

The History

It all began with a vision, and on September 16, 1991 that vision became a reality as Solidarity was officially chartered as an ABWA chapter. There were five visionaries with visualization, devotion and they possessed leadership, we know them as our founders: Selestine Davis, Delores Deadwyler, Lela Emanuel, Ellene Jackson (deceased) and Bernice Slaton. The chapter was chartered with 28 members. The chapter currently has 45 members. The purpose of all ABWA Leagues is to promote the social and cultural advancement of young women and men. Solidarity has done this by offering scholarships. This League has given over \$16,000 in local scholarships and approximately \$3,000 in national scholarships.

Over the years our community service work has extended to lunch with seniors of Epworth Towers, beautification of Maddox Park, donations of poinsettias for the Sadie G. Mays Senior Citizen Home, lunch for Mitchell Personal Care Home, financial support for the Sisters by Choice Cancer walk and financial support to a few homeless shelters. Each year at Thanksgiving we choose a needy family and provide food to accommodate breakfast, lunch and dinner. During the Christmas season we have provided hat's, gloves, scarves, and toilettes to the 250 residents at Crestview Nursing, Health & Rehab Center and donated clothing, toilettes and toys to displaced children.

Chapter Theme: "A Room Full of Sisters"
Chapter Flower: White Carnation
Chapter Colors: Pink and Black

SOLIDARITY

- S** – Represents the **Sisterhood** that we are trying to encourage among the members.
- O** – for the **Optimism** that we share with each other.
- L** – for the **Love** we share within this group.
- I** – for the **Intellect** that we strive to improve.
- D** – for the **Dedication** we have to our chapter and ABWA.
- A** – for the **Advancement** of the cause of women in our community and country.
- R** – for **Revisionism**, our commitment to change.
- I** – for **Integrity** which we strive to exhibit at all times.
- T** – for **Tenacity** – our resolve to act with Courage.
- Y** – **Yes!** Our answer to the call of **SOLIDARITY**.

2018 Annual Theme



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Solidarity Chapter

A League of the American Business Women's Association
Atlanta, Georgia



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Solidarity is defined as a "union of interests, purposes, or sympathies among members of a group." Consequently, we share mutual Visions and Goals for the advancement of women and of society. We seek to empower not only the women within the membership of ABWA, but those in the community at large. We strive to keep the mission of the association at the forefront of all our endeavors, realizing that our cause is ongoing and continual. It is through the depth of our Visions that our Goals can be accomplished.

2017-2018 Vision Statement

The Vision of Solidarity is to embrace diversity by expanding our membership outreach landscape and continue to empower our members.

League Honors

Solidarity is an award winning chapter. We have received the following awards: Chapter Management Award, National Board Award, National Convention Sponsor Award, Retention Award, (2) Conference Newsletter Awards, (2) Member Education Awards, (3) National Meeting Attendance Awards, (3) Recruitment Awards, (4) Business Associate Event Awards, (5) Scholarship Awards, (10) Star Awards and (4) Best Practices Awards 2006-2007; 2011-2012; 2012-2013 and 2015-2016.

Why make Solidarity your League

The members was asked to complete the following statement: The most important reason for maintaining my affiliation in this League is:_____.

“I have known most of the members for a number of years and they are my ABWA Sisters.”

Bernice W. Slaton
Member since 1979

“The name of the League speaks for itself: Solidarity. From within this League I really feel its members have each others back and support.”

Anita LaVal
Member since 1993

“ It’s a learning experience and I just enjoy being in this League.”

Rita Lopez
Member since 2002

Membership Opportunities

Upon joining the Chapter, new members are paired with a mentor that is currently holding a leadership position in the Chapter. Through feedback we have discovered that this gives the new member(s) the opportunity to ask question they may be shy about asking in a meeting. We encourage new members to join committees that best fit their career or personality. These committees are also over-seen by the leadership team. The other opportunities include:

- Developing professionally through informative programming at monthly meetings.
- Gaining leadership skills while working on committees, managing projects and speaking at league functions.
- Running for a leadership position within the Solidarity Chapter and/or the National Association.
- Networking with local professionals, expanding both your personal and professional networks.

Solidarity Chapter Monthly Meetings

Date: 1st Monday of each month

Time: 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Place: John C. Birdine Center
215 Lakewood Way
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Cost: \$15.00 (meeting fee)

2017-2018 Executive Board

President	Rose Bell
Vice President	Dorsi Taylor
Secretary	Betty Sanders
Treasurer	Brenda Robinson
General Coordinator	Thernisa Hindsman

Membership Dues

ABWA National Dues: Annual membership fees are \$115, payable each year the month of your membership anniversary. ABWA’s basic fee for students is \$50, with a valid class schedule.

Solidarity Dues: The annual dues for the Solidarity Chapter are \$20. Chapter dues are payable every year in September. These dues help pay the administrative costs for the Chapter.

Fundraisers

Solidarity major fundraisers each year are:

- Anniversary Celebration
- Annual Spring Tea & Mother Daughter Luncheon

Join ABWA to connect, learn and grow! Membership opens many professional growth opportunities while keeping you connected to the largest network of working women in the country. You’ll benefit from leadership training, professional development, networking opportunities and more.