

ROCHESTER CHARTER CHAPTER

Rochester, Minnesota

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2008-2009 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The National Officers sit on the ABWA National Board and govern the affairs, policies, and business of ABWA on behalf of its members. Board members also serve as trustees of the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF), ABWA's national scholarship trust. Nine elected officers compose the board: a national president, national vice president, national secretary-treasurer and six district vice presidents - one from each district in the Association. They are elected to one-year terms at the annual national conference, and as a board meet three times annually.

The new officers elected at the recent National Conference in Cov-

ington KY are:

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ABWA MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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Chapter Officers

2008—2009

- President—
Gwen Maxson
- Vice President—
Kimberly Radke
- Treasurer—
Jill Wylam
- Recording Secretary—
Joanne Tunnyhill
- Corresponding Secretary—
Shaun Hamburggen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We certainly have been blessed with great weather this fall. I was in Stillwater MN this past weekend and the fall colors were beautiful. I love this time of year!

It's hard to believe it but before you know it the Holidays will be here. The Holidays bring Greens Sales that are now under way. Rose will be collecting your orders at the next meeting so you have a few days to sell yet. The Holiday's also brings events such as the Festival of Trees and, of course, the Christmas Party. The Committees are already

in the planning stages for these events.

I must not forget the Hunt Drug Gift Wrap fundraiser that we have committed to again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn money for our chapter, get in the Holiday spirit and help others at the same time. I know Hunt Drug appreciates our time and effort. Check your calendars and be ready to sign up at the October meeting to wrap gifts.

You won't want to miss the November meeting because

our program will be a "Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale". Barb Wright-Quarton will share all the information with you at the October meeting.

I hope to see everyone at our social event at Refashions on Monday, October 13th from 5:00 to 7:00. Cindy Hughes has graciously invited us, along with GREN, to socialize, network and shop.

Take Care,
Gwen Maxson
Rochester Charter Chapter
President 2008-2009

Standing Committee Chairs

Fund-Raising
Rose Conway
Hospitality
Barb Decker
Membership
Jane Nicklay
Newsletter
Jane Nicklay
Professional Development
Margaret Heise
Program
Barb Wright-Quarton
Publicity
Barb Hawn

Roster Changes

Add: Sue Blood 319-5382
11 - 15th Ave SE
smblood23@yahoo.com
Remove: Kelly Murphy
LaDeane Peterson

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20TH MEETING

- 5:15 Networking
- 6:00 Invocation, Pledge, Mission Statement,
Introduction of Members and Guests
- 6:10 Dinner - Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich
- 6:40 Acceptance of September Meeting Reports - Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report
- 6:50 Hat's off Award - Barb Decker
- 6:55 Vocational Speaker
- 7:05 Committee Reports:
 - Fund-Raising - Greens Sales - Rose Conway
 - Gift Wrap @ Hunt Drug - Rose Conway
 - Festival of Trees - Kim Radke
 - Program - November Holiday Bazaar - Barb Wright-Quarton
 - Membership - Fall Campaign - Jane Nicklay
- 7:15 Program - Susan Valvoda-Swanson
CHOICES Program Director at RCTC
- 7:50 Announcements and Benediction

Dinner Menu

Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich

Slow roasted turkey, sliced and served on toasted sourdough bread, with garlic smashed potatoes, and fresh vegetables

OR

Chef's Salad

Meeting Cost

\$18.00

Make your reservations by noon on Thursday, October 16.

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 Thy guiding Light;
 And, thus, to know each other as Thou knowest us.

Amen

BENEDICTION

O 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

PROGRAMS

October

Program Speaker:

Susan Valvoda-Swanson
CHOICES Program Director at RCTC

**"College Program Designed
for Displaced Homemakers"**

Choices of Southeast Minnesota

CHOICES provides the transitional services needed to assist displaced homemakers in moving to training or employment. A displaced homemaker is defined as a person who worked in the home for a minimum of two years caring for home and family, but due to separation, divorce, death or disability of a spouse, must now support themselves and their families. Eligibility is based on income guidelines. A fee for service program is also available to serve other women in transition. Workshops, individual consulting, referrals and other services assist participants to identify options, build self-confidence, create a personal life/work plan and develop job seeking and keeping skills. CHOICES is funded under grant from the Minnesota Department of Economic Security and delivered by RCTC to the 11 counties of southeast Minnesota.

