



Raintree Rambler Raintree Chapter #4058 New Castle, IN

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



**CHAPTER PRESIDENT
KAREN JOHNSON**



HELLO, RAINTREE MEMBERS . . .

Hope you're enjoying the fall colors - most of them don't stay around for long. It's pretty "nippy" out there today, but my Weather App indicates that we will have warmer weather than usual from December thru February (of course, we know the weather people are not always correct).

KUDOS to RAINTREE . . . We did a great job with the Make, Bake, & Buy event . . . Several members working the day of, and lots and lots of behind

the scene (so to speak) of members putting together things for the baskets, baking items, etc. It was a great day with about 55 women in attendance - and we were actually done a little earlier than we had projected. I haven't heard a final number on what we made, but for the first time doing this, I know we did a great job. Pat yourself on your back!

I do regret that with the info we have been getting, the Board had to make a decision about going live or back to zoom. We feel it is best to take the "safe" road, so we will be meeting via zoom for November & December.



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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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RAINTREE OFFICERS

**RENAE GAWITH (Vice President), KAREN JOHNSON (President).
JANET JOHNSON (Treasurer) and ELAINE STUDY (Secretary).**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ANNIVERSARY - DAWN POKORNY

**ASSOCIATES NIGHT -
JANET JOHNSON**

AUDIT - JACKIE BRAYTON

BEST PRACTICES - PEGGY MILLER

FUNDRAISING - MARY CORDLE

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**

NOVEMBER MEETING: Thursday, November 19, 2020

WHERE: ZOOM ONLY

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

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

PROGRAM: *Building Your Dream Business*, by Heather Lytle

BRING: [BRING A GUEST](#) - YES, you can have a family member, a co-worker, a friend join us on Zoom and let them see/hear what ABWA is all about!!

TROPHY NUT FUNDRAISER: Hopefully you have all been very busy contacting friends and family about this fundraiser. Your sheets are due in at the meeting date, November 19; unfortunately since we will not be face-to-face, you will have to drop off your sheet and the money to Mary Cordle and/or Renae Gawith by Thursday. If possible, if you have money (vs a check), it would be helpful if you could provide a check to the Chapter, and keep the \$\$ money yourself. Product should be in the first week of December.

CONTACT SHIRLEY NEW - to advise of a guest who is joining us on zoom, or if you cannot make the meeting via zoom this month; must contact her by Sunday, 10-19-2020 @ 5 PM.

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

"Building Your Dream Business"

By Heather Lytle



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*Changing Women's Lives...
One Woman at a Time.*

For more information about Raintree Chapter, contact President Karen Johnson at kj348@aol.com or visit our website at <http://abwa-Raintree.com>



THURSDAY, November 19th Virtual Meeting through Zoom

Zoom Check-in:	5:45 – 6:00 PM
Networking & Meeting	6:00 – 8:00 PM

Join the Raintree Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association on Thursday, November 19th for networking filled meeting and a presentation by Heather Lytle.

Heather is owner of Lytle Communications. She is a member of ABWA and shares her insights and tactical ideas with a variety of business and professional audiences. Heather also hosts a weekly video series on her social media platforms covering common questions or concerns related to policies and processes for small businesses.

Learn to develop a consistent blueprint for your business for sustained growth. Learn to create an operational framework with select policies and processes provides clear guidance to all stakeholders and ensure that everyone is building together.

No Event cost for members and non-members. Please RSVP by Monday, November 16th, by 6:00 PM by phone or email to guarantee your reservation to Shirley New, 765-620-8271 or wcsanew@hrtc.net (she accepts text also)

Once we get your reservation you will receive the link for Zoom.





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

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We will re-assess the situation in January.

We are pleased to learn that Darra Moore (a guest of Shirley New) and Mayra Phipps (our speaker in September & October) will be joining our chapter; unfortunately, we'll have to wait awhile to install them.



Don't forget, our Trophy Nut forms & money are due in next Thursday. This will be a little tedious for a few since we will not be in person to person contact. However, you need to contact Mary Cordle (765-621+7594 for directions) or if you are in the New Castle area, you could stop by Renae Gawith's place of business (call for directions) 765-615-7252) and drop off to her.

Remember - we are working towards a \$2000 Scholarship for a local gal, as well as helping chapter members to be able to attend the 2021 National Women's Leadership Conference in Colorado. If you haven't sold any Trophy Nut products yet, you still have a few days to do so. We need each and every one of you to make our goal. (If you haven't received the flyer of the products available/order form, contact Mary ASAP to get it to you and get a few orders).

