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KAREN'S KORNER

Raintree President Karen Johnson



Hello Raintree Members,

Don't know about you, but I'm tired of the rain, wind, snow, etc. Unfortunately, we still have a couple of months to go. But, the weather won't keep us down - if we keep in touch with each other.

On the other hand, I am so happy that we are having a hybrid meeting this month, and will be able to see and catch-up with those members coming in person (don't forget your mask.) For those of you who still need to take it stay home, we will have Zoom.

I haven't heard who our speaker is for this month, but we had an excellent one last month, with Dr. DJ. Hope you liked her as much as I did.

We pushed for this "in person" meeting this month so we can stay on target with our upcoming events: Woman of the Year (Chair Elaine Study), Nominating Committee to be voted on, Anniversary Committee (Chair Dawn Pokorny—May), and our Associate Night in June (Chair Janet Johnson). Wasn't able to catch up with Marilyn Upchurch before she left for Mexico, but looking at the calendar we think April may be good for the Women's Symposium.

Because we need to vote "in person" we are having a meeting for those who can come at Renae Gawith's house. (We have heard they may be changing that rule about voting in person, but we haven't gotten anything in writing yet, and we can't afford to wait and see or some of our things aren't going to happen on schedule.

I encourage these Chairs to start working with your committee members and come up with some plans. As you know, *"time flies!"*

The Central Regional Conference is coming up March 5-6. The Early Bird fee is now past, but you could still attend at a

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ABWA's Mission Statement

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

For more information about our Chapter, contact our President Karen Johnson at ksj848@aol.com or visit our website at <http://abwa-RAINTREE.com>



The Power of Connection

By Regina Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

HYBRID MEETING

**Face to Face – Renae Gawith's home – 9425 S Co Rd 300 W,
Muncie IN 47302**

IN PERSON – REGISTER AND DINNER	5:45 PM – 6:30 PM
ZOOM – REGISTER	6:15 PM
NETWORKING & INTRODUCTIONS	6:30 PM
PROGRAM	6:45 PM
MEETING	7:30 PM

Explore what it means to Connect. Connecting increases influence in every situation.

Regina Hall, the President, and founder of Enlighten Heart Services, LLC (EHS), and Sisters Journeying Together (SJT), is an International Transformational Speaker and Trainer. Regina speaks life to women struggling in their lives, careers, and spiritual journeys to move from pain to purpose.

Regina is a certified John Maxwell speaker, trainer, and coach. She is also a certified Les Brown motivational speaker, a licensed professional counselor (LPC), and an ordained minister.

She has energized thousands around the world, in-person and virtually. Regina has spoken to the Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI), Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, One Woman Fearless World Summit, and several American Business Women Associations Charter Chapters, to name a few.

Regina resides with her loving husband of 13 years. They have one amazing daughter Amanda who is currently attending Kalamazoo College.

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, February 14th by 5:00 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.

Karen's Korner (cont. from page 1)

little higher price. Right now Elaine Study, Peggy Miller, Shirley New, Wendy Wilker, and myself are planning to attend. Anybody else interested?

- Some other dates and venues coming this summer is the **DVP Event in Michigan** which will celebrate our own Cheryl Blair's term as the District V DVP is July 9-10.
- The Cardinal Crossroads Council will host the annual **Summer Sizzler** August 27-28 in Anderson.
- And, we will again team up with Forks of the Wabash and Women of Magnitude for **Make, Bake or Buy** on November 6th.

What do all these events have in common? We will need to be coming up with either baskets or

other items for the Silent Auction at each one. Start thinking now - and when you're shopping, keep your eyes open for sales of items that could make or help make up a basket or two or three.

Of course, there is always a possibility that we might have to do one or more of these three events on Zoom - but, hopefully, after the vaccinations take hold we won't have to worry about the Covid-19 as much (fingers and toes crossed.)

Another item down the road will be the National Women's Leadership Conference in Colorado. Start working towards coming to this event. The chapter plans to help any members going... and, depending on how many

want to travel there, we may need more funds than we have been able to profit this year. If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact Mary Cordle, or a Chapter Officer.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on February 18th, whether at Renae's "live," or on the Zoom board. You'll want to meet a NEW MEMBER who will be inducted that night. And with that, remember you need to be asking your friends, co-workers, etc. if they might be interested in coming to a meeting or joining us on Zoom - don't say they wouldn't be interested...Let them make the decisions.

