



## Greetings from the President-Elect

Welcome to the LORREN Leader!

This is our third issue and there will be many more to follow. Thanks to Anne Phillips, our current president, our LORREN group had a successful Wine & Cheese Spring Membership Drive. There were a few familiar faces and lots of new ones. I hope they have enjoyed the event and will consider joining LORREN. We had four ladies sign up on the spot!

The ladies of LORREN have fun socializing as well as networking and sharing information about their businesses. Not only that, once you join LORREN as your local chapter and become a National Member, you can attend meetings all over Houston. They are held monthly for each chapter, some at lunchtime as an "Express Network" and others meet in the evenings.

I invite you to join us at one of our monthly meetings to get a new perspective on what you know, or to learn about something completely different and new. Expand your horizons and social network.....come make new friends for life. I am looking forward to meeting you at the next luncheon and hope you will consider being a part of LORREN....come check us out!

Sincerely,  
Lenore Smith  
President Elect 2009/2010

### ABWA

#### Proud Code of Conduct

All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.

1. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
2. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
3. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
4. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
5. 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.

**LORREN "Ladies of Richmond Rosenberg Express Network" was established in 2006 and currently has over 30 members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club, 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, TX, unless otherwise noted.**



An Express Network of ABWA  
 “American Business Women’s  
 Association”

**Express Network® Membership**

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The Express Network membership option is geared toward the busy professional who wants advanced networking and business skills training opportunities. Join ABWA as a National Express Network member and you’ll receive all the benefits of Association membership, plus exclusive Express Network member services such as an online database, message forum, networking events, professional development resources and monthly online newsletters to keep you in touch and ahead of the game. Also, if you’re a business owner or have an entrepreneurial spirit, you will be eligible to participate in ABWA’s Company Connection.

As a National Express Network member, you also may choose to become involved on the local level by affiliating with an ABWA Express Network in your area. Streamlined Express Network meetings usually are conducted conveniently during lunch or breakfast. Focusing on professional development, local meetings often are facilitated by industry leaders and contain a strong networking element to help you grow your own network of contacts.

If you are a full-time college student, you can get a jump-start on opening career doors and preparing for your entrance into the workforce by taking advantage of ABWA’s Express Network student membership.

*Annual Express Network membership fee: \$115;  
 annual Express Network student membership fee: \$50. Additional local dues for LORREN \$36.*

Thank you for joining LORREN.

You may pay your dues by the following options:

\$115.00 check payable to ABWA

or pay online at <http://www.abwa.org/joinus.asp>  
 and

\$36.00 check payable to LORREN

We are ready to help you begin your journey with the association you’ll never outgrow.

Anne Phillips  
 President of LORREN 2008/2009



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 President  
 2008/2009



Lenore Smith  
 President Elect  
 2009/2010



Jamie Massie  
 Past President



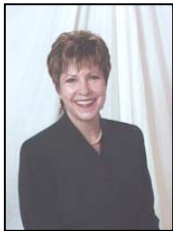
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# LORREN



## Member News

### Calendar

**May 13, 2009**

**Speaker:** Patti Bolli Nelson, CITRMS, PT Group Security and Benefit Specialist PrePaid Legal Services, Inc. **Topic:** "Identity Theft & Ways we can Protect Ourselves"

**June 10, 2009**

**Speaker:** Harold Mangum  
**Topic:** A great memory doesn't just happen...it's developed! Come experience the life changing benefits of a trained memory!"

### Previous Meetings

- January  
Dr. Liza H. Leal-New Year, New You!
- February  
Dr. Gopi Shah-Love Your Heart
- March  
LORREN's 2009 Woman of the Year Award and Celebration
- April  
Indulgence-Not Just Beauty, But A Necessity

### Welcome To Our Newest Members:

- Valeria R. Musetti, D.D.S.
- Brenda Mullinix, Associate Judge
- Mary Doetterl - Showalter Law Firm
- Debbie Elder - New American School
- Valerie Lara - M.D. Solutions
- Lauren Martin - Pecan Place Special Events Venue

### Other Upcoming Events:

2009 National Women's Leadership Conference

**\*60th Anniversary\***

September 24-26, 2009 in Kansas City, MO

#### REMINDER:

Please bring 50 items for the goodie bags to the meeting. Also, instead of throwing out the bi-monthly issues of **Women in Business®** bring them to the meetings and they will be collected to be included in the bags we give to guests at future meetings

Meetings held at Pecan Grove Country Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, TX

#### LORREN ADVERTISING UPDATE:

Inside Rose Rich Magazine: Our New full-page ad promoting our meetings continues for two more issues. Next issue will be out July 15, 2009.

**If anyone has additional ideas for advertising, please contact Cherie Vasquez at 281-344-7670 or email [Cherie@VasquezWoodworks.com](mailto:Cherie@VasquezWoodworks.com)**

*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.*



### Betty Hathorn named LORREN's Woman of the Year

LORREN "Ladies of Richmond Rosenberg Express Network" of The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) recently honored Betty Hathorn, a Broker Associate of RE/MAX Plantation, with their 2009 Woman of the Year award. Betty was a founding member of LORREN, the Vice President of Communications for two years and is currently on the Membership Committee.



### Lenore Smith Receives Platinum Service Recognition

Lenore Smith of RE/MAX on the Brazos in Sugar Land, TX

has repeated the previous year's achievement of being granted the highest level of service achievement in the real estate industry, Quality Service Certified® Platinum. The award is in recognition of earning 100% client service satisfaction in 2008 as measured by Leading Research Corporation (LRC).

### Annabelle Vasquez Receives Blue Ribbon Award

Annabelle Vasquez, age 5 received a Blue Ribbon award for her artwork submitted to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Annabelle is the granddaughter of member Cherie Vasquez and great-granddaughter of member Shirley Jackson.



*ABWA NATIONAL EMBLEM*

*At the top is the TORCH, symbolizing light. May it lead our way to perception and clear thinking.*

*The SCROLL, stands for our quest for knowledge through listening and speaking, through reading and thinking, and through the pursuit of excellence.*

*Around the scroll is the GOLDEN CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP, signifying generosity, kindness and affection.*

*The letters "ABWA" are inscribed on the scroll to unify us as businesswomen toward the goal of improving ourselves, supporting each other and advancing women in business.*

THE LORREN LEADER

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