



Raintree Rambler
Raintree Chapter #4058
New Castle, IN

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



CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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HELLO, RAINTREE MEMBERS . . .

Fall is here - love to see the colorful trees this time of year. Not so looking forward to the cold weather (and plan to ban snow this year - ha, ha - as if I could).

We had a good meeting last month, a potential member in Darra Moore. She just seemed to join right in (she was a guest of Shirley New). Hope this month will see another two, or three, or four guests.

I loved our speaker last month - Mayra Phipps talking on "Becoming a Person of Influence. I had a little

trouble keeping up with her with my note taking, but thought she was a great speaker, down to earth, etc. Looking forward to next week and her presentation on "Everyone Communicates, Few Connect."

The coming month will be a very busy one for us and our Fundraising. Many of you have already been working on items for the Make, Bake, or Buy Event for November 7th in Ft. Wayne. We still have some needs, and an email will be out later today to tell you what we might need that you could help us with.



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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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MEMBERSHIP - SHIRLEY NEW

NEWSLETTER - KAREN JOHNSON

NOMINATING - VOTE IN MARCH

NOTIFICATIONS - PAULINE HASTY

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT &
EDUCATION - SHIRLEY NEW**

PUBLICITY - RENAE GAWITH

**WOMAN OF THE YEAR -
ELAINE STUDY**

TOP TEN - CHERYL BLAIR

WEBSITE - WENDY WILKER

**WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM -
MARILYN UPCHURCH**

**CARDINAL CROSSROADS
COUNCIL**

**RAINTREE DELEGATE:
RENAE GAWITH**

**RAINTREE ALTERNATES:
JACKIE BRAYTON
PEGGY MILLER**



**RAINTREE CHAPTER
#4058**

OCTOBER MEETING: Thursday, OCTOBER 22, 2020

NOTE: THE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE THIRD THURSDAY, TO THE FOURTH THURSDAY THIS MONTH SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE 2020 NWLC.

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 Face to Face Check-In
6:00-6:30 Dinner
6:15-6:30 Zoom Check-in
6:00-8:00 Networking & Business Meeting

PROGRAM: Speaker Mayra Phipps (see page 4)

BRING: * **BRING A GUEST** - a family member, a co-worker, a friend and let them see what ABWA is all about!!

* You will receive a separate email regarding what items are still needed to finish making the baskets for Make, Bake or Buy. Please bring the items to this meeting.

CONTACT SHIRLEY NEW - to advise of a guest that is coming, a member or guest who will join on Zoom, or if you cannot make the meeting this month; must contact her by **Sunday, 10-19-2020 @ 5 PM.**

Ph: 765-650-8271 or Email: wcsanew@hrtc.net

“ EVERYONE COMMUNICATES, FEW CONNECT”



By: **MAYRA PHIPPS**

Changing Women’s Lives... One Woman at a Time

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THURSDAY, October 22nd

Face to Face & Virtual Meeting through Zoom
Sulphur Springs Community Building

203 N Mulberry Street, Sulphur Springs IN 47388

Face-to-Face check in:	5:45 – 6:00 PM
Dinner	6:00 – 6:30 PM
Zoom Check-in:	6:15 – 6:30 PM
Networking & Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join the Raintree Chapter of the American Business Woman’s Association on **Thursday, October 22nd** for networking filled meeting and a presentation by Mayra Phipps. Mayra is a Certified John Maxwell Team Speaker, Trainer and Coach and holds an MBA In Leadership Studies. If you can connect with others – one-on-one, in groups and with an audience – your sense of community improves, your ability to create team work increases, and your influence skyrockets. People who connect with others have better relationships, experience less conflict, and get more things done than those who cannot connect. Leaders who have learned the art of connection are able to communicate their ideas persuasively, establishing buy-in and attracting followers.

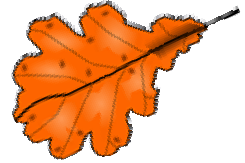
Event cost is \$15 for members and non-members. Non-eating/Zoom attendee \$5. First time prospective members cost will be free. Boxed dinner will be served at this meeting. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 18th by 5:00 PM, by phone or email to guarantee your reservation to Shirley New, info is below. Once we get your reservation you will receive the link for Zoom.





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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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Also, another fundraiser will kick off at the meeting this next week . .

our **Trophy Nut sales**. **MARY CORDLE**, Fundraising Chair, will be passing out the sign-up sheets - you will need to return them at the November meeting so we can get it to the company for a two week turn-around of the



product. I know a lot of the groups are selling Terri Lynn's Nuts . . . but I believe we get a little more variety and the \$5 a bag pricing helps us sell it! Start thinking now of who you can contact.

Let me go back once more to the **Make, Bake, or Buy** . . . You will remember that we voted to become a part of this venture with Forks of the Wabash and Women of Magnitude. I sincerely hope to see many of the Raintree members at this event. If you need any additional information about MMB, please contact the Chair of this event, our own **SHIRLEY NEW**.

Also hope to see many of you at the **Cardinal Crossroad Council meeting on October 24** (the flyer went out today) (REMC Bldg). This will also be **HONORS DAY**. And, our own **DAWN POKORNY** will be catering our lunch.

