

**League City Charter Chapter  
Monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2008**

**Members Present**

Melanie Brown, Karen Dvorak, Celia Elkins, Pattie Hall, Beth Ostriyznick, Rosemary Rich.

**Visitors Present**

Sylvia Hart, Diane Groh, Rene Jaramillo (speaker), Rene Jaramillo brought two guests her sister Marie and her daughter), Vicki Upchurch.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Karen Dvorak brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rosemary Rich led the invocation and pledge of allegiance. The chapter officers were introduced; Vice President Rosemary Rich, Treasurer Beth Ostriyznick, and Secretary Celia Elkins. Each member and guest was asked to introduce themselves. At the conclusion of the introductions, the chapters Program Chair (Patti Hall) lead everyone to the buffet.

**Guest Speaker**

Rene Jaramillo, owner/operator of Hair Design Studio in League City (824 West Main). Rene spoke on the topic of 'The Mane Topic'. After receiving her cosmetology license, Rene attended San Jacinto College majoring in Fashion Merchandising and Design. Information provided by Rene - It takes two people to make your hair look its best – you and your hair dresser. Communication is the key to having the hairstyle/color that is best for you. Different types of hair require different types of products. Everyone should use a thermal protector if they any of the following: curling iron, blow dryer, flat iron, hot curlers. When determine a hair color, make sure that you provide your stylist with a picture, so that the correct shade of the color you want is used (there are many shades of 'red', 'brown', or 'blonde'). Whatever you decide (haircut, color or both) it needs to fit your lifestyle and personality.

Rene also graciously provided product samples to each person attending, based on her hair type.

**Business Meeting:**

**Chapter minutes –**

The minutes from our January and February chapter meeting were published on the website. No corrections were identified; the minutes were approved as published.

**News from National –**

We received letters of congratulations from Carolyn Elman, CEO of ABWA and Sandy Dawson, the National Secretary-Treasurer on our 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the League City Charter Chapter.

**Interim Treasury Audit –**

The interim chapter treasury audit needs to be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The audit team should consist of 2 individuals and the chapter Treasurer. Two chapter members

volunteered – Melanie Brown and Celia Elkins. The Audit will be conducted on 4/2/08, prior to the Chapter Board meeting.

### **Nominating Chair –**

We need a Nominating Chair for the chapter elections to be held May 15. The Nominating Chair can choose her committee. The Nominating Chair and committee will discuss who to consider for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. There were no volunteers, so Karen Dvorak stated that due to low member attendance at this month's chapter meeting she will send out an email to request a volunteer.

### **Spring Purse Challenge –**

For next month's meeting each member is asked to bring a purse with gift/gifts inside to be raffled off. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each and put into the purse or purses of one's desire. You can put as many tickets as you like into the purses.

### **Announcements:**

ABWA Spring Conference in San Antonio, Texas. ABWA Spring Conference Theme is 'Together we are Better'. Conference will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Friday and Saturday) This is your opportunity to network with other ABWA women, attend professional development courses and see the big picture of what ABWA can do for each of us.

The Houston Area Council (HAC) Women of the Year (WOY) luncheon this year will be held at the Junior League of Houston on Saturday, May 31. I would like as many of you to attend the luncheon as we honor our WOY, Pat Cuchens. It is a very nice event that no one should miss. Details on tickets/registration will be provided when the information is provided by HAC.

Additional announcements or reminders regarding meetings for the following organizations can be found on a separate sheet at the end of the minutes.

Houston Area Council (HAC),  
Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW)  
League City Chamber of Commerce

Information for the following can also be found on the separate sheet of announcements at the end of the minutes.

Grocery incentive cards  
Member name tags

### **Drawings**

The winner of our 50/50 drawing was a guest.

### **Closing Remarks**

Next meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2008.

**Benediction and Adjourn**

Karen Dvorak led us in the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Celia Elkins,  
2007 – 2008 Secretary League City Charter Chapter ABWA

## Additional Announcements

**HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL (HAC):** Next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2008. Meetings are held quarterly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (January, April, July, and October). Networking begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner/Program starts at 6:30 pm at the Sheraton Brookhollow. 3000 North Loop West Houston, TX 77092 (610 and TC Jester). Attendance is open to anyone. Speaker will be Kay Haugen, Author of From the Poorhouse to the Penthouse. For additional information check out their website at [www.abwahouston.org](http://www.abwahouston.org) or contact one of our chapter delegates, Pat Cuchens or Beth Ostriyznick, or our chapter alternate Melanie Brown.

**FEDERATION OF HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL WOMEN (FHPW):** The next meeting will be April 28, 2008. Meetings are held quarterly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (January, April, July, and October) at the H.E.S.S. Building, 5430 Westheimer (between Chimney Rock and Yorktown). The evening event: "Successful Women in Non Traditional Rolls". For additional information check out the website at [www.fhpw.org](http://www.fhpw.org) or contact one of our chapter delegates, Melanie Brown or Rosemary Rich.

### **LEAGUE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Our Chapter is a member of the Chamber. All members, in good standing, may participate in any or all chamber events. You must identify yourself as representing the LC Charter Chapter of ABWA, however. If you would like to be on the Chamber's mailing list, please forward your name to Pattie Hall.

### **Grocery Incentive Cards**

As a fundraising opportunity, our chapter has grocery incentive programs with both Kroger and Randall's.

- Kroger: Give the cashier your ABWA-Kroger card to scan each time you shop at Kroger's. See Pat Cuchens for a Kroger card.
- Randall's: Visit the courtesy booth and tell them want to add the League City Charter Chapter of the ABWA to your Randall's card.

The chapter will receive 1% of the amount to our scholarship fund. You will be surprised how fast this adds up.



### **Member Name Tags**

If you are a new member, the chapter will provide you with an ABWA name tag. The chapter will pay for the pin type; however, if you would like to have the magnet type, you will need to pay the \$5 difference. See Beth Ostriyznick to order your name tag and ensure your name is complete and spelled correctly.