholarship recipients that we will present at our next ABWA meeting on Thursday,
May 12, 2011. Therefore, we need your attendance and support to acknowledge the
students' academic achievements and encourage them to become future members of
ABWA!

We are also honored that Ms. Tammy McDaniel will be our keynote speaker
for the evening. Tammy is our 2011-12 District I Vice President Candidate, who is a
dual member of Emerald Coast and the FWB Charter Chapters.

Additionally, as a reminder, during our May meeting we will vote on our
"Business Associate" who will be recognized during our June meeting.

Remember to email Brenda Daniels (brenda.daniels@eglin.af.mil), by
Monday, May 9, 2011. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, May 12th at
Two Trees Restaurant at 5:45pm for networking and 6:10pm for dinner.

In closing, "Education is the Passport to the Future, for Tomorrow Belongs to
Those Who Prepare for It Today," Malcolm X.

Yours in ABWA,

Dr. Karyn M. Combs



Meeting:

Two Trees Restaurant
1955 Lewis Turner Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL

RSVP by Monday noon
May 9, 2011

Monthly meeting
May 12, 2011

Networking begins at
5:45pm

Invocation
Pledge
Introduction

Dinner
Program
Business meeting
Door prizes

Benediction



Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals.

2010-2011 Executive Board



Dr. Karyn Combs-President

Pam Lee-Vice President

Linnette Wager-Treasurer

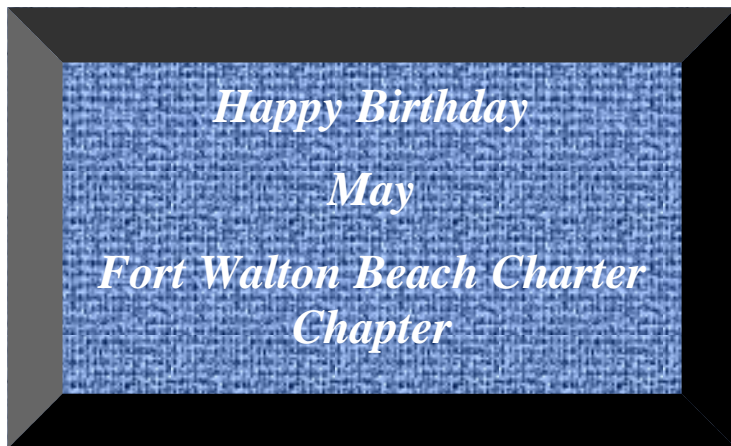
Carol Slayton-Secretary

Thoughts and Prayers: Betty Lester who lost her husband Bob Lester Saturday May 7, 2011. Better sponsored Mary Florence and Dr. Karyn Combs.



May: Lily

In the month perhaps most associated with flowers, the lily holds a special place as May's birthday flower. The wonderfully fragrant and beautiful lily represents purity.



The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.

- Muhammad Ali



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.

ABWA National Emblem



At the top is the TORCH, symbolizing light.
May it lead our way to perception and clear thinking.
The SCROLL stands for our quest for knowledge through listening and speaking—through reading and thinking—through pursuits of excellence.
Around the scroll are the GOLDEN CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP, signifying generosity, kindness, and affection.
The letters “ABWA” are inscribed on the scroll to unify us as business women working toward the goals of improving ourselves, helping each other, and advancing women in business.

Program Speaker: Tammy McDaniel-Bio



Owner/Manager Tammy's Journeys a full service travel agency and a destination receptive operator. Previously with Destin Air Charters starting in the first quarter of 2006 as the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing through fourth quarter 2009. Instrumental in branding and building awareness to the company's business with unique marketing strategies that doubled the amount of business under a year's time. This accomplishment was helped by hands on approach to learn and work in the 24/7 flight department. Learned and became aware of the customer service needs for this department. Implemented company's policies and procedures. Through dedication and hard work, Destin Air Charters received a Best of the Emerald Coast Award by Emerald Coast Magazine Readers for 2006 Best Travel Agency and 2008 Best Customer Service. Leadership ability has been rewarded by receiving the 2008 FWB Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of year, 2007 Leadership Okaloosa top honors award, voted 2006 Women of the Year by the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Business Women's Association and 2006 Greater Fort Walton Beach President's award recipient. 2008-09 Panhandle Area Council Chair for the American Business Women's Association, 2010 Vice Chair for the Panhandle Area Council and 2009-10 Chapter President for the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Instrumental helping Chapter receive Best Practice Level I for local chapter which is top honors at the National Level for the American Business Women's Association and during term the Chapter was recognized for having the most members logged on to Women Instructional Network on the National web-site. Served on the board of directors for the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber

