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## **RAINTREE RAMBLER**

**Raintree Chapter # 4058**

**New Castle, Indiana xxxxx**

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



## **RENAE'S RADAR**

**Raintree President Renae Gawith**



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**HAPPY ABWA NEW YEAR!!**

**WE ARE STARTING A NEW YEAR AND  
EXPECTING GREAT THINGS. We ALL have to work at it  
to make things happen. We have an Executive Board,  
but we can't do it all . . . We need YOUR help and ideas  
to accomplish this . . . WE ARE A TEAM!!**

**Outgoing President Karen Johnson installed our  
newest member, Joy Coomer, at the July meeting;  
however, with the Community Connection program,  
everyone did not get a chance to come up and  
welcome her; at our next meeting, please take a few  
minutes to welcome her and introduce yourself. A few  
of us ate at Applebee's after the meeting, and she  
joined us. We all agreed that she is going to make a  
great addition to our team.**

**Our chapter needs to continue to grow - with that  
growth, we have more ideals and more help with our  
chapter. THE ONLY WAY TO GROW IS TO INVITE LA-  
DIES TO OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS. Don't think this  
person is too busy or doesn't like meetings, BRING  
HER AND LET HER MAKE THE DECISION. If you've  
brought someone before and they didn't join, ASK  
again - things change in people's lives, and she may be  
ready to join now.**

### **ABWA MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupation 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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## "INSTAGRAM LIVE"

By Carly New



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



For more information about Raintree Chapter, contact President Renae Gawith at [renaegawith@gmail.com](mailto:renaegawith@gmail.com) or visit our website at <http://abwa-Raintree.com>

**THURSDAY, August 19, 2021**

**Henry County REMC – Conference Room**

**3400 S State Road 3, New Castle IN 47362**

**Face to Face & Virtual Meeting through Zoom**

CHECK-IN & REGISTER in person:	6:00 pm – 6:15 pm
Meal	6:15 pm
ZOOM CHECK-IN	6:45 pm - 7:00 pm
NETWORKING & MEETING:	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Join the Raintree Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association on Thursday, August 19, 2021 for networking filled meeting and a presentation on "Instagram Live" given by Carly New. Carly is a 2020 graduate from Ball State University in Interpersonal Communications. Carly has been using Instagram for over 14 years. Carly will do hands-on instructions to set up Instagram on your computer or telephone. Bring your equipment with you so it can be done as we go.

Event cost is \$15 for members and non-members. Non-eating/Zoom attendee \$5. First time prospective members cost will be free. Please RSVP by Sunday, August 15, 2021 by 5:00 PM, by phone or email to guarantee your reservation to Shirley New, 765-620-8271 or [wcsanew@hrtc.net](mailto:wcsanew@hrtc.net). (Accepts text also) Zoom link will be sent to those registering for it.



**RENAE'S RADAR** (cont. from page 1)

This is an important month as we kick off a new year - we will be voting on Standing Rules, our Goals for the new year, and our budget. We need to have as many members as possible to join us - some and voice YOUR opinions!!

The day following our last month's meeting, several Raintree Members (Cheryl, Shirley, Elaine, Peggy, Marilyn, Karen, and myself) carvanned to Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the 2021 DVP EVENT. This year, the HONOREE was our own - CHERYL BLAIR. I am so sorry that more of you could not join us, but we understand there are health issues, commitments, etc. But, you missed a wonderful and exciting day - a day full of praise for Cheryl and the work she has done in District V for the past two years. It was very apparent that she has made her mark not only in Raintree and the Cardinal Crossroads Council, but through out the entire District V.

We believe it was a first that of the eight National Board Members who Cheryl has worked with during these two years, only two were not able to come and honor Cheryl (and that was because they had similar events in their own district).

We had a great speaker, beautiful decorations, a good Silent Auction and Envelope Pull, good food, etc. Chair Shirley New and her son worked dili-

gently getting video blurbs from Cheryl's family, friends, boss, Board Members, Raintree Members, etc. It was exciting to hear all of the wonderful comments from these people - but at times it was a tear-jerker. Good tears!!

Thank you to all who attended from Raintree, and thank you to our members who were on the committee. We hope to continue growing this event, and if you've never been, try to get it on your calendar for next year. BTW - ask Cheryl what her big gift was!!

