As we approach the year-end holidays, the Oceanside Executive Board wishes you a hearty season’s greetings! We have a lot to share and to be thankful for. Please remember as you navigate this holiday season, take a minute to remember and give to those in need.

Specifically at the November 27 dinner meeting, we will be having a food drive for Serene Harbor Woman’s Shelter. This remarkable organization does so much good in our community each and every day, however, it is in dire need of non-perishable food items. The Executive Board is requesting members and guests to please bring as many non-perishable food items as possible. There will be a container at the dinner meeting to leave donations. Thank you in advance for your kind support.

We thank all who participated in the Tabletop Tour with Champagne & Chocolate Spooktacular held on October 23. There were wonderful raffle items and great atmosphere thanks to the music of Mike Fred and Fashion Show by The Gauzeway! Special thanks to all of our sponsors and exhibitors. A special thank you to Susan Averill who was the event chair again this year. We collected approximately $600 in proceeds which will directly benefit our scholarship fund. Thank you, again to all of our members and guests for making this an enjoyable and successful evening!

The deadline of December 1, 2012 for the $1000 Scholarship is quickly approaching. However, of the 20 interested applicants only two have completed the online application process at the SBEMF website to date. We have communicated the urgency to complete this application process in a correspondence this week, but no award can be made without a minimum of (3) three eligible applications received by the trustees.

Oceanside Charter Chapter is pleased to announce a $2000 scholarship to be awarded in May 2013. Please help us spread the word about this wonderful scholarship opportunity. This award is designed for a student of a four year college institution in any field of study. Candidate eligibility requirements include being a female U.S. citizen, a resident of Brevard County and maintaining a 3.0 GPA. Information, including scholarship criteria is available on the Oceanside Charter Chapter website. Please contact Anita Carbone at acarbone@cfl.rr.com for any additional questions.

Don’t forget to make your reservation for the November 27 dinner meeting when we will host Ms. Stephanie Falconi. Stephanie will speak to the Oceanside Chapter on how your very own thoughts create empowerment. Please don’t miss this very insightful presentation by a remarkable speaker.

Our Holiday Gala will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. This year’s entertainment will feature our long-time friend Ms. Sheryl Olguin, and new friend, Ms. Ali Mata on acoustic guitar. The announcements will start coming later this week. As mentioned in the last month’s president’s message, we will continue with the tradition of a “Chinese” auction of gift baskets. There are numerous opportunities to promote your business by being a gala sponsor, or by donating a raffle basket or door prize. Please consider these easy options to participate. Alternatively, the raffle design team is also a great way to lend your support in the assembly of baskets. If you have items to donate, or drop off, please give me a call at 321-987-5106. Thank you again for all of your support. The Board is really looking forward to this event!

On behalf of your Executive Board, thank you for your continued service and participation.

~ Barbara Cheney

Barbara Cheney, President

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

~ Maya Angelou ~
**November Featured Speaker**

Ever since her graduation from Brown University, Stephanie Falconi has dedicated herself to helping others achieve their personal and financial goals. Even though she has over six years in the financial services industry, her mission started long before that.

In 1994, shortly after leaving Ecuador, Stephanie was accepted into Mott Hall, an elementary school in New York City for “gifted” children. Today, Stephanie works with people who are ready to take charge of their future. As a Financial Advisor, Stephanie believes we have a better chance to accomplish our goals if we are willing to commit to a strategy to plan for them.

Her passion lies in serving others by encouraging them to be their best by teaching the Empowerment Series Workshops at the Suntree YMCA. She strives to leave a defining, positive impact on every life she touches.

During her free time, Stephanie can be found surfing in Satellite Beach, and she recently started volunteering for the Indialantic Rotary Club and helping coach the women of the Florida Tech Tennis team.

On Tuesday, November 27, Stephanie will speak to Oceanside Charter on the quantifiable effect of thought in the manifestation of personal success, and the power we have in creating our individual human experience. Please join us for this insightful presentation!

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**Oceanside Charter offers $2000 Scholarship**

Oceanside Charter Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) is offering a scholarship in the amount of $2,000 funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund to a deserving area student.

Each year, local chapters of ABWA provide Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarships (SBMEF) to female students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities and community/vocational schools. Applicants must be citizens of the United States; residents of Brevard County, Florida; and attending college in August 2013 with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Eligible women interested in applying should contact Anita Carbone at acarbone@cfl.rr.com.

Applications must be completed by March 29, 2013 at www.sbmef.org. A minimum of three (3) eligible applications are required in order for the scholarship to be awarded. The scholarship recipient will be notified in May, 2013.

Trustees of SBMEF serve as the selection board for this scholarship. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

Candidates are required to complete the application online and must provide a biographical sketch stating her career objectives, a current official transcript and three current professional letters of reference. The first ten completed, qualified applications received at SBMEF will be verified and then forwarded to the trustees for voting.

The Stephen Bufton Memorial Scholarship Fund, ABWA’s national educational fund, is one of the most highly respected grant and scholarship funds in the country. Since its inception, more than 16,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than 17 million dollars in scholarships.

Over the years, the success of SBMEF has been credited to the energy and commitment of ABWA members who sponsor applicants, make contributions, and raise money to champion the important mission of this fund.
Chapter Committee Reports

Newsletter
The Oceanside Charter Chapter Newsletter is published on the Chapter website at www.abwaoceanside.org and on the Oceanside Charter Chapter ABWA WIN Team Board at www.abwa.org.

