

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter

Novi, Michigan

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President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a beautiful summer! Thank you to Marcia and Bill Green for once again hosting our July picnic meeting at their lovely home! I was told that

Bill escorted guests to the door with his umbrella, and that the food brought by our members and guests was delicious, as always. I was sorry to have missed this event due to a class.

We had the pleasure of meeting one of our three \$2,000 Impact Scholarship recipients, Elena Lu, her mother, Andrea Lu, and her younger sister, Peniel. Elena will be attending Northwestern University in the fall. She and Patty Sneed were both initiated into the chapter by Marcia Green.

Our 2023-2024 board was installed by outgoing Secretary, Veronica Cruz. Congratulations to President Marcia Green, Vice President Pat Plamondon, Secretary Sheri Mayer, and Treasurer Chris Struwe. Their 1-year term begins on August 1st.

Veronica and I both had the pleasure of serving on the board for two years. Any member wishing to serve on the board in the future is welcome to attend upcoming board meetings to see how the board works.

Members brainstormed at the picnic on ideas for publicity, programs/speakers, and activities outside of ABWA (see page 3). At our August 9th meeting, we will be delving deeper into how we can improve our ABWA membership experience. I encourage you to

attend, because the more members we have there, the better. Wear your blue Novi Oaks shirt (Veronica will bring more for purchase - \$15).

Veronica Cruz, Linda DaBiero, Marcia Green, Sheri Mayer, Carla Nicolazzo, Chris Struwe, and I attended the event to honor our District V Vice President, Mary Ceccanese on July 14 & 15, which was so uplifting! Please enjoy the pictures on page 2 and make plans to join us there on July 12 & 13, 2024 to honor Cheryl Schmandt!

Our largest fundraiser, the Annual Autumn Brunch With Auction on September 30th, is fast approaching! See page 4 for details on what we need from members now. Thank you to the world's hardest workers for putting this fantastic event together! Please continue to invite your network – here's a Facebook event created for you to share: <https://fb.me/e/2GMplgED1>.

There is still time to register for the National Women's Leadership Conference on October 4-7 in Chattanooga, TN! You can register by calling ABWA National at 800-228-0007. The early bird rate of \$589 is good until August 31st. Novi Oaks has set aside funds to reimburse members for the conference!

I hope to see all of you at our August meeting where we'll work, plan, and learn as a team. We'll also have some fun, so don't miss out!

Holly Hengstebeck
2022-2023 President
2022 Top Ten

September 13, 2023

Simplicity for the Professional Woman



ROSE LOUNSBURY

Overwhelmed professional women can create open spaces in their homes, workspaces, and, more importantly, in their minds by getting rid of the stuff that gets in the way.

\$20 includes Networking
& Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Program at 7:00 p.m.

Register at
Novi-ABWA.org/events

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.



**Eastern Michigan Council Honors Women of the Year,
Top Ten Nominees, and Protégé Award Recipients**

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. - \$25

Deer Lake Athletic Club, Clarkston | Register at abwa-emc.org

Event to Honor Mary Ceccanese, D5 DVP

On Friday and Saturday, July 14 & 15, ABWA members from District V and other National Board of Directors members from around the country gathered at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor to honor our District V Vice President, Mary Ceccanese. Attendees wore Mary's campaign colors – navy & white. The event was sponsored by the Eastern Michigan Council and Cardinal Crossroads Council in Indiana. (District V is made up of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia).

A welcome reception was held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14, at the hotel. Afterward, different groups gathered at Ann Arbor restaurants for dinner.



Mary and National President Cheryl Blair (right), who presented a "Train Conductor" themed program to kick off the festivities.

After brunch, there was an honors presentation, "All about Mary" by Sheryl Humphrey from Mary's Maia Chapter, with many videos from ABWA members, friends, and family. Mary's Maia Chapter members recorded their own Zoom video as a tribute, and a favorite of the day was the bloopers from that video.

Mary spoke and then ended her presentation with a song – with her husband also singing (he is a choir master).

Set aside the dates for next year's event: Friday and Saturday, July 12 & 13, 2024, at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor. Cheryl Schmandt's campaign color is pink!



