



Raintree Rambler Raintree Chapter #4058 New Castle, IN

*A League of the American
Business Women's Association*



OUTGOING PREZ SHIRLEY NEW



RAINTREE MEMBERS,

I was asked to write an
Outgoing President's
letter. This is written

with sadness and joy. I have very mixed
emotions.

It has been a wonderful two years
serving as your President. I hope that I
have served you well.

I have had a great team of officers to
have worked with for the last two years.
Working with Cheryl Blair as Vice
President was a great experience. She
has been a real asset as Vice President
(official hostess, which is right up her
alley) and will continue to represent
Raintree Chapter through her position
on the National Board. She will also

continue to bring good leadership skills
to Raintree Chapter. Mary Cordle has
been a joy to work with and to watch her
grow over the two years. She will tell
you herself that she was very new to the
position of Secretary. I have seen her
strengthen in her leadership skills as
Secretary. She was always there willing
to help wherever she could, and it was
much appreciated. She will be an asset
to Raintree Chapter for future years.
Peggy Miller has served as Treasurer for
the last two years, keeping a great
record of our funds and reporting to the
chapter to keep them informed of its
financial condition. She did much more
than a Treasurer needs to do and was
always there to help when it was
needed.

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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business women 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.



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These ladies worked well as a team and as a team I feel we did a good job for Raintree Chapter.

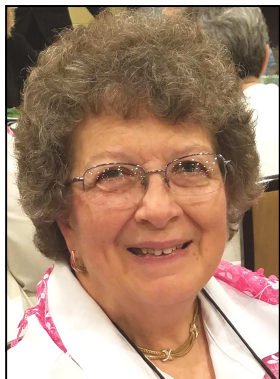
I want to thank the whole chapter of **ABWA RAINTREE** for making my job as President the easiest it could ever be. It does take a team to get the job done and without the whole membership working together, we could not have done what we have done for the last two years.

We may not have accomplished all of our goals of the last two years, but we have accomplished a lot. We are small but mighty.

As I am leaving office, I look forward to working in a different leadership position for 2020-21. I wish nothing but the best to the new officers for 2020-21 and know they will do their best for ABWA and Raintree Chapter.

Love to you and in ABWA,

Shirley



**INCOMING PREZ
KAREN JOHNSON**



WHERE TO START . . . Although I transferred to the Raintree Chapter a little over 2 years ago, some of you may not know me very well. So, first I'll give you a short bio . . . I started baton lessons in the sixth grade, became the Head Majorette in high school, and eventually had my own baton studio, had competition teams, and we marched in several parades throughout the summer and fall each year. In high school I took the college prep classes until my Dad informed me between my sophomore and junior year that he was not financially able to send me to college and suggested I switch to business classes (wish I had known about ABWA & SBMEF way back then!!). I am a 25 year member of ABWA, and have been a part of three different chapters. I have been an ABWA Chapter President 6 years, Chapter WOY four times, and a Council WOY twice. I have attended 18 District or Regional Conferences, 3 National Conferences, and was a graduate of Park University's 4-year course, *Women as 21st Century Leaders*.

But, enough about me . . . In addition to myself as your new President, the rest of our Board consists of **Vice President Renae Gawith**, **Secretary Elaine Study**, and **Treasurer Janet Johnson** (no, we're not related). We thank you for your trust in us, and hope we lead you well.

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**RAINTREE CHAPTER
#4058**

JULY MEETING: Thursday, August 20, 2020

WHERE: FACE-TO-FACE & ZOOM.

Sulphur Springs Community Building

203 North Mulberry Street, Sulphur Springs, IN 47388

Closer to the meeting you will receive information regarding how to access Zoom, or what phone number to call.

WHEN: 5:45-6:00 Check-in & Register
6:00-8:00 Networking & Business Meeting

PROGRAM: CARLY NEW will give a presentation on Instagram.

BRING:

- * No dinner provided. (bring yours or eat before).
- * Continue to collect items for Nursing Home Bingo games.
- * **ZOOM WITH A GUEST** - let your friends and family come on with you and find out what we're all about!!

CONTACT JANET JOHNSON & ADVISE IF YOU WILL BE IN PERSON.
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STAY CONNECTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA...