Please send newsletter submissions to acarbone@cfl.rr.com by the second Wednesday of the month. Let us know about you!

Scholarship
Please help us spread the word about our $2000 scholarship. Eligibility criteria and more information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and on our website at www.abwaoceanside.org.

Membership
We send “get well” wishes to Theresa Crooks. We miss seeing you and are thinking about you!

Fundraising
Thank you to the following members for sponsoring the Tabletop Tour with Champagne & Chocolate:
- Anita Carbone, Carbone Financial Services
- Laura Chiesman, FirstWave Financial
- Lola Mitchell, Career Transitions Consulting

We would also like to thank the following members and businesses for their donations:
- Connie Adams, Juice Plus
- Sharon Bean, Cookie Lee Jewelry
- Seeta Durjan Bengui, Seeta Media
- Anita Carbone
- Robyn Chambers, Miche Bags
- Diane Chasick, Life Smile Healthy Living
- Laura Chiesman, First Wave Financial
- Mike Fred
- Marlene Johnson, Gadabout Travel
- Miguel Mata, Miguel Mata Accounting
- Jennifer McNeill, The Gauzeway
- Lola Mitchell, Career Transitions Consulting
- Natalie Norris, NSquaredify Media
- Dr. Lindy Tolleson, Ocean Breeze Massage/Acupuncture
- Jenny Wall, Shaklee

Thank you to Jennifer McNeill for supporting this event again with a fashion show by The Gauzeway!

Publicity
Chapter monthly meeting information is published in Florida Today as well as the online Community Calendar of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce website. Please email Laura Chiesman at laurachiesman@hotmail.com, if you have photos or information for our Facebook page.

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Oceanside Charter Chapter

Invites you to an evening of fun, food and entertainment at their annual

**Holiday Gala**

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

6:00 p.m. Social & Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner
$35 per person

Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Menu

*Mixed Greens Salad*

Entrée choice of

*Carved Striploin with Dijon Crust & Mushroom Sauce ~ Buttery Potato Mash or*
*Chicken Florentine with Garlic Cream & Tomato Concasse ~ Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes or*
*Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)*

*Dessert ~ Cash Bar*

Entertainment by

Sheryl Olguin
& Ali Mata

Holiday Gift Basket Raffles & Auctions

Event Sponsorship Opportunities are available

Reservations:  www.abwaocceanside.com or Barbara Cheney at 321 987-5106
ABWA EVENT CALENDAR

November 27
Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting
Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach
Guest Speaker: Stephanie Falconi

December 11
Holiday Gala
Networking/Social at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach

January 8
Oceanside Charter Chapter Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

January 8
Space Coast Women Express Network Meeting
Networking & Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach

January 22
Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting
Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach
Guest Speaker: Joshua Adams

February 12
Oceanside Charter Chapter Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Community Events

December 5
The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Council will host its monthly networking event, Wednesday Friendsday, at Tablettop Mix & Mingle at 5:30 p.m. December 5 at the Cocoa Civic Center, 430 Delannoy Avenue. Admission is $10 for chamber partners and includes hot and cold hors d’oeuvres and two free beverages with a cash bar.

December 6
EDC Open House
The Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast will host an “Open Door for Business” from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on December 6. During this event, individuals will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one for 10 minutes with Lynda Weatherman, the present and chief executive officer of the EDC. The event is free. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Susie Luther at 321 638-2000, ext. 2016.

December 6
The Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida will host a Business Breakfast of Champions at 7:00 a.m., December 6 at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront, 2605 State Road A1A, Melbourne. Guest speaker will be Richard Simonian, president of Maritime Solutions, a unit of Harris Caprock Communications. The Harris sponsored event costs $18 for members before December 3 and $25 afterward and at the door. Non-members pay $35. Register online at melbourneregionalchamber.com or call 321 724-5400.
Meeting Agenda

Networking

Call to Order & Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Introductions

Establish Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer’s Report—Checking account balance at October 31, 2012 is $2,649.92

Committee Reports:
  Newsletter: Anita Carbone
  Membership: Theresa Bassing
  Scholarship: Anita Carbone
  Program: Sue Parker
  Fundraising: Susan Averill—*Tabletop Tour with Champagne & Chocolate*
  Facebook: Laura Chiesman
  Holiday Gala: Barbara Cheney
  Professional Development: Sheryl Glore

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Falconi

Raffle

Announcements:
  Holiday Gala—Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Benediction

Adjournment
American Business Women’s Association

Mission Statement

The mission of the American Business Women’s Association is to bring together businesswomen 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.

OCEANSIDE CHARTER CHAPTER
MEETING INFORMATION

Location:
Eau Gallie Yacht Club
100 Datura Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL

Date & Time:
Fourth Tuesday of the month
6:00 p.m. Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Meeting

Cost:
$28.00 for members and guests

For reservations:
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or
Online at www.abwaoceside.org

Vision Statement
ABWA Oceanside Charter Chapter is dedicated to enhancing the lives of local businesswomen. Our members create rewarding educational and networking experiences by promoting improved self-confidence, personal and professional skills, and individual creativity.

ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct

1. All Members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women’s Association.
2. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA’s Mission.
3. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
4. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network By-laws.
5. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
6. Members will strive for excellence in their profession by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.