Novi Oaks members Sue Holbrook, Holly Hengstebeck, Veronica Cruz, Linda DaBiero, Carla Nicolazzo, Marcia Green, and Chris Struwe (Sheri Mayer also attended, but had to leave).

The 2022-2023 National Board of Directors who attended (below): Mary Ceccanese (seated in front), left to right: President Cheryl Blair, Vice President Rachelle Jamerson-Holmes, Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Wright, D1 VP Genice Hall, D2 VP Kella Price, and D3 VP Kathy McBride.



Next year's DVP event: Friday and Saturday, July 12 & 13, 2024, at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor. Cheryl Schmandt (picture at right center, in white slacks w/long hair) will be our 2023-2024 District V Vice President. Cheryl's campaign color is **pink!**



Members from eight chapters within the Eastern Michigan Council.



Members from the Cardinal Crossroads Council in Indiana.



National President Cheryl Blair (from Indiana) and Novi Oaks member, Sue Holbrook, used to work together in Michigan.



Cheryl Schmandt is the candidate for 2023-2024 District V VP and Rachelle Jamerson Holmes is the current National VP and candidate for National President.



Chris Struwe and District III VP Kathy McBride.



Novi Oaks members, Linda DaBiero, Veronica Cruz, and Holly Hengstebeck are with 2001-2002 National President and former Novi Oaks member, Kim Hamilton, who is a member of the Cass River Charter Chapter in Frankenmuth.



Celebrate the International Day of the Girl

Women Empowering Girls Tea Party

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING THROUGH RESPECT

Sat. Sept. 16th

12:00 to 3:00 PM

Ticket: \$40.00

Location:
Tapestry Banquet Hall,
24580 Evergreen
Southfield, MI 48075

CONTACT:
Call: 248-648-1733
Visit: www.sistersjourneyingtogether.org

Sponsorships are available

Sponsorship levels:

Patron:	\$15.00
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Silver:	\$500.00
Gold:	\$1000.00

* Vending Spots Available
* Your Donations are Tax Exempt

For more information about the Women Empowering Girls Tea Party and advertising or sponsorship opportunities, contact our member, Dr. Regina Hall, at 248-648-1733.

Celebration Picnic 2023 / Upcoming August 9th New ABWA Year Kick-off!

Fifteen members plus “Good Guys” Bill Green, Mark Plamondon, and Tony Menzel, and three guests attended our annual Celebration Picnic on July 12th. The food was great, the conversations were animated, and the energy was electric, in spite of the rain!

We were so pleased to be able to meet Elena Lu and her mother and sister. Elena is one of our three Impact Scholarship recipients, and we wished her well in her upcoming school year.

We initiated two new members, Elena Lu and Patty Sneed (right), installed the new board (below), ate some delicious food, and had a lot of fun and camaraderie.

It's amazing how much can be accomplished in only ten minutes when great minds come together. It was just a quick exercise, but our members came up with many interesting ideas on publicity, programs, and things to do outside ABWA. At the August 9th meeting, we'll review those ideas, develop our goals for the year, and we'll delve deeper into how we can

enhance the overall membership experience in ABWA, improve our own meetings, and grow our chapter.

We have some fun things planned for August 9th! It has been a long time since we had a true “working” meeting for our chapter. We need every member's input and we need a quorum to be able to complete the required chapter votes to kick off the new ABWA year (August-July).

Thank you to all the members who continue to contribute to our chapter and invest in themselves and others. See you at the August 9th meeting!

We had shirts made a few years ago (see right).

Please wear yours to the meeting.

Veronica will have some shirts to buy (\$15).



Treasurer Chris Struwe, Secretary Sheri Mayer, VP Pat Plamondon, President Marcia Green, and outgoing Secretary Veronica Cruz.



Marcia Green and new members Patty Sneed, and Elena Lu, a 2023 Impact Scholarship recipient.

Happenings / Set Aside the Dates!

