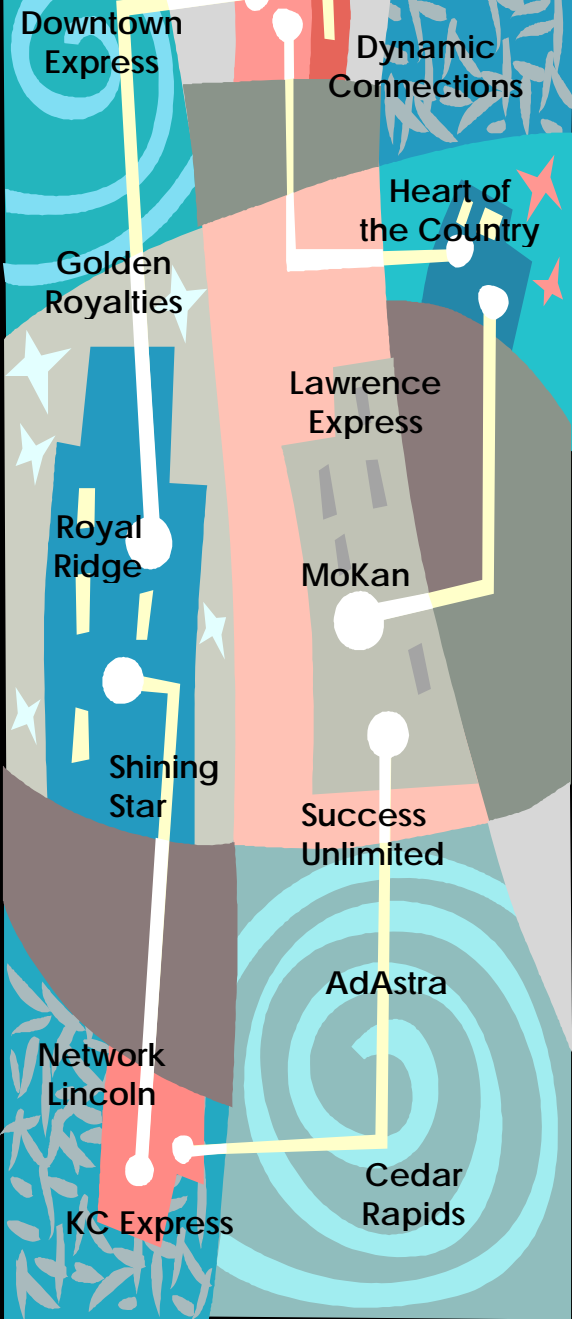


# KCAC

## CONNECTION

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### Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first addition of the 2012 KCAC newsletter. Your new Council board is excited about the upcoming quarterly meetings and events by offering new ideas for growing our Chapters and Express Networks.

Mark your calendar with the following meeting dates:

- February 16<sup>th</sup>**
- May 17<sup>th</sup>**
- August 16<sup>th</sup>**
- November 15<sup>th</sup>**

The February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will kick the year off with a program to get everyone organized for the coming year, both in your personal life with family and work and in your Chapter/Express Network/Council volunteer positions.

The quarterly Council meetings offer networking opportunities for **every** member to meet members outside of their team, exchange ideas, get re-energized. We don't have to reinvent the wheel with fundraising and recruiting ideas. To quote past ABWA National President Robin Necci "there is nothing wrong with R&D- rip off and duplicate".

A new opportunity this year is the KCAC WIN Team page. The chapter/network delegate and first alternate will be able to access the team page to see postings by the KCAC Board members and share information.

Another opportunity to get your groove back is by attending the 2012 Central Regional Conference in Louisville starting at 6:00 pm on April 26<sup>th</sup> and ending the afternoon of April 28<sup>th</sup>. You will have the opportunity to meet your DVP candidates up close and personal with "meet the candidates" time for the first time at the regional level. If your team is interested in taking a chartered bus to Louisville, contact me ASAP. What a fun way to spend 8 hours rolling down the highway meeting new ABWA members who turn into life-long friends.

