



The Rising Tide
February—April 2017

OCEANSIDE CHARTER CHAPTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Sue Tyson-Parker, President

Happy New Year to all! With the holidays behind us, it's now time to focus on the coming year and the fabulous events that await us!

Start the new year out by making sure you're current with payment of your chapter dues! At the November, 2016 meeting, the membership voted to increase annual chapter dues from \$25 to \$30 effective January, 2017. If you haven't already done so, please remit at your earliest convenience to insure the privileges of your membership. You can contact Catherine Alexander, our treasurer to arrange payment of your dues by credit card. Our \$30.00 annual membership fee is still a great value for the opportunity to meet other women promoting their business interests.

We have several exciting meetings and events quickly approaching! I am looking forward to our February 28 meeting and getting motivational insights from Mr. Chris Bear, an accomplished business owner, real estate expert, author, and renowned speaker.

At our March 28 meeting we will be *Celebrating Women* in recognition of Women's History Month,

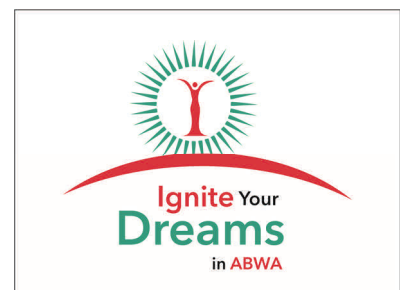
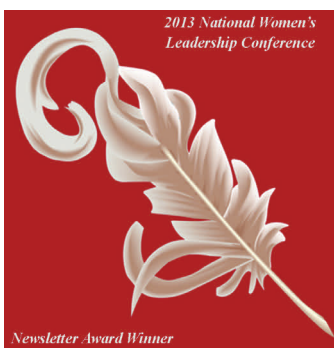
as well as celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Oceanside Charter Chapter! On this special evening, we will honor the accomplished lives of women who have served our community. Our guest speaker is Ms. Gina Berry, 2015-2016 ABWA National Secretary-Treasurer and a member of Lakeland Downtown Chapter. Sponsorship opportunities for this event will be announced at our next meeting on February 28. Please make plans to invite a friend or business associate to this special event. Donations to our raffles and silent auction are always appreciated, and are a great way to market your business!

I hope to see you in Naples at the Eastern Regional Conference, which starts on Thursday, April 20 and ends on Saturday evening, April 22 at the Naples Beach & Golf Club! Let's car pool and make a statement that Oceanside Charter Chapter is engaged and investing in its members! Conference registration cost is \$295 plus the cost of the hotel room and a few meals. Please let me know if you're interested in attending. The chapter has budgeted and will reimburse registration fees for the first four members who register. Please check out the Winter 2016 Edition of *Women In Business* magazine for specifics on speakers and topics.

An exciting first quarter awaits us, so mark your calendars and get involved! We're always looking for members to serve on our committees, and we always appreciate volunteers to help organize our events. Interested members should contact our Vice President, Cindy Schmitt at cschmitt@fit.edu.

Best wishes for a great 2017, and I'll see you the fourth Tuesday of every month!

~ Sue Tyson-Parker



FEBRUARY FEATURED SPEAKER



Mr. Chris Bear

How to Get Motivated and Stay Motivated!

As an accomplished business owner, real estate expert, author, and renowned speaker, Chris Bear knows what it takes to achieve success. Starting out as one of the youngest deputies to be sworn into the Brevard County Sheriff's Office at the age of 19, Chris has always been driven to exceed limits. At age 22, he became a well recognized name for organizing local events to better the community, including concerts, fundraisers, outreach, and speaking. During his first year in the real estate industry he became a multi-million dollar producer, a milestone only few accomplish, and is now ranked in the top 2% in the nation.

As the founder and CEO of Motivate Pro, Chris thrives on the challenge to help individuals reach their maximum potential in life. He

believes everyone has the same potential and abilities, which he refers to as "Bearability". Highly influenced by renowned speakers and authors such as Tony Robbins, Steven Furtick, and Les Brown, Chris is a graduate of the Les Brown Speaker Training Workshop. He has thousands of hours in instructional and public speaking to audiences over 10,000, and in addition, is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Collegiate Instructor.

From his story of nothing to something, to his equations of success and mindset training, Chris will provide you with the essential tools needed to reach your maximum potential! Make your reservations now to join us on Tuesday, February 28!

\$1000 IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

Oceanside Charter Chapter is pleased to announce that it has funded a \$1000 scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund to be awarded in May, 2017.

To be eligible for consideration, candidates must be women who:

- Are citizens of the United States and Brevard County;
- Are attending or have been accepted at a U.S. licensed, accredited vocational, technical school or community college;
- Have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship guidelines:

- Scholarship is for a one-time issuance and is not renewable.
- The check for the award is issued to the educational institution and the student jointly.
- Funds are to be used for tuition, books and fees only.
- ABWA members and non-members may apply.

