



*The Rising Tide*  
May 2014

OCEANSIDE CHARTER CHAPTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Laura Chiesman, President

Happy Spring to you all! It's been a busy year already and there's much more to come!

April's meeting was a lot of fun and we welcomed three new members: Heidi Kuchenberg, Pam Margut and Rebecca Whiddon. We are so happy to be expanding our Chapter membership – we now have 42 on our roster!

Anita Carbone presented the Chapter Woman of the Year and Top Ten Candidate awards to Sue Tyson-Parker and me. Sue and I are both grateful and honored to represent Oceanside Charter Chapter! Anita was also presented with an honor. Martha Young passed on the *Making A Difference* award to Anita, thanking her for all she brings to our Chapter!

With 13 members and 10 guests in attendance, we experienced a lot of great networking at April's meeting. We also had an excellent, interactive presentation on communication skills by Linda Meeuwenberg. Thank you to Sue Tyson-Parker for always providing such entertaining and informative speakers!

**News Flash!** Oceanside Charter Chapter is very happy to announce the recipient of this year's Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund Impact Scholarship. From a pool of seven qualified candidates, Lauren Youngson was chosen by the SBMEF trustees as our winner! In addition to the \$1000

scholarship, Lauren also receives a one year ABWA student membership to Oceanside Charter Chapter. We all look forward to meeting Lauren at the May dinner meeting.

At the May 27th dinner meeting, we will hold the 2014-2015 Executive Board election, so please come ready to vote! Think about how you would like to be involved in the coming year. We will have a new member installation to welcome our new ABWA sisters and Sue Tyson-Parker will give us a report on the ABWA Eastern Regional Conference she recently attended in Roanoke, Virginia. I know she had a wonderful time at the conference and she has great information to share with us.

Our May speaker is Grace Graziano, Certified Life Coach and Personality Trainer and her topic, *Live Your Life, Love Your Life and Develop Your Purpose*, promises to be very inspiring!

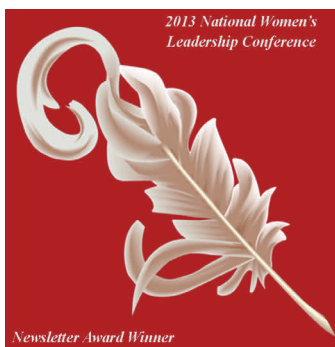
Please mark your calendars for our Spring Social on June 1st. This year's social will be hosted by Sheryl Glore and promises to be a relaxing and fun event for members and guests!

Now for my monthly promotion of the many resources available to you from our ABWA National team! Please go to [www.ABWA.org](http://www.ABWA.org) and then log in to the WIN site. If you need help navigating the WIN registration, please let me know!

Please feel welcome to contact me at [Laura-Chiesman@gmail.com](mailto:Laura-Chiesman@gmail.com) with your questions, ideas and suggestions.

Thanks to each of you for all that you bring to our Chapter!

~ Laura Chiesman



## MAY FEATURED SPEAKER



**Grace Graziano**  
 Certified Life Coach  
 Certified Personality Trainer

### *Live Your Life, Love Your Life and Develop Your Purpose!*

If you could choose to be anything in the world, what would it be? Join us on May 27 for an educational presentation by life coach, author and speaker, Grace Graziano, and learn how to live on purpose, leading to your legacy!

Recognized in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who International*, Grace is honored to be the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding and committed service. Grace is a contributing author of two books, *Getting Along with Almost Anybody* by Florence Littauer, and *God Allows U-Turns - American Moments* by Allison G. Bottke. She is also the author of *TGIF - Love Notes to my Friends and Family*, and *TGIF - 101 Inspirational Thoughts with Love*. Her latest contribution is a chapter in the inspiring book,

*Vibrant Women's Wisdom: Surviving and Thriving through Dark and Bright Hours.*

Certified as a life coach by Life Coach Institute of Orange County, CA, and certified as a Personality Trainer by Florence Littauer, Grace maintains a private practice in Melbourne, FL working with a broad spectrum of clients. With more than 30 years of experience in managing people, Grace has learned "about the human spirit of optimism and the spirit of possibilities." As a life coach, she specializes in personal growth, professional development, relationship-coaching, communication skills, and organization and productivity.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 27 and Grace's inspiring presentation!

## \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Lauren Youngson who has been selected by the SBMEF trustees as the recipient of the Oceanside Charter Chapter \$1000 Impact Scholarship!

Lauren will be attending the University of Florida on June 30, 2014. Her educational goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in finance or accounting, or both. After attaining her bachelor's degree, Lauren intends to continue her education to study law. At this time, Lauren is uncertain as to which area of law she would like to practice, but she does know that she strongly desires to be able to help people by using the benefits of the law.

Having maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA, Lauren will be graduating as a valedictorian from West Shore High School. Lauren has been a member of both the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society during all four years of high school, and currently serves as secretary of the National English Honor Society. In addition, she has been a member of the Quill and Scroll Honor Society for the last two years, and currently serves as the club's treasurer.

