

Wine Country

CHAPTER NEWS

Happenings & Events

MENTOR RECOGNITION

Save the date for our Tuesday, April 17 meeting, 6:30pm at the Fountaingrove Inn. You must RSVP by noon on Friday, April 13 (www.wineabwa.org).

April is ABWA's Mentor Month. This is the time to show our appreciation for those who have helped us become who we are, both personally and professionally. Please bring mentors and honor them with the recognition they deserve for educating and supporting us as we grow as business women and as strong leaders and supporters of our community. You will have the opportunity to present your mentor with a certificate and say a few words about what your mentor has done for you. If you wish to recognize your mentor, contact **Jessika Klokow** (finnishchef@earthlink.com) or **Rachael Erickson** (rachael@hintoncochran.com) **by April 12.**

This is often one of the most touching meetings of the year, so please continue the tradition of expressing our appreciation, while also letting our members understand how important it is to be mentors ourselves. Our networking social is at 6:30pm, hosted by **Harvest Moon Winery.**

CHAPTER MIXERS

On April 25, we will have a mixer and new member orientation at **Janet Coddington's** daughter's home in Santa Rosa. All members are welcome to come and to bring guests who may have an interest in joining. The mixers are fun and an excellent way to get to know each other better in a more intimate setting. It is particularly important for all of our new members to make a special effort to attend, as this mixer will also inform new members about our organization and how it works! We will have time to discuss how we can work together to get what we want out of our group.

On May 31, **Tricia Dippel** will host a mixer at her beautiful home and garden in Healdsburg. If you have not attended a mixer or can't make the one in April, then this will be a great opportunity to get to know everyone better!

BOARD ELECTIONS

Mark your calendars now for our May 15, 2007, meeting, when we will elect next year's board. Because of the voting, this meeting is open to **members only** and we will not have a speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our **Inspiring Women Scholarship Fundraiser** was the most successful yet. We earned **\$17,380** in scholarship funds to award to women in need who are improving their lives through education. Included in that total is the **Heidi Ainsworth Memorial Scholarship**, which has been increased to \$1,000 per year (up from \$850) thanks to an annual donation offered by **Bob Cooley** and **Theresa King**. We owe a huge congratulations and thank you to **Kim Dow**, **Carlisle Yuill-Thornton** and **Christee Styles** for taking full responsibility for this event and creating such a wonderful time for all. We should also remember that Carlisle and Christee are new members this year, and extra kudos go to them for becoming so active in such a short time. Many thanks to **Gina Riner** for creating such a wonderful and touching presentation honoring Heidi Ainsworth. It meant so much to many people there.
—**Rachael Erickson**



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The winners of our wine raffle prizes at the Inspiring Women Benefit were:

GRAND PRIZE: Kim Harding

SECOND PRIZE: Heather Baldini-Kistner

THIRD PRIZE: Judy Gilmore

RUNNER-UPS: Jan Williams,

Lucy Lewand, Steve Schofield,

Carl Vast, Delindy Wootton

Chapter Business

DINNER MEETING RAFFLE

If you have a raffle item, please contact **Judith Light** (judith@moonsong.com) or **Janet Coddling** at (janet@scanitjanet.com). The proceeds from the next raffle will go towards subsidizing a fabulous menu at the Hilton for our Inspiring Women Scholarship Awards, Officer Installation, and Woman of the Year celebration!

SUMMER MIXERS

As most of you know, we take a break in the summer. Our June 19 meeting is our last regular meeting until the third Tuesday of September. However, we will have our regular planning meeting (time and date to be announced), and a couple of mixers to keep the flow of networking, fun, and contacts going. Keep checking our

website (www.wineabwa.org) for an updated calendar of events.

PLANNING MEETING

Keep in mind, as we near summer, that we will need extra dedication from you, our loyal members, to attend our annual planning meeting. We know it is difficult with vacations, kids out of school, work, family, etc., but **this meeting is the single most important meeting of the year**. It is when we get to create the vision of what we want from our group in the 2007-2008 year. We have a lot of flexibility with how we run our chapter and how our meetings and events can be improved. Important decisions need to be made. We need everyone to make a special effort this summer to attend, participate, and make next year the best year yet!

Member News

Lori Moore recently retired from the City of Healdsburg after 21+ years. She is still working her "Weekenders" business, but since being organized has been a part of her life for years, she now creates an environment for homes and offices that allow people to declutter their lives and have more time to play.

Lori is offering a one-hour free consultation, then an hourly rate of \$30. Her services include organizing those photos that are in shoe boxes or drawers, gift cards that have collected over the years, putting labels on binders for

easier viewing, sorting all that paper that is sitting stacked on your desk, and the garage. Are you the type that cleans the house before the cleaning lady comes? You don't have to do that with Lori. Let her help you get out from under the mess! Call her at 707-431-7346. Don't be embarrassed by the mess; she's used to it!

If you would like to submit an announcement or event for our next bimonthly newsletter, please submit your information to **Rachael Erickson** (rachael@hintoncochran.com), by June 4, 2007.

SAVE THE DATES

April 17, 6:30pm

Chapter Dinner Meeting
Members Honoring Mentors
Fountaingrove Inn

April 25, 5:30pm

Mixer/New Member Orientation
Janet Coddling's Daughter's Home
Santa Rosa
Directions: janet@scanitjanet.com

May 15, 6:30pm

Members Only
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Board Election (No Speaker)
Fountaingrove Inn

May 31, 5:30pm

Mixer
Tricia Dippel's Home
Healdsburg
Directions: ted_shred@yahoo.com

June 19, 6:30pm

Scholarship Awards,
Woman of the Year,
& Officer Installation Gala
Hilton, Santa Rosa

TOP TICKET SELLERS

Let us also acknowledge the big ticket sellers of the group! Though we had several members who went above and beyond the call of duty in selling wine raffle tickets, our top three sellers were Laura Pedroncelli (28 tickets), Alicia Mutch (29 tickets) and past president **Gina Riner, who sold 64 raffle tickets!** Wow! Great job!



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