Summer Sizzler in Indiana – August 25-26

Cardinal Crossroads Council (Anderson area) is hosting the Summer Sizzler on August 25 & 26, with a welcome event on Friday night (\$25) and dinner together (buy own), and the event on Saturday with speakers (\$50). To see details and to register by August 1, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-sizzler-2023-tickets-654043661197?aff=oddtcreator> (price is \$5 higher for each day as of 8/2/23)

Eastern Michigan Council Event to Honor Chapter Women of the Year, Top Ten Nominees, and Protégé Award Recipients

The EMC will hold its event to honor chapter Women of the Year, Top Ten nominees, and Protégé Award recipients at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston on Saturday, Sept. 9th. To register, go to abwa-emc.org and click on events. You can save \$2 by using Zelle or mailing a check made payable to ABWA to Heather Naugler at PO Box 609, Goodrich, MI 48438. Price is \$30 / \$33 after September 2nd.

Novi Oaks' Autumn Brunch With Auction – September 30

Details on next page and flier on page 11.

National Women's Leadership Conference – October 4 – 7

Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the Marriott Hotel on October 4 through 7. Novi Oaks members will be reimbursed after

attending. Keynote speakers, learning tracks, the Top Ten luncheon, Best Practices Awards, and the election of the new National Board of Directors. Call 800-228-0007 by August 31.

Fun Trip to the Rockin' Country Music Roundup in Waterford November 12, 2:00pm

Three Elvis's show at the Roundup on Dixie Highway north of Williams Lake Road/Walton Blvd. (casual). Cost is \$12.50 in advance or \$15 at the door. Email Marcia Green ASAP if you are interested in going. (Not an ABWA activity.)

Make, Bake, and Buy Auction – November 4

The Raintree Chapter and Women of Magnitude Express Network are hosting the Make, Bake, and Buy Auction on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Parkview Field's Suite Level Lounge, 1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne, IN. Doors open at 10am. Cost is \$30. Registration will open later.

Greater Oakland Charter Chapter Dessert Auction – December 2

The Greater Oakland Charter Chapter will be holding its Dessert Auction at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston on Saturday, December 2nd. Registration will open and more details later.

Mark your calendar / Register early!

Autumn Brunch With Auction – September 30, 2023! (reprint!)

Our 18th **Autumn Brunch With Auction**, is just **TWO** months away on Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Burton Manor in Livonia!

What do we need from Novi Oaks members now?

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and people you meet to come for a fun morning of bidding on beautiful, gift-worthy items: Jewelry, accessories, decorations, toys, books, gift certificates, and gift baskets – including wine and chocolate!

We accept credit cards and will be serving Mimosas. What a great way to get a jump on holiday shopping! Early-bird pricing of \$30 is until September 13 (our meeting night) – then the price goes to \$37, so get registered early. We already have 33 registrations!

HOW CAN MEMBERS HELP?

- **GET REGISTERED:** Visit www.novi-abwa.org/events. Early-bird pricing of \$30 is until September 13. The cost is \$37 after.
- **INVITE PEOPLE / SEND THE FLIER OUT:** Invite everyone and post on Facebook. Flier: www.novi-abwa.org/events.
- **DONATE ITEMS FOR AUCTION:**
 - **From Businesses:** Gift cards, certificates, gift baskets or products. Your favorite restaurants, stores, salons, pet supplies, massages, car wash, oil changes, activities, etc. The chapter donation letter for businesses is available to download at www.novi-abwa.org/ways-to-help.
 - **From Members:** New, stand-alone auction items (e.g. jewelry, sports team blanket, purse, popcorn machine, home décor, etc.), or themed gift baskets/boxes with assorted new items (e.g. spa, baby, sports, game night, holiday, car care, man crate, movie night, happy hour, etc.)

Donations are preferred by August 9. Please submit your donations by the August meeting so we have enough time to finalize the list and meet our printing deadline. We need the dollar value, donor, size (if large), and a full description.



- **HOST A GUEST TABLE:** This could be for up to 10 people. You do not need to sell all ten tickets, but if you can, great! Pick a theme of your choice. More pictures from past auctions are in the article at www.novi-abwa.org and in the October 2022 newsletter. Let Chris Struwe know if you wish to host.
- **WORK ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:** Set up auction items. The time will be announced. Hostesses may also set up.