Rise to the Challenge in ABWA!!

Hope to see you on Zoom Thursday,

Karen

Karen Johnson, President

RAINTREE CHAPTER

ELAINE STUDY
Raintree Secretary



OCTOBER 22, 2020

**IN PERSON MEETING &
ZOOM**

ABWA RAINTREE CHAPTER MEETING October 22, 2020

The October Raintree Chapter meeting was held on October 22, 2020, at the Sulphur Springs Community Building. Ten members and two guests attended in person with three members and our speaker attending via Zoom. At 6 p.m. members were treated to a box dinner provided by caterer Dawn Pokorny.

President Karen Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The group also repeated the ABWA Mission Statement.

Renaë Gawith led the networking activity. Attendees were to complete a handout titled “What’s On Your Phone?” Points were given for various items found on your cell phone. It was determined Jessica Vaughn Malson had the most points with 165. In person attendees participating were Karen Johnson, Cheryl Blair, Rose Elliott, Janet Johnson, Renaë Gawith, Pauline Hasty, Peggy Miller, Marilyn Upchurch, Elaine Study, Shirley New, Shirley’s guest Darra Moore & Rose’s guest Donna Collins. Zoom participants were members Jessica Vaughn Malson, Wendy Wilker, Sharon Woodruff & speaker Mayra Phipps.

Karen read a card from District V Vice President and member, Cheryl Blair, congratulating Raintree on achieving the 2019-2020 Striving for Best Practice Award.

Cheryl verbally thanked the group for the gifts she received as DVP prior to attending the National Woman’s Leadership Conference. She read a few of the notes that had been on the gifts.

Pauline Hasty and Rose Elliott received 2019-20 Perfect Attendance Certificates which were presented by Cheryl. For their achievement, their meals were paid by the chapter.

Shirley New introduced Speaker Mayra Phipps who was also our last month’s Zoom speaker. We learned Mayra is a National ABWA member who lives in Kentucky. Her topic this month was “Everyone Communicates, Few Connect.” As a certified trainer for Author & Leadership Coach John Maxwell, Mayra emphasized leadership is influence—nothing more, nothing less. Connecting with others increases your influence in every situation. Your ability to communicate effectively is the number one way to influence. Connecting is more a skill than a natural talent.

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Five factors for connecting are:

- 1) Relationships—who do you know?
- 2) Insight—what you know
- 3) Success—what have you done?
- 4) Ability—what you can do
- 5) Sacrifice—how you have lived.

The more factors you have and use well, the better you will connect. Influence is not about impressing people; it is about connecting with them.

BUSINESS MEETING

The September's Secretary Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. The September's Treasurer Report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEES

Fundraising—In Chair Mary Cordle's absence, Renae Gawith distributed brochures and order forms from Trophy Nut Co. She encouraged everyone to participate selling nuts and candy to increase the fund to help members attend next year's National Conference to support candidate Cheryl Blair. Orders are due back at the November meeting.

Cardinal Crossroads Council – Karen Johnson reminded everyone that Saturday is the Council Honor's Day and to let her know if you plan on attending. Wendy Wilker explained a final draft of the Council Business Directory could be at Saturday's meeting.

Membership – Chair Shirley New explained the new activity, Membership Scorecards. She distributed either a red or green card to members. We will work as a team to get points. The Scorecards will be handed out at each meeting and we are to mark the activities we completed since last month & return to Shirley at the end of the meeting. She will have a special activity for each meeting. This month whoever asked a question of the speaker got points. (She had suggested we do that before Mayra spoke.)

Make, Bake and Buy—Chair Shirley New excitedly announced there are 50 attendees so far for the Nov. 7th event. Let Karen Johnson know what items you are donating for the live or silent auctions so she can get the bid sheets ready. There will be a committee meeting on Monday.

National Women's Leadership Conference Raintree members who attended the Conference last week were asked to give a few remarks about the event.

- Wendy Wilker reported the fantastic speakers were inspirational and the virtual event was very well done.
- Cheryl Blair said the four days flew by and she loved the Top Ten videos.
- Shirley New enjoyed the breakout sessions and was asked her opinion about charges if there was a hybrid session next year—both in person and virtual.
- Elaine Study enjoyed the Best Practices videos and how the main speaker topics blended together.

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The four attendees were asked to provide a write up of their sessions for next month's newsletter.