November

Holiday Bazaar and Networking Expo

We will gather, **network**, and dine as usual from 5:30 - 6:30; then the fun begins~~~

The Rochester Charter Chapter invites you and your guests to enjoy our

First Annual ABWA Holiday Bazaar

*The following **member** businesses will showcase products & services for your holiday gift-giving to friends, family, clients, co-workers, or just for you:*

- * At Home America
- * Paws & Claws and Pet Sitting Service
- * Mary Kay
- * R-4 Meats
- * Xocia Healthy Chocolates
- * Home Made Crafts

There will be **Networking**, **Door Prizes**, a **Holiday Bake Sale**, **Holiday Music** and time to shop, visit, and get to know your fellow members.

We have room for more of you to exhibit, demo, and have a table for your products and/or services. Please contact me by Monday, November 10th, to reserve your table.

Please invite guests!

December

Holiday Party held at Ramada Inn

Barb Wright-Quarton,
Program Chair



~Sneak preview of Programs for 2009~

January 19th--

Kathleen Kreidermacher,
CPA, Haworth & Co, LTD

"Helping Small Businesses Succeed"

Tax tips, updates, & recent tax code revisions.

February 16th--

Kathy Kramer
of Ebsco Marketing

Kathy has unique marketing ideas to promote you and your business.

March 16th--

Under Construction

April 20th --

ABWA Charter Chapter
Annual Banquet and Awards
Ceremony

Future topics: Improving your Health, Exercises for the Busy Working Women, Moving to Rochester-How an Immigrant Family Survived the Transition.

FUND-RAISING: EVERGREEN SALES



Evergreen Order sheets are due at our October meeting. Please get as many orders as possible. Payment will be due upon delivery the week of November 17th.

Rose Conway
Fund-Raising Chair

FUND-RAISING: HUNT'S GIFT WRAP

Hunt Gift Wrap sign up will begin at our October meeting. Please bring your calendars with you so you know your open times to sign up for gift wrap. The goal is to fill all the November worker time slots at the October meeting and complete the December times at the November meeting. Of course, you may sign up for December times at the October meeting also if you choose to do so.

We have made the commit-

ment to cover all time slots available so be ready to sign up for as many times that fit your calendar. If you sign up and can not make the scheduled time, you can make changes with someone else as needed. The November sign-up schedule will be in the November newsletter.

Remember, there is an added bonus! You get a 25% discount on anything you purchase at Hunt's the day you work. And, there are lots of



nice things to choose!

Rose Conway
Fund-Raising Chair

BIRTHDAYS & ABWA ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

October

8 Barb Decker

17 Donna Lun

November

2 Joanne Tunnyhill

20 Maggie McDonald

Anniversaries

October

Jane Nicklay—19 years

Penny Murray—19 years

Chelsee Ferk—1 year

November

Donna Lun—16 years

Joanne Tunnyhill—1 year

MEMBERSHIP—FALL CAMPAIGN

The ABWA Fall Membership Campaign continues through November. Everyone can help to make our Chapter grow. We are sending invitations to members each month to be used for inviting guests by e-mail, in person, or by mail. PLEASE USE THEM. Forward them to anyone who may be interested in learning about ABWA, anyone who needs a networking connection with other women in the business world.

Chapter Incentives for 2008-09

The Membership Committee is offering incentives to members who help to introduce other businesswomen to ABWA.

1. When two different guests who are potential ABWA members invited by you, have attended meeting(s),

you will get to choose a gift from our gift basket –

Gifts will be provided by members who wish to donate gift certificates or items to promote their businesses - \$10.00 value. Barb Hawn has already donated some Noodles coupons. (Other members interested in providing gifts, please contact Jane Nicklay.)

Each new guest receives a visitor folder with lots of info on local and national ABWA – newsletter, magazine, tri-fold, application form - and a gift for visiting with us.

2. When you sponsor a guest who becomes a member of our chapter, you will get a gift certificate for a free dinner/meeting - \$18.00 value. You can use it at the next meeting you attend.

