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Have you thought about Christmas shopping yet? There can be such a range of emotion at the thought. From **YEA!** I love this time of year with the holiday hustle and bustle, to **YUCK!** I don't have enough time or money, or I miss my friends and family back home and this time of year is depressing. Whether you are a YEA or a YUCK, the ABWA Midlothian Marketplace is for you!!!! If you are always looking for that special unique Christmas present, you may just find it right here in Midlothian. If you are looking for a friendly face and a place to belong, you may just find that right here in Midlothian also. We are working women and retired women, business owners and support staff, teachers and nurses, realtors and loan officers, moms and grandmothers and daughters, we are friends. We all have the need to connect and feel a part and care for one another.

Bring your friends and bring your shopping list on Monday night, November 10th. Bring your smiles and for sure bring your need for a big hug and a laugh. We look forward to seeing you and helping start this holiday season off with some fun.

Shopping begins 6:30pm

Dinner 6:30pm

Program 7:15pm

Dynamic Demographics: Neighborhood Lifestyles in Midlothian



Do "birds of a feather" really flock together? Midlothian's population has doubled in the past few decades, but its explosive growth tells only part of the story. According to Claritas, a provider of demographic data and market research analysis, people living in the same neighborhood have similar lifestyles. This presentation looks beyond basic demographic data to reveal the lifestyles that make up your neighborhood and why Midlothian really is a great place to live.

Robin Lasher, Director

Navarro College Small Business Development Center
(SBDC)

The Focus Statement of the Great Visions Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association is to strengthen members professionally, educationally and socially, and to empower women in the community to advance themselves through professional development, mentoring, and networking.

Upcoming Programs

November 10th, 6:30PM at Midlothian Conference Center-

Midlothian Marketplace 2008



You will not want to miss the evening! It will be fun and relaxing and a treat for us all. The goals for this meeting are to promote local businesses and to encourage new membership in our ABWA chapter. Please put Monday night on your calendar and BE THERE!

December 8th, 6:30PM – Christmas Party



Christmas party at the Arnott's. Holiday Potluck and gift exchange. Bring your date for a festive evening.

January 12th, 6:30PM – Goal Setting

Presentation by Jana Hawthorne and Robin Bullock of MISD. Meeting will be held at Whispers Boutique back "party room". Heavy hor d'oeuvres will be served. Whisper's Boutique is donating 10% of sales to our scholarship fund.



February 9th, 6:30pm - Generational Dynamics



Linda Williams of Williams & Associates will discuss the differences in values and preferences of persons from different generations or age group. Join us for the fun of discovering generational differences and how it effects our communication and expectations.

Don't forget to RSVP for our meetings. We need to know how many to plan for.

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Christmas Party Invitation

We had a fun night with everyone at the Christmas party at our house last year. It's hard to believe it's almost party time again! Please plan to join us at 3020 Skinner Road, Midlothian on Monday, December 8th at 6:30pm. It will be a potluck event again this year, so bring a favorite dish and a gift exchange item, and we'll see what kind of fun that will stir up this time!

Spouses and dates or friends are invited to join the festivities. In lieu of the monthly meeting cost please bring a gift exchange item for each person to play along with us. See you then!



Cynde Arnott

Last Meeting!

I've got to tell you ladies, if you missed last month's meeting – shame on you! We had a fellow ABWA member come from a sister chapter and speak to us about setting goals and attaining those goals in a S.M.A.R.T. manner. Make your goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely. Some of the other suggestions she had included; making a gratitude list, making notes about what you do not want in order to narrow down your "want" list, and set a deadline to achieve measurable steps that lead to the attainment of the ultimate goal.

Our Speaker

Bonnie Peterson
Frisco ABWA Chapter



But I have to tell you the best part was seeing some ladies I hadn't seen at ABWA in quite a while. It really put a spark under my seat to get to visit with some old friends. If you are an old friend and want to get back in the ABWA "groove", then don't

waste another minute RSVP to the November meeting right now and you won't feel like you missed out! It'd be a good way to spark up some old relationships just in time for the holidays. And I know you'll leave a little taller than you were when you entered the room of fabulous ladies we have in our ranks. I never leave an ABWA meeting with regrets! And neither will you if you'll just come join us...

Tami Tobey

A Note from Our Guest

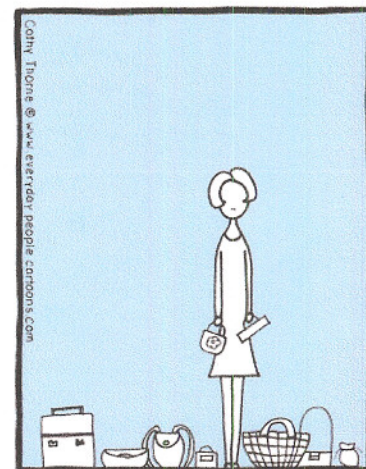
I attended the October 7, 2008 ABWA meeting. My friend Julia Garcia is a tireless cheerleader for ABWA and has invited me many times to ABWA events, the October meeting was the first time I was able to attend. I enjoyed getting to meet fellow Midlothian area businesswomen. No matter what kind of business you have, it is helpful to learn that every business faces challenges and struggles every day. The meeting was fun, casual, and informative.

The speaker gave a very interesting presentation which I enjoyed. The food was also great. I am looking forward to attending again soon.

Lisa Wyatt



"In the war against full price,
we are winning..."



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FOR THE PERFECT PURSE.

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