

# LITE LINES

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## NU-LITE VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide resources to benefit and possibly give some redirection to anyone wishing to advance their personal and professional goals.

## MEETING DATE

2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH



Greetings and well wishes to everyone.

As we continue to strive for the success of our Chapter, we are looking forward to our next fundraiser event. Our Spring Fling Tea and Auction will be held on May 17, 2025 at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center. Everyone has received their packets and we are expecting everyone to get out and help make this event a huge success.

Thank you all for being a part of the ABWA Nu-Lite Chapter.

Shirley Stitt, President



**BELIEVE. BELONG. BECOME.**

American Business Women's Association

## FEBRUARY

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1<sup>st</sup> - National Dark Chocolate Day

7<sup>th</sup> - National Wear Red Day

Bubble Gum Day

11<sup>th</sup> - Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day

Grandmother Achievement Day

Satisfied Staying Single Day

White Shirt Day

## MARCH

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

1<sup>st</sup> - Peanut Butter Lover's Day

8<sup>th</sup> - Popcorn Lover's Day

11<sup>th</sup> Johnny Appleseed Day

17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - Chips and Dip Day

24<sup>th</sup> - Chocolate Covered Raisins Day

## APRIL

13<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day



February

March

April

7<sup>th</sup> Velvee Henry

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**February** Sandra Etherly-Johnson will be speaking on the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

**March** DVP Renee Clement will be highlighting on retaining ABWA memberships.

**April** Fundraising / Beverly Woods Membership / Nadie Brackins-Holmes

**ABWA's Mission Statement**

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is 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.

**ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct**

- As an ABWA member, I will serve as a goodwill Ambassador for the American Business Women's Association.
- As an ABWA member, I will adhere to the Association's Bylaws and comply with the Association's Brand Guidelines.
- As an ABWA member, I will not use my personal power or influence to advance my own business or personal interests.
- As an ABWA member, I will not allow my actions, personal beliefs or convictions alienate sponsors, members or prospective members at any level of the ABWA organization (local, regional or national)
- As an ABWA member, I will always treat member colleagues, the ABWA National team, guests, speakers, vendors and sponsors with dignity and respect.

**ABWA's Core Values**

Our core values are the foundation for which the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) was founded on in 1949. They're reflective of the ethos of the ABWA culture, and have been integral to creating an enduring and supportive community for generations of women in the workplace.

1. **Selfless Leadership** – Be committed to doing the right thing, always. Be transparent in your actions even when no one is looking!
2. **Building Community** – Be committed to creating sustainable ABWA communities where women can connect, learn, and grow together.
3. **Value and Seek Diversity** – Be committed to recruiting new members from diverse cultures, work industries and experiences.
4. **Manage for Innovation and Excellence** – Be committed to original thinking and delivering excellence in everything you do.
5. **Lifelong Learning** – Be committed to enhancing your own business knowledge, skills, and acumen. Be unafraid to make mistakes, iterate, err and try again.
6. **Focus on Facts and Own the Results** – Be committed to using "data" to drive your decisions and actions, and be accountable for your performance, good and bad.
7. **Choose to Make a Difference** – Be committed to unlocking a member's potential and inspiring/motivating her to become the best version of herself.
8. **Celebrate** – Be committed to celebrating members' achievements.

February Presenter

# Sandra Etherly-Johnson

Executive Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
and Community Relations

Sandra Etherly-Johnson is the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Community Relations at the Flint & Genesee Group, an organization that works to improve the economic success of Genesee County and its residents. In her role, she serves as an Ambassador and advocate for inclusive and equitable initiatives, both internally and externally. It is for this work that she was recognized as one of [Crain's Detroit Business 2023 Notable Leaders in DEI](#).

Prior to working at the Flint & Genesee Group, Etherly-Johnson served as Director of Lansing Community College's Cesar Chavez Learning Center, which provides programming and services related to inclusion, access for underserved students, cultural awareness, and mentoring. Before that, she was a program manager at Hamilton Community Health Network, where she supported the North Flint Community Based Crime Reduction program.

Etherly-Johnson is a graduate of Beecher Community Schools and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan-Flint.

She is deeply involved in the community, where she is affiliated with the YWCA of Greater Flint Board of Directors, Junior League of Flint, Flint Women's Forum, Community Ethics Review Board (CERB) Member with Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center, Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame, North Flint Neighborhood Action Council, Foundation of Mott Community College, Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program Committee, Neighborhood Engagement Board of Directors, and Woodrow Stanley Flint Black Leaders Forum.

Etherly-Johnson and her husband, David, live in Flint Township and have three children.



# Renee Clement

ABWA District 5 Vice President

## GETTING TO KNOW RENEE CLEMENT

Renee Clement has been a member of ABWA since 2018 when she founded the Gem City Chapter in Dayton, Ohio. Since then, she has served as President, Treasurer and Membership Chair for Gem City. Recently, Renee teamed up with another member to launch a new chapter in Cincinnati, the Queen City Chapter. Her ABWA involvement widened when she became co-chair and then chair of the Cardinal Crossroads Council's annual August event, Summer Sizzler.

