



# American Business Women's Association Paradise Chapter #6491, Phoenix, Arizona

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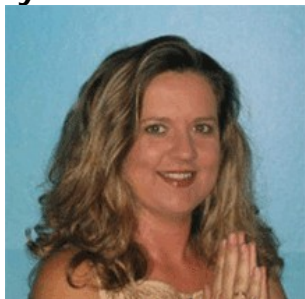
The monthly resource for "What's going on in Paradise!"

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### 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.

**August 13th – 6-8:30pm**  
**Speaker: Sandy Sue**



Topic: "Feng Shui!~  
a Money Magnet"

### Agenda

- ♥ Order dinner, networking  
Welcome
  - ♥ Introductions
  - ♥ Dinner
  - ♥ Speaker
  - ♥ A short Business meeting
- Door prize drawing will be made from the 50/50 tickets.
- ♥ 50/50
  - ♥ Door prize
  - ♥ Close

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### ABWA PARADISE CHAPTER OFFICERS 2008/2009

**PRESIDENT** ELLYN VENTURA  
**VICE PRESIDENT** LIDA CUBILLOS  
**TREASURER** WANDA T. VAUGHAN  
**SECRETARY** ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER - 602-971-3849

### COMMITTEES

Professional Development	Board/Julie Lucian
Community Projects	Marie Medawar
Newsletter	Rosemary Rosenberger
Program	Board
Membership	Board
Publicity	Wednesday Carsillo
Fund raising	ALL members
Historian	Wanda Vaughan

[www.abwaparadisechapter.org](http://www.abwaparadisechapter.org)

## Paradise Chapter Monthly Meetings

**BELFIORE** Italian Restorante 15842 North Cave Creek Road  
 S/w Corner Greenway Pkwy  
 SR51 to Greenway Rd., west to Cave Creek Rd  
 2nd Thursday of each month  
 6PM for networking and gathering.

- professional speaker or program
- dinner selections off the menu
- short business meeting

\*Non-member fee - \$10.00

\*Non-Member fee waived for Special Event Meetings:  
 Oct Anniversary meeting & June Business Associate Event

### Community News

Continuing efforts for Charity By Marie Medawar, Chair

**Don't forget your donations – WELCOME AT ANY MEETING**

1. **Shoebox ministry** to the Homeless via St Vincent d'Paul (toiletries, make-up, stationery, pens, envelopes, stamps. Etc)
2. Used Eye-Glasses and Hearing-aides for the Lion's distribution in countries world-wide.
3. Used ink cartridges and cell phones; i-pods, misc. computer equipment, etc.



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#### From The President's Desk

Since you were not all at the July meeting I'd like you to see what a wonderful year we had. (see page 9)

We have some great programs scheduled for the coming year and a change of venue which you will all hear more about.

Thank-you all for your support this past year and your continued support in the coming year.

May you continue to enjoy your summer. Hope to see you all at the Paradise Chapter meeting on August 13th<sup>th</sup>

**Ellyn Ventura**



#### July 2009 Chapter Meeting Minutes

We met at El Pacifico Restaurante. We gathered, networked and dinner was served at 7 pm. Wanda Vaughan led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag. President Ellyn Ventura called for the self introduction of members.

Nicole Ventura presented us her new baby boy Ashton Antila, born 6-13-2009; the grandson of President Ventura.

The program speaker was our President Ellyn Ventura. Her Topic was "Past Year's Review and Accolades." She reviewed each month; the speakers and events that took place during her presidency. In all these meetings and events, there were very important members, who made it all possible – namely, her Officers and Committee Chairs ~and of course, **all members**. She thanked each and every one of them.

**Business Meeting:** Secretary Rosemary Rosenberger, absent. Minutes published in the newsletter. Treasurer Wednesday Carsillo reported that the Treasurer's report was published in the newsletter, filed for audit.

President Ventura announced that the Vice President slot is empty. Our newest member LIDA CUBILLOS volunteered to be our vice President for 2009-2010.

Other positions empty are: Professional Development Chair, Hostess Chair, and Fund Raising Chair.

President Ventura reminded members of the on going Shoe Ministry – used eye glasses – ink cartridges and cell phones, to be brought to the meetings.

**New Business:** Arizona Regional Council (ARC) meeting to be held July 11 th at Rock Bottom, Desert Ridge.

The Paradise Express Network (PEN) meeting to be held Tuesday July 21 at Mc Grath's Fish House. Program speakers will be PEN Co-Founder Rosemary Rosenberger and President-Elect Margaret Ann Kurtz.