- **WORK THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION:** Arrive at 8am (coffee and goodies provided). Finalizing set-up.
- **HELP ON THE REGISTRATION TABLE:** Greet guests and hand out name tags and booklets.
- **WALK ITEMS AROUND THE ROOM:** Live Auction portion.
- **HELP SPOT BIDDERS:** Live Auction - LOUDLY, please!
- **HELP CLOSE DOWN SECTIONS OF THE SILENT AUCTION:** We need at least TWO Team Captains. Team members can work with partners - friends welcome. Training will be provided.
 - Pick up pens as sections called as CLOSED – usually several 6 ft. tables. LEAVE BID SHEETS IN PLACE.
 - Highlight the last bid on each bid sheet.
 - Fill in the “you bought this item” slip for each item with bid and buyer’s name or number (these stay with the item).
 - After all slips have been completed, pick up bid sheets to give to Chris Struwe (for audit of event totals).
 - Boxes for items will be under the tables (indicated on slips). NO DISPLAY PIECES GO TO PURCHASERS.
 - Distribute items with the “you bought this item” slips to purchasers in the room (in groups, not one at a time).

If you can help or if you have questions, please contact Auction Co-Chair Chris Struwe at cbstruweABWA87@gmail.com.



Left: Drita Orsini at the registration table.



Right: Co-Chairs Marcia Green, Chris Struwe, and Sheri Mayer welcoming guests To see table themes from 2022, visit our news page at www.novi-abwa.org/blog for the article about the auction or click the buttons on the home page for the October 2022 or September 2019 newsletters.

Below: Our restaurant certificates and gift cards.



Our Checklist to track progress for Best Practices 2022-2023



We have been monitoring our progress toward the Best Practices Award in this ABWA year, which runs from August 1st through July 31st. Our goal was to advance to the Level I award, but, due to low recruitment, we believe we have dropped to Level III. Our binder will be shipped to ABWA by July 31, 2023.

By June 30, 2022, submit to ABWA National:

- ☑ Names of officers for 2022-2023 (four required).
- ☑ All officer positions are filled (four).
- ☑ \$125 chapter liability insurance fee.
- ☑ Website listing: Must meet branding standards and have required elements (links).
- ☑ Submit names of committee chairs to ABWA by August 15, 2022.
- ☑ File 990-N tax return for 2021-2022 by December 15, 2022.

By July 31, 2023:

- ☑ Have at least 30 members in good standing (national and local dues paid). We currently have 35 members, and the determination date is July 31, 2023 (30 members for Level III).
- ☑ Recruit at least 6 new members.
- ☑ Officers and committee chairs in good standing (dues paid).

ANNUAL PLANNING:

- ☑ Have a minimum of 10 members complete the Member Interest Survey (we had 18).
- ☑ Create a Vision Statement and put it on the Community Connections Team Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ITEMS:

- ☑ Complete a chapter GAP Analysis.
- ☑ Create an Annual Business Plan w/Competitor Analysis.
- ☑ Create an Executive Summary (part of plan).
- ☑ Create action items (Key Results Areas / KRA's).

ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- ☑ Vote to approve the annual budget.
- ☑ Vote to approve the league's Standing Rules.
- ☑ Vote on ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct.
- ☑ Vote on ABWA's Core Values.

ANNUAL CURRICULUM:

- ☑ Structured networking opportunity before, during, or after each monthly meeting.
- ☑ Minimum of nine professional development programs (speakers at meetings). *We had ten.*
- ☑ League representative attended a Just In Time Webinar hosted by ABWA National.
- ☑ Annual training session on how to access league resources, how to update Community Connections profile, and how to register for courses in the Apex Campus.
- ☑ Sponsor 7 primary members to attend a regional or national conference.
- ☑ Organized at least one fundraising event.

MEMBER AND LEAGUE RECOGNITION:

- ☑ Selected a 2022-2023 Woman of the Year.
- ☑ Nominated a Top Ten candidate.
- ☑ Recognized at least one Protégé recipient (July).
- ☑ Two members present at the 2023 National Women's Leadership conference to accept the Best Practices Award.