- Only the first ten (10) complete, eligible applications will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees who makes the selection.

To apply, interested women should send their name and email address to acarbon@cfllr.com. Deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2017.

Procedures/Checklist for applicants:

- Complete in full the application online.
- Complete a short biographical section which includes career objectives and educational goals.
- Submit an official transcript to SBMEF.
- Upload three (3) professional letters of reference.

Since 2011, thanks to the generous donations of our members, Oceanside Charter Chapter has awarded \$8,000 in scholarship to deserving women in our community. Thank you to our major contributors: Martha Young, Anita & Dave Carbone and Sunny Kincaid for their generous contributions.

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.

For over 60 years, ABWA has helped women achieve their business and professional success through educational scholarships. Since its inception, more than 17,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than 17 million dollars in scholarships.

The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund is a 501(c)3 charitable trust and public foundation. It has the same tax status as public schools, churches and community funds. The fund is listed in the U.S. Internal Revenue Service "Cumulative List of Organizations" described in Section 170(c) of the IRS code of 1954 - revised Oct. 31, 1974.



CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Please welcome new members, Angela Johnson and Maria Sulick!

At the November, 2016 meeting, the membership voted to increase annual chapter dues from \$25 to \$30 effective January, 2017. If you haven't already done so, please remit your dues to our Treasurer, Catherine Alexander.

Newsletter

The Oceanside Charter Chapter Newsletter, *The Rising Tide* is published quarterly at www.abwaoceanside.com and posted to the Community Connections Team Library at www.abwa.org. Please send newsletter submissions to acarbone@cfl.rr.com. Submission deadlines are outlined in the Chapter Standing Rules.

Scholarship

We currently have 6 candidates interested in applying for the \$1000 Impact Scholarship to be awarded in May, 2017.

For additional information, and scholarship eligibility requirements and guidelines, please see page 2 of this publication.



February, March & April Birthdays

- Sunny Kincaid—2/7
- Cindy Schmitt—2/12
- Marty Berry—2/20
- Kristen Snyder—2/25
- Susan Giblin—3/6
- Heidi Kuchenbacker-Robbins—3/23
- Barbara Cheney—4/1
- Gina Dalley McTernan—4/29



Congratulations to Oceanside Charter Chapter on its 40th year anniversary! The Chapter was chartered on March 15, 1977.

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 and Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce websites. Please email Laura Chiesman at laurachiesman@gmail.com, if you have photos or information for our Facebook page.



We're on the web!

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ABWA EVENT CALENDAR

February 7

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

February 13

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

February 28

Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting
Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach
Guest Speaker: Mr. Chris Bear

March 13

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

March 14

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

March 28

Celebrating Women!

Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting
Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach
Guest Speaker: Ms. Gina Berry, 2015-2016 ABWA National Secretary/Treasurer

April 10

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

April 11

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

April 20-22

Eastern Regional Conference

The Naples Beach & Golf Resort
Room Reservations: (800) 237-7600

April 25

Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting
Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 13



The 4 R's of Networking from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Learn the critical pathways to successful networking at the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, 400 Fortenberry Road, Merritt Island. Presented by Ralph Golson, Zeeke & Associates. Lunch will be provided thanks to our sponsor. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are requested. Please R.S.V.P. to (321) 459-2200 or to receptionist@cocoabeachchamber.com.

February 13—March 2



"5 Steps to Rapid Employment" seminar series from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Rockledge career center, 297 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge. The seminars are designed to identify what individuals need to do and think about when finding a new job. To register, e-mail wbecker@careersourcebrevard.com or call 321 394-0673.

February 15



"Work for Yourself@50+ Workshop" at 9:00 a.m. at the Career Source Brevard Rockledge location. weVENTURE amplifies "womenpreneurs" through their business education courses, purposeful networking events and the signature mentoring program IGNITE 360. To learn more about the "Work for Yourself@50+" initiative, visit www.aarpfoundation.org/workforyourself or call 1 (888) 339-517 to register for the workshop and receive a free tool kit.

February 21



Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Baer's Furniture, 4260 W. New Haven Ave., Melbourne. Guest Speaker, Dr. Alan J. Durkin. To register, please visit the Melbourne Regional Chamber website at www.melbourneregionalchamber.com. Admission is included with Melbourne Chamber Membership.

March 5



Chocolate Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance ticket sales online at www.zontaspacecoast.org.



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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:

\$30 for Members & \$35 for Guests

For reservations :

Laura Chiesman
reservations@abwaoceanside.com
or
Online at www.abwaoceanside.com

Vision Statement

ABWA Oceanside Charter Chapter is dedicated to enhancing the personal and professional lives of local women. Building strong personal relationships between Chapter members provides a safe, supportive environment for members to grow and develop. The focus on leadership, continuing education and community involvement positions our Chapter as the premier women's business organization in Brevard County.

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.