With the DVP Event over, we now move into August and our own Council Event, Summer Sizzler. As always, we need Silent Auction items and Gift Cards. This event includes three educational speakers, lunch, vendors, networking, and recognition. While the early date has passed, **YOU CAN STILL REGISTER UP UNTIL AUGUST 10th!!** If you need a flyer about the event, contact one of our Board Members.

Hope to see all of you (and perhaps a guest) at our regular Raintree meeting on August 19th.

**ABWA HUGS . . .**

*Renae*

**RENAE GAWITH**

**Your Incoming President**

**TO CONNECT, LEARN, & GROW . . .**

**. . . TOGETHER, WITH ABWA!!**





## PICTURE TIME

**Raintree July Meeting at the Henry County Library - with COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS!!**

**Learning how to maneuver through sign in, My Groups, My Apex Classes, National Resources, etc.**



**President Karen Johnson installed New Member, JOY COOMER (middle) while her sponsor, Elaine Study (left) looked on.**



**SHARON WOODRUFF  
JOINED US ON ZOOM!**





JANET  
JOHNSON,  
TREASURER

The new Chapter year has just started, and with that comes a **renewal of Raintree Chapter dues** for the 2021-2022 year.



Our **Chapter dues are \$24 for the year**. Dues must be paid in a timely manner. If you have not paid your dues by the September meeting, you could be considered ineligible and not able to vote on any issues.

**If you are not able to attend the August meeting, please drop your check in the mail to Janet.**



Another issue that comes at this time of the year . . . if you had a **Business Card Ad** in our newsletters last year and want to continue this year, you will need to **send in your fee of \$15.00 by the end of August**. If we have not received it by then, your ad will be deleted from future newsletters.

If you've never done a business ad before, it's not too late to start. This could be about your personal business, your workplace, or even ABWA. \$15 for the ad to run in the newsletter for a year is really a good deal.

Or, you may ask your employer if they would like to do so - this goes out to all of our members, ladies in the Council, our District VP, and will be shared with our guests.

**Again, if you cannot attend the August meeting, please drop your check for your Business Card Ad in the mail to Janet.**

**JANET'S address is:**

**4746 East State Road 36, Mooreland, IN 47360**



**RAINTREE JULY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Karen Johnson, Renae Gawith, Elaine Study, & Janet Johnson

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Blair, Mary Cordle, Peggy Miller, Shirley New, Marilyn Upchurch . . And new member, Joy Coomer

**MEMBER ON ZOOM:** Sharon Woodruff

The ABWA Raintree Chapter met on July 15, 2021, at the New Castle Library. Due to the “no food, no drinks” rules of the library, we did not have a meal at this meeting. Members in attendance included Cheryl Blair, Joy Coomer (new member), Mary Cordle, Renae Gawith, Janet Johnson, Karen Johnson, Peggy Miller, Shirley New, Elaine Study, and Marilyn Upchurch. Sharon Woodruff joined us via ZOOM, but there were some problems with hearing.

President Karen Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:20. Vice President Renae Gawith was in charge of Networking – and she asked each member to say how much was that person involved in using Community Connections with one being not at all and ten being proficient.

Following networking, Shirley New, our Professional Development/Programs Chair, conducted “Community Connections 101” for the group – explaining how to get on, how to get from one place to another, etc. She also provided each of us with a sheet of paper that would be helpful in finding what you want and where to go to reach that item. We all

learned something new or was refreshed from other similar programs.

New member, Joy Coomer was installed and was presented with flowers. Joy noted that since attending the Raintree meeting in June, she had received a promotion and a raise!!

The Secretary’s June Minutes were approved and will be kept for history; the Treasurer’s report was also approved and will be held for audit.

Karen thanked Janet Johnson, Chair of last month’s Business Associate Night, for the great evening.

The Board had met prior to this meeting, and suggested we increase the Meal Price that Dawn Pokorny receives for the great meals she prepares for us. She has held the pricing at \$10 per person for several years now, and with the rising cost of just about everything now, the Board felt we should increase that cost to \$12 per person. A motion was made and seconded that we make this change. Motion passed. Just to confirm, this does not change the price we pay the Chapter which is \$15 per person.

Karen noted that Shirley New and Sharon Woodruff would be conducting the audit of the treasurer’s records. They will provide their findings at the August meeting. (cont. to page 7)



## RAINTREE JULY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES (cont. from page 6).

Karen noted a few reminders –

- Pauline Hasty had a birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Karen's ABWA Anniversary of 26 years was this month.