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#### **New Business continued...**

2009 National Women's Leadership Conference to be held Sept 24-26 in Kansas City, MO.

Certificate/Pin was presented to Wednesday Carsillo, Chapter Woman of the Year 2009.

A special wall plaque was presented to continuing President Ellyn Ventura as our 2007 Chapter Woman of the Year.

We closed with Benediction at 8 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda T. Vaughan, Acting Secretary

#### **August Board Summary**

We met at the NEE HOUSE July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. Present were Ellyn Ventura, Wanda Vaughan, and Rosemary Rosenberger. By acclamation, Lida Cubbillos was elected Vice President and she joined us at 6:05 for the meeting. Much to our dismay, the Nee House has been remodeled and is no longer suitable for our meeting.

- President Ventura spoke on the current cruise plans ... Singapore in December, Mexican Riviera in February, and Eastern Caribbean Dream in March. Rock around the clock to the Oldies aboard MSC Poesia with the Lettermen! Sounds great!
- Lida and Ellyn made a couple of suggestions for our program calendar and all agreed to combine our Enrollment events with PVEN.
- Dues is due August first and the officers paid their dues. Audit is in the works, as is the budget plan.
- Packets will be prepared and given to each member – By-Laws/Standing Rules were reviewed and amended.
- Wednesday Carsillo will continue on as Publicity Chair. Marie Medawar will continue on as Community Projects Chair.
- Julie Lucian will handle community announcements on the Professional Development Committee – a couple more members are needed.
- Wanda has completed last years record in the Photo album and will have it available at the next meeting.
- Secretary is acting as Newsletter/Website Chair and Membership Chair.
- Fund-raising was reviewed, as was the subject of

annual supplies.

- ICC/ARC representatives will remain, with Lida added to the ARC list.

The meeting closed at 7 pm.

#### **Raffle**

\$1.00 a ticket for a Banquet 5 piece bakeware set with metal stands. 3 qt oval dish with stand and a round 2 qt dish with cover and stand, at the August meeting. It will run through the Sept meeting and the winner announced at the October (Anniversary) meeting.

This stunning ceramic baking set is versatile in many ways. It is oven, microwave and dishwasher safe. It has been carefully designed to fit comfortably, in its sturdy but elegant iron stand. It is made of elegant white stoneware with a soft powdered coated finish for optimum cooking performance. Especially great in preparing meats and desserts, this wonderful set will not only achieve amazing cooking results, but will also impress you as it adorns your table in such a beautiful way during servings.

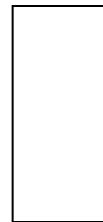
#### **2008 – 2009 National Officers**

**President :** Vicki Marlett, Irving, Texas  
**Vice President:** Casey Coven, Annapolis, Maryland  
**Sec/Treas:** Deb Horrocks, Piedmont, Oklahoma  
**District VI Vice Pres:** Michelle Egbert, Co. Sprgs, Co.

The National Officers sit on the ABWA National Board and govern the affairs, policies, and business of ABWA on behalf of its members. Board members also serve as trustees of the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF), ABWA's national scholarship trust. Nine elected officers compose the board: a national president, national vice president, national secretary-treasurer and six district vice presidents - one from each district in the Association. They are elected to one-year terms at the annual national conference, and as a board meet three times annually.



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### Paradise Express Network #8662 Enrollment Time

**Margaret Ann Kurtz – Co-Chair**

**August through installation (2009)...**

Alisa Rogoff – President-Elect

Sherry Fritz – Vice President of Communications  
– Vice-President of Finance

Sheila Bowman – Vice-President of Programming

Dawn Gima – Vice President of Marketing

- Vice-President of Membership



**Martha Rockwell Certified Professional  
Resume Writer and Licensed Career Counselor**

[A+ Resumes & Career Coaching  
prostrategies@cox.net](mailto:prostrategies@cox.net)

### **Topic: Networking**

Martha is a professional career coach with extensive experience in developing job search strategies that achieve client objectives.

Aug. 18th at Mc Grath's Fish House –  
11:30 until 1 PM Scottsdale 101 –  
7000 E Mayo Blvd

PEN meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Attendance is **\$25** for ABWA members and **\$35** for non-members. Registrations may be made by voice mail & paid for at the door or in advance.

