



The Rising Tide
May — July 2020

OCEANSIDE CHARTER CHAPTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

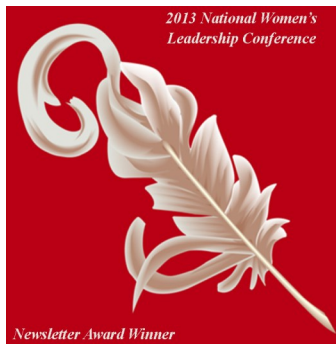


Maria Sulick
President

we all must do.

Our local chapter will continue to abide by the National By-Laws and National's guidance regarding future meetings and chapter policies and procedures. We will plan to have at least April's chapter meeting virtually using Zoom, and will decide on May and June's meetings when we are in a better position to plan on how those meetings should be conducted. Please note that the upcoming speakers for our meetings are all eager to participate virtually if needed. Look for more information on April's Zoom meeting where we will celebrate Jennifer Sugarman, the recipient of our Chapter's "Making a Difference" award for 2020, and present our chapter's Woman of the Year award. Please do not let the current set of circumstances discourage you from participating and being part of virtual/Zoom chapter meetings, rather "Rise to the Challenge." If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to other chapter members during this time. We are all in this together. Stay safe my ABWA sisters, and I look forward to seeing you all virtually if not in person.

- Maria Sulick, President



We are at a significant time in our nation and our planet's history. Thinking back a few months ago when I sat to write my last president's message, I could never have imagined the situation that we find ourselves in today. As I sit on my back porch on a quiet and beautiful Saturday afternoon, under a stay at home order, listening to the birds chirp it seems so surreal to think that such a horrible virus has taken over countries and all human beings regardless of race, sex, or place of origin.

For many, the new normal consists of working at home, or sadly not working at all as a result of being laid-off or furloughed. If there are positives to look to in this uncertain time, it is that we are living in the age of great technology and the ability to continue to serve my company and continue to serve my client's, albeit from my dining room table, is a viable and realistic option. These are, and will continue to be very troublesome and trying times for our national and local economies, but I believe it is also a time of great opportunity. In times such as these, we are forced into looking at ways to adapt and survive and perhaps even grow and become stronger and better individuals. I find it so suitable that our association's theme this year is "Rise to the Challenge" because this is exactly what



JUNE FEATURED SPEAKER

Overcoming Obstacles by Rising to the Challenge



Mary Stephenson

Life is full of obstacles, and we can overcome them or run from them. There is usually something that can stop someone from achieving their goals, but to rise to the chal-

lenge by attacking problems and finding ways to overcome them, is the pathway to achieve success and grow stronger. On Tuesday, June 23, Mary Stephenson will share her experiences and tips on how to prevail, overcome roadblocks and create opportunities that will pave the way to professional success!

A member of the Lakeland Downtown Chapter of ABWA since 2010, Mary Stephenson quickly became immersed in the chapter by serving as Professional Development Co-Chair, Treasurer, Chapter President, Membership Chair, and Fundraising Chair. She also served as Co-Chair of the chapter's signature event, the Women's Leadership Symposium in 2018 and 2020.

Since joining ABWA, Mary has attended numerous Regional and National Conferences and has earned 11 Apex Awards. In addition, she is a graduate of Park University, a program offered through ABWA at National Conference. Mary's numerous awards include Chapter Woman of the Year, 2016 Top Ten Businesswoman of ABWA, and Chapter President's Award. Mary currently serves on the 2019-2020 ABWA National

Board of Directors as District I Vice President.

Active in her community, Mary is a member of Kiwanis, United Way, and Kids Pack. She serves in her church's Coffee Café and on the board of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. Mary is also a member of the Leadership Lakeland Class XXXVII, a nine month program where participants from various geographic, occupational, and economic segments of Lakeland have the opportunity to increase leadership skills and develop an "esprit de corps" among the participants providing a common ground for working together on present and future community, and Chamber projects.

