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*Indianapolis Charter Chapter
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Next Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2019—Networking @ 5:30pm

Northside Knights of Columbus
2100 E. 71st Street, Indianapolis

Program/Dinner—6:00pm

“Saavy Women, Saavy Investing”
Jennifer Foster-Jackson
Edward Jones

Mission Statement 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 Message

Change... you either love it or you hate it. I personally have always embraced change as long as I know the “why”. I recently went through a change. I changed my position at the bank. I loved what I did, but was ready for a new challenge—I was prepared. Where I transferred is a department that allows me to use the skills I had and learn something new. So I am now a loan underwriter for our consumer lending team.



Andrea Moore, President

While I was a branch manager, I excelled in consumer loan volume and I knew the guidelines and procedures inside and out—or so I thought! I was prepared for the “things I didn't know” what I wasn't prepared for was how doing things from a different angle would make me stop and evaluate all portions of the underwriting process and if I was making the right loan decisions. I have calmed down and remembered to breathe. Sometimes we need to just slow down and take it all in and then make a decision.

So how does this relate to ABWA? Many times we do things the same way over and over again, then change comes along. I challenge each of you to stop and breathe, take it all in and make new choices that may be outside of your comfort zone. The rewards in the end are unimaginable!

Chapter Spirit Connections 2018-2019

In a surprise move, bonus points were awarded this month.

- Because our May meeting was held on a very rainy day, all the members who didn't let the rain or threat of rain keep them from attending received 10 points rather than the typical 1 point for meeting attendance.
- Marcy Meador, Carol King and Debbie de Kater were awarded 50 points as a thank you for volunteering to serve on the chapter board during the 2019-2020 chapter year.
- Those who worked at the Indianapolis 500 were awarded 10 points as a special thank you for giving your time.

Here are the team scores following the May meeting and Race points:

Team A = 478 Team B = 542 Team C = 437

Only two more meetings to score points for your team.

Submitted by Cheryl Cramer, "Commissioner"

Indy 500 Souvenir Booth Report

I just want to thank everyone for all the great effort put forth on Sunday! It is a very early morning to drag ourselves out of bed, putting on our red shirts, gathering food and water and finding our way to the car.

I hope the newcomers had a fun time: Stephanie, Mig, Cheryl, and Jennifer. Loved having you as a part of this event.

Have left a message with Betsy at the track to see how we did, charge sales-wise. Cash was good. We did try and stay while Lee, IT was running cash register reports, but it was taking a while and we wanted to get going, too.

Thank you to Amanda and Janet for manning the program booth. They sold 133 programs out there. Great job ladies!!

Cheryl, first time coming and you got the merchandising down (and out on the floor). You had some helpers, of course thanks to them, too!

Our never stopping casiers! What a job you did. Stephanie stepped right up, as a first timer. Hardly ever leaving cash register #2. Cyd and Tina - they had fun down at that end of the counter. Cyd made a few friends. One guy came back to show her pictures of his huge weight loss. Saw her hugging a customer, talking about ABWA a few times!

Christine, six months pregnant and lasted most of the day behind the cash register. Thank you Amanda and the rest that jumped right in to continue helping all those awesome race fans.

Those working with the cashiers, Carol, Mig, Jennifer, Janet, Sherry, Amanda. Thanks for being there to help bag, run out to get sizes, and take over a cash register when needed. Debbie E thank you for all you do, making sure the food gets organized, watching our front door, and talking to the race fans. All these jobs are so important, and the smiling faces the race fans experience is so important. Heard lots of "thank you"

How Can You Help Your Team?

Unless otherwise noted, each activity is worth 1 point.

- 1) Attend ICC meetings
- 2) Wear your name badge
- 3) Bring Guests to ICC meetings—5 points
- 4) Sponsor new ICC member – 10 points
- 5) Participate in ICC Community Service project
- 6) Participate in ICC fundraiser
- 7) Attend ICC committee meeting
- 8) Attend ICC Board meeting
- 9) Attend ABWA chapter or council-sponsored event
- 10) Attend Fall 2018 ABWA NWLC—20 points
- 11) Attend Spring 2019 ABWA Regional conference—20 points
- 12) Take ABWA online course—5 points
- 13) Volunteer to be candidate for 2019-2020 ICC Board office-50 points

To receive credit, activity must take place between meetings. (starting the day after through the day of a meeting).

from both ABWA ladies and also the fans. Loved the "Enjoy the race" and "Have a blessed day".