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“INSTAGRAM - HOW TO”



By CARLY NEW

For those attending in person, either bring your own meal or eat before you come. No meal will be provided at this meeting.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

Face-to-Face & Virtual Meeting through Zoom

Contact Shirley New

765-620-8271 or email: wcsanew@hrtc.net
for meeting ID and password to connect

CHECK-IN & REGISTER: 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm

NETWORKING & MEETING: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Face to Face Meeting at Sulphur Springs Community Bldg, 203 No. Mulberry St., Sulphur Springs, IN 47388

Join the *Raintree Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association* on Thursday, August 20th for our networking-filled meeting and a presentation on “INSTAGRAM HOW TO” given by CARLY NEW.

Carly is a 2020 graduate from Ball State University in Interpersonal Communications. Carly has been using Instagram for over 13 years. She will tell us how to set up and use an Instagram account.

There is no cost for this meeting.

For more information about Raintree Chapter, contact President Karen Johnson at:

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Or visit our website at: <http://abwa-Raintree.com>

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***ABWA is here
to help you
connect,
learn, and
grow today!***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

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And, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** August kicks off the start of a new chapter year . . . We are getting our committees together, looking at the Standing Rules, Goals for the new year, the Budget, etc. It's a busy time for all of us. Of course we need to focus on building the chapter (more members, more ideas, etc.) - it would be great to build our numbers and be a Best Practice chapter (versus Best Practice Striving). Step by step - if we could get each member to bring one guest each month, we would be making great progress. While we need to let a guest know the following, sometimes we, as a member, need to remember the positives in being a member:

You're a part of an organization making certain that women continue to move forward, understand new technology, embrace new concepts, and improve leadership skills. We have networking and educational opportunities for women of all ages. It affords women the opportunity to learn from experienced business owners and professionals, sharing new ideas, and learning from each other's experiences. (And, yes, you are never too old to learn something new.

Each of our members have something to contribute, each member is an important part of the whole. We appreciate the talents and individuality of each member. We are counting on all of you to continue being an integral part of this chapter.

Rise to the Challenge in ABWA!!

In ABWA Love,
Karen

KAREN JOHNSON, Raintree President

RAINTREE CHAPTER

MARY CORDLE
Raintree Secretary



JULY 16, 2020

**IN PERSON MEETING &
ZOOM**

Officers Present: Shirley New, Cheryl Blair, Mary Cordle, and Peggy Miller

Members Present: Rose Elliott, Renae Gawith, Janet Johnson, Karen Johnson, Elaine Study, and Marilyn Upchurch;

Members on Zoom: Wendy Wilker

Guests on Person: Donna Collins (Rose's daughter). Lisa Couture (Gem City Chapter).

6:00 pm - President Shirley New called the meeting to order with the Invocation & the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Mission Statement.

Networking: Each introduced themselves and shared their level of experience with Community Connections.

Program: Community Connection 101 was presented by Shirley New. Shirley handed out a printout explaining the benefits and "how-to" for ABWA's Community Connection website.

Business Meeting:

Voting for 2020-2021 Raintree Chapter Officers. No additional nominees from the floor. Peggy Miller moved to close nominations. Rose Elliott 2nd. Since there was only one individual running for each office, a ballot was not needed.
President – Karen Johnson
Vice President – Renae Gawith
Secretary – Elaine Study
Treasurer – Janet Johnson

Shirley New installed the officers with a *Mission Impossible* theme.

2018-2020 officers were presented with flowers from President Shirley New.

Local dues are due by August 24th (\$24)

Secretary Report: all secretary reports from January – June were accepted as printed.

Treasurer Report: approved as presented and filed for audit.

The Benediction was led by Shirley New, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully,

Mary

MARY CORDLE
Secretary



**Outgoing President Shirley New installs the Incoming Board:
President Karen Johnson, Vice President Renae Gawith,
Secretary Elaine Study, & Treasurer Janet Johnson**



Shirley gives Elaine Study & Karen Johnson their checks from the BSTR program for their “virtual” attendance at the 2020 Regional Conference. Wendy Wilker received this also, and her check was mailed.



Shirley presented her Outgoing Board Members - Peggy Miller, Mary Cordle, and Cheryl Blair with lovely bouquets.



The Outgoing Board Members surprised Outgoing President Shirley New with Part #1 of their gift for her guidance the past two years (several packages of her favorite cookies)!