- \* The DVP Event in Ann Arbor was the following Friday and Saturday.

- \* The next Raintree Meeting will be back at the REMC Building on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

- \* Summer Sizzler is coming soon, August 27-28 – we need baskets for the Silent Auction and Gift Cards for the Envelope Pull.

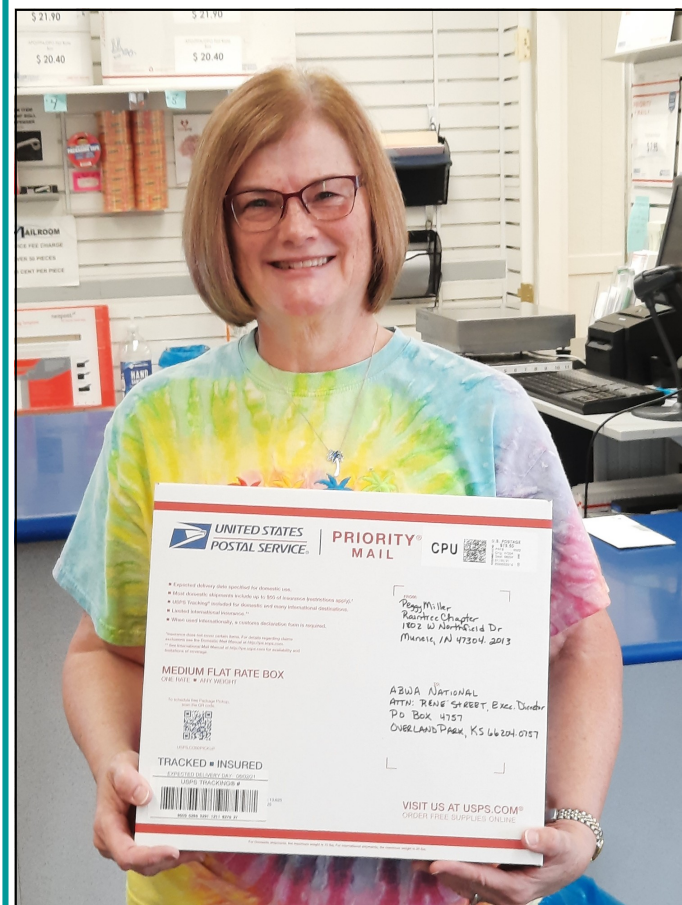
Mary Cordle won the donation.

Karen led us in the Benediction and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy*

PEGGY MILLER  
Member



**PEGGY MILLER, OUR BEST PRACTICES CHAIR FOR THE 2020-2021 CHAPTER YEAR, HAS THE BINDER READY TO MAIL TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.**

**THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO GETTING ALL OF THE MATERIALS REQUIRED TOGETHER AND IN THE FORMAT. THERE WERE SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS THIS YEAR THAT ADDED TO THE PROCESS.**

**RENAE GAWITH AND KAREN JOHNSON HELPED PEGGY ON THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS TO MAKE SURE WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT IN THE MAIL ON TIME. BUT, PEGGY KEPT EVERYBODY ON TASK, AND WE THANK HER FOR ALL OF HER HARD WORK THIS YEAR!!**



- Aug. 19      Raintree Meeting
- Aug. 27-28   Summer Sizzler
- Sept. 16      Raintree Meeting
- Nov. 4-6      National Woman's  
Leadership Conference



## RAINTREE BIRTHDAYS

- Wendy Wilker - August 1
- Karen Johnson - August 16
- Lois Cook - August 22
- Elaine Study - August 30



Our Treasurer, Janet Johnson, lost her brother unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Janet, we are so sorry for your loss. GLEN "TOBY" RABY was born September 1, 1961, in Connersville, IN. He was a graduate of Union High School. He worked maintenance for 12 years with Randolph Farms, LLC. In his leisure time he enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He leaves his wife, Marcha; his mother, Charlotte; and three siblings: Kenny, Janet, and Timothy. (His father preceded him in death). Condolences can be sent to Janet and her mother, Charlotte, at: 4746 East State Road 36, Mooreland, IN 47360



## AUGUST ABWA ANNIVERSARY

- Wendy Wilker—15 years
- Mary Cordle—6 years





## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER JOY COOMER

**“Joining ABWA is empowering!”**

Joy exclaimed excitedly as she entered the July meeting

room. Since completing her ABWA application at the June meeting, Joy had experienced a job promotion and a raise! After two years of being on the phone in a Daleville call center, she is now a full-time trainer instructing phone agents to become knowledgeable about Medicare advantage plans.