We did very well with tips this race. We can't solicit, but they come because of the friendliness of our ladies!

Hope everyone rested or was able to get together with family and friends on Monday.

Once again, Thank you!

Debbie deKater



Member Spotlight—Cheryl Cramer



When asked about her family, Cheryl said she had a pretty simple childhood with two brothers and one sister and two parents who were married for 58 years. She has one daughter and son-in-law who live in Johnson City, Tennessee. Not big on family traditions or secrets, but she did share a “fun fact”. Debbie Everman used to babysit her!!

When asked to pick three words to describe herself and then explain why Cheryl answered:

Sarcastic - needs no explanation.

Randomly Organized - organized at work...not so much at home

Extroverted Introvert - many times she’s closed off and mostly silent; other times people probably wish she would stop talking. (I don’t agree with the stop talking Cheryl and I am sure others will agree).

Thank you Cheryl for letting the chapter members get to know you better. You are a special part of our chapter!

The member we are spotlighting this month is our Vice President and President-Elect, Cheryl Cramer.

Cheryl has been with the chapter four years this next month. She heard about ABWA from her cousin, Debbie Everman. She had met Janet Greer around 2012; after Janet had joined the chapter and she started telling her about ABWA. After volunteering for the Indy 500 and the Brickyard 400 races a few times, she decided she might as well join this fun group of ladies!

Cheryl is the Administrative Services Manager at Browning, Day, Mullins Dierdorf. They are an Architectural, Landscape Architectural, Interior Design and Planning firm. Cheryl joined the firm in March 1988 with the plan to stay a couple of years to get my skills back up after being a stay-at-home mom for 3 years. She did leave once, but was back “home” 5 weeks later. She has really appreciated the family friendliness of the firm and the variety of tasks she is asked to do.

Cards For A Cause & Crew Carwash

We still have boxes of our Cards for a Cause to sell. Please browse the boxes at our June meeting to see if one fits your needs. They make great gifts!

The cards are cellophane wrapped individually and we have 4 different sets priced at \$30 for a set of 30 different cards within each set.

If you previously browsed the sample boxes and you know which box you might like to purchase, please email or call Debbie deKater. She will be happy to bring your order to the next meeting.

These are great gift ideas!!



We still have eight (8) Crew CarWash coupons for sale at \$9 each. They are good for one high tech, no brushes carwash at any Crew CarWash location.

NO EXPIRATION DATE!

I will have them available at our monthly meeting, unless you need them sooner!

Debbie deKater

Indianapolis Charter Chapter
Monthly Meeting 5/21/19
Northside Knights of Columbus

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President, Andrea Moore. We had 19 members and 6 guests present. Guests were Katie Lorde guest of Andrea Moore, Jennifer Jackson guest of Debbie Everman, Diane Ruscoe guest of Tracy Sweet, Catherine Wetzel, Gisele Garraway of Starfish Initiative and Jay McNaught of Starfish Initiative guests of Janet Greer.

Chapter Member Introductions were made. President, Andrea Moore asked each member to state their name, occupation and number of years in ABWA. Vice President, Cheryl Cramer opened the meeting by reading the ABWA Mission and leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President, Andrea Moore, proceeded with the affiliation of new member, Diane Ruscoe

BUSINESS

Last Month's Meeting Minutes were distributed by Secretary, Carol King. President, Andrea Moore asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published. There being none, President Moore indicated last month's Meeting Minutes are approved as published in the newsletter

Treasurer, Debbie deKater passed out a report showing ending balance of last report, receipts since last report, disbursements since last report, as well as the 2018-19 budgeted amount for each line item. She reviewed the report with members and asked if there were any questions. There being none, President Moore indicated last month's Treasurer report will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Hospitality Update provided by Debbie Everman:
- Birthdays: Stephanie Wright ABWA Anniversaries: Jessica King – 1 year

Marcia Gabbert informed members we need to nominate a member for the Cardinal Crossroads Council Woman of the Year. She made a motion for our chapter nominee to be Janet Greer. Debbie Everman seconded the motion and members voted in favor of the motion. She will file the nomination form with Elaine Study who is coordinating nominations from the chapters this year. The award will be presented at the council Summer Sizzler event this summer.