When Lauren isn't studying, she actively participates in her high school dance team. She has been a member of the team for four years and the captain during the past two years. Lauren has volunteered and performed at the local Dance For a Cure fundraiser since attending middle school. She also participates in the West Shore Theatre Program, and has performed in two musical productions every year during the past four years.

Lauren spends her spare time helping her mom with chores and errands, especially since her father, who is currently in the military, has been stationed outside of the United States for the past two years, and is now stationed in Los Angeles.



**Lauren Youngson**

## CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Newsletter

The Oceanside Charter Chapter Newsletter, *The Rising Tide* is published on our website at [www.abwaoceanside.com](http://www.abwaoceanside.com) and on the Oceanside Charter Chapter ABWA WIN Team Board at [www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org).

Please send newsletter submissions to [acarbone@cfl.rr.com](mailto:acarbone@cfl.rr.com) by the second Wednesday of the month. Let us know about you!

### Scholarship

Congratulations to Lauren Youngson, recipient of the Oceanside Charter Chapter \$1000 Impact Scholarship.

### Membership

Congratulations to Anita Carbone our April recipient of the *Making a Difference* Award!

Congratulations and welcome to new members, Heidi Kuchenbacker, Pamela Margut, Rebecca Whiddon and Lauren Youngson!

Congratulations to Jeanne Whitman on her nomination as the "Emerging Business Champion" of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce!

We send our heartfelt condolences to Barbara Jones, whose husband, Jim passed from this life to the next on April 14, 2014

after a ten year battle with cancer.



### May Birthdays

Lola Mitchell—May 15

Tina Klump—May 29

### May Anniversaries

Madeline Fielding—1 year

Heather Guandolo—3 years

Lola Mitchell—10 years

Allison Russell—1 year

Kristen Snyder—1 year

Martha Young—3 years

### Woman of the Year & Top Ten Committee

Congratulations to Sue Parker, Oceanside Charter Chapter Woman of the Year! Laura Chiesman has been nominated as our chapter's Top Ten Candidate. Congratulations to Laura and we wish you best of luck during the National judging process!

### 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@gmail.com](mailto:laurachiesman@gmail.com), if you have photos or information for our Facebook page.



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## Oceanside Charter Chapter Spring Social

Please join us for an afternoon of fun,  
friendship and networking!

Bring a friend! Guests are welcome!

Sunday, June 1, 2014

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

At the home of

Sheryl Glore

2600 Summer Brook Street

Melbourne, FL 32940

RSVP to Sheryl at [sglore@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sglore@cfl.rr.com)

Refreshments ~ Door Prizes



## ABWA EVENT CALENDAR

**May 27**

**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. Grace Graziano

**June 1**

**Spring Social**

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sheryl Glore

**June 10**

**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

**June 10**

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

**June 21**

**Tri-County Council Quarterly Meeting & Leadership Exchange**

9:00 a.m. at the Esther Grossman Center, Hollywood

**June 24**

**Oceanside Charter Chapter Dinner Meeting**

Networking at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach

**July 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

**July 8**

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

**July 19**

**Tri-County Council Meeting**

9:00 a.m. at the Heron Bay Golf Club, Coral Springs

**July 22**

**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

**June 10**

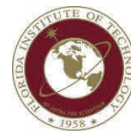


*Florida Institute of Technology*

**Women's Business Center**

**NEW BUSINESS ORIENTATION** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Interested in starting a small business? This no-cost orientation seminar will give you an overview of how the WBC helps you get started with the process of owning your own business. Learn about the WBC's services, including business education, consultations, and networking opportunities. A helpful manual of information filled with business planning outlines, references, and tools will be provided. Register online at <https://register.fit.edu/>.

**June 11**



*Florida Institute of Technology*

**Women's Business Center**

**SBA'S LOANS AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING PROGRAMS** from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The U.S. Small Business Administration has many programs and services to help small businesses get started with government contracting or loan assistance. Come hear from Mr. Vince LoPresti of the U.S. Small Business Administration on what programs are available to assist small business owners. Register online at <https://register.fit.edu/>.

**Oceanside Charter Chapter  
May 27, 2014  
Meeting Agenda**

Networking

Call to Order & Welcome:

May Birthdays  
May Anniversaries

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Introductions

Establish Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report—Checking account balance at April 30, 2014 is \$2,378.06.

Committee Reports:

Best Practices: Sheryl Glore  
Fundraising: Theresa Bassing  
Hospitality: Barbara Cheney  
Membership: Anita Carbone  
Newsletter: Anita Carbone  
Professional Development: Sue Parker  
Scholarship: Anita Carbone—Presentation of \$1000 Impact Scholarship to Lauren Youngson

New Business:

Making a Difference Award  
Nominating Committee Report—Chapter Elections

Guest Speaker: Grace Graziano

Announcements:

Spring Social, June 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sheryl Glore  
Tri-County Council Quarterly Meeting & Leadership Exchange at 9:00 a.m. at the Esther Grossman Center in Hollywood

Benediction

Adjournment



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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:

\$28 for Members & \$30 for Guests

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Online at [www.abwaoceanside.com](http://www.abwaoceanside.com)

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.