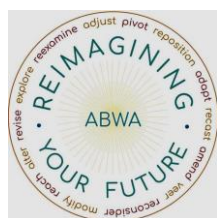


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GREATER OAKLAND NEWS

GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

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A Chapter of the American Business Women's Association

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.

President's Letter

August 6, 2021

Hello Ladies

Wow, it's August already, where has the summer gone? It's also the start of a new chapter year, and the planning process has started. A new year, a new beginning.

The past year has certainly been a struggle for everyone, both personally and professionally, but I think we can be optimistic that we are working our way to a return to some semblance of normalcy. It's good to see light.

The new budget for 2021-2022 and a review of the Standing Rules are the first two items to come up. We will send those to you for your review before the August meeting when we vote to approve them. Feel free to contact any board member with questions. We are working on goals to increase membership and raise some funds for education. We will certainly need your support in those endeavors.

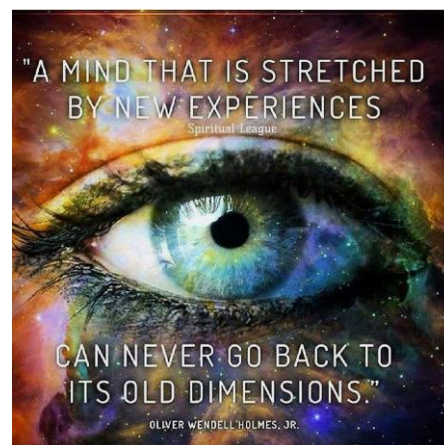
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our August meeting at Nino's. Our speaker is Gail Frahm, an Approved Candidate for District V Vice President, and she will speak on Simplifying Public Speaking.

Stay Safe and Well
Mary Mills, President



Chapter Vision Statement

To offer women the opportunity to network and grow personally and professionally through mentoring, education and team support.



Calendar of Events:

2021 Calendar

GREATER OAKLAND CHARTER CHAPTER

Chartered September 17, 2000
2020-2021 Executive Board

President – Mary Mills
Vice President – Tammy Murray
Secretary – Jo Ann Huebner
Treasurer – Lisa Frendberg

2021 Woman of the Year

Marilyn Lash



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- August 17, 2021 – GOCC Meeting, Keynote: Simplifying Public Speaking, Gail Frahm, Approved Candidate for District V VP
- September 2021 – EMC Meeting – Woman of the Year, Top Ten Recognition (Date to be determined)
- September 21, 2021, GOCC Meeting, Speaker: Jennifer Lobb
- October 19, 2021 - GOCC Meeting; Program: 5 Factors of FOCUS, Erika Ervin, President, Leading Ladies Express Network, College Station, TX
- November 4-6, 2021 – Virtual National Women's Leadership Conference
- November 13, 2021 – Holiday Auction



No August Anniversaries

COMMITTEES

Audit

Karen Conway

Best Practices

Jo Ann Huebner
Executive Board

Education

Jo Ann Huebner
Susan Stewart

Fundraising/Advertising

Jo Ann Huebner
Tammy Murray
Mary Mills
Michelle Langefeld
Susan Stewart

Hospitality

Tammy Murray

Membership

Newsletter

Mary Mills

Programs/ Professional Development

Publicity

Karen Conway
Fran Amos

Top Ten

Marilyn Lash

Website

Jo Ann Huebner

Woman of the Year

Marilyn Lash

**Tuesday
August 17, 2021**

Program: Simplifying Public Speaking

Speaker: Gail Frahm, Approved Candidate for District V Vice President

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Nino's Italian House, 4255 Baldwin Rd, Auburn Hills, MI

6:00 pm Networking

6:15 Welcome

6:30 Speaker

Dinner & Meeting

Please Register by August 13 at
www.abwa-greateroakland.org



Helen Blair – 8/25



The Set of Core Values for the American Business Women's Association

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. Manage For Innovation

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

***Be Impeccable With Your Word**

Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean.

***Don't Take Anything Personally**

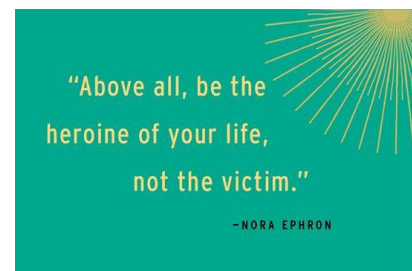
When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

***Don't Make Assumptions**

Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want.

