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#### 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.

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## Annual Picnic in the Park

**Tuesday July 21, 2020**

**at**

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South Entrance, 3rd drive south of Ellsworth**

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**6:10 – Business meeting**

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• Installation of 2020-2021 Board

• New member affiliations

• Recognition of Committee Chairs

**6:30 – Picnic**

**7:30 p.m. Adjournment**

**Please place your order before  
NOON on Monday, July 20 at the  
following link:  
[https://www.abwa-  
maia.org/paymentform-july.html](https://www.abwa-maia.org/paymentform-july.html)**

## *A Message From the Executive Team*

Who could have known that Maia Chapter's 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary would take place at a time where face masks and social distancing, as well as mass demonstrations against racial injustice, would not only dominate the news, but also our lives? With the arrival of COVID-19 things changed quickly and drastically in mid-March. A stay-at-home order grounded most of us for almost 90 days – some continuing to work from home, others furloughed or laid off. We have been reminded of our own mortality with so many people in southeast Michigan contracting the Corona-virus and too many succumbing to it. We are very grateful that our members have thus far remained well. In uncertain times like these, when we are separated from loved ones, unable to work or pursue our interests as we normally do, it becomes clear what is truly important – health, faith, family, friends, work and so much more.

We are glad that we only had to cancel our March meeting and then we were able to pivot from in-person meetings to virtual meetings starting in April. Many thanks to Mary Ceccanese and Sharon Walker, who volunteered to host the Zoom-meetings. Fortunately, our speakers agreed to take on the challenge of presenting at a virtual meeting, so we were able to keep the educational benefits of membership going strong and invite many guests and members from other chapters, allowing us to expand our networks and learn new skills. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule our April 25<sup>th</sup> Women Together event to September 12th. Because of the continued uncertainty related to the virus, we are exploring various options for this fundraiser.

Maia Chapter always has been, and continues to be, a place for all women who are interested in continued learning and friendship across race, religion, nationality, and social class – we are proud of the Maia sisterhood! This year we welcomed Kati Bauer, Lisa Hesse, Samantha Newberry, Janine Amadi, Lisa Bartley, LaDonna Billman, Wendy Zielen and Cristina Supina into our chapter. Despite all of our recruiting success, we remain at less than 30 members and thus will not qualify for the Best Practices Award. However, we continue to fulfill the other rigorous national requirements and thus hope to attain the level of Striving for Best Practices.

We would not be where we are today without all of you who contributed their time and expertise in so many ways to the chapter. Hats off to our committee chairs who served as leaders throughout the year: Professional Development – Mary Ceccanese, Membership – Meghan Johnson, Newsletter – Karen Michon, Publicity & Fundraising – Della Copp and Stephanie Reynolds, Woman of the Year & Top Ten - Lisa Bartley and Delores Mortimer, Audit – Barbara Askew, and Nominating Committee – Meghan Johnson. Thank you so much! We are also thankful to our award winners who contributed to the chapter in many and varied ways. Congratulations to our 2020 Protégé – Wiebke Haggendorf-Schroeter, Woman of the Year – Sharon Walker and Top Ten Candidate – Janene Ternes!

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As your 2019-2020 Maia Executive Team, we are thankful for your confidence and support and hope that we have met your expectations. We are always eager for your input, so please let us know your feedback and ideas. Since Mary Shindell has served as Maia Chapter's President for the last 2 years, she will move off the board. Thank you so much for your leadership, Mary! Janene Ternes, Sharon Walker, and Wiebke Hagendorf-Schroeter, are willing to continue on in some capacity on the Board but that will be decided by our member vote at the July meeting. At the same time, we are in search of new additions to our Executive Team to keep things fresh and get new ideas. Please consider how you can best contribute to Maia Chapter through a board or committee chair position. Many hands make light work!

We look forward to being with you all at our July 21<sup>st</sup> picnic meeting at a local park. Meeting outdoors, with masks, socially distanced, and with individually boxed meals will allow us to stay safe while we reconnect. Those of you who attended the special parking lot meeting a few weeks ago know how fun it was to see everyone! Plus, we will accomplish some vital chapter business in electing our new officers for the coming year.

Stay safe and be well!

Your Maia Chapter Executive Team 2019-2020,

Mary Shindell, President

Janene Ternes, Vice President

Sharon Walker, Treasurer

Wiebke Hagendorf-Schroeter, Secretary

## *Maia Chapter Vision Statement*

Maia Chapter is a group of energetic and positive women working together to inspire, encourage, and support our diverse league of members. We are recognized locally, regionally and nationally for advancing the personal and professional development of business wom-

*Maia Chapter's*

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*Changing Women's Lives...  
One Woman at a Time.*

For more information about our Chapter, contact Sharon Walker at [walkers@umich.edu](mailto:walkers@umich.edu) or visit our website at [abwa-maia.org](http://abwa-maia.org)

*It's summer, so let's meet in the beautiful outdoors and get to know each other, while maintaining our social distancing!*

To make it simple, safe, and easy, we've planned box lunches. All you need to *bring is your choice of beverage.\** If you prefer to bring your own food, or attend without eating, that's OK, too! *Consider inviting a friend!* What better way to introduce them to our friendly and supportive group!

*\*Note: Beer & wine are allowed in Lillie Park, no hard liquor.*

Box lunch is \$10 each, payable by PayPal with your reservation. Following your reservation, you will be provided a link to order your choice of box lunch.

Please make your reservation and order your (optional) box lunch **by noon, Monday, July 20** at:  
<http://abwa-maia.org/resform.html>

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Maia Chapter



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"South Entrance"



## Maia Chapter June Virtual Meeting

### Teamwork is working together even when apart!





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## **Happy Maia Anniversary**

### **May**

*1-year Shannon Cajic*

*1-year Robin Shear*

### **June**

*2-years Stephanie Reynolds*

### **July**

*6-years Sara Turner*

*5-years Karen Michon*

## **Happy Birthday**

### **July**

*23-Delores Mortimer*

*23-Laurie Pettigrew*

### **August**

*2-Lisa Bartley*

*7-Janene Ternes*

*14-Samantha Newberry*

*19-Wendy Zielen*

## **Happy Belated Birthday**

### **June**

*2-LaDonna Billman*

*6-Wiebke Hagendorf-Schroter*

*23-Barbara Askew*

*28-Kati Bauer*



## **Upcoming Events**

### **July**

**18- Maia Chapter Meeting Annual Picnic  
- Lilli Park**

**If you missed the last Maia Chapter Meeting...**

You can find the information on Community Connections:

<http://abwa.mymemberfuse.com/resources2/view/profile/id/97818>

## **ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct**

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

## **Set of Core Values for ABWA**

- Giving Membership a voice
- Treat People with dignity (See Proud Code of Conduct)
- Lifelong Learning
- Focus on Creating Value for Members
- Achievement
- Visionary Leadership
- Focus on the future
- Manage by fact
- Manage for innovation

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