**(\$5 less if mailed in)**

Members may bring a guest at the member price...

**Wanda T. Vaughan, PEN Co-Chair (Finance)**  
**3843 E Friess Dr (602) 992-7894**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85032**

Registration by voice mail acceptable.

Reservation Count will be turned in on **Monday before mtg,**  
August Menu - Choice of:

1. Asian Chicken Salad
2. Bay Shrimp Fettuccine
3. Salmon Burger
4. All American Hamburger plate
5. Pear/Walnut Salad
6. Fish House Favorite Shrimp Salad & chowder

(lunch may be boxed, if you choose not to eat at the meeting)

All are encouraged to arrive at 11:15 a.m. for check-in and networking. Lunch begins at 11:30

Nationally recognized, the American Business Women's Association is expanding to the Desert Ridge and upper Scottsdale area immediately with the addition of the Paradise Network. Leaders within the Paradise Traditional PrimeTime chapter are working to recruit a diverse group of women from all professional areas and levels to participate in monthly meetings which will include networking, lunch, and a professional development speaker.

### **Monthly Meeting Reservations**

Reservation count and meal messages left on VOICE MAIL will be accounted for, but not after noon on day before the meeting. Please do not ask for callbacks. The price is \$25 at the door.

If you mail your check with the meal selection as a reservation, cost is \$20. Cancellations for a refund may be made up to 3 days before the meeting only.

If you have special dietary needs, place your request at the time reservations are made.



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Upcoming Events.....

### [Ocean Princess. Starts in Singapore and ends in Shanghai](#)

12/2/09 16night Asian Cruise visiting China  
Thailand

16night Asian Cruise visiting China, Thailand, Vietnam, Taiwan and Japan. 10 incredible ports.  
Including air from Phoenix \$6420 for 2 with all port charges and taxes outside cabin.  
Balcony from \$8620

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**Your own cruise to anywhere booked with Ellyn counts toward our Chapter too, or ask about your group.**

### [7 Night Mexican Riviera Cruise Feb 28,2010](#)



#### [Royal Caribbean International](#) [Mariner Of The Seas](#)

7 Night Mexico

Departing from Los Angeles, California

Ports of Call: Los Angeles, California | Cabo San Lucas, Mexico | Mazatlan, Mexico | Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



To cover the "Great Girls Get-Away missed due to Swine Flu May 2009. Use your \$250 certificate and come along now!

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See the **Golden Oldies**, Easter Caribbean Dream on **MSC POESIA** in March 2010 on the last page!  
See page 10

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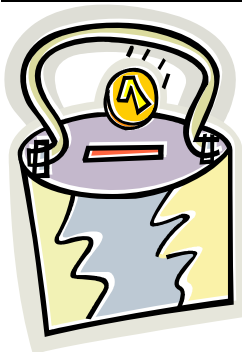
Give me a call if you are interested in the Glacier Bay, Alaska trip about June 2010!

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Treasury Report by Wednesday Carsillo~  
 OPENING BALANCE: \$894.38

INCOME:

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$ .00

DISBURSEMENTS:

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ .00  
**7/31/2009 BALANCE: \$ 894.38**

**Housekeeping...**

Please **sign-in the guest book** upon entering our meeting. Members and non-members

**Name badges or ABWA merchandise** may be purchased through our Treasurer, Wednesday Carsillo. This way the one postage and handling charge is paid by the chapter, as a member consideration.

