



Member Benefits

- Grow your personal and professional network as a member of a national organization with more than 850 chapters and 35,000 members.
- Sharpen your business acumen through a variety of educational forums offered locally and nationally.
- Master your leadership skills with local and national opportunities. Aspire to be a "Top Ten" businesswoman in the nation.
- Relax and unwind with the latest trends and important happenings in the award winning bimonthly *Women in Business* magazine.
- Benefit from valuable corporate sponsor discounts locally and nationally, including savings on car rentals, insurance, financial services, and advertising.
- Discover business-enhancing advice and information about upcoming events with the Peninsula Chapter monthly email newsletter.
- Advance your professional education with participation in the Peninsula Chapter Tuition Reimbursement Program.
- Access to ABWA's on-line learning tool, WIN - Women's Instructional Network.

Monthly Programs

- May 12 "A Woman's Climb to the Top"
- June 9 "Social Networking"
- July 14 Scholarship Awards and Banquet
- August 11 "Great Comebacks"
- September 8 Home Meeting
- October 13 "As Far As the Eye Can See"
- November 10 "Branding Your Business"
- December 8 Holiday Boutique and Gift Basket Raffle

ANNUAL DUES

Chapter Dues: \$24
National Dues: \$90

To Join ABWA Peninsula Chapter, Contact our Membership Chairpersons:

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To find out more about American Business Women's Association or about our chapter, visit:

www.abwa.org (National)
www.abwa.ws (Peninsula Chapter)



Peninsula Chapter

*Impact Your Future
Create Quality Connections
Intensify Your Networking
Enhance Your Leadership Skills
Establish Relationships
Advance Your Professional Development*

ABWA Mission Statement

To bring together businesswomen and men 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.

About Us...

ABWA was founded in 1949 when Hilary A. Bufton, Jr., a Kansas City businessman, recognized that women were changing the face of industry. He also saw the need for an organization to support and empower them to reach their career goals. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education and provided workplace skills and career-development training. Professional development remains the cornerstone of ABWA today.

Since 1982, the ABWA Peninsula Chapter has offered leadership training, networking opportunities, support and enduring friendships to business and professional women in the South Bay. We serve our local community by providing scholarships for young women seeking to further their education.

Meeting Information

The ABWA Peninsula Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at:

Ports O' Call Restaurant
Berth 76 (in Ports O' Call Village)
San Pedro, CA 90731
(310) 833-3553

We also occasionally hold meetings in member's homes.

6:00 – 6:30 pm Networking
6:30 – 8:30 pm Dinner, guest speaker
and meeting.

Cost: \$25 per meeting (includes dinner)

**To reserve a space at our next meeting,
contact Phyllis Ligon at (310) 750-5360
or medac1@aol.com.**

What Your ABWA Peninsula Chapter Has to Offer You

Tuition Reimbursement Program

Peninsula Chapter offers members tuition reimbursement for expenses incurred for classes or seminars needed to further their career.

Professional Development Programs

ABWA Peninsula Chapter is dedicated to life-long learning that advances the career and/or business aspirations of its membership. Personal and professional growth and development is supported by ongoing educational programs, networking opportunities, learning publications and products which enhance members' business skills.

WIN - Women's Instructional Network

ABWA is proud to announce The Women's Instructional Network (WIN) – an exciting new sophisticated, interactive online learning and communications tool designed exclusively for ABWA members. ABWA is the first association to offer this unique opportunity. For more information about this program, go to www.abwa.org/win.

Woman of the Year

Each year, the ABWA Peninsula Chapter honors one of its members for outstanding contributions to its chapter, its constituency, and the community at large. Our Woman of the Year is recognized with a \$1000 scholarship to represent the ABWA Peninsula Chapter at the National Convention or the Spring Conference.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships for deserving young women is a large focus of the ABWA Peninsula Chapter. We are in the top 5% of all ABWA chapters for scholarship awards having awarded \$8000 in scholarship funds during 2008. Two of our current fundraisers include:

Author's Day Luncheon

Once a year, four well-known authors are invited to join up to 200 participants for a time of relaxation, inspiration and camaraderie. Throughout the day, authors share their intriguing and moving life stories. With books available for sale, authors are on hand for book signing throughout the event. A silent auction and gift basket raffle generate additional scholarship monies

Holiday Gift Basket Raffle & Boutique

Each December, beautiful holiday baskets chocked full of gifts and services donated by ABWA Peninsula Chapter members and local businesses are raffled during our Holiday Boutique. During our Holiday Boutique, ABWA Peninsula Chapter members, along with local vendors, exhibit and have available for sale their products and services.

Community Involvement

In addition to providing scholarships, Peninsula Chapter is a co-sponsor of the Women's History Month Luncheon and a sponsor of the Meyler Adult and Family Literacy Center.