The second part of their gift to Shirley arrived in time to present at the Outgoing/Incoming Meeting twelve days later - a lovely, tote bag, with this embroidery on it:



***ABWA PRESIDENT
RAINTREE CHAPTER
2018—2020***

On a totally different Issue, Shirley New (decked out in her mask) took the Best Practices materials to the Post Office by the deadline to be sent to ABWA National in Overland Park, Kansas!



**SHARE ABWA WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE . . .
BRING HER TO A MEETING
AND LET HER SEE WHAT RAIN TREE IS ALL ABOUT!!**

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE 2020 NATIONAL
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?
OCTOBER 14-17, 2020
WESTMINSTER, COLORADO (Denver area)**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

WENDY WILKER - August 1st

KAREN JOHNSON - August 19th

ELAINE STUDY - August 30th

AUGUST ABWA ANNIVERSARY

WENDY WILKER
8/1 - 14 years

MARY CORDLE
8/1 - 5 years

MAGGIE BECKNER
8/26 - 1 year



BITS & PIECES



BERKSHIRE- HATHAWAY



HOME SERVICES, INDIANA REALTY

Honored three realtors for their outstanding work during the month . . .

To include our own
MARY CORDLE

Congratulations, Mary!!

**RENAE GAWITH - Raintree Chapter VP & Cardinal
Crossroads Council Delegate**

For members who were not on the CCC Council Zoom Meeting, the Summer Sizzler has been cancelled for this year.

Additionally, we have learned the Indy 500 which was rescheduled for the end of August, has now announced there will be no spectators, and, therefore, there will be no vendors working that event.

Both of these announcements will effect our fundraising \$\$ for the 2020 - 2021 year.



SHARON WOODRUFF AND HER HUSBAND HAVE BOTH BEEN ILL RECENTLY (NO, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COVID-19).

YOU MAY WANT TO SEND A CARD TO CHEER HER UP:

**1413 S, Pleasantview Drive
Yorktown, IN 47396**

MORE BITS & PIECE

Our Treasurer, **JANET JOHNSON**, is looking forward to becoming a Grandma in January. Sex is yet to be revealed!!



PEGGY MILLER, outgoing Treasurer, and her hubby, Tony, recently went on a long weekend trip to Lake Webster, NW of Ft. Wayne - watched lots of movies and read lots of books. Very relaxing! Now they're counting the days to their next trip - to Savannah, Georgia.



Sending our Sympathies to **MARILYN UPCHURCH !!** She recently lost her brother-in-law, Bruce Clevenger, as well as a special friend, Debbie Goggans. Two real close together is absolutely too much!! Our thoughts are with you!

NOTE THESE DATES:

8-19	District V—Zoom
8-20	Raintree Chapter Meeting - in Person & Zoom
9-17	Raintree Chapter Meeting - in Person & Zoom
10-14-17	National Women's Leadership Conference
10-15	Raintree Chapter Meeting - in Person & Zoom
10-24	Cardinal Crossroads Council Meeting (info tba)
11-7	Make, Bake, or Buy - Ft. Wayne

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HOW DOES YOUR GAUGE READ?

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ABWA 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 Fact
10. Management for Innovation



ABWA RAINTREE CHAPTER

VISION STATEMENT - 2018-19-20

Raintree Chapter offers opportunities to support our members and the women of our community by helping them grow personally and professionally through leadership, networking, education, recognition, and community enrichment.

ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

- All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
- Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
- Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
- Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
- Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
- Members will strive for excellence in their professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.

Shirley New

**Raintree Chapter
President**

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RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

IN THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 CHAPTER GOALS (as determined via the Gap Analysis)

GROW OUR CHAPTER'S INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

- **SECURE A SPEAKER TO GIVE A PROGRAM ON INSTAGRAM**
- **ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT**
- **HOST A WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL MEDIA, INCLUDING INSTAGRAM**

AVERAGE THREE (3) GUESTS PER MEETING WITH AT LEAST ONE GUEST JOINING

- **INCLUDE PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OCCUPATION LIST IN MEMBER HANDBOOK**
- **PAY MEETING FEE FOR PROSPECTIVE GUEST (one-time)**
- **REACH OUT TO PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND PAST GUESTS & ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND A MEETING**

CONDUCT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER JOINING

- **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE IN CHARGE**
- **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL CRITIQUE NEW MEMBER GUIDELINES ALREADY ESTABLISHED**