MAINTAINING THE ABWA BRAND:

- ☑ Published and distributed a minimum of 4 newsletters.
 - a. The ABWA logo is paired with the league's name.
 - b. Contains the ABWA Proud Code of Conduct and Core Values.
 - c. A description of upcoming meetings/events.
- ☑ Create a promotional brochure for your league.
- ☑ Created and maintained a website for your league that is in accordance to ABWA's website branding guidelines (usage of logo, mission statement and other Association trademarked and copyrighted materials) and is up to date.
- ☑ Created an official Facebook and Instagram page that is in accordance to ABWA's Brand Guidelines; i.e. "ABWA - Name of League" and compliant logo usage.

TO BE UPLOADED TO THE TEAM BOARD BY 7/31/2023:

- ☑ Newsletters (League) should include a minimum of four league newsletters published in the Award Year.
- ☑ Annual Plan (League) should include: Annual Plan, Budget, GAP Analysis, and Standing Rules.

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Watch out for QR Code Phishing scams

By Rene Hinojosa

A new phishing technique has been observed in multiple credential phishing emails that contain malicious QR codes (quick-response codes).

QR codes are two-dimensional barcodes that can be scanned by a smartphone camera to quickly and easily access information or a website. They are commonly used in advertising, on business cards, at restaurants for menus, and for contactless payments. However, threat actors may alter the original QR code and link it to a credential harvesting login portal, or to malware that automatically installs on the user's device as soon as they open the link via a QR code scan.

This poses a significantly higher risk because users may not have a way of knowing where the QR code will take them until they scan it and may not be able to verify the authenticity of the link. This makes it easier for threat actors to trick users into unknowingly downloading malware or giving away their login credentials.



Steps to Mitigate Risk

Learn how to spot and report phishing attempts. Also be cautious of business authentication-related emails containing a QR code. Think before you scan and/or click. Be cautious of emails requesting personal or sensitive information.

Implement phish-resistant MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) for your accounts to prevent unauthorized access through stolen credentials.

Verify the contents of the QR code by taking a screenshot of the code and uploading it to <https://scanqr.org/> to have it quickly analyzed by a free, third-party service. You do not have to install the app.



REMINDER!

Members, please make a reservation each month, at least one week prior to the meeting. You may register at:

www.novi-abwa.org/events

Set of Core Values for the American Business Women's Association

Our core values are the foundation for which the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) was founded on in 1949. They're reflective of the ethos of the ABWA culture and have been integral to creating an enduring and supportive community for generations of women in the workplace.

- 1. Selfless Leadership** – Be committed to doing the right thing, always. Be transparent in your actions even when no one is looking!
- 2. Building Community** – Be committed to creating sustainable ABWA communities where women can connect, learn, and grow together.
- 3. Value and Seek Diversity** – Be committed to recruiting new members from diverse cultures, ages, work industries and experiences.
- 4. Manage for Innovation and Excellence** – Be committed to original thinking and delivering excellence in everything you do.
- 5. Lifelong Learning** – Be committed to enhancing your own business knowledge, skills, and acumen. Be unafraid to make mistakes, iterate, err and try again.
- 6. Focus on Facts and Own Results** – Be committed to using "data" to drive your decisions and actions and be accountable for your performance, good and bad.
- 7. Choose to Make a Difference** – Be committed to unlocking a member's potential and inspiring/motivating her to become the best version of herself.
- 8. Celebrate** – Be committed to celebrating members' achievements.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter – NEW TIME 6:30 pm meetings:

All meetings will be held in-person at 6:30 p.m. (\$20 includes dinner)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Wednesday, August 9: "Everything you wanted to know about ABWA but didn't know to ask" presented by Marcia Green. Marcia is a retired HR professional and a 32-year member of ABWA.

- How the American Business Women's Association got started
- Community Connections interface for ABWA members and chapters
- Apex Campus – classes to enhance your personal and professional life
- Brainstorming session to gather ideas for our upcoming year
- A little bit of fun . . .

