



Your weekly Emerald Coast Chapter News & Updates

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***BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS WEEK'S EMAIL BLAST***

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Don't forget to take a look at the candidates for our 2010 Emerald Coast ABWA Chapter Officers, to be voted on during the May 4, 2010 meeting.

President	Kathy Houchins
President-Elect	Gail Waller
Vice-President	Brigitte Sullivan
Treasurer	Trevia Bruckner
Secretary	Amy McBride

The election of officers will be held at the May 4, 2010. Please be aware that nominations will still be taken from the floor at the meeting.

The membership voted at the March meeting to approve Method 2 on determining the procedure for the voting. Method 2 allows for all nominations to be made and voting done on a single ballot for all.

Hope to see you at the May meeting!

Kathy Houchins – President-Elect

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Tammy Maghee and Shareen Ketchem will be **live** on 1260 AM, Cumulus Radio, on May 5th at 8:30 with Ken Walsh.

**From Tammy McDaniel:**

Good Evening to all of you.

Starting tomorrow we have 19 days left until our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Poker Run.

If you have not donated a Door Prize, become a sponsor, help find food donations or signed up to volunteer, please do so before our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. It's also time to find everyone you know who is a boater to register.

And... Let you friends and neighbors know they can also drive to each port of call too... Only 40.00 per hand...

Our goal is to register 60 boaters/vehicles for our event. (If each member has 1 of their friends register, we have exceeded our goal. I know you know one person with a boat or car)

During our May meeting when we are recognizing our 8 scholarship recipients, I want to recognize our chapter for their outstanding contributions making our yearly Boat Poker Run a success each year. At the May meeting, I will ask for all the chapter members who are this year's sponsors, contributed door prizes or goodie bag items, donated food or helping to get donated food, volunteers and who have registered to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Poker Run stand up. I think this will be an impressive sight for our scholarship recipients and their parents to see how we work collectively raising money for local student scholarship and for membership professional development.

You still have time to help. Attached are forms you need. You can go onto our web-site and become a sponsor by using Pay Pal. Any monetary donation would be helpful (25.00, 50.00, 75.00 or more...) This is a great way for those members who have other commitments that weekend or who are not able to come to monthly meetings to participate by making a donation. Our goal is getting 100% participation. The Ways & Means Committee will be contacting members asking for support before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**We are in need of:**

- Monetary donations (check or use PayPal on our web-site for more information – Jeanne Rief)
- Food (contact Michelle Lodrini)
- Door Prizes (contact Pam White)
- Goody Bag Items (Tammy Magee)
- Boater & Car Registrations (Shareen Ketchem)
- Overall questions (Janet Marie Griffin)
- Volunteers (Dock Workers & to help at Party Site – Shalimar Yacht Basin) – Bev Bain

Go to our web-site for additional information: [www.abwa-ecc.org](http://www.abwa-ecc.org)  
[emeraldcoastabwa@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldcoastabwa@gmail.com)

Qantum Radio will spotlight our Chapter's Boat Poker Run on Sunday morning (May 2, 2010) on Wave 102.1 - 800am, Mix 103.1 - 730am and Fly92 - 700am  
I have asked Qantum Radio to make a copy of our program and will ask Sherry if she can somehow add it to our web-site for members and the general public to listen to.

Don't forget to RSVP for May's Meeting – Deadline Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> by 12noon.  
[www.abwa-ecc.org](http://www.abwa-ecc.org) – you can pay for your dinner using PayPal  
Email: [hospitality@abwa-ecc.org](mailto:hospitality@abwa-ecc.org)

Thank you all in advance for your support! Looking forward seeing all of you at our May Meeting.

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**Members need to complete the Best Practice Scoreboard and  
Member Interest Survey before the end of June.**

Attention to all chapter members:

Please download surveys, fill out and bring with you to May or June's meeting your completed Best Practices Scoreboard/Member Interest Survey. These surveys will help the 2010-11 board plan their year. Please email me at [tammy.mcdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.mcdaniel@gmail.com) if you have already taken both surveys on WIN so I can enter you into the drawing. You will be entered into a drawing for a FREE Dinner Voucher for you or a guest.

Thanks  
Tammy  
2009-10 Emerald Coast Chapter President

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ABWA members and their families are invited to attend Emerald Coast Aviation Fly-In/Open House  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1p-5p  
Live Music  
FREE Food (BBQ) & Beverage (water, soda & beer)  
Airplanes to see  
Tour the fixed base operation (FBO)  
Vendor Exhibits  
FREE Seminars if you are interested in:  
What it takes to learn how to fly  
&  
Tax incentives of buying an airplane.

You can RSVP if you would like to attend – [850-398-6749](tel:850-398-6749)  
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**Creative Ambitions help save kids**

*Fort Walton Beach, FL, Jan 26, 2010* — Ramal Productions will host the Creative Ambitions Night of Fashion on Friday, May, 7 at 7 p.m., seating at 6 p.m., at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast (BGCEC).

Event Coordinator Jeremy Pinne said, “The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is close to my heart because of what they do for kids. I grew up in foster care, and I know how important programs like this can be. The skills and attention given to the kids will stay with them forever.”

The high-end fashion show will feature the work of three local designers. Caroline Smith graduated from the Parsons School of Design in New York City, made famous by the hit TV show *Project Runway*. She then went on to train under Broadway designer Angela Wendt and intern with the fashion houses of Kay Unger and Yigal Azrouel. Smith launched her line, Janie G. Couture last November with a fashion show in Seaside.

Anna Maria Garza studied apparel design and textiles at Florida State University. She worked for Sean John in New York City and J. Maskrey in Paris, where she helped design pieces for celebrities like Bono and Kelis. Garza has her own accessory line and creates commissioned pieces for private clients. Her accessories are made primarily from recycled materials. Garza donates a portion of her sales to charity.

Pinne is an up-and-coming self taught designer who began his career designing costumes and garments for private clients. He is now creating his first full line which focuses on bringing one-of-a-kind designs for men to the Emerald Coast.

The event will also include a performance by the Northwest Florida Ballet and a reception after the show that will feature the work of Emerald Coast artists. The models will attend the reception wearing the designs.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast President and CPO Bear Henley said, “Our kids benefit from seeing local talent excelling in their career fields and living their dreams. Our mission at the Boys & Girls Clubs is to empower kids. Events like this help us to show them that anything’s possible.”

For additional information, contact Okey Mitchell at 850-543-2532 or Jeremy Pinne at 217-390-2393. You may purchase tickets at BGCEC, Silver Sands Outlets Information Booth or Avantgarde Salon in Destin. Tickets are currently on sale for \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door.

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