It is very easy to become overwhelmed by all of the extra responsibilities we take on outside of our jobs and we need to remind ourselves to speak up and ask for help or step down from a volunteer position if circumstances change. KCAC is the place to find mentors to help us as we grow both personally and professionally.

***"Never be afraid to do something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic."*** -Anonymous

In ABWA Friendship,  
Nancy Ballenger, 2012 KCAC Chairman



KANSAS CITY AREA COUNCIL



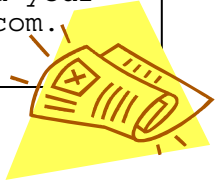
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## The ABWA Mission Statement

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.

### Calling all Business Owners...

Don't forget that you can advertise your business or event in the KCAC Quarterly newsletter. Just send your info to [krina.a.snider@sprint.com](mailto:krina.a.snider@sprint.com).



## 2012 KCAC Board



Chairman:	Nancy Ballenger, Downtown Express
Vice-Chairman:	Loretta Wilkes, Shining Star
Communications:	Jennie Darby, MoKan
Treasurer:	Becky Adney, Royal Ridge
Executive Advisor	Laura Neidel, Heart of the Country
District III VP	Jen Childress, West Des Moines Charter

## Committee Chairs

Hospitality – Debby Gratto

Membership – Sandra Story

Newsletter – Krina Snider

Program – Janet Samborski and  
Co-Lead “Open”

Webmaster – Sandra Story

If you're interested in one of the open positions, please contact Nancy Ballenger.

### KCAC 2012 Delegates/Alternates

#### **Downtown Express Network**

*Carolyn Berry and Abby Helin*

#### **Dynamic Connection**

*Janet Samborski and Debra Weilbacher*

#### **Golden Royalties**

*Charlotte Collins and Sandra Watson*

#### **Heart of the Country**

*Rosie Weisser and Rae Lewis*

#### **MoKan**

*Peggy Jacobson and Debby Gratto*

#### **Royal Ridge**

*Becky Adney and Lucy Hetzel*

#### **Shining Star**

#### **Lawrence Express Network**

*Jan Stewart and Dawn Hill*

#### **Success Unlimited**

*Wilhelmena Dickson and Carolyn Watkins*

#### **Ad Astra-Topeka**

*Elaine Boose*

#### **Network Chapter- Lincoln, NE**

*Bea Seybert*

#### **Cedar Rapids Charter Chapter**

*Dawn Waller*

#### **KC Express Network**

*Sheril Herman*



## chapters/networks

please consider sponsoring one of these KCAC events:

**Woman of the Year Luncheon**

**Professional Development Day**

**American Business Women's Day**

**Walk for Education**



District III VP  
Jennifer Childress



**2012**

### **National Board of Directors**

- Tina Gandy ★ National President
- Tina Ackles ★ National Vice President
- Patti Vargas ★ National Secretary - Treasurer

### **ABWA Proud Code of Conduct**

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Associations.
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 own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.

### **Speaker Profile: Tracy Hoth**

Professional Organizer & Speaker  
Simply Squared Away 816.820.8848

Get a **FREE** copy of my eBook [here!](#)

[www.simplysquaredaway.com](http://www.simplysquaredaway.com)

Looking for a dynamic speaker? [Contact me.](#)

[Read my BLOG.](#) Like SSA on [Facebook.](#)

*Freedom to live your dreams!*

Tracy will focus on personal organization, having our systems in place for paper and productivity, and go over the three essentials of organization.

Use these tips in your chapter/networks, at work, or in your personal life.