Wednesday, September 13: "Simplicity for Professional Women" by Rose Lounsbury, who speaks to companies and organizations about how simplicity can help us create more joy, balance, and mental wellbeing.

Regular meetings are held in the East Room at the Novi Public Library at 45255 Ten Mile Road in Novi (west of Novi Road). Please visit www.novi-abwa.org/events for fliers and details.

Orientations will be held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. – not all months – please check our website for upcoming sessions.

EASTERN MICHIGAN COUNCIL

Visit www.abwa-emc.org for details and to register.

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Special event to honor chapter Women of the Year, Top Ten nominees, and Protégé Award recipients at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road, Clarkston. 8:30 a.m. networking / 9:00 a.m. meeting.

Regular, in-person EMC meetings feature networking at 8:30 a.m. ahead of the breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 via Zelle, cash or Zelle or \$27 online. Visit www.abwa-emc.org to register! Early-bird deadline is ten days before any event – the price goes up by \$3 after that date.



Eastern Michigan Council members from eight chapters and National Members at the event to honor District V Vice President Mary Ceccanese on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE LATEST ACHIEVE NEWSLETTER FROM COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS!



ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct

The Proud Code of Conduct was developed as a means of guiding all members in making ethical decisions. The broad statements of the code of conduct that are listed below are not expected to cover all conduct for all situations. This is why the Proud Code of Conduct was created as a living and fluid code.

- As an ABWA member, I will serve as a goodwill Ambassador for the American Business Women’s Association.
- As an ABWA member, I will adhere to the Association’s Bylaws and comply with the Association’s Brand Guidelines.
- As an ABWA member, I will not use my personal power or influence to advance my own interests.
- As an ABWA member, I will not allow my personal beliefs or convictions to alienate other members, prospective members, and sponsors at any level of the ABWA organization (local, regional or national).
- As an ABWA member, I will always treat member colleagues, the ABWA National Team, guests, speakers, vendors and sponsors with dignity and respect.



TOWARDS TOMORROW

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

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2022-2023 Chapter Executive Board

PresidentHolly Hengstebeck
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Secretary Veronica Cruz
Treasurer Marcia Green

2024 Top Ten Nominee:

Veronica Cruz

Novi Oaks’ 2023-2024 Woman of the Year:

Mary Gantt

2022-2023 Council Woman of the Year:

Gail Frahm, Cass River Charter Chapter

2022-2023 National Executive Board

President Cheryl Blair
Vice President Rachel Jamerson-Holmes
Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Wright
District V-Vice President Mary Ceccanese
Executive Director Rene’ Street

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Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Meeting Details:

IN PERSON MEETINGS:

When: The **2nd Wednesday** of each month

When: 6:30 p.m. Networking and Dinner
7:00 p.m. Introductions, then presentation.
Meeting follows.

Cost: \$20 includes dinner

Where: Novi Public Library – East Room
45255 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375
West of Novi Road

TO REGISTER visit www.novi-abwa.org/events

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



Novi Oaks Charter Chapter’s
Vision Statement:

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter educates and empowers women by supporting them to achieve their personal best.



Simplicity for Professional Women



ROSE LOUNSBURY

Overwhelmed professional women can create open spaces in their homes, workspaces, and – more importantly – in their minds by letting go of the excess stuff that gets in the way.

Rose Lounsbury is a keynote speaker, Amazon bestselling author, simplicity coach, and still-sane mom of triplets. (Yes, you read that right!) She helps overwhelmed people create open spaces in their homes, workspaces, and more importantly—their minds—by letting go of the excess stuff that gets in the way. Rose started her own simplicity journey in 2012, after getting fed up with spending all of her free time dealing with her stuff. As she slowly let go of everything that didn't matter to her, she discovered some amazing things: free time, peace of mind, & clarity. She became a simplicity coach to help others do the same thing.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter welcomes you to our meeting. Networking and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m. / Introductions begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the speaker. A short chapter meeting follows.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