National Incentive

If you recruit 5 new members by Nov 30, you receive a 2-month free subscription to Netflix – rent all the movies you want – and lots of popcorn!

November 17th Meeting

Next month will be our ABWA Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale where we will showcase our members' products and services. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to invite lots of guests who can network and try our members' products.

We'll provide flyers and invitations for you to invite, invite, **invite!** Information will be in the *Rochester Women* magazine and in the Post-Bulletin, as well. Let's make this a huge event, that we will want to repeat in years to come.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 13

Open House at Refashion
321 South Broadway
Network with GREN members
5 - 7 pm

October 20

Charter Chapter Meeting at Ramada Hotel
5:15 pm—Networking
6:00 pm—Dinner

Turn in your Greens orders!

November 3

Chapter Board Meeting at SEMAR Building - 5:45 pm

November 17

Charter Chapter Meeting at Ramada Hotel

5:15 pm—Networking

6:00 pm—Dinner

ABWA Holiday Bazaar

Bring lots of guests!

December 1

**Charter Chapter
Holiday Party**

At Ramada Hotel

5:15 pm—Networking

6:00 pm—Dinner

Our committee will have fun, holiday surprises in store.

NEW MEMBER—SUSAN BLOOD—WELCOME BACK!

Susan Blood

11 15th Avenue SE
Rochester MN 55904

smblood23@yahoo.com

319-5382

Healthcare Analyst
Mayo Clinic Health Solutions

Sue was a member of our chapter a few years ago and left for awhile. We are so happy to have her back! She also states that, "It's nice to be back with the group again."

She provided the following information about herself:

I mostly enjoy spending time with my family and friends and, of course, my two basset hounds, Lucy & Rita, and two cats, Max & Jasper. :) I can be quite a home-body and enjoy doing things around my house and yard. Most recently, I stripped and refinished an interior door that had been painted many, many times.

I enjoy traveling, going to concerts, plays, movies, reading,

scrapbooking, coffee and shopping at thrift shops and second-hand stores.

I enjoy learning new things and have always loved taking classes. This fall I started taking a Spanish class through community ed, which is quite a challenge!!

I have worked for Mayo for 12 years - the past 3 years as a Healthcare Analyst for Mayo Clinic Health Solutions.

Sue is interested in working on our Christmas Party and Gift Wrap Committees.

SOCIAL EVENT AT REFASHION



consigned FURNITURE & CLOTHING

Social Event at Refashion

Date: Monday October 13th, 2008.

Time: 5:00 pm -- 7:00 p.m.

What: Open House: Wine and Cheese will be provided.

Where: 321 South Broadway, Rochester, MN 55904

Our member, Cindy Hughes (Co-founder and owner of Refashion); has invited both the Greater Rochester Express Network (GREN) and our ABWA Rochester Charter Chapter to socialize, network, and shop. There will be in-store specials and promotions plus discounts for all ABWA members attending. Refashion is really geared up for the fall fashion season with an amazing selection of new daily arrivals. Not only clothes, but wonderful jewelry, designer handbags and shoes. All at unbelievable prices! The furniture selection is ever-changing offering a wide selection for the home.

There is back-door parking and front as well.

Carson Art on the corner may have some spots open, too.

MEMBER NEWS

Chelsea Ferk will be volunteering in Brazil in December. She will be helping children in

an orphanage; mainly working with children with diseases such as HIV.

We wish her a wonderful experience which she can share upon her return.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Business After Hours

Tuesday, October 14 - 5 - 7 pm

Hosted by: Charter Business

Location: Ramada Hotel & CC

Join us for networking, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments. You won't want to miss this valuable, award-winning networking opportunity.

Sponsored monthly by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce.

ROCHESTER WOMEN'S

FALL EXPO

2008

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18
9 AM—5 PM**

MAYO CIVIC CENTER

YOU'RE INVITED!

To a
Women's Networking Night
at Premier Bank
Thursday, November 6th, 2008
5:30 – 7:30 pm
3145 Wellner Dr NE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TANTALIZING FOOD,
WINE, VENDORS, AND PRIZES.

PLUS FUN ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE
CHANNEL ONE FALL FOOD DRIVE
AND THE SALVATION ARMY'S
"SUITS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY" CAMPAIGN.