### ***"How to Get Organized so Your Productivity Skyrockets!"***



*When you walk into your space do you feel calm and peaceful or stressed, frantic and weighed down? Do you know what you have and can you find it when you need it? By "getting organized" you will become more confident, more at peace, able to get things done on time with a system in place for paper and equipped to get the important things done each day! Wow! Tracy offers hope through personal stories and instruction. She has the heart of a teacher and will make sure you leave motivated to take ACTION!*

*Tracy Hoth's compassion and insight help the overwhelmed, organizationally-challenged become free from the weight of clutter and more productive in their careers and at home. Tracy has a contagious passion to share how organization can help move thoughts into actions...dreams into reality! Through her hands-on-organizing, virtual clutter coaching, writing and speaking she inspires people to become who they are meant to be! She teaches audiences how to conquer clutter with her memorable acronyms and energy. Tracy is the owner of Simply Squared Away, a Kansas City based company. She is a member of NAPO, Faithful Organizers and Elizabeth Hagen's SuccessPlus Coaching program and has appeared in the Kansas City Star, KC Business Magazine and more. Visit [www.SimplySquaredAway.com](http://www.SimplySquaredAway.com) and receive her eBook "Organized...From the Car to the Bedroom" as her gift to you.*



We are thrilled about the wonderful program line up for this year's KCAC meetings. In response to chapter feedback, the KCAC Board is proud to bring you these exciting and **powerful programs!**



Please encourage all chapter members to attend the next KCAC meeting and be a part of the **power** of the **Kansas City Area Council**. The exciting details of our upcoming meeting are featured below. Please plan to join us!

**Thursday**

**February 16, 2012**

**[www.abwakcac.org](http://www.abwakcac.org)**

*Reservations are required - no walk ins please.*

LOCATION: **Eggtc.**

5107 Main Street (south of Country Club Plaza and west of UMKC, next to El Centro & Minsky's)  
Kansas City, MO 64112-2742 (816) 561-0116 [www.eggtc-kc.com](http://www.eggtc-kc.com)

PROGRAM: **Networking** 6:00 – 6:30 pm **Meeting** 6:30 pm

COST: **\$20** KCAC Chapter/Network Members  
**\$25** Non KCAC Chapter/Network Members  
**\$25** Guests not affiliated with an ABWA Chapter/Network

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*How to Get Organized so Your Productivity Skyrockets*

Presented by Tracy Hoth  
Professional Organizer & Speaker

**PARKING:** FREE in front and in the lot behind and south of Eggtc.  
Parking across the street may also be available.

*Save the date...*

2nd Quarter 2012 ★ **MAY 17**

3rd Quarter 2012 ★ **AUG 16**

4th Quarter 2012 ★ **NOV 15**

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★ **Reservations** ★

Access the web site ([www.abwakcac.org](http://www.abwakcac.org)) to make your reservation by February 12 via PayPal. If you can't pay online, please complete the information below and mail with payment to:

ABWA KCAC  
P. O. Box 412642  
Kansas City, Missouri 64141-2642

Chapter/Network \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Hospitality Chair, Debby Gratto, at 816-678-8183 or email at [Dgratt1@Hallmark.com](mailto:Dgratt1@Hallmark.com).

Hi DIII Sisters!

Just a friendly reminder regarding a couple of deadlines:

- January 25th is the deadline to register for the Regional Conference pre-payment plan. Please look in your inbox for an e-blast from National.
- January 31st is the deadline to submit your newsletter for the Regional Conference competitions. Please refer to the latest issues of the DIII Newsletter for instructions (in the ABWA National Library folder "District Newsletters 2011-2012").

And, in case you weren't able to participate in the January 11th "Just in Time" Webinar featuring information on new WINnovations and ABWA news and info, please go to our DIII Message Board to view a PDF of the slides that were presented.

Wishing you a fantastic week! I hope to see you in Louisville!

Best,

Jen

Jennifer Childress  
2011-2012 District III Vice President



Join hundreds of ABWA members at the  
2012 ABWA D3 Regional Women's Leadership  
Conference  
April 27-28 in Louisville, KY

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



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## **Meeting Minutes: Kansas City Area Council Meeting/ Fourth Quarter**

Thursday, November 17, 2011 located at Eggtc., K.C. Mo.

Meeting began at 6:36pm. In attendance: 28 KCAC members, 1 ABWA member from Elgin, Illinois, 1 prospect that found KCAC via KCAC's website and 2 guest speakers.