of Commerce 2006-2008, American Red Cross of NW Florida and Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation board of directors, appointed to the Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women board representing District 3, appointed to the 2008-2009 Visit Florida Industry Relations Committee & 2009-10 Cultural, Heritage, Rural & Nature Committee, was an Okaloosa County School Mentor in 2006, 2007 & 2008, Marketing committee member for United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties and yearly supports Sinfonia, the Little Black Dress Event and other organizations in the county. 2009 to present Green Awareness Taskforce Chair for the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, current Ft Walton Beach Chamber member and VISIT Florida Partner representing Tammy's Journeys. Served as the Destin Air Charters representative for the Walton County, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Destin, Bay County and Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Florida Society of Association Executives and VISIT Florida. 2009-10 53rd Wing Honorary Commander for the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron and 2009-10 Advisory Board of Horizons of Northwest Florida. Previous background and higher education has been in Travel and Tourism and has received top awards at American Express Travel Services (Pacesetter)-Norcross, GA, AAA South (Award for reaching yearly sales goal) Mary Esther, FL, and Navigant Vacations International (Gem Award)-Fort Walton Beach, FL. She has also served for a short time in the United States Air Force and Iowa Air National Guard. Tammy has one child Joe McDaniel who is a freshman at the University of South Florida. Currently a National Candidate running for District I Vice President for the American Business Women's Association that represents, Puerto Rico, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina.

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Date: 14 April 2011

Minutes not available at time of Press



2011 Scholarship Awards
not available at time of press

Congratulations



Jackie Woerl
Top Ten Nominee

Dr. Karen Combs
Woman of the Year
2011

Tammy McDaniel
Approved Candidate
For 2011
District 1 National
Vice President

Silver Dome Chapter
Regional Conference
Newsletter Winner

People:

The joyful people are those who
are generous and kind,

The miserable people are those
who are selfish & unforgiving.

The problem solvers are those
whose lives are powered by faith
& optimism.

The problem people are those
whose lives are drained by
doubts & pessimism.

The winners are those who learn
to take full responsibility for their
actions.

The losers are those who blame
others for their failures.

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INVOCATION

*Lord, in the quiet of this hour, we come to thee for wisdom and for power; to view thy world through only loved-filled eyes; to grow in understanding to be wise, and sure to see thy guiding light; and thus, to know each other as thou knowest us.
Amen*

BENEDICTION

O Guiding, Spirits, 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

Fort Walton Beach Charter Chapter Vision Statement

The annual theme for ABWA is "leading with vision." One of the key elements of leadership is the ability to create a vision and lead people towards its fulfillment.



Leaders accomplish great things and inspire others to grow in responsibility and skills. Leaders give their best in whatever job they're doing. Any of us can take on leadership roles and qualities just by doing our jobs in a dependable way and encouraging others to share in and help us in attaining the worthwhile vision and mission of the American Business Women's Association. We hope the current leadership will give you some important insights of our charter chapter and the National Association.



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Panhandle Area Chapters Meetings:

Ft. Walton Beach Charter Chapter 2nd Thursday of each month-850-314-3010

Emerald Coast Chapter 1st Tuesday of each month-850-564-7697

Crestview Express Network 2nd Tuesday of each month-850-902-6391

Pensacola Charter Chapter 3rd Tuesday of each month month-info@abwapensacola.org

Silver Dome Chapter Tallahassee 4th Tuesday of each month

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Conference 2011
September 22-24
Irving, Texas