Rise to the Challenge in ABWA!!

In ABWA Love,
Karen

KAREN JOHNSON, Raintree President

RAINTREE CHAPTER

ELAINE STUDY
Raintree Secretary



SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

IN PERSON MEETING &
ZOOM

ABWA RAINTREE CHAPTER MEETING September 17, 2020

Ten members and 2 guests attended the September 17, 2020, meeting of the ABWA Raintree Chapter. Those meeting at 6 pm at the Sulphur Springs Community Building enjoyed Dawn Pokorny's box lunch.

President Karen Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30. Attendees recited the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and ABWA Mission Statement.

Vice President Renae Gawith led the **networking activity**. Everyone responded to statements depending on the color of M & M candy they had. Members include: Marilyn Upchurch, Peggy Miller, Mary Cordle, Renae Gawith, Janet Johnson, Cheryl Blair, Karen Johnson, Shirley New, Dawn Pokorny, and Elaine Study. Shirley's guest, Darra Moore, and our speaker, Mayra Phillips, also participated in the networking.

Shirley introduced **Speaker Mayra Phillips** who spoke via Zoom. Mayra's topic was "Becoming a Person of Influence" based on the book by John Maxwell, Leadership Guru. Mayra is one of John Maxwell's professional trainers who volunteered to be tonight's speaker.

Mayra explained Leadership is Influence, nothing more, nothing less. You need to work the hardest and longest on yourself especially since attitudes are contagious.

Leadership is about the people, not about the position! To be successful we need to lead. To lead we need to have influence. The ability to influence is the most important skill. We influence more people than we think...about 4 people a day. Will your influence be positive or negative? Influence comes from adding VALUE to others.

BUSINESS MEETING

Cheryl Blair presented **2019-20 Perfect Attendance Certificates** to Elaine Study, Shirley New, Karen Johnson, Mary Cordle, and Peggy Miller; Rose Elliott and Pauline Hasty were not in attendance and will receive their certificates next month. Those members received a paid meal.

Elaine Study, Raintree's current Woman of the Year, was also presented with a \$479 check from the chapter to pay for **registration at the upcoming National Women's Leadership Conference**. (Cheryl Blair was eligible as Raintree's Top Ten Nominee to receive the same amount but did not need the payment since she has free registration as District V Vice President.)

There were no corrections to the **August Secretary's or Treasurer's reports**.

Cardinal Crossroads Council Rep Renae Gawith recommended after viewing members council participation that Cheryl Blair be

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Raintree’s Council Woman of the Year nominee. Shirley New moved and Peggy Miller seconded we nominate Cheryl Blair as Raintree’s Council Woman of the Year. Motion passed.

COMMITTEES

Fundraising—Mary Cordle, Chair, reported candy and nut sales will begin next month. She also reminded everyone to finalize their Make, Bake and Buy basket selections. She and Renae will need help next month putting containers ready for the live and silent auctions.

Cardinal Crossroads Council—Karen reminded us the free member ads for the First Edition of the Business Directory are due Sept. 18. Some forms were available.

Make, Bake and Buy—Shirley New had reservation forms for the Nov. 7 event. Her committee will decide by Oct. 7 if there will be live or virtual format. She reminded us that everyone in attendance needs a paid reservation form whether we are helping at the event or not.

Membership—Chair Shirley New provided members with some Raintree business cards and revised 3-fold Raintree brochures to give to guests.

Member Handbooks—VP Renae Gawith distributed to members the revised 2020-21 refills for the Member Handbook. She thanked Elaine Study for updating and printing the materials.

Karen Johnson received \$16.50 for the donation. Mary Cordle, Renae Gawith, and guest, Darra Moore received door prizes this month.

Before the Benediction and meeting adjournment, the networking continued with everyone sharing their names and workplace.

Since our next meeting occurs during the virtual National Women’s Leadership Conference, it was suggested we change our meeting date to the next Thursday, October 22nd. Shirley will check with our speaker, Mayra Phipps, and Renae will check with the venue to see if both are available on the new date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.



Respectfully submitted,

Elaine

ELAINE STUDY
Secretary

THE 2020 NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE takes place this week - **OCTOBER 14-17, 2020**. This year it will be a **VIRTUAL MEETING** making history as ABWA continues to



Hopefully our Raintree Members in attendance will share their experiences with us at a later date.



LADIES,

We need new members! That is every member's responsibility. Look how much our chapter could grow in strength with new ideas and participation. I want to encourage everyone to ask at least one guest for this upcoming meeting.

We are meeting in person and through Zoom, so if the guest wants to attend by either method, we would love to have them. Check out the next page to see all the things you could win during the Membership Campaign. Another good reason to ask a guest.

Let's grow together. I believe in you. You can find at least one person who you know who could help us, and we could help them by becoming a member of ABWA. There are so many benefits for them. Plus, this program for October should be a really good one for everyone.

