

The Driving Force

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President's Message

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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business-women 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.

Dear Driven to Succeed members,

I cannot believe that the year for our chapter has flown by and my rein as president has come to an end. I have enjoyed the journey and it is with great pride that I turn the gavel over to your new 2010/2011 president, Cathy Young. Cathy, along with Pam Prouty - vice president, Julie Joos - treasurer, and Jessica Gillihan - secretary, will now lead you through the next year.

This would be a great time for sharing your preferences for the coming year's committees. Have you chaired/co-chaired a committee before? Think about it. What a great way to get involved! If you would like to serve on a committee, please let one of the board members know. They would love your help!

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your



Ronda Marchant

president for the past two years.

God Bless,
Ronda Marchant

Upcoming Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2010
5:30 p.m.

Healthy Women

Presented by
Dr. Emily Worthington
Family Health Specialists

2010-2011 Officers Inducted



2010-2011 officers were inducted at the July meeting (from left to right): Julie Joos (treasurer), Janis Stewart (District III vice president), Pam Prouty (vice president), Cathy Young (president), and Ronda Marchant (outgoing president). Not pictured: Jessica Gillihan (secretary).

Member Spotlights

Stacey Brodersen

Birthday: November 8
Birthplace: Sedalia, MO
Spouse: Benny
Children: Austin (21), Brandi (18), and Colten (15)
Pets: Mable (cat); Josie, Lilly, and Vega (dogs); and Scooter, Kalie, Gage, Rain, Roxy, Juniper (horses). Obviously, we do not live in town.
Favorite color: Black
Favorite food: Italian
Favorite book: Not much of a reader, but prefer romance and suspense novels.

Company: Coffelt Land Title Inc. We write title insurance and work with buyers, sellers and other parties to close real estate transac-

tions in a professional manner.
Favorite part of job: Working with people and being in charge of a great, productive office.
Least favorite part of job: The stress and long hours.

Did you know ...

Stacey Brodersen's first job was as a waitress. Even though the tips were good, the position didn't help her attain the one thing she's always wanted but still doesn't have—to be debt free.

Stacey's perfect day would be to lounge around a pool or on a beach and be surrounded by her family ... and maybe catch one of her favorite movies—*Top Gun* or *The Notebook*.



Stacey Brodersen



Jessica Gillihan

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Birthday: March 13
Spouse: Kit
Children: Klayton (14 months)
Pets: Reese and Dash (dogs); 5 horses; 3 cats; and longhorn cattle (not pets)
Favorite color: Green
Favorite food: Mexican—the spicier, the better!
Favorite book: I read a lot. I'm impatiently awaiting the last *Fever* book by Karen Marie Moning, and I'm always up for a good book by Nora Roberts.

Company: Coffelt Land Title Inc. We write title insurance and work with buyers, sellers and other parties to close real estate transactions in a professional manner.

Favorite part of job: I love working

in a fast-paced office; it keeps the job interesting every day.

Did you know ...

Jessica Gillihan's husband "team ropes" for professional rodeo. "We have an arena at the house and are gone most weekends to rodeos. My husband even bought my son a pony while I was still pregnant!" On their weekends off, Jessica and Kit enjoy trail-riding and camping with friends.

When she was a child, Jessica wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon, but soon decided that eight years of school was not worth it!

Jessica's favorite vacation was the Southern Caribbean cruise she and Kit took on their honeymoon.

For the Working Woman

There's Nothing "Easy" About It

By Rajiv Kumar

When taking stock of life, the majority of people know the life they're living on a day-to-day basis is nowhere close to the life they dream of. Their days are stuck in "response mode," one continual reaction after another to the circumstances and the people, who demand time, attention and energy.

You're bombarded with the message, "You can be anything you want to be. Do anything you want to do. The possibilities are endless. All you have to do is believe in yourself and reach for the stars!"

It sounds great, but who are they kidding?

By the time the checklist of daily necessities, responsibilities, work, errands, and unexpected moments take their toll, reaching for the light-switch is challenging, let alone reaching for the stars!

Most people are on the treadmill of life—constantly moving, putting one foot in front of the other, but going nowhere. They have moments when they realize all too well that what they're doing isn't going to cut it. If they stay on the path they're on, they will leave this world not only never having achieved their dreams, but never even getting started on them.

Those "crossroad" moments in

life are opportunity calls. The opportunity to re-evaluate, weigh out, and make a conscious choice to either stay the course, or change it. To ask yourself "Am I okay with where I am? What I am doing? Where I am going? If I never do more, accomplish more, or am more than I am right now, is that acceptable to me?" And if the answer is "no," then those moments can be the catalyst for change.

If only it was that easy!

But that's just it—it's NOT easy.

Not easy for you.

Not easy for anyone.

There's NOTHING EASY about coming to grips with where you are in life, not liking what you see, and deciding to change things. Especially when you don't get to wipe the slate clean. Don't get to undo the decisions you've made so you can start out fresh, unencumbered by the results, and the circumstances you've created for yourself.

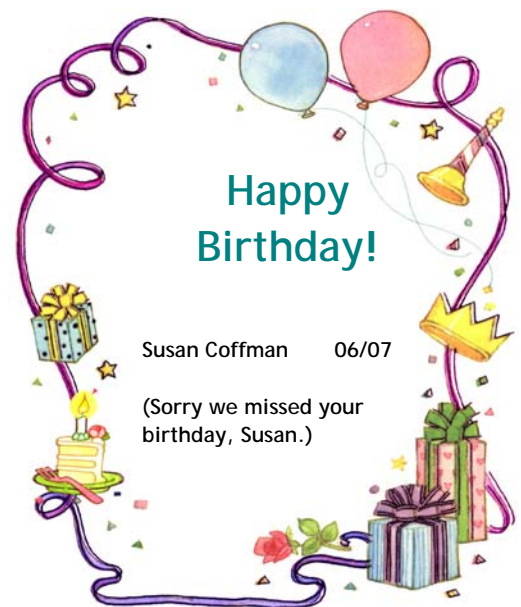
The reason the book *Unstoppable* by Cynthia Kersey (or any of the other thousands of books that have been written trumpeting the perseverance of the human spirit) end up on the bestsellers list is because they're the ultimate "pep talk" before entering the ring of

"change." They reinforce the message, "It's not easy, but it's worth it!"

It's time to get serious about asking yourself what you want out of life. And, whether you're on a path that can take you there. Time will either work for you, or against you. If you're not moving closer to your dreams, time becomes your enemy. But if you're moving toward your dreams, time becomes a welcomed friend.

Whatever struggles, hardships, or downright difficult times you endure in pursuit of a worthy goal, is time well spent. It won't be easy—but it will be worth it.

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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.

Driven to Succeed Officers & Committee Chairs 2010-2011

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Cathy Young

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ABWA Driven to Succeed Meetings

Second Monday of the month
5:30 p.m. — Networking/Dinner
6:00 p.m. — Meeting

Gamber Center
4 SE Independence Avenue
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Reserve your space online at:

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