Scorecards for the Connection Reward program were distributed and members were reminded to return completed scorecards to the team captains.

An update on the upcoming fundraiser at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indy 500 Race was provided by Treasurer, Debbie deKater. It will be May 26 and we will again share the booth with Monument Star chapter, but if anyone who has not signed up to volunteer that day would like to join in, please let Debbie know as soon as possible so we can get you into one of the carpools planned out to the Speedway on May 26. An update on the DVP Luncheon to honor Marilyn Lash in July was provided by co-chair, Susie Mariutto. Flyers for luncheon reservations, program advertisements and donation needs have been distributed to all chapters in the district and we have a few ladies making contact outside the district. Marilyn Lash's family is also expected to attend.

Paula Clutter provided an update on Summer Sizzler. She reminded everyone of the event date/location and indicated more info would be coming out the last week of May. Cost of the event will be the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS

A short talk was given by Jay McNaught from Starfish Initiative which provides mentoring relationships to low income high school students of Marion County (Indianapolis and surrounding areas). This particular type of student is at a high risk of dropping out of high school, missing the opportunity to attend college. All adult volunteer mentors practice the skills of being a great leader—listening, feedback, coaching and guiding others toward a common goal and cultural competence. Members were encouraged to sign up for the mentor program.

Membership Chair, Janet Greer provided attendees with a report of the “Brilliance, Bras and Beverages” membership event that was held May 8 in Carmel IN. A profit of \$120, courtesy of Uplift Apparel, will be coming to the chapter. Information was also provided on an additional recruitment event & wine party planned for June 9 at Debbie deKater’s home.

President, Andrea Moore asked all members to check the roster information being routed around for accuracy to help us keep our records up-to-date.

2019-2020 Election: Debbie Everman presented the slate of executive board officers candidates her committee pulled together. There being no nominations from the floor for additional candidates for office, Susie Mariutto made a motion that the chapter accept the slate presented. Carol Mark seconded the motion and the chapter voted on the following members holding positions on the executive board next year:

President: Cheryl Cramer V. President: Marcy Meador Treasurer: Debbie deKater Secretary: Carol King

Secretary, Carol King, thanked the members for the generous donation to SBMEF in memory of her father, Walter Elliott, and for all the kind words, prayers, expressions of sympathy and just being there for the family. It is wonderful to know he will live on through the thoughtful donation and the family is so blessed to have your friendship.

PROGRAM

Our program presenter was Cindy Garloch who provided us with a very informative personal organizational presentation. With her business, “Organizing Remedies”, Cindy uses memory tips and visual cues and recommends you have a specific place for everything and make sure your frequently used items are the most accessible. It’s important to remember simple solutions can lead to big results. Don’t ever say you are keeping something just because you might need it later. Remind yourself that your unwanted donated items are desperately needed in your community. Strive to bring less into your environment and don’t keep anything you won’t use in the next 6 months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are listed on the back of the meeting agenda tonight and will be from now on. This will help save time at the meeting. Announcements should be sent to Andrea Moore via email by the Friday prior to the upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, President, Andrea Moore, adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Carol King, Secretary.



Join ABWA members for an action packed conference where you will be empowered to know and grow your value!

Come home and celebrate ABWA's 70th anniversary with hundreds of other women.

It's not too late to sign up! You may go to www.abwa.org to register or look for the registration form in the summer edition of "Women In Business".

Room reservations can be made at: Harrah's North Kansas City Casino and Hotel **1-800-427-7247**
Use conference code **S10ABWA**

Member Birthdays

Andrea Moore—June 28

Member Anniversaries

Janet Greer—7 years

Cheryl Cramer—4 years

Congratulations!!

ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

- All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
- Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
- Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
- Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
- Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
- 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.

WE ARE Changing Women's Lives...

CORE VALUES

1. Giving members a voice.
2. Treat people with dignity.
3. Lifelong learning.
4. Focus on creating value for members.
5. Achievement.
6. Visionary leadership.
7. Focus on the future.
8. Focus on results.
9. Manage by fact.
10. Manage for innovation.



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Meeting 3rd Tuesday each month
5:30 pm—Networking
6:00pm—Dinner/Program
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