6:30 P.M. DINNER / NETWORKING | 7:00 P.M. MEETING / PROGRAM

PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.NOVI-ABWA.ORG/EVENTS

\$20 INCLUDES DINNER

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY – EAST ROOM

45255 W. TEN MILE ROAD, NOVI, MICHIGAN (WEST OF NOVI ROAD)

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WELCOMES ALL WOMEN AND MEN AS MEMBERS. WWW.ABWA.ORG.
QUESTIONS? E-MAIL PROGRAM CHAIR MARCIA GREEN AT NOVIOAKSABWA@GMAIL.COM



Novi Oaks Charter Chapter



Rosie the Riveter and Beyond: How Women Helped Win WWII



Jeannette Gutierrez

This special American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) presentation is unique in that Jeannette Gutierrez covers not just one factory or location, but highlights the breadth of war production everywhere. And not just Rosie, but she delves into the many ways women stepped up during WWII:

- War Production (Rosie)
- Essential Civilian jobs (also Rosie, and she explains why)
- The Armed Forces
- Volunteerism
- Female Celebrity Influencers

So many women did their part for Victory, and her presentation covers it all! There will be a colorful slideshow and an artifact table that sparks conversation. The Q&A session afterwards is always lively and Jeannette will learn as much from the audience and their family stories as they learn from her!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

6:30 P.M. DINNER / NETWORKING | 7:00 P.M. MEETING / PROGRAM

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THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WELCOMES ALL WOMEN AND MEN AS MEMBERS. WWW.ABWA.ORG.
QUESTIONS? E-MAIL PROGRAM CHAIR MARCIA GREEN AT NOVIOAKSABWA@GMAIL.COM



Novi Oaks Charter Chapter

*The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of
The American Business Women's Association
Presents its Eighteenth Annual*

***AUTUMN
BRUNCH
WITH
AUCTION***



Saturday, September 30, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Burton Manor Banquet & Event Center - Livonia

27777 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia, Michigan 48150 (east of Inkster Road @ I-96)

\$30 per person – *Registration deadline September 13, 2023*

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.novi-abwa.org/events

Cost per person is \$37 online after September 13, 2023

VISA and MasterCard will be accepted at the auction!!

All proceeds benefit the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter's Education and Scholarship Fund

Questions? Contact Marcia Green at 248-330-6315 or mgreenABWA@gmail.com.



FIRST & LAST NAMES of ATTENDEES	Please provide at least one e-mail address	Contact's Phone

Other than above, people/member with whom you want to sit: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$30 per person): _____

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

After September 13, 2023, if you still want to attend, call Marcia Green at 248-330-6315.

BY MAIL: Send check made payable to ABWA to 5236 Oak Hill Trail, Commerce, MI 48382



American Business Women's Association
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Membership Application

Benefits of membership begin the date your application and payment are received and processed at ABWA National Headquarters. For renewal purposes, membership starts on the first day of the month following the date the application and payment are processed and renews annually. Dues payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Date: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Affiliation Information:

Do you plan to join a local league? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, league name _____

Note: Participation in an ABWA local league is contingent upon timely payment of annual National dues.

Name of Member Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Address and Contact Information:

Home address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Primary phone contact: _____ Primary e-mail address: _____

Do you have a Facebook account: ☐ Yes ☐ No Facebook Name: _____

Note: An e-mail address is required to access your membership information and conduct business online at www.abwa.org. By providing your e-mail address, you are authorizing ABWA to contact you by e-mail.

Personal Demographics (for statistical purposes only):

Birthday (MM/DD): _____ Birth Year (YYYY): _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Business Owner, Employment and Education Level Demographics (for statistical purposes only):

Your Company's Name: _____ Your Title: _____

Are you a business owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No Description of products/services: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed:

☐ High School/GED ☐ Vo-Tech ☐ Associate's Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree ☐ Master's Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree

Enclosed is my ABWA National dues payment of:

☐ \$115 ABWA National Membership

☐ \$ 50 ABWA National Student Membership

**To qualify for student membership, include a class schedule reflecting enrollment in 12+ credit hours per semester.*

Payment Information: ☐ Check: Mail check with application to ABWA, P.O. Box 4757, Overland Park, KS 66204-0757

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover # _____ / _____ / _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ Security Code (3-digit code on back of card): _____

Name on Card

Signature

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