**Publicity Notices** need to be in 3 months in advance for optimal coverage.

**PARADISE CHAPTER (proposed)**  
**2009-10 PROGRAM CALENDAR**

<p><b>AUGUST 2009</b> REG MTG 8/13</p> <p>New Officer installation</p> <p><b>"Feng Shui – Money Magnet"</b> Speaker: Sandy Sue</p> <p>Survey Summary Vote: Budget Review: Business Plan Fund-raising Ideas</p>	<p><b>SEPT 2009</b> REG MTG 9/11</p> <p>Speaker: Janet Miller Topic: <b>Reducing Stress</b></p> <p>9/12 InterClub Council* (ICC)</p> <p>9/22 ABW Day National Convention: 9/24-26 Kansas City, MO Enrollment event 'No' vote Oct</p>	<p><b>OCT 2009</b> Special MTG 10/8 13<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary <b>Special Event</b> Speaker: Sherry Fritz Juice Plus Topic: <b>"Do You Have the Guts to be Beautiful?"</b></p> <p>AZ Regional Council (ARC) 10/10</p>	<p><b>NOV 2009</b> REG MTG 11/12 Speaker: Helen Goldman, MBA <b>"Promoting a Small Business on a Small Budget"</b> 9/1 – 11/30 Enrollment Close 11/14 ICC Mtg</p> <p>Apt WOY Committee</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER 2009</b> Date TBD</p> <p>Social Program: Pot Luck @ Member's home</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 2010</b> REG MTG 1/14 Speaker: Rozanne Hird Topic: <b>Social Media ICC &amp; ARC President's Day 1/9</b></p> <p>Elect Chapter Woman of Year</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY 2010</b> REG MTG 2/11 Speaker: Karen Levine Topic: <b>"Business Improvement through Dynamic speaking"</b> ARC Showcase</p>	<p><b>MARCH 2010</b> REG MTG 3/11</p> <p>3/13 ICC Mtg Enrollment Event 3/1 – 5/31</p>
<p><b>APRIL 2010</b> REG MTG 4/8 Speaker: Jenny Fisher Topic: <b>Deliver Superior Service in Adverse Conditions</b> 4/10 ARC Mtg. Enrollment Event</p>	<p><b>MAY 2010</b> REG MTG 5/13 Speaker: Topic <b>Message ~ Competing Through Service</b> Election of Officers 5/15 ICC Fellowship Day 'No' vote June</p>	<p><b>JUNE 2010</b> REG MTG 6/10 Speaker: Topic: Reading Your Market Business Assoc. Event! Leadership Retreat-ARC Last day SBMEF &amp; fee contributions</p>	<p><b>JULY 2010</b> REG MTG 78</p> <p><b>President (Speaker) close term of office</b> ARC meeting last day award submission</p>

Fail safe: Speaker Ellyn Ventura Topic: Getting closer to your next cruise vacation.

**Committee Chairs:** Please email your reports/articles/newsletter information to Rosemary Rosenberger **by the 25th of the month!**



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### **Clubs and Council Information/News**

#### **ICC - Inter-Club Council- Promoting Civic Betterment Through Combined Action**

Organized April 29, 1950. Charter Member Clubs: Altrusa Club of Phoenix, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Phoenix, League of Business and Professional Women, Pilot Club of Phoenix, Soroptimist Club of Phoenix, and Zonta Club of Phoenix. Additional members are the American Business Women's Association & Bosom Buddies.

#### **Inter-Club Council meeting & luncheon**

##### **Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday –Dinner @ Noon (11:30 am)**

Marie Calendar's – 2420 W Northern Av / I-17 \$20.00

Reservations Mary Baeten 602-943-5453

Project Table Reservation (11 AM set-up) Darleon Bomkamp

Editor: Ann Santos at ASNDRLN@AOL.COM

President	Donna Gillespie
President Elect	Evelyn Guenter
Vice President –	Mary Riley
Corresponding Secretary –	Ann Santos
Recording Secretary –	
Treasurer –	Belva Stites

**NEXT MEETING will be Sept. 2009. Regular Meetings are at noon, Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar & May.**

**Chapter Delegates are Rosemary Rosenberger & Ellyn Ventura.**

### **ARC – Arizona Regional Council**

**Chair: Lori Grobi**

**Vice Chair: Barbara Sparrgrove**

**Treasurer: Ruth Breen**

**Secretary: Sue Flaig**

#### **ARC Council Goals**

*The goals of the councils are to enhance and support the mission of the Association and its chapters and Express Networks; to support and improve the earning power of all members; advance working women by providing them with opportunities for professional development and facilitating the exchange of ideas and information among the chapters and Express Networks in their areas and provide enrichment opportunities for area members.*

Councils serve as a conduit for information between local chapters and Express Networks and venues for face-to-face connections between members of those Chapters/Express Networks. Meetings are in Oct, Jan, Apr, Jul.

**Next meeting – October 10, 2009 Rock Bottom Desert Ridge MarketPlace @11:30**

**Chapter delegates are Wednesday Carsillo and Wanda Vaughan. Express Network Alisa Rogoff & Micki Ruiz**

#### **July 11, 2009 ARC Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Grobe at Rock Bottom Brewery at 11:30 a.m. Minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Chapter/network reports were given. Most are getting ready for next year and did not have anything to report. Of note, El So reported that Spring Conference went very well; Mountain Stars are rebuilding, gave two scholarships this year and are sending members to National; Special Friends will be giving a grant next year in the name of Lilian Freburger; SEVEN now has 28 members, hope to charter soon; SVEN is close to getting Best Practices and is going to honor a Woman of the Community who is not an ABWA member; Tempe Charter will be having a fellowship day and Bunco on October 16; Turquoise Camel gave a grant; Yuma gave three scholarships and are getting Best Practices.

