



# SOLID as a ROCK

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

## Greetings from the President....

Happy Holidays Solidarity,  
This is the season for reflection and rededication. Our outreach continues to demonstrate our commitment to stay focused and dedicated to helping families find joy and happiness during this time of year.  
Let us not forget the reason for the season. Peace and Goodwill to all.

*Rose Bell*, President



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**ABWA 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 through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.**

## 2017-2018 One Year Standing Rules

- 1.) The Chapter will adopt ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct and it will be printed in each issue of the Chapter's newsletter.
  - ❖ All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
  - ❖ Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
  - ❖ All members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness and in good faith.
  - ❖ Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
  - ❖ Members will not use their person power to advance their personal interests.
  - ❖ 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 members.
- 2.) Chapter members will be given forty-five (45) days to make up any missed meeting to maintain perfect attendance. Members must submit proof to Hospitality.
- 3.) The Chapter will offer discount meeting fee of \$8.00 for students only.
- 4.) The Chapter will allot \$30.00 for expenses for each Executive Board Meeting.
- 5.) All Checks must be collected at least one week prior to event. Funds submitted the week of the event must be paid in cash. Post-dated checks must clear the bank a week prior to event and will not be accepted the week of event. Any reservations made for any special event (Anniversary & Spring Tea) and fail to cancel the reservation no less than 72 hours prior to the event will lose their money. **Event payments made at the door will be \$5.00 more. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 6.) Any member that gives a personal check that is returned to the Chapter for NSF will be required to pay any fees the chapter incur and pay cash on all future payments for current year.

### Solidarity's 2017-2018 Vision Statement

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



## 2017 Woman of the Year

Mrs. Doris Taylor

Congratulations on a beautiful year Dorsi. You have been most gracious