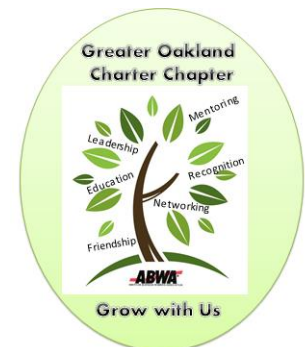
***Always Do Your Best**

Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick.



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 Bylaws.
5. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
6. 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.



**Greater Oakland
Charter Chapter**
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 Mary Mills, Editor

DISTRICT V VICE PRESIDENT RECOGNITION - JULY 17, 2021

The event was well attended and it was great to see everyone again. The Saturday event included breakfast and our speaker Sarah Brabbs, Speaking Clearly – How to communicate in challenging times, in the morning and lunch and the Honor Event for Cheryl Blair in the afternoon. The raffle baskets were wonderful and we raised some money to help members attend conference. Great time had by all.



Cheryl Blair, District V Vice President 2019-2021



ABWA National Board members



Susie Marieutto, Cheryl & Jo Ann Huebner



Greater Oakland is in the House



Cheryl & Gail Frahm, Candidate for



Sandy Ward, Sam Elliott & Cheryl



The District V VP Luncheon Event Committee



Eastern Michigan Council Members

JULY MEETING IN REVIEW

Our July meeting is usually a picnic, but because of weather predictions, the low number of people attending and the presentation of the scholarship check to our recipient, the venue was changed. We met at Lily's Seafood Grill in Royal Oak. Our Recipient, Anna Leonard and her mother Mary met us there and we had 3 members in person and 3 members on Zoom. Anna updated us on her Freshman year at Babson College in Wellesley, MA. There was very strict social distancing and classes were remote and exams on line. This year she will be returning to college in August for training as a Resident Assistant and for soccer practice, which she is anticipating they will play this year. This is the second year that Anna was chosen for the \$2,000 scholarship and we were glad to see her again. She is an intelligent, very engaging, involved young woman. Congratulations, stay safe and well, and have a good Sophomore year!

Our Education Committee is Jo Ann Huebner and Susan Stewart.



Anna Leonard (left) and her mom, Mary.



Anna giving us an update on her first year.



Our Zoom attendees



Susan Stewart and Jo Ann Huebner, with Anna



SIMPLIFYING PUBLIC SPEAKING

KEYNOTE: **GAIL FRAHM**

TUESDAY, July 20, 2021
In Person and Virtual

Nino's Italian House

4255 Baldwin Rd, Auburn Hills, MI

NETWORKING 6:00 PM, INTRODUCTIONS 6:15 PM

SPEAKER 6:30 pm

DINNER & MEETING 7:15 PM

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

For more information about our Chapter, please contact, our Membership Chair, at www.abwa-greateroakland.org

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Gail is here to visit with us about ***Simplifying Public Speaking***. She has presented to small and large groups alike throughout her personal and professional career. She'll touch on the importance of knowing your audience, making it personal and key presentation pointers to simplify public speaking.

Gail Frahm is a 2021-2022 Approved Candidate for District V Vice President in ABWA. She is a 29-year member of Cass River Charter Chapter (CRCC) and a former ABWA scholarship recipient. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor's degree in communication and minors in English and management. Gail worked at the Michigan Soybean Committee and the Michigan Soybean Association, two statewide nonprofits, for nearly 29 years (the last 16 as executive director) before branching out and landing a position as Executive Director with Disability Services Resource Center in Bay City, Michigan, where she currently helps people with disabilities every day.

There is no cost to attend this event via Zoom. In person you pay for your own meal. Pre-registration is required on our website: www.abwa-greateroakland.org

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing info needed to join the meeting.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ALL ABOUT?

OUR NEXT VIRTUAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IS COMING THIS FALL!

Save the date!

NOVEMBER 4-6 2021

**BRINGING BUSINESS WOMEN TOGETHER, NO MATTER WHAT
BARRIERS WE FACE, SINCE 1949!**

Nothing will stop us from bringing business women together to connect, learn and grow! This year we're going to meet again virtually for the 2021 National Women's Leadership Conference to elect ABWA's 2021-2022 National Board of Directors, celebrate member and league achievements, and enhance your effectiveness in your job or in your business with professional development seminars and discussions delivered by subject matter experts.

**More information coming soon! Mark your calendar for November 4-6, 2021
for ABWA's National Women's Leadership Conference!**