After much discussion regarding whether or not Round Up should be a chapter event or a council event, El Sol made a motion that they be awarded Round Up for 2010 and it was agreed. Discussion will continue on whether or not it should be a council/chapter event and if Leadership should be part of Round Up.

Standing Rules committee will be Marsha Sparks, chair, Barbara Sparrgrove and Toni Verso members.

Nominating committee will be Toni Verso, chair, Janet Shanney and Sherri Fritz, members. Will have slate available by 9/1. Delegates were asked to go back to their groups and see who would like to run and let the committee know.

Hunger Knows No Season will wrap up on 7/31/09. Over \$700 has been collected and ARC made a donation of \$250. Pat Fehlhaber brought a DVD but there were technical problems so we were not able to view it.

Ruth Breen is finishing up the IRS requirements to become a 501(c)6.

Sherri Fritz volunteered to be Community Service Coordinator (publicity).

Short discussion on WIN, time constraints prevented us from actually viewing it on line. Handouts were given to the delegates. All presidents need to enroll in order to get chapter/network information as National is no longer mailing this out.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Submitted by Janet Maxwell



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#### **Professional Development – Nationally Sponsored Women's Educational Events**

Each year ABWA presents two types of nationally sponsored meetings. In the spring, district conferences are held at various sites throughout the country, and in the fall, ABWA holds its annual National Women's Leadership Conference. The two types of conferences have some similar elements but differ in purpose and design.

#### **District Conference Overview**

The principal purpose of the district conferences is to bring concentrated leadership training to members who are currently or planning to serve in a leadership role for their ABWA chapter/network. In addition, ABWA National provides professional development opportunities. The conference experience allows similarly minded businesswomen, many of whom are from the surrounding geographical area to engage one another in a variety of topics.

District conferences also provide an excellent opportunity for members to become familiar with the district's candidates for the office of district vice president prior to the election at the national conference. DVP candidates are introduced to the membership, and while they do not formally campaign aside from giving their campaign speech, they are available to talk with members in a more personal setting.

#### **National Women's Leadership Conference Overview**

The original purpose of ABWA's national conference was to serve as a site for the Association's Annual Meeting and the election of national officers. However, today the National Women's Leadership Conference is a three day concentrated agenda focused on professional development, recognition of individuals and groups, networking, etc.

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#### **KANSAS CITY, HERE WE COME!**

#### **TEAMING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL...**

It's not the same old song and dance. It's fire and color, recognition and networking, professional development, and the steady beat of hundreds of working women coming together for a common goal.

**Be a Part of the Celebration!**

**Reignite your passion for ABWA!**

#### **From Janet Maxwell regarding Hunger Knows No Season**

Pat Fehlhaber and I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Hunger Knows No Season fundraising drive. To date, we have collected \$755.50 which will provide 5285 meals to those in need.

So that you can have an idea of where the money goes, we are planning a Ending Hunger Changing Lives tour at St. Mary's Food Bank on September 2, 2009, at 9 a.m. The tour lasts approximately one hour and we would like to see as many of you as possible attend. The tour will take place at 2831 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, which is just south of Thomas Road. If this date does not work for any of you, there are other dates available.

Please contact either Pat at 602-343-3149 or me at 602-841-4024 to make your reservations. Again, thank you

#### **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 business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.



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This is our year in review...