As District V Vice President, Renee is working with the leagues across this territory. Her goal of increasing communications between the leagues of District V will help all members enjoy the ABWA benefits and share their vast knowledge with each other.

Renee lives in Washington Township, Ohio with her husband. She is an Acquisition Program Manager with the United States Air Force. Renee and her husband love to spend time with their adult twins. Their daughter is a special education teacher and their son is a Social Worker for the geriatric population. In her spare time, Renee enjoys exploring new quilting shops for material for her next quilting project.



April Presenters

Beverly Woods

Currently serving as Secretary, I have been a member of the Nu-Lite Chapter for sixteen years.

I retired from General Motors after 32 years of service in 2009. A year later, I went to work in the Flint Community Schools After School Program and later began working as a Food Service employee for the schools as well.

I am the mother of four adult children and eleven grandchildren.

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Nadie Brackins-Holmes

I originally worked for the Flint Community Schools for 41 years. After retirement, I stayed off for a year which was a requirement at the time. I came out of retirement after a year and have been working for two years as a contracted teacher. I am a 43 year member of the Nu-Lite Chapter and I currently serve as the Membership Chair as well as Co-Chair of Spring Fling and Prayer Breakfast. I recently became a Grandmother (Mimi) to my first granddaughter Saryyah.

## AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## ABWA Application for New Membership

According to **ABWA's 2023-2024 National Bylaws, Article V, Section 1**: Membership in ABWA is limited to individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Benefits of membership begin the date your application and payment are received and processed at ABWA National Headquarters. For renewal purposes, membership starts on the first day of the month following the date the application and payment are processed and renews annually. Dues payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Affiliation Information:

Do you plan to join a local League? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, League name \_\_\_\_\_*Note: Participation in an ABWA local League is contingent upon timely payment of annual National dues.*

Name of Member Sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## Address and Contact Information:

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Facebook account? ☐ Yes ☐ No Facebook Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** An e-mail address is required to access your membership information and conduct business online at [www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org).  
By providing your e-mail address, you are authorizing ABWA to contact you by e-mail.

## Personal Demographics (for statistical purposes only)

Are you 18 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No Birthdate: (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year (YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

## Business Owner, Employment and Education Level Demographics (for statistical purposes only):

Your Company's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a business owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No Description of products/services: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education Completed:

☐ High School/GED ☐ Vo-Tech ☐ Associate's Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree ☐ Master's Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree

## Enclosed is my ABWA National dues payment of:

☐ \$115 ABWA National Membership ☐ \$50 ABWA National Student Membership *\*To qualify for student membership, include a class schedule reflecting enrollment in 12+ credit hours per semester.*

Payment Information: ☐ Check: Mail check with application to ABWA, P.O. Box 4757, Overland Park, KS 66204-0757☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code (3-digit code on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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September 2024 EMC Celebration, Women of the Year



2024 Prayer Breakfast





## National 2024 Highlights



We visited the Black History Museum



Nadie recognized for Leveling Up



Best Practices night



National Woman of the Year, Dr. Gail Hamilton



Beverly met a new friend

Special THANKS to our previous Speakers



Marilyn Lash, November 2024



Shamarion Scott, December 2024



Brianna Mosier, January 2025

## Nu-Lite Chapter 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Ponderosa



Vivian displaying Certificate that everyone received.



Brayden and grandma Dedric.



Beverly, Nadie, guest Robin, Volver, Barbera, Vivian, Ta'Mera, Brayden and guest Linda.



## ABWA Nu-Lite Charter Chapter

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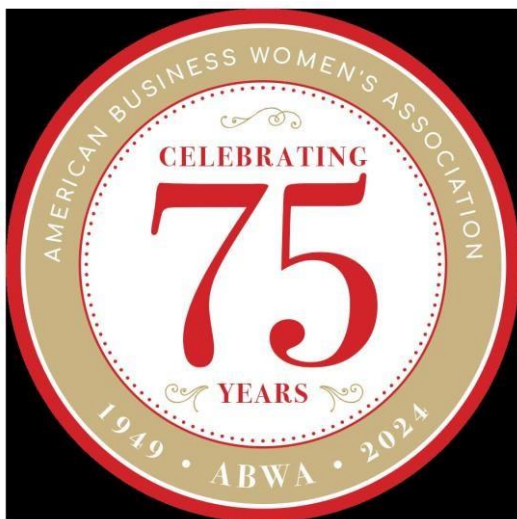
### 2024-2025 Executive Board Officers

Shirley Stitt ~ President

Vivian Stuart ~ Vice President

Beverly Woods ~ Secretary

Nadie Brackins-Holmes ~ Treasurer



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