*FOR AN EXTRA CHANCE TO WIN A \$25 VISA GIFT
CARD BRING IN A CANNED FOOD ITEM OR A
PROFESSIONAL PIECE OF CLOTHING FOR DONATION.

*Limited attendance restrictions, please RSVP by October 29th to:
507-285-3223 or email: twrubel@premierbanks.com*

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11/17/2008

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11/18/2008

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Festival of Trees

November 25-30
 Mayo Civic Center
 Wednesday - Saturday:
 11:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.
 Sunday: 11:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
 Admission: Adults - \$5
 Tour Group & Seniors - \$4
 Children (2-12) - \$3
 Babes in Arms – Free

It's that time of year again.....The Festival of Trees Committee will be decorating a tree sponsored by ABWA. Please watch for e-mails regarding the theme of our

tree and decorations needed. Join the fun at Festival of Trees 2008. Celebrate and make new memories with us at the 23rd Festival of Trees--A Celebration of Giving. Watch the magic unfold during the week of November 25 and share in the journey as Mayo Civic Center's Exhibit Hall transforms into a beautifully decorated forest of Christmas trees.

Hiawatha Homes Foundation sponsors this treasured event to benefit Hiawatha Homes, Inc. The success of each year's Festival of Trees gives financial support to Hiawatha Homes, Inc. for special projects that make a sig-

nificant difference in the lives of the people with disabilities. Hiawatha Homes Inc. provides residential, in-home and community-based choices for people with disabilities.

Let the spirit of the season gently fill your heart as you celebrate with family and friends at this year's Festival of Trees - A Celebration of Giving.

Festival of Trees Committee --
 Chair: Kim Radke, Vice Chair: Margaret Heise, Barb Decker, Cindy Hughes, Barb Hawn, Gwen Maxson, and Jill Wylam.

Green Mill will be selling Pizza Slices Friday, October 24th • 11am -5pm at Rochester Market Square All proceeds go to benefit the Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build.

Paws & Claws Charity Auction

Saturday, November 22nd
 Kahler Grand Hotel Ballroom
 Silent Auction Begins 4:30 p.m.
 Live Auction Begins 7 p.m.
 Tickets are \$10.00 per person available at the door.
 Includes dinner and admission.



Come & Join us for a Night of Fun While Raising Money to Assist the Homeless Animals of Greater Olmsted County.

Visit the Paws & Claws website at pawsandclaws.org or contact the PCHS office at 288-7226 for more information and a sample listing of auction items or to donate items.



"A Holiday Wine Tasting"

"Over 150 different Wines, Free appetizers, and a Silent Auction to benefit Women Build."

Rochester Market Square

Friday October 24th
 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Tickets \$15

Available at all Apollo Liquor Stores or Rochester Market Square 37 Woodlake Drive SE
 507-289-3622
rms@rochestermarketsquare.com

Courtesy of Rochester Ford - a shuttle service will run from 5:45pm - 8:45pm to parking in the surrounding area.

What a Great Way to Build a House!
 All proceeds to benefit the Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT—UNITED WAY

The United Way Winter Outer-Wear drive is in need of lots of help! The distribution days are October 22 and 23 and we need volunteers to serve as shopping escorts, welcomers, computer/database troubleshooters, interpreters and help at the registration table. The volunteer opportunities are in three hour increments beginning at 7:30 a.m. and going until 5:30 p.m. You can view these opportunities by clicking on the following link: http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/olmsted/user/events/one.tcl?event_id=10291272683

There are also volunteer opportunities to accept donations and sort them on October 15, 16, 20 and 21. These opportunities are also listed on the same link.

If you can help with the United Way OuterWear Drive this month, please go to the link and sign-up where it fits into your schedule. Chelsea Ferk and Jane Nicklay have already signed up. Jane helped last year, so if you have any questions about what you would be asked to do, contact her.

RE/MAX of Rochester at 4600-18th Ave NW is one of several drop off sites until Oct. 17. Coats that need cleaning can be taken directly to any Disson's Cleaners. They will clean them and get them to United Way.

There is a great need for donated items. 3100 people have signed up to receive coats, mittens, hats, scarves, and boots.