In the banking industry for more than forty years, Mary currently works for Citizens Bank & Trust as a Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer. Married to husband, Bruce for twenty-five years, the couple has two children and seven grandchildren. In her spare moments, Mary enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, traveling and reading.

\$1000 IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Oceanside Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) has funded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund to be awarded to a deserving female student.

Each year, local chapters of ABWA provide Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarships (SBMEF) to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities and community/vocational schools. Applicants for the \$1,000 Impact Scholarship must be citizens of the United States; residents of Brevard County; and enrolled in a licensed, accredited or state approved community college, technical or vocational school in August 2020 with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship must contact Anita Carbone at acarbone@cfl.rr.com to request

registration as a candidate for the scholarship.

Applications must be completed online at www.sbmf.org by May 30, 2020. A minimum of three (3) eligible completed applications are required for the scholarship to be awarded. The scholarship recipient will be notified in June 2020.

SBMEF, ABWA's national educational fund, is one of the most highly respected grant and scholarship funds in the country. For over 60 years, ABWA has helped women achieve their business and professional success through educational scholarships. Since its inception, more than 17,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than 17 million dollars in scholarships.

The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund is a 501(c)3 charitable trust and public foundation. It has the same tax status as public schools, churches and community funds.

For more information about the foundation, and additional scholarships that are open and available, please visit www.sbmf.org.



CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Please welcome new members, Kayla Bigerton and Tiffany Thornton! Kayla is a scholarship applicant. Her membership is sponsored by the Chapter's "Planting the Seed of ABWA" initiative.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

Promote your business by becoming a meeting sponsor! Please contact Sue Parker or Maria Sulick at mariasulick6@gmail.com to learn about the many benefits of sponsorship!

Newsletter

The Oceanside Charter Chapter Newsletter, *The Rising Tide* is published quarterly at www.abwaoceanside.com. Please send newsletter submissions to Dr.A@cabritpsychotherapy.com. Submission deadlines are published in the Chapter Standing Rules.

Scholarship

The Trustees of SBMEF voted to extend the Impact Scholarship application deadline to May 30, 2020. The recipient will be notified in June. All nineteen applicants have been notified. Three candidates have already submitted their applications online.

Thank you to Sunny Kincaid and Martha Young for their generous donations to our scholarship fund!



May, June & July Birthdays

- Alexandra Larson 5/1
- Kathy Sorrell 5/14
- Lola Mitchell 5/15
- Patricia Rosenthal 5/15
- Amanda Richerson 5/20
- Tina Klump, 5/29
- Christina Glore 6/2
- Allison Kim 6/16
- Kim Torres 6/23
- Geraldine Blanchard 7/3
- Victoria Hahn 7/17
- Maria Santiago 7/25

Publicity

Chapter monthly meeting information is published in Brevard Business News as well as the online Community Calendar of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce and Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce websites. Please email Andrea Ellis at career.andrea.ellis@gmail.com with photos or information for our Facebook page.



We're on the web!

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jennifer Snyder

Jennifer Snyder is the Vice President of Life Recaptured, a non-profit organization fighting sex trafficking in Brevard County. She is currently working at Christian Care Ministry, a medical bill sharing ministry. Jennifer has over 25 years as a supervisor, including experience working in the Government and Private Sector. Highly efficient in communication and customer service, Jennifer always maintains an effective, caring and professional manner.

Before moving to Florida, Jennifer was the Office Manager of the Champaign County Child Support Agency in Ohio for 11 years. She was responsible for setting Administrative Child Support Orders, modification of support orders and running the daily functions of the office. In the 90's Jennifer worked at Microsoft in Seattle Washington, where she had the position of Administrative Assistant to the International Attorney and Paralegal.

Passionate about helping the women who have been victims of sex trafficking, Jen-

nifer's mission is to help rescue as many women as possible, help them to recapture their identity and lead a new fulfilling life.

