

# Making a Difference

## League City Charter Chapter

### What's Happening

**MariJo Harding, MSW**  
**Becoming a Wealth**  
**Wise Woman**



Most women are confident dealing with day-to-day money issues such as monthly budgets, credit card balances, and savings accounts, but tend to shy away from more complex issues, such as investments and retirement. In fact, the Financial Literacy Foundation states that 52% of women find dealing with money stressful and overwhelming. The pressure of women's lower incomes than men and their tendency to live longer compounds the stress and anxiety that many women face about their money. The good news is that learning the truth about traditional financial planning and identifying the

financial myths that destroy peace of mind can eliminate this stress and worry. By **Becoming a Wealth Wise Woman**® you will be able to stop worrying about your future by making prudent and wise financial choices as you journey through life's stages. MariJo Harding has a Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW) and is a Financial Advisor Coach. As a national public speaker, she ministers to women by helping them create a true financial peace of mind based on scientific and empirical principles while aligning their true purpose of money with their spending and investing decisions. Checkout her website at: [WealthWiseWoman.org](http://WealthWiseWoman.org)

**Membership Campaign**  
**Help us grow strong**  
**through diversity**  
**Invite a guest to our**  
**meeting.**

### Congratulations

#### 2009—2010

#### Board of Officers

President - Melanie Brown  
Vice President -  
Beth Ostrivznick  
Treasurer -  
Eysenith Moreno-Gongora  
Secretary - Momette Davis

### Give Our New Members

#### a Warm Welcome

Elizabeth Miller Brannan  
Mary Veraa

### Be Our Guest

A warm thank you goes  
out to our May guests.

Casey Adams  
Brittany Badali  
Mary Jane Brock  
Kayla Brown  
Beth Caplan  
Genie Hayes  
Sandy Keiser  
Sasha Mann-Emery  
Ellie McDonald  
Kim Periou  
Vicki Richards  
Janet Shirley  
Rebecca Saavedra

### President's Thoughts

Think Like a Kid. All too often, we have great plans that just never materialize. For one reason or another, we merely lack the confidence to learn new things, while making a mistake or two along the way. Essentially, we forget to think like a kid; or rather, not think. Kids just do, they don't think. Whether it was reading, writing, learning a new sport, playing an instrument, or drawing a picture, remember how many times you did it wrong, before you did it right. Kids are naturally inquisitive and observant when they want to do something new. More importantly, they try without inhibition. They don't think about what other people are thinking, or if they should know something, or if they will be embarrassed. As adults, we forget to let go and "think like a kid". We limit reaching our full potential when we stop learning and simply fail to try. When you PREP— Plan, Read, Experience, and Practice you gain confidence and proficiency in all your endeavors. So go be a big kid and try something new.



*Melanie*

### CHAPTER OFFICERS:

President: [Melanie Brown](#)  
Vice-President: [Rosemary Rich](#)  
Treasurer: [Beth Ostrivznick](#)  
Secretary: [Momette Davis](#)

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Fundraising: Open  
Membership: [Dyane Magliolo](#)  
Newsletter: [Melanie Brown](#)  
Programs: Open  
Publicity: [Jane Medina](#)  
Web site: [Kirsten Beyer](#)  
[www.abwa-lccc.org](http://www.abwa-lccc.org)

### Did you know?

- *Exercise and laughter are the perfect prescription when you are feeling down by releasing endorphins. Endorphins are our natural positive energy booster. When we are positive and happy, we are more successful.*
- *There is limited availability for the ABWA 60th Anniversary National Conference September 24-26, 2009. Be sure to register early. Payment plans are available.*

### Quick Reminders

LCCC Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, June 18, 2009

6:30 p.m. Networking  
7:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Program  
8:00 p.m. Business Meeting

ABWA WOY Luncheon  
Saturday, June 6, 2009

HAC Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, July 23, 2009

FHPW Quarterly Meeting  
Monday, July 27, 2009

HAPEN Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009

FHPW WOE Gala  
Saturday, September 9, 2009

# Strive for Excellence in Group Management

## BEST PRACTICES

There are four ABWA core areas of practice that evaluates a group's performance. Each year we strive to improve our chapter to meet the objective of the organization and help women achieve their goals. The four areas are:

- OPERATIONS (STRATEGY & TACTICS)**
- CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM PLANNING**
- BUSINESS AND MARKET RELEVANCE**
- STRENGTH AND VITALITY**

Our specific items targeted this year for improvement are:

- Operations (Strategy & Tactics)
- Strength and Vitality



## CONFERENCES

District and National conferences offer women opportunities to share knowledge, learn and to recognize the accomplishments of ABWA members. Embrace the ABWA experience by attending a conference.

### ABWA 2009 SPRING MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Though the ABWA Fall Membership Campaign officially ended on November 30, 2008, our focus remains on target. Aligned with our goal to maximize "impact on members", to grow membership to a minimum of 50 active members, and to partner with the community, we are developing a campaign centered on honoring women for their achievements.

## Our Mission

*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.*

## Proud Code of Conduct

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

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 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 their professional development of other members*

## Be Involved

### Volunteer for a Committee or Be a Delegate

Sign up for:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAC Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> FHPW Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs     | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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