ABWA HUGS, KAREN



MARCH ABWA ANNIVERSARY

Renae Gawith 4 years

Nancy Brown 4 years

Peggy Miller 37 years

Pauline Hasty 43 years

Raintree January Chapter Meeting



Submitted by
Elaine Study
Raintree Secretary



LLC and the best-selling author of “52 Time Management Hacks.” Her topic this evening was “5 Time Management Strategies to Being a Better You.” Dr. DJ explained how to create SMART Goals which are **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic, and **T**imely. We were given time to write our own smart goals and share them. We also learned to breakdown complex tasks into 2-5 smaller tasks; create a prioritization system; work on the easiest task first and take regular breaks possibly to brainstorm. Dr. DJ was well received and created a lot of discussion with the group. Dr. DJ invites us to stay in contact with her at www.deborahjohnsonblake.com.

BUSINESS MEETING: Shirley had a correction for the December **Secretary's Minutes**. Marilyn won the prize for guessing the number of Christmas icons in the December newsletter. Donna, Elaine, Melba and Shirley won door prizes. Minutes will be corrected. The emailed December **Treasurer's Report** will be filed for audit.

2021 Make, Bake and Buy chairs have been announced. Michelle Crone, Women of Magnitude Express Network, is chair. Shirley New, Raintree Chapter, and Vicki Pearson, Forks of the Wabash, are co-chairs. Members are encouraged to contact Shirley, Vicki or Michelle if interested in participating on a committee. 2021 planning will begin soon. **(Cont. on page 5)**

The January 21, 2021 meeting of the Raintree Chapter of the American Business Women's Association was held on Zoom with 11 members and 3 guests attending. President Karen Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Vice President Renae Gawith led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Janet Johnson led the ABWA Mission Statement.

Secretary Elaine Study showed the 2021 annual theme logo of “Reimagining Your Future in ABWA.” The networking activity was to share your name, then pick one of the 14 words surrounding the logo and explain how you will apply that word to 2021. Members participating in the networking activity were Wendy Wilker, Elaine Study, Cheryl Blair, Renae Gawith, Rose Elliott, Mary Cordle, Karen Johnson, Peggy Miller, Marilyn Upchurch, Janet Johnson, and Mayra Phipps. Speaker Dr. Deborah Johnson-Blake, guest Marcia Green from Novi Oaks Charter Chapter and Donna Collins, guest of Rose, also answered the networking question. Members Jackie Brayton and Shirley New also were on

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ADJUST
reimagining your
future in ABWA

Zoom, but not for the entire meeting. Cheryl Blair introduced **speaker Dr. Deborah “Dr. DJ” Johnson-Blake** who is the 2021 American Business Woman. Dr. DJ is also CEO of The Writing Pad,

Raintree January Chapter Meeting (cont. from pg. 4).

Shirley informed everyone the monthly challenge for the **member scorecard** is extra points if you do any type of journaling—food, goals, etc. Contact Shirley for your points to be credited!

REMINDERS: January birthdays are Nancy Brown, Darra Moore and Jessica Malson. Marilyn Upchurch has a January 2 yr. ABWA anniversary.

Cardinal Crossroads Council Zoom meeting is Saturday, January 23 @ 9:45.

Central Regional Conference is March 5 & 6. Early registration is due by February 1. Only 2 officers will be attending, so remaining money will be divided between any other members who attend.

Next Raintree meeting is February 18.

Mayra, Renae and Rose won the door prizes.

Benediction was led by Karen who then adjourned the meeting at 7:21.



Feb. 24	DVP Call
Mar. 5 & 6	Central Regional Conference
Mar. 18	Raintree Meeting
Apr. 15	Raintree Meeting
Apr. 24	Cardinal Crossroads Council
Jul. 9-10	DVP Event
Aug. 27-28	Summer Sizzler
Nov. 6	Make, Bake and Buy



RAINTREE BIRTHDAYS

**Renae Gawith -
February 5**

**Rose Elliott -
March 23**

Cardinal Crossroads Council Meeting, January 23, 2021

Installation of New Officers

Chair – Karen Johnson
Vice Chair – Tracy Sweet
Recorder – Shirley New
Financial – Andrea Moore

Program

We had 4 breakout rooms. Each group was to come up with ideas/suggestions on how to proceed with the events.

1. Summer Sizzler
2. April and July CCC Meetings
3. Awards Day
4. Christmas Party

League Reports

Forks of the Wabash – very successful poinsettia sales event

Gem City – No one present

Indianapolis Charter Chapter – 1 new member in January. Beginning in February they will begin to have hybrid meetings. Virtual Sign-making party on February 23rd. Payment due by January 26 to Diane Hoover or Cheryl Swarts.

