



2006 President Beverly Baldwin

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members  
dedicated to



*Building*  
our Future  
in 2006

**ABPW** Board Members gather around new **President Beverly Baldwin**

Back Row Left to Right: Director Cindy Kennedy-Hebert, Secretary Jean Burkett, Past President Becky Reitz, and Treasurer Jennifer Bowers. Front Row Left to Right: Treasurer-elect Christine Walker, President Beverly Baldwin and President-elect Kathy Scalf.

*President's Message*

Dear ABPW Sisters,  
January's meeting gave us a running start on our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, with a record number volunteering their expertise and time to help us achieve our 2006 goals.

Just look at the committees listed! And if you were unable to attend the January 5 meeting, please contact some of the committee chairs to volunteer. Toni Masone needs assistance as Historian; and we'd like more help on the Hugs, Newsletter and Public Relations committees.

Thanks to Arlene Weinberg for her "Great Idea" regarding introductions at the January meeting. It was fun to look back 25 years to see where we were then, both professionally and personally. Several members were just getting started in their current professions; some were in unrelated fields; some were struggling single mothers. Others were in school, in first marriages, or were dating and

having a good time! As we honor ABPW's history, it's appropriate that we honor our personal history as well. Arlene has another "Great Idea" for introductions at a future meeting, too, that we'll try as we seek to learn more about one another on personal level.

We're extremely proud of Suzi Howe, who is serving as District Governor of District 5890, Rotary International this year, a prestigious position seldom held by a woman, and one that demands a tremendous commitment in time, energy and effort. With regret, we've granted Suzi's request for a leave of absence during her term of office, and look forward to her return once her busy year is complete. Congratulations, Suzi! We wish you great success as you lead the Rotary's District 5890 to another banner year.

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# ABPW

# 25 years Honoring our past... Build



#### 2006 Committee Chairs

**Back Row** left to right: Carolyn Hibbard, Norine Jalloway, Lynn Shigekawa, Becky Reitz and Paula Durrett.

**Front Row** left to right: Anne Ness, Linda Kloss, Monica Millican and Polly Lewis

*presidents message continued...*

Our members continue to make a difference in our community. Karen Keesler and Carolyn Hibbard and their companies, One Stop Party Shop and Star Toyota respectively, were table and event sponsors for a YMCA fundraising breakfast, held January 24. Several ABPW members, including Margaret Sucre-Vail, Lynette Mason Gregg, Suzy Howe and Norine Jalloway, attended with checkbooks in hand, as Karen's guests. We were proud to see Star Toyota honored as the event's major underwriter.

Karen also is hosting an event benefiting the American Cancer Society at her office, February 15. We hope to see many of you there!

Please mark your calendars for our Past Presidents' social and kick-off for our Silver Anniversary celebration, Friday evening, February 24 at The Rose's new conference center. Our Social chairs Linda Kloss and Anne Ness and their committee will host a fabulous evening to "Honor Our Past". If you have addresses of any past presidents who no longer are active ABPW members, please contact me with this information as soon as possible. We want to invite each one to attend.

On a sad note, our deepest sympathy goes to Toni Masone and her family. Toni's beloved brother, Roy Noto, passed away December 19. Toni, you and your family are in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Thanks again, to Karen Anderson, who while very ill, produced the December and January

newsletters within a two-week time frame during the holidays. Karen is doing a fantastic job! All our newsletters are on our website, [theABPW.org](http://theABPW.org).

And while you are visiting our website, go to your profile, check the information and make corrections, if necessary. If I can do it, (and I did!), anyone can!

See you at our February 2 meeting!

*Beverly Baldwin*

#### Elder Law Topic Of February Program

ABPW's own Polly Lewis will present the "Elder Law Handbook" during the February 2nd program meeting, according to Monica Millican, Program chair. Many of our members are caring for aging parents or loved ones, Monica notes. This program will give us insight into the emotional and legal issues associated with this complex situation. Polly helped create the Elder Law Handbook and can address many topics relating to caring for aging loved ones.

#### Cancer Stomp Set For Feb.15

Karen Keesler is hosting a Cancer Stomp at One Stop Party Shop Wednesday, February 15 from 6 - 10 p.m., benefiting the American Cancer Society, League of Bay Area. A donation to the ACS provides admission

to the event, which features all you can eat food and drinks from a variety of favorite restaurants, with entertainment, plus a live and silent auction.

Karen hopes to see everyone there to help "stomp out cancer."