Jennifer moved to Florida fourteen years ago with her husband, Scott. Family and friends are what is most important in her life. Jennifer joined Oceanside Charter Chapter in January of this year and looks forward to meeting every member!



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Born and raised in London, England, Dr. Carol Atkinson is a licensed marriage and family therapist who has owned and managed private practices in Florida for nine years. Her professional background in social work, both child protection and mental health, created a solid foundation toward her career in social work education and training. She obtained her Masters in Social Work at Croydon College in Surrey, England, and her Masters in Health Science from London South Bank University.

Dr. Atkinson worked at Goldsmith's College, University of London, in various positions including practice teacher, practice assessor, practice teaching management committee member, and interviewing potential candidates for the social work programs, over a period of 10 years.

Health care reform in London made significant changes to the social work profession which no longer fit with Dr. Atkinson's philosophy for treating people, thereby prompting her transition to family therapy where she completed her PhD at Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Atkinson worked as a classroom therapist with elementary school aged children in a day treatment program for children with

social, emotional and behavioral challenges. In the same organization, she managed a respite program for 'at risk' youth in Broward County, where she supervised a team of behavior technicians and other support workers. Her role as a therapist in a private practice inspired her to open her own practice. Since 2011, Dr. Atkinson has been in private practice.

Her passion to create opportunities for change in people's lives on a holistic level inspired concepts to transform her clinical practice. Her desire to make a paradigm shift from the lens of psychopathology towards viewing people, relationships and systems through the lens of wellness, created new narratives, underscored her aspirations to explore fresh grounds, and thus shaped the emergence of service provision through a new set of lenses.

Dr. Atkinson attributes this significant shift in her perspective to the many clients she has worked with over the years, whom she feels privileged to have shared in their very personal and sensitive stories and journeys. Dr. Atkinson now resides in Brevard county with her husband Dennis.



Dr. Carol Atkinson

ABWA EVENT CALENDAR

May 12

Space Coast Women Express Network

Virtual Meeting from 1:00—2:00 p.m.

To register: <http://www.abwascwen.com/>

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Rudloff

May 12

Oceanside Charter Chapter Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. via Zoom

May 26

Oceanside Charter Chapter Meeting

6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Featured Speaker: Sharon Godbee

June 6

Tri County Council Quarterly Event

“Rise to the Leadership Challenge”

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Seminole Casino Coconut Creek

To register:

<https://www.meetup.com/ABWA-American-Business-Womens-Association-South-Florida/events/269313378/>

June 9

Oceanside Charter Chapter Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. via Zoom

June 23

Oceanside Charter Chapter Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Featured Speaker: Mary Stephenson

July 14

Oceanside Charter Chapter Executive Board Meeting

Location TBD

July 28

Oceanside Charter Chapter Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Featured Speaker: Nancy Peltonen

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Please visit the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce website for information and resources on COVID-19, as well as details of how services and events in the Melbourne region are being impacted by the pandemic.

<https://www.melbourneregionalchamber.com/>



Please visit the Cocoa Beach regional chamber of commerce website for information and resources on COVID-19, as well as details of how services and events in the Cocoa Beach region are being impacted by the pandemic.

<https://cocoa beachchamber.com/>



Please visit the WeVenture website for information and resources on COVID-19, as well as details of how services and events hosted and/or facilitated by WeVenture are being impacted by the pandemic.

<https://weventure.fit.edu/>



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American Business Women's Association

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.

Oceanside Charter Chapter

Vision Statement

ABWA Oceanside Charter Chapter is dedicated to empowering local business women to build strong personal and professional relationships in a supportive environment.

American Business Women's Association
Set of Core Values

1. Giving Members a Voice
2. Treat People with Dignity (Proud Code of Conduct)
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 Facts
10. Manage for Innovation

American Business Women's Association
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 profession by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.