Thanks for all you can do to help those in our community who don't have warm clothing for the coming winter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT—SALVATION ARMY

The annual Red Kettle campaign runs from Nov. 14th through Dec. 24th and we need your help! We need "BELL RINGERS" this Christmas Season. Why? Requests for assistance are increasing every day as we approach the year end. Given our current economic situation, we anticipate much larger increases next year.

An "unmanned" red kettle av-

erages pennies per hour, while a kettle with a bell-ringer raised well over \$50 per hour. If we can round up an additional 1000 volunteer bell ringing hours above last year (4000 total), the 2008 campaign goal of \$220,000 will be in reach.

How you can help:

Sign up for as many 2-hour time blocks as your can! You pick the date, location, and

number of shifts. We provide the kettle, bells, and other basic instructions. It's easy! You can sign up today by logging on to www.RegisterToRing.com/rochester. At the website you will first want to "Login" if you have an account from last year, or "Register" if you are new this year to the on-line system. Tell your co-workers, family, and friends to go to the website and sign up, too.

CHARTER CHAPTER WEBSITE—ABWAROCHESTER.ORG

Our new chapter website has been initiated. It is still being developed, but take a look at it and offer us your sugges-

tions. Go to abwarochester.org. We thank Kari Toft from GREN for helping us launch our new site.

Any suggestions? Contact Margaret Heise, our Website Chair

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / OUTCOME
Introduction	The September 15th meeting of the Rochester Charter Chapter was called to order by Gwen Maxson, President. There were 19 members, 2 guests and 1 speaker present. The invocation and pledge were recited, followed by introduction of members and guests and dinner.
Business Items	<p><u>Secretary and Treasurer's Report:</u> The August minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted.</p> <p><u>Vocational Speaker:</u> Barb Wright-Quarton has been a financial advisor for Home Federal for 8 of her 10 years in the industry. Last month she earned number 129th in top reps by ELC credits. Congratulations! Barb was trained as a Dental Hygienist and has been with ABWA for 9 years.</p>
Committee Items	<p><u>Standing Rules:</u> Kim Radke explained the changes made and a motion was made by Sharon Kramer, seconded by Maggie McDonald, to accept them as printed. The vote accepted.</p> <p><u>Program:</u> Barb Wright-Quarton explained that our November Meeting will be a Member Holiday Bazaar. She encouraged members to sign up for tables and invite guests.</p> <p><u>Fundraising:</u> <i>Bulb Sale:</i> Bulbs sold were distributed. Our profit was over \$500. <i>Holiday Green Sales:</i> Rose Conway distributed the greens order forms which should be returned by the October Meeting. Delivery will be just before Thanksgiving. <i>Gift Wrapping:</i> The gift wrapping schedule at Hunt's Drug was discussed. We committed to covering all the shifts offered which means everyone will need to sign up for as many as we can. A sign-up sheet will be ready at the October meeting so bring your calendars</p> <p><u>Social Events:</u> We were reminded of the <i>Sonte's Event</i> on September 21st, 4-7pm. The <i>Refashion Open House</i> will be October 13th, 5-7pm with refreshments and special discounts.</p> <p><u>Membership:</u> The Fall Membership Campaign runs from September to November. Jane Nicklay informed members of the incentives for bringing new guests/potential members to our meetings this year: When you bring 2 guests, you can choose a gift from the basket (value \$10). When you sponsor a new member, you will get a gift certificate for a free dinner/meeting (value \$18). :</p>
Program	Barb Paradise of the Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Bank was introduced and gave us valuable information about how our community donates blood. ABWA Charter Chapter is a Donor Group.
Closing	The meeting was closed with the Benediction at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Joanne Tunnyhill, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Checking Account Beginning Balance **\$3,906.92**

Income

Noodles & Co. Fund Raiser	\$ 995.00
Meals—August	\$ 270.00
T-Shirts	\$ 32.00
City of Lakes Chapter Donation	\$ 254.51
Women Build Donations	\$ 40.00
Colorblends Bulb Fund Raiser	\$1,130.00