SHIRLEY NEW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

FALL INTO ABWA'S BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

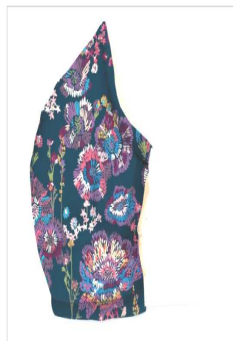
We know that ABWA is an important part of your life, and perhaps more than ever. Starting on September 1 through November 30, we want to show you our appreciation with these fabulous incentives.

Recruit early to receive one or all three of these Vera Bradley products *while supplies last*.

THANK YOU for
*Changing women's lives...
One woman at a time.®*

LEVEL ONE

ENROLL ONE NEW MEMBER



When you recruit one new member, we will send you this beautifully patterned Face Mask. Made from 100% cotton, this non-medical face mask is soft, breathable and comfortable to wear. Two layers of fabric with a slip opening to insert a disposable filter (*sold separately*). One size fits most adults.

4 WAYS TO THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOUR MASK

-1-
WASH BEFORE WEARING
Sometimes that's all you need for a great fit!

-2-
USE A BOBBY PIN
behind the ear strap to secure your mask

-3-
TIE A KNOT
in the strap to create a loop and adjust as needed

-4-
ADD A BEAD
to make your ear straps adjustable



LEVEL TWO

ENROLL TWO NEW MEMBERS



Meet the wallet that does more than protect your credit cards from slipping out, it protects your info from theft. When you recruit two new members, we will send you a microfiber, RFID Turnlock Wallet featuring turnlock and zip closures, two ID windows and plenty of inside slip pockets for all your must-haves.

Color: raspberry radiance

LEVEL THREE

ENROLL THREE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS



When you recruit three new members, we will send you a microfiber crossbody Triple Hipster bag. The ultimate in hands-free organization, it has three separate zippered compartments, and is perfect for work, weekends and everything in between!

Color: raspberry radiance

Dimensions: 11.75" w x 11.75" h x 1.25" d with 56.0" adjustable strap

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Phone numbers remain the same.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

MARILYN UPCHURCH
October 2nd

MARY CORDLE
October 30

OCTOBER
ABWA ANNIVERSARIES

*We have no October Anniversaries
.... Bring a guest to the meeting, she
might be on our October
Anniversary list next year!!*





JESSICA (CARTRELL) MALSON . . . lost her father, **MARK MALSON** at the age of 61. Birth 2-6-1959, Death 10-13- 2020. He was a Navy veteran, a former Regional Manager of Papa John's, and a supervisor at Lucas Oil Stadium. He was a member of the Elks, the American Legion, and the VFW. Preceded in death by his Mother and a brother, Billy. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, his father, three sisters, 12 grandchildren, and several nieces & nephews.

SERVICES: Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Saturday, October 17th, 2020. Visitation from Noon to 2 pm; Service at 2 pm. (Due to the Covid, masks are required)

CARDS: JESSICA MALSON
942 East 900 North
Mays, IN 46155

Earlier this week we received a call from **JACKIE BRAYTON** asking for prayers for her husband, **LARRY**. As of this newsletter, Larry is still there and doing a little better. If you would like to send a card of cheer, here is their address:

LARRY BRAYTON
1334 Onyx Court
New Castle, IN 47362

We have reported previously that **SHARON WOODRUFF** and her husband have been under the weather . . . Just a few days I was informed that they are both doing much better.

This week we also learned that **PAULINE HASTY** fell and hurt her foot. Luckily she did not break anything, but she is hobbling around right now. Give her a call to cheer her up. **765-529-8934 Home**
765-524-7326 Cell



You may recall that **PAULINE HASTY** and her sister **MAGGIE BECKNER** recently lost their sister. Shirley New posted this to our group, and I believe also to the ABWA Shower of Cards group, who send out messages to ABWA sisters across the United States.



Pauline and Maggie would like to thank everyone from Raintree Chapter who sent a card, made a call, brought them food, etc. They love all of you.

Also they were so surprised when cards from across the country started coming in - they had not expected that and were so touched by everyone's beautiful cards and sweet notes.



DATES TO REMEMBER



OCTOBER

- October 14-17 - NWLC VIRTUAL MTG FOR 2020
- October 22 - Regular Raintree Meeting at the Community Bldg in Sulphur Springs, IN (**NEW DATE - 4TH THURSDAY**)
- October 24 - Cardinal Crossroads Council Meeting & HONORS DAY (lunch meeting this time)

NOVEMBER

- November 7th - MAKE, BAKE, OR BUY - Fort Wayne, IN (It's a GO . . . In person event)
- November 19 - Regular Raintree Meeting at the Community Bldg in Sulphur Springs, IN* (**BACK TO OUR REGULAR 3RD THURSDAY**)
- November 30 - Fall Membership Drive ends

DECEMBER

- The Cardinal Crossroad Council Christmas Party should be within the first two weeks of December. More info to come.
- December 17 - Regular Raintree Meeting / Christmas Party at the Community Bldg in Sulphur Springs, IN*

(* - unless Ivy Tech opens up for groups like us to use again)

Expand your network with like-minded women across the country. Grow your business skills. Reach a new audience. Advance your career. Any woman anywhere benefits by being part of a prestigious, dynamic, and innovative organization—join ABWA today!

join and grow **together**

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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.

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