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The Creek Line

Nokomis News



1,000 Leaders!

What is 1,000 leaders? Gene Pickelman introduced our Nokomis Chapter to the program on September 10th. Every person has passions in their life. Their passions are lead by the values instilled during their experiences and life. When people with common values spend time together, it is soon realized they share the same passions. This program focuses on gathering 1,000 people who share the same passion for community development and relationships. Currently they have over 700 graduates includ-

ing our own Lori Lillie. Each participant costs approximately \$500 that is covered by various foundations in the area, but the charge to attend is only \$50. There are 4–5 classes per year with 24 people in each class. Contact Gene or Lori to express interest in 1,000 Leaders. “Build relationships to create *our* communities.”



Fundraising

Gourmet cookie dough, covered popcorn, and chocolate lava cakes will be perfect for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Joyce Beech is our main contact for this

fundraiser. Cookie dough and popcorn orders, selling for \$9 each, are due by the October business meeting with delivery by mid November.

Fundraising Scrip for Halloween Goodies

K-Mart 4%

Walmart 2%

Sam's Club 2%

ABWA Open House

On National ABWA Day we hosted a Nokomis Open House for potential new members. Twenty-three guests came to see what we were about and that is Awesome! Let's

remember to keep spreading the word about our great organization and invite friends and colleagues to meetings throughout the year as well.

Member Installation



Even though I've been involved in the newsletter and various other events Maria Weiss, was just installed into the Nokomis Chapter

on September 10th. Its good to know everything is in place now

and I appreciate the warm welcome.

Something probably most of you don't know is how I choose my e-mail address. When I set up the account I had just taken a two-week European tour. Venezia is one of my favorite places to date. That is the Italian city of Venice.

Thank you to our Chapter Photographer, Stacy Carr, for the fabulous photographs. See the sharing table for professional contact information.

Only Great Minds Can Read This ... Submitted by Lori Lillie

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Chapter Calendar

October

Wednesday, 8th Nokomis Business Meeting and Personality Profiles Program

Saturday, 11th EMC Meeting East Lansing

Wednesday, 15th Chamber Business After Hours at Modern Metalcraft 5:00-7:00pm.

Friday, 24th Newsletter Deadline

November

Wednesday, 5th Nokomis Board Meeting 5:45-7:00 Grace A. Dow Library

Friday, 7th Wake Up Midland at Valley Plaza Resort 7:40-9:00am, \$5

Wednesday, 12th Nokomis Business Meeting and Goal Setting Program

Thursday, 13th Self Marketing Power at Valley Plaza Resort \$59, AM session 8:30-10:30 and PM session 1:00-3:30

Wednesday, 19th Chamber Business After Hours

Friday, 21st Newsletter Deadline

December

Wednesday, 3rd Nokomis Board Meeting and Business Meeting Together for Christmas Social

Friday, 5th Wake up Midland at Valley Plaza Resort 7:40-9:0, \$5

Wednesday, 10th Midland Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party at Valley Plaza Resort

Saturday, 13th EMC in Frankenmuth

Friday, 19th Newsletter Deadline

Our Guest Speaker

Gene Pickelman has worked in the finance and banking industry for over 27 years, currently a working founder of the Tri-Star Trust Bank in Saginaw. He is a certified financial planner and a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is an active member of community organiza-

tions and a co-chair for the 1,000 Leaders Initiative. During his presentation he communicated: he is inspired by the passion in others, focuses on family relationships, and helping the community grow.



www.abwa-midland-mi.org

We have a new website! I ran into a few software/transfer hiccups, but our home page is up, links are present, and new stuff will be added every week as we come up with new ideas. Please, please,

please help me correct anything that might be mistaken by readers. This may be the first introduction to younger potential members who surf the net.

www.abwa.org
for all National Events

www.abwa-emc.org
for all Eastern Michigan
Council Events

www.macc.org
for all Midland Area
Chamber of Commerce
Events

Local Professional Development

ETC offers various computer and application courses; see the new schedule at www.etc-1.com.

Delta Lifelong Learning offers semester long courses. Check them out at www.delta.edu/lifelonglearning.

Grace A Dow Memorial Library is offering computer programs on

Geographic Information System (Oct 21, 7-8pm), Edit and Organize Digital Photos with Picasa (Nov 6, 7-8pm), Advance Google Email (Nov 10 2:30-3:30PM or Nov 11, 7-8pm).

Midland Area Chamber of Commerce is offering the "Power of Self Marketing" on Nov 13th.

Eastern Michigan Council

October 11th the Virgo Chapter will be hosting at the East Lansing Country Club. How can our Nokomis Chapter win awards? EMC will be presenting the information necessary to make this achievement.

EMC Chapter Event
Saturday, October 18, 2008
Autumn Brunch with Auction by Novi Oaks Charter Chapter ABWA
At the Double Tree Hotel Novi, 10:00am
\$25 per person or \$20 by October 4th
Information available at www.ABWA-Nov.org

Leadership is a Complex Process

A manager's role is to bring order and consistency through planning, budgeting, and controlling. Leadership, on the other hand, is aimed at producing movement and change. A leader is charismatic and can create a sense of excitement and purpose in their followers. A positive attitude is a foundation to creating this sense of excitement. A salesperson cannot sell a product she does not believe in it. It's the same in leadership. Believing the goal is achievable will create the opportunity to achieve. Expressing the goal with this conviction will make the team accountable to achieving this goal and with the excitement, the team will also be excited to see the results. The team has now been successfully lead—not managed.

Leaders are role models for other organizational members. By treating coworkers with the utmost respect and dignity, leaders are showing everyone what is expected of behaviors. If the leader of the organization is uncaring

and brash with lower-level staff members, other managers may follow suit and show disregard for their staff. On the other hand, if the top executive goes out of his or her way to take notice of the lower-level employees and emphasizes their importance to the organization, other managers are also likely to do so. One of the key behaviors that leaders need to role model is the acceptance of responsibility for one's actions.

Both of these examples of leadership may not come naturally to all of us, but they can be practiced. We can all learn skills that will allow us to deal with a variety of situations and therefore increase our effectiveness and that of our organization.

Reference: "The Art and Science of Leadership", Afsaneh Nahavandi

Being an effective leader is much harder to achieve, than it is to define.

October Birthdays!

9th Kristy Woods

October Anniversaries!

Dawn Ballard 2006

Laura Duncan 2007

Lori Lillie 2007

Pat Nellis 1998

Kim Vogel 2007

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Mission Statement

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.

The Nokomis Chapter of ABWA was chartered March 1963. In addition to providing professional development opportunities for our members, we organize fundraisers to provide educational scholarships and grants for local women.

ABWA's 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's 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 professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.

Newsletter Deadlines

Starting with the October edition, I'll be sending the newsletter out on the last Friday of the month. The newsletter deadlines have been changed to reflect this plan; see the chapter calendar on page 3 for the dates.

If you have something you'd like to share with the chapter, please use the newsletter to communicate. It will prove a valuable tool for our chapter as the main resource for members.

Notes from National

Membership Campaign—
Recruit five new members in the 2008 ABWA Fall Membership Campaign from Sept 1 through Nov 30 and receive a two-month subscription to Netflix and popcorn.

District V Conference in Midland May 2009. Hosted by our Nokomis Chapter at Valley Plaza Resort