Total Income **\$2,721.51**

Expenses

Post Office Box Rental - 1 year	\$ 58.00
Website—Kari Toft	\$ 469.25
Colorblends Bulbs	\$ 565.60
Ramada for Meals - August	\$ 343.78
Transfer of Funds to Money Market	\$3,000.00

Total Expenses **\$4,436.63**

Checking Account Ending Balance **\$2,191.80**

Saving's Account Beginning Balance **\$1,005.80**

Transfer of Funds from Checking	\$3,000.00
Interest earned	\$.16

Saving's Account Ending Balance **\$4,005.96**

Past Due Dues— Laura Boardman (March) , Carol Warmka (August)
Sharon Kramer (Sept), Kim Radke (Sept)

Upcoming Dues— October - Jane Nicklay, Penny Murray, Chelsee Ferk
November - Donna Lun, Joanne Tunnyhill

Rochester Charter Chapter Dues are due in your Anniversary Month. Please make your check for \$30.00 payable to ABWA and mail to ABWA-P.O. Box 6903-Rochester MN 55903 or give to the treasurer, Jill Wylam.

Reimbursement Form

Remit to: _____ Date: _____

Item Purchased: _____ Cost: _____

Authorized By: _____ Budget Line: _____

Paid by (Treasurer): _____ Check No.: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: (1) Complete form. (2) Staple receipt(s) to request form. (3) Submit to Treasurer.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES—OCT. 6, 2008

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / OUTCOME
President's Welcome	The October 6th Board Meeting of the Rochester Charter Chapter was called to order by Gwen Maxson, President, at 5:45 pm. Members present were Margart Heise, Kim Radke, Shaun Hamburgren, Jill Wylam, Jane Nicklay, Barb Decker, Rose Conway, and Barb Wright-Quarton.
Executive Board Reports	<p><u>President</u>: Nothing to Report</p> <p><u>Vice President</u>: Nothing to Report.</p> <p><u>Recording Secretary</u>: Joanne Tunnyhill was absent. Gwen Maxson distributed the September Board minutes and they were accepted and approved. Kim Radke will takes the minutes for this meeting.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u>: Jill Wylam passed around her current report. It was accepted and approved.</p> <p><u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Nothing to Report.</p>
Committee Reports	<p><u>Fund-Raising</u>: Rose Conway</p> <p><u>Gift Wrapping</u>: Rose committed ABWA to the full schedule of wrapping at Hunt's Drug. She will ask to have all of the November shifts filled at the next meeting. Bring your calendars.</p> <p><u>Greens Sales</u>: Due at the October meeting.</p> <p><u>Membership</u>: Jane Nicklay</p> <p>Incentives are being announced for bringing guests to meetings. Fall membership drive is in full force. Kelly Murphy and LaDeane Peterson are not renewing their memberships. Sue Blood has re-joined.</p> <p><u>Professional Development</u>: Margaret Heise</p> <p>Our new website is at abwarochester.org. It is partly up and should be finished soon. Check it out.</p> <p><u>Program</u>: Barb Wright-Quarton</p> <p><i>October</i>: CHOICES of Southeast MN at RCTC</p> <p><i>November</i>: Members' Holiday Bazaar</p> <p><i>December</i>: ABWA Christmas Party</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u>: Jane Nicklay</p> <p>Reminder to get all articles in by October 8.</p> <p><u>Hospitality</u>: Barb Decker</p> <p>The menu this month is> Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich</p> <p><u>Community Involvement</u>: Kim Radke</p> <p><i>Festival of Trees</i>: Our tree was picked up and the decorating committee will meet to discuss and make decorations. Needs will be discussed at the October meeting so all members can donate items.</p> <p><u>Social Events</u>: Shaun Hamburgren</p> <p>The Refashion Event will be on October 13.</p>
Old Business	None
New Business	None
	Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Radke for Joanne Tunnyhill, Recording Secretary



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Changing women's lives...one woman at a time.

**Guests are Always
Welcome!**

The American Business Women's Association is one of the largest and most respected women's professional organizations in the country. It was founded in 1949 by Hilary A Bufton Jr, to support businesswomen in reaching their educational and career goals. Headquartered in Kansas City MO, ABWA is located in all 50 states with more than 1000 local leagues representing 45,000 members. Our Rochester Charter Chapter was chartered in 1967.

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 members.