Table Topic introduced by Chair Krina Snider: In honor of Thanksgiving Day, what are you most thankful regarding ABWA? Chair Krina Snider asked for delegates to announce upcoming events. Various upcoming events were announced: Bunko Night, Blues Breakfast, Foster Socks, sending care box to Afghanistan, sending toiletries to Freedom House for the homeless and sending toiletries to a women's shelter.

Program Speaker #1: Bonnie Smith of Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce spoke about the benefits of the chamber such as educating people about the business economy and its effect on local businesses and the community; helps people to become visible by networking three times a month; focus on regional economic growth and development. Note: Ms. Smith emphasized that if KCAC becomes a member of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce that KCAC board members and delegates could go to chamber meetings and represent the American Business Women's Association. KCAC members could go to chamber meetings wherever the chamber meets in the greater Kansas City region.

Program Speaker #2: Nate Hancock, who spoke about "Engagement and Retention." He spoke about what motivates people join and stay in a workplace or civic organizations. He gave several tips on how to stay energized and keep a positive attitude. He emphasized that high energy is contagious.

Past District III Vice President, Nancy Ballenger gave a report on the 2011 National Women's Leadership Conference in Irving, Texas and also spoke about the transportation planning process for the 2012 District III Regional Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. She stated that each newsletter submitted for the Newsletter Competition must have a representative at the conference in order to win the competition. She also stated that District III needs eight volunteers to work at the conference and they will receive a \$50.00 discount on their registration. She announced that KCAC will have a page on the Women's Instructional Network (WIN) where delegates and chapter/network presidents can post information.

A motion was made by Nancy Ballenger and seconded by Carolyn Berry to accept the Minutes with a correction to the heading date that was printed in the KCAC Newsletter. Motion carried.

KCAC Nominating Chair, Sharon Corbin thanked everyone who accepted candidacy for the 2012 KCAC Officer's Board election ballot. KCAC members elected the following 2012 KCAC Officers: Chair, Nancy Ballenger, Vice Chair; Loretta Wilkes, II, Communications Chair Jennie Darby; Treasurer, Becky Adney.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm. Submitted by Communications Chair, Loretta Wilkes, II

## **KCAC Board Meeting Minutes** January 19, 2012

**\*\*We meet the 3rd Thursday every quarter (Feb, May, Aug and Nov) and the board meeting is the month prior to the meeting (Jan, April, July, Oct).\*\***

The first executive board meeting of the 2012 Kansas City Area Council took place on 1/19/12 at Panera Bread. In attendance was Chair: Nancy Ballenger; Vice Chair: Loretta Wilkes; Financial Officer: Becky Adney; Communications Officer: Jennie Darby; Membership: Sandra Story; Council Advisor: Lara Neidel and Program Co-Chair: Janet Samborski.

Current Chapters/Networks – paid to date are: Downtown Express Network, Heart of the Country, MoKan, Royal Ridge, Success Unlimited and Golden Royalties.

### **Topics discussed:**

A new checking account was started at UMB. The balance on the December US Bank statement was \$1759.87. To this point we have not been able to complete an audit and we may not be able to complete for the 2011 year. Our 990N was not completed in any of the last 3 years and as such we have lost our tax exempt status and will need to file a tax return. It will be completed and placed on file for 2012 (due by 3/15/12) and we will have a \$100.00 penalty fee to be reinstated (Notice #2011-43)

Program: Janet will help – need another helper. Suggestions were discussed for the next couple meetings...

Hospitality: We need a lead – calls/volunteers are being made/accepted. Eggtc... is secured for the next meeting – menu planned. Table topics and seating were also discussed.

Newsletter: Deadline – End of January and finished copy to be sent to the communications officer to send to all members on the roster.

Standing Rules, 2012 calendar, Upcoming Events and potential chapter/network leads for these events, and membership in the Greater KC Chamber

Submitted by Communications Officer, Jennie Darby



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