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*President's Message*

Dear ABPW Sisters,  
Sincere thanks go to **Kathy Scalf** for presiding at our May meeting while I was out of town visiting my mother in Missouri. I really appreciate Kathy's willingness to handle the gavel so I could leave knowing our meeting was in great hands!

And another thanks and a round of applause for **Becky Reitz** and **Judith Blanchard** for their program on family law at the May meeting. I hear it was not only enlightening, but presented with a humorous flair that was so entertaining. There was some free legal advice for everyone who has been married, divorced,

remarried, planning to divorce, have had children, stepchildren, grandchildren, etc. That just about includes all of us! And I heard that some interesting facts came out about some of our members during the presentation.

There are several long term marriages in our group, **Sandy Lewis**, 47 years, and **Monica Millican**, 40 years, while many of us are in second marriages. We even have one member who has walked down the aisle and divorced four times. After making several points about divorce, alimony,

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custody and joint managing conservatories which insures equality for both sides; a lack of grandparents' rights in Texas; and invitro fertilization which takes all the fun out of sex, Becky and Judith held a question and answer session to address specific issues.

The meeting got off to a great start with everyone introducing themselves, adapting their 30 second "elevator speech" to reflect a family law theme. I understand that we had some very creative and fun intros that day! Sorry I missed it all!

Kathy Scalf tells me that the Cancer Benefit Golf Tournament for Ladies has been postponed until November due to so many other golf tournaments being held this spring. Maybe we can help support this event then with a team in the play.

A reminder to everyone that our June 1st meeting is a business meeting, and for ABPW members only. Please refer to our agenda printed elsewhere in this newsletter,

and come to the meeting prepared to give a report if you are an officer, director or chairman.

We'll also discuss service projects for the year, and consider dropping our Cyberbay e-mail system, now that our website is up and running with e-mail capabilities.

We also are requesting that you please bring old unused cell phones to our June meeting so they can be donated to Bay Area Turning Point for use by women escaping abusive relationships. The phones can be reprogrammed to dial 9-1-1 at no cost, so that help can be available should the women be in an at-risk situation.

A reminder, too, to keep reading in our summer reading program, with the book discussion to be led by Sally Jordan for our August meeting.

See you all on June 1st. . .

Beverly

## Association of Business and Professional Women Agenda for June 1, 2006

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome
- III. Introductions
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Jean Burkett
- V. Treasurer's Report Jennifer Bowers
- VI. Webmaster Report – Karen Anderson
- VII. Directors/Committee Chair Reports
  - A. Cindy Kennedy Hebert
    1. Public Relations – Lynn Shigekawa
    2. Newsletter – Karen Anderson
    3. Programs – Monica Millican
    4. Org. Development – Becky Reitz
  - B. Polly Lewis
    1. Social – Linda Kloss and Anne Ness
    2. Membership – Carolyn Hibbard
    3. Seeds – Norine Gill
  - C. Sharon Maaz
    1. Historian – Toni Masone
    2. Scholarships/Service – Linda Costanza
    3. Hugs – Paula Durrett
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Cyberbay E-Mail System
  - B. Blue Books
  - C. Other Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - A. Service Projects
  - B. Other New Business
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjourn



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## Officers

### Honoring Our Past

A Look At ABPW History

As 1987 president, Roberta Gardner introduced the "Good Things Report" at the beginning of each meeting which allowed members to share good news from the previous month.

ABPW was a part of the Federation of Professional Business Women at that time, and Jane Reeves was ABPW's honoree for the annual awards banquet. Two scholarships were awarded from The Rosemary Pledger Fund.

A speaker's bureau was formed to provide ABPW speakers to area organizations, and political strategies were developed to keep members current on important issues in the community. One issue involved exerting influence on the University of Houston board and the Texas State University board to keep UHCL a viable entity, rather than downgrading it to a remote campus of UH-downtown.

Emyre Robinson was named to a Governor's Commission, and was later elected to the presidency of the Clear Lake Chamber for 1988. Another ABPW member, Dixie Robinson, had served as Chamber president several years earlier.

Jane Reeves, past president, and Monica Millican, PR chair,

*BirthDay Wishes*  
to ABPW Members on their Special Day  
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June  
Sharon Maaz, June 10  
Kathy Scalf, June 19  
Arlene Weinberg, June 19  
Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, June 22  
Judith Blanchard, June 28

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2006

Brentwood Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)  
ABPW Meeting –Business Meeting-  
NO guests Please.  
7:00 A.M. Meet & Greet Coffee Social

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2006

Join Melissa Sommers as she celebrates her 25 anniversary at Nasa Vision.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

When Paula Durrett hosts our hygiene bag stuffing party at the new Durrett Motors complex. Bags will be stuffed for Bay Area Turning Point, The Bridge and ICM. You can expect to hear, "Come On, Ladies!" from Carolyn Hibbard who will again e-mail lists of needed items so we can hit the dollar stores. Please keep this project in mind now, in case you run across some fantastic bargains on personal care products.

#### 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)

Articles/pictures to be published in the next newsletter, need to be sent to Beverly by the 15th of the June so it can go in the production schedule. I realize that images and write-ups for some events may not allow us that much lead time.

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

*Website maintenance has been scheduled* for July. Any articles, images, changes, or suggestions etc. must go to Beverly Baldwin for approval and must be submitted by May 15th..

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## Honoring Our Past

were interviewed on a radio program regarding ABPW, a result of ABPW hiring Cindy Putnam for \$500 to develop a short-range plan to develop ABPW's image in the community.

Kay DuBois led the credentials committee to approve new members that year, one of whom was Lynn Shigekawa. Peggy Levin led the community and education committee, and Maria DeCardenas served as treasurer, collecting dues from 56 members.

Program topics included business etiquette, income tax and changes in tax laws; Melissa

Sommers was featured in the member profile segment, and a discussion was held that year on a possible name change for the organization.

Roberta recalls that many issues from 1987 are the same we face today -- members missing too many meetings; the difficulty in collecting dues by the deadline; and participation in activities limited by some members who are extremely busy. Yet 1987 was a successful year, with many accomplishments!



## News 'N' Notes

"Drive Your Dream" is a benefit for Bay Area Turning Point Shelter Expansion and Renovation Fund that offers an opportunity for the winner to choose from several modes of transportation, including a 2006 Toyota Avalon XLS from Star Toyota.

The raffle is limited to 3,000 tickets being sold, at \$50 each or three for \$100. The drawing will be August 4. Tickets are available from several of ABPW members, including Polly Lewis and Judith Blanchard.

**THANK YOU VETERANS ON THIS  
MEMORIAL DAY 2006.**

**WE HONOR AND SALUTE YOU  
FOR YOUR GIFT OF FREEDOM.**

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