Following a heart attack in November, Joy has changed her life and lifestyle because of it. “I am my focus now and I am trying not to feel guilt about that,” Joy admitted. Attending the June ABWA meeting was something she did for herself. It was, in fact, her birthday present to herself because her birthday was the day of the June meeting, June 17!

Joy also enjoys her 2 cats. She acknowledges playing with them helps drop her blood pressure. She loves caring for her miniature iris and other flowers in her yard. Unfortunately, her cats enjoy them too, which often cause additional problems. Joy loves learning and acquiring knowledge which accounts for her two degrees: an associate in management and a bachelor’s in administration. She collects old books of the late 1800’s. She is especially proud of her rare copy of “The Count of Monte Cristo.”

In her spare time, Joy manages properties for both her mom and her dad and step-mom who all live out of town. Her daughter and two sons live nearby as do her four grandchildren ages 16, 15, 14 and 10.



**August 27-28**  
**Sponsored by the Cardinal**  
**Crossroads Council**  
**Anderson, Indiana**  
**Great Event - Don’t Miss It!!**



## RAINTREE OFFICERS

**President Renae Gawith**  
**Vice President Marilyn Upchurch**  
**Secretary Elaine Study**  
**Treasurer Janet Johnson;**

## RAINTREE CHAIRS

ANNIVERSARY:	DAWN POKORNY
AUDIT:	KAREN JOHNSON
BEST PRACTICES:	BOARD
BUSINESS ASSOCIATES:	JANET JOHNSON
FUNDRAISING:	MARY CORDLE
MAKE, BAKE & BUY (Silent Auction) :	PEGGY MILLER
MEMBERSHIP:	SHIRLEY NEW
NEWSLETTER:	KAREN JOHNSON
NOMINATING:	VOTE IN MARCH
NOTIFICATIONS:	ELAINE STUDY
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/PROGRAMS & EDUCATION:	SHIRLEY NEW
PUBLICITY/WEBSITE:	JOY COOMER
TOP TEN:	CHERYL BLAIR
WOMAN OF THE YEAR:	PEGGY MILLER

## CARDINAL CROSSROADS COUNCIL

### DELEGATE

**RENAE GAWITH**

### ALTERNATE #1

**PEGGY MILLER**

### ALTERNATE #2

**(to be announced)**

pivot

reposition

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amend veer

reconsider

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future in ABWA



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**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.

## CORE VALUES for the American Business Women's Association

1. **SELFLESS LEADERSHIP** - be committed to doing the right thing, always. Be transparent in your actions even when no one is looking.
2. **BUILDING COMMUNITY** - be committed to creating sustainable ABWA communities where women can connect, learn, and grow together.
3. **VALUE & SEEK DIVERSITY** - be committed to recruiting new members from diverse cultures, ages, work industries, and experiences.
4. **MANAGE FOR INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE** - be committed to original thinking and delivering excellence in everything you do.
5. **LIFELONG LEARNING** - be committed to enhancing your own business knowledge, skills, and acumen. Be unafraid to make mistakes, iterate, err, and try again.
6. **FOCUS ON FACTS & OWN RESULTS** - be committed to using "data" to drive your decisions and actions and be accountable for your performance, good and bad.
7. **CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** - be committed to unlocking a member's potential and inspiring/motivating her to become the best version of herself.
8. **CELEBRATE** - be committed to celebrating members' achievements.

## ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

- As an ABWA member, I will serve as a goodwill Ambassador for the American Business Women's Association.
- As an ABWA member, I will adhere to the Association's Bylaws and comply with the Association's Brand Guidelines.
- As an ABWA member, I will not use my personal power or influence to advance my own interests.
- As a ABWA member, I will not allow my personal beliefs or convictions to alienate other members, prospective members, and sponsors at any level of the ABWA organization (local, regional, or national).
- As an ABWA member, I will always treat member colleagues, the ABWA National Team, guests, speakers, vendors, and sponsors with dignity and respect.

**RENAE GAWITH**

**Raintree Chapter President**

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