#### Past Presidents To Be Honored

ABPW past presidents will be honored at a gala social set for Friday, February 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the recently opened conference center at The Rose.

Silver decor for the event will reflect ABPW's 25th anniversary theme, "Honoring Our Past,

**Building Our Future."**

"Our past presidents shaped our organization with their innovative ideas and leadership, and we are eager to honor them for the strong foundation they built," says Beverly Baldwin, current president.

We hope to see all past presidents at this event being planned by Social chairs Linda Kloss and Anne Ness and their dynamic committee. More information and an invitation will go out in February, so save the date!



## Officers

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## Honoring Our Past

ABPW's past presidents have been the guiding force in our 25-year history, leading us to greater heights in professional and personal development, and community service.

We are proud to say "thank you" to these leaders who have built the strong foundation of our organization, one that brings pride in accomplishment and the friendships we share.

*With deep appreciation, we honor...*

Nancy Levine, 1981, 1982, 1983

Kay Henry, 1984

Cheryl Cook, 1985

Jane Reeves, 1986

Roberta Gardener, 1987

Emyre Robinson, 1988

Sherry Granader, 1989

Helen Mendiola, 1990

Kay Dubois, 1991

Maria de Cardenas, 1992

Monica Millican, 1993

Martha Kennedy, 1994

Melissa Sommers, 1995

Lynn Shigekawa, 1996

Marilyn Musial, 1997

Lynn Hungerford, 1998

Pauli Marr, 1999

Margaret Sucre-Vail, 2000

Linda Tuck, 2001

Pam Culpepper, 2002

Carolyn Hibbard, 2003

Jane Sweeney, 2004

Becky Reitz, 2005

## Special ABPW Days

February  
Birthday Wishes  
to ABPW Members on their Special Day

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Lynn Shigekawa, February 6  
Irene Ratliff, February 9  
Renu Bonner, February 16  
Polly Lewis, February 18  
Linda Tuck, February 19  
Christine Walker, February 26

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Brentwood Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)  
ABPW Meeting -Guests Welcome  
7:00 A.M. Meet & Greet Coffee Social

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

BOARD MEETING  
7:30 A.M. Gateway Community Church

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006

at One Stop Party Shop from 6 - 10 p.m.,  
benefiting the American Cancer Society,  
League of Bay Area.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

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at a gala social from 6 to 8 p.m. in the  
recently opened conference center at  
The Rose.

# All I Really Need To Know

## I Learned From Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just get on with what has to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Two heads are better than one.
9. Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.
10. When you're stressed, float awhile.
11. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs;  
the Titanic was built by professionals.
12. Remember that woodpeckers inside are a larger threat than the storm outside.
13. No matter the storm, when you're with God, there's a rainbow waiting.

Anonymous

## News 'N' Notes

**Kathy Scalf, operations coordinator at Ronald McDonald House, spent January 17th with Ty and the crew from ABC's "Extreme Home MakeOver,"** taping the surprise announcement that the Kubena family, three-month Ronald McDonald House residents, would be getting a new home, courtesy of the popular show. Kathy was a VIP guest, complete with set pass, for the January 24 "reveal". She says it was an exciting and fun experience, which she captured on film. She'll share photos with us and will let us know when the episode will air locally on Channel 13.



### Sip'N'See

The photo is of all the ABPW members who were able to attend the sip'n'see event, along with Pam and a very unhappy baby. She was so good all evening and, by the time we took the picture, she had just had enough of being passed around and cooed over. We had the party on Friday, January 13th and over 60 people stopped by! Great fun.

Judith

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### IMPORTANT DAYS TO REMEMBER

**ABPW** meets at 7:00 A.M. on the First Thursday of every month at the Brentwood Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn - NASA)

If you have events/news/pictures/announcements, etc. you would like to have published in the next newsletter; please e-mail (see below) the information to Karen Anderson at *by the 15th of the February* so it can go in the production schedule. I realize that images and write-up's for some events may not allow us the lead time, so I will make every effort to fit it in the current month or will hold it until the next month's edition.

Please send by e-mail message, or attachment, a word document, or a pdf. I can also work with publisher files. NO Faxes Please!

All articles and images need to be approved by Beverly Baldwin prior to sending them to me.

Send your request to  
[Karen@newTrilliumDesigns.com](mailto:Karen@newTrilliumDesigns.com)  
I will also review website suggestions on a regular basis.

### EXCELLENCE

**SUBTLE DIFFERENCES DISTINGUISH THE GOOD FROM THE BEST, THE AMATEUR FROM THE PROFESSIONAL.**  
--UNKNOWN