Monument Star – Had in person meeting in January with 13 members present. Member Joanne Fishburn spoke on taxes.

Polaris – Cancelled their Ball due to Covid -19. Having a sock sale fundraiser.

Raintree – had a successful Candy Sales fundraiser. Selling masks for \$10 for Cheryl Blair campaign.

Submitted by Peggy Miller,
Raintree Cardinal Crossroads
Alternate Delegate

W.O.M.E.N – 2 new members installed. Adopted a non-profit to sponsor. They have \$2,000 available for scholarships.

Hancock Formation – meeting on January 28. Anne O'Neill, National Secretary Treasurer will be the speaker. Hoping to become a League very soon.

CCC – Chairs needed: Honors Day, Christmas Party, Nominating, Standing Rules. Roberta Taylor has accepted the Hospitality position.

Summer Sizzler – Scheduled for August 27, 2021. Committee Chairs have been confirmed. Paula will send notice of next zoom committee meeting. 2022 Chair will be Vicki Pearson.



Other Reports

DVP Event – 2021 planning has started. Scheduled for July 16, 2021. Event will happen – may be in-person, virtual or hybrid. 2022 event needs a CCC chair. Mary Shindell will be the chair from Michigan. Contact Susie Mariutto for information.

Cheryl Blair – DVP

Central Regional Conference – March 5-6. Early registration ends 2/1/2021 - \$280. After that it is \$300. Refer to the Achieve Newsletter for the list of speakers.

BSTR Deadline 3/16

Impact Scholarship 3/16

Candidate Deadline is 4/16

Top 10 Deadline is 6/15

Next DVP zoom is 2/24.

Next CCC Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2021.

Gift Cards, Please!!

Every year the current District Vice President is honored at a special district event in Michigan, the **DVP Luncheon**. This year our current **DVP Cheryl Blair, Raintree Chapter**, will be the guest of honor July 9 and 10.

Planning is underway for an in-person event where we will have silent auctions of baskets. Just in case it needs to be virtual, the committee decided to have envelope pulls that consists of at least \$10 worth of gift cards per envelope.

Renae Gawith is asking for everyone to start collecting gift cards. (Make sure they can be used in Michigan, too!) Bring them to the next meetings or mail them to Renae Gawith, 9425 S. Co. Rd. 300 W.; Muncie In 47302.



What happens if the DVP Luncheon ends up being in-person and we don't need gift cards, you ask??? No Problem! We will use those gift cards for Summer Sizzler in August and Make, Bake and Buy in November.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

RED TEAM vs GREEN TEAM

I will be sending and contacting each member within this next week to update each member's card. Once updated I will tally all the cards and get you the scores for each team. It was brought to my attention that several have mentioned they didn't understand the contest. I am so sorry as this was a surprise to me as no one has contacted me with concerns. When I contact you, I will be glad to explain any of your concerns. Due to COVID it has not been as easy for the contest but it is possible. I encourage everyone to participate and try to get as many points as possible for your team. It will be worth it when completed. As we have the last few months we will Rise to The Challenge and will Reimagine Your Future in ABWA.

Shirley New, Membership Chair

Baskets will be needed at all 3 events, so put on your thinking caps and let's decide at the February meeting what type of basket themes we can start buying for!

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ABWA Core Values

1. Giving Members a Voice
2. Treat People With Dignity
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. Manage for Innovation

ANNIVERSARY-Dawn Pokorny

ASSOCIATES NIGHT-Janet Johnson

BEST PRACTICES-Peggy Miller

FUNDRAISING-Mary Cordle

MEMBERSHIP-Shirley New

NEWSLETTER-Elaine Study,
Renae Gawith

NOMINATING— Vote in March

NOTIFICATIONS-Pauline Hasty

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
& EDUCATION**— Shirley New

PUBLICITY-Renae Gawith

TOP TEN-Cheryl Blair

WEBSITE-Wendy Wilker

WOMAN OF THE YEAR-Elaine
Study

WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM-
Marilyn Upchurch

**CARDINAL CROSSROADS
COUNCIL**

RAINTREE DELEGATE-

Renae Gawith

RAINTREE ALTERNATES—
Jackie Brayton, Peggy Miller

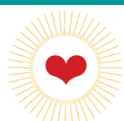


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Vice President Renae Gawith; President
Karen Johnson; Treasurer Janet Johnson;
Secretary Elaine Study

RAINTREE VISION STATEMENT - 2020-21

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.

Karen Johnson

**Raintree Chapter
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