Peggy Miller announced Shirley New received the donation of \$25.50. Marilyn Upchurch, Renae Gawith and Peggy Miller received door prizes. Karen announced Marilyn Upchurch and Mary Cordle had October birthdays.

The benediction was recited, and the meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE STUDY
Secretary



RISE TO THE CHALLENGE
IN THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

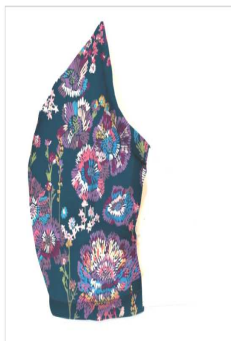
We know that ABWA is an important part of your life, and perhaps more than ever. Starting on September 1 through November 30, we want to show you our appreciation with these fabulous incentives.

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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If this was a usual year, the National Women's Leadership Conference would have been held in Colorado.

If this was a usual year, District 5's Vice President would have received some goodies in her hotel room to use during the rushed conference events.

As we know, 2020 is NOT a usual year! The Conference was held virtually and DVP Cheryl Blair would be enjoying the conference events in the comfort of her home in Muncie, IN.

Raintree members decided to provide their DVP with some special gifts before the conference to show their gratitude for all her efforts during the past year.

Campaign manager Elaine Study offered to gather and present the gifts. As she wrapped them, Elaine also wrote some creative thoughts appropriate for the specific gifts.

Cheryl laughed a lot as she read the notes attached to the gifts.

DVP Cheryl Blair enjoys surprises!



Memorial Park in New Castle was a perfect autumn spot to reveal surprises.

Cheryl wonders what's inside:



Elaine enjoyed surprising Cheryl with a variety of special treats!!



"Use this for another creative Facebook reminder post," the note read.



The note on the soft plush throw read, "When you are feeling cold and lonely, use this to feel the warmth of Raintree's love!"

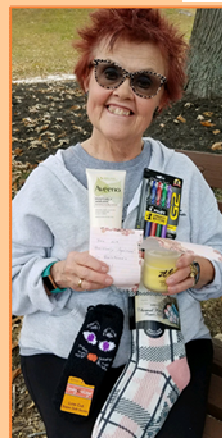
Can you believe Cheryl's glasses matched the new top she opened?



Cheryl received some of her favorite snacks to enjoy during the virtual National Conference.



Photos and article submitted by Elaine Study.



"I simply can't believe all of these gifts!" Cheryl exclaimed as she poses with the assortment of food, personal and decorating items Raintree Chapter members surprised her with. "Raintree members really Rock It!!"

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Phone numbers remain the same.



**NOVEMBER
ABWA ANNIVERSARIES**

**DAWN POKORNY - November 2nd
3 YEARS**

**MELBA McKNIGHT - November 18
50 YEARS**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**PEGGY MILLER
November 4th**





DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- November 19 - Regular Raintree Meeting ON ZOOM
- November 30 - Fall Membership Drive ends

DECEMBER

- December 5 - Cardinal Crossroad Council Christmas Party
- December 17 - Regular Raintree Meeting / Christmas Party ON ZOOM

**THE PROMISED RECAPS OF THE
2020 FIRST VIRTUAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
FROM FOUR OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS
WILL BE SENT OUT SEPARATELY.**

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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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.

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Raintree Chapter

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“CHRISTMAS COUNCIL CELEBRATION”

**Presented by Cardinal Crossroads Council
of American Business Women’s Association**

**December 5, 2020 - Cost \$15.00 in person (\$5.00 Zoom)
9:45 Registration/10:00 AM – Noon (Zoom 10:30/10:45 AM – Noon)**

**HENRY COUNTY REMC COMMUNITY ROOM
3400 South State Road 3, New Castle IN 47362**

Due to some attending by Zoom there will not be a Christmas exchange this year.

Brunch will be served followed by special activities!

Question to think about - What is the strangest Christmas present you ever received?

**Donations will be collected for the
Cadiz Area Food Pantry, New Castle IN**



R.S.V.P. due to Cardinal Crossroads Council by November 30, 2020.

Please make check payable to **Cardinal Crossroads Council and mail to Andrea Moore, 626 N Highland Ave Indianapolis IN 46202**

Name _____

League _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____ email _____

Those attending by Zoom, please notify Shirley New (wcsanew@hrtc.net or 765-620-8271) ASAP to have materials needed for activities mailed to you in time. She will also email you the link for Zoom