Wow, what a year we've had. Our programs were outstanding. August of 2008 Jonnata Mata spoke of Mind over Matter. In September Cory Kahabka spoke on Defense Against Attack. In October Lisa Former spoke on Don't Barf on your Reader....effective writing tips. In November member Julie Lucian spoke on The Sole of Anti-aging....electro reflexology. In December there was a holiday dinner hosted by Wednesday since Rosemary, Wanda and myself with our spouses went on a South American Cruise which contributed to our treasury. In January Kathleen Mould discussed How to expand your business through Video Marketing. February our speaker was Donna Kelsch who spoke on Ethics and Morality...Are they the same? March our speaker was Belinda Daniels who spoke on Suddenly Single – Now What? April Lisa DeChiara spoke on Intuitive Lightworker Understanding and our May meeting Kelli Grant and Nicole spoke on Trends in Housing Sales: Market Outlook. In June Vicki Mullins spoke on Turning Passion into Profit. Wow! Thanks so much to all our wonderful speakers. But what about all the other activities we were involved in. We had Round-up in August, Inter-Club Council and a social at Gooseberries a Come and See Tea~ ABWA the Place to Be! Enrollment luncheon and tea. What a wonderful time we had. In October AZ Regional Council met and in November ICC met and we appointed a Women of the Year Committee. In January we elected Wednesday Carsillo as our Women of the Year. March was a busy month with ICC and Spring Conference in Tucson. April was an ARC meeting and our Spring Social which consisted of Cabi Fashion Show with models from our group along with tables of merchandise provided by our members and friends. May was our fundraiser. We had an All Girls Cruise and raised \$300 for ABWA. At our June meeting we honored our Women of the Year Wednesday Carsillo along with Marie Medawar who was chosen as our 2009 Business Associate of the Year. There was also a Leadership Retreat at the Moon Valley Country Club which was very informative. Rosemary, Wanda and myself took on the project of forming the Paradise Express Network. What an endeavor. Work is still underway to grow this chapter as well as our own. Ann Kurtz has agreed to take on the Presidency for the coming term. What a dynamo she is. She has so many great ideas, that I hope I can keep up with her.

Our new slate of officers for next year are President...myself, Secretary: Rosemary and Treasurer: Wanda. We are still looking for a Vice President. New members included Teree Hayden, Sandy Walchuk, Julie Lucien and Lida Cubillos. None of this years successes could have been done without the great work done by our past board and members. Alisa has taken on the position of Vice President in the Paradise Express Network and will be missed at the Paradise Chapter meetings. Her enthusiasm and assistance this year is greatly appreciated. Our past Treasurer, Wednesday did an awesome job, but we couldn't convince her to stay on the board. We hope she will continue to attend our meetings. Julie made our chapter banner for round-up and took on the position of acting Secretary in May, while Rosemary, Wanda and I were on a fundraising cruise. Teree Hayden was the acting Vice President of this meeting and Wednesday was acting President. Thanks so much for stepping in there when you were needed. Nicole Ventura's success was the birth of Ashton Jace Antila in June, who just happens to be my 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Marie Eid-Medawar was our Community Projects Chair and her work was greatly appreciated. She will continue with that position for the new term. Rosemary now has a total of 61 new members recruited. None of this years successes could have been done without the great work done by our past board. Wanda was an inspiration with her 100% involvement in Paradise Chapter and Paradise Express Network even though she pretty much has a full time job supporting her church. Rosemary retired this year and instead of relaxing and enjoying herself she has been working even harder for ABWA. What could we do without her wonderful newsletter and all the efforts that she and Wanda have done for the 2 ABWA groups. Both of these women have been great mentors to me.....and knowing how important ABWA is to them has encouraged me to take a part in keeping our chapter moving forward. What will the future hold for ABWA? Well, that is up to all of you. Everyone needs to help in growing this chapter. Thank you all so much!

**Ellyn Ventura**

Fares from \$639 Call Ellyn Ventura CruiseOne (602) 595-9303 Sponsored by Paradise Chapter, ABWA  
March 20, 2010



## Rock Around The Clock To The Oldies Aboard MSC Poesia

Featuring the Lettermen, an Elvis look-alike contest, dance competitions, trivia games, lectures on the Rock 'n Roll years and music, music, music! All this and the sunny skies and balmy breezes of the Caribbean. Sounds pretty boss, daddy-o.



**7 Nights** | *MSC POESIA* Fares from \$639

Per person dbl occ. \$200 dep PP by 9/1/09. Does not include insurance or air.

**EAST CARIBBEAN DREAM:** Roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale

San Juan, Puerto Rico | Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands | Nassau, Bahamas | Fort Lauderdale

The Fabulous Stingrays, a party band covering songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s, will keep you rocking and rolling to the oldies all week long.



*The*

*Lettermen*

The Lettermen – Tony Butala, Donovan Tea and Mark Preston – are one of the most popular vocal groups in history. Their 45-year career of unique sound lies between the big band vocal groups and the early R&B rock groups. The Lettermen perform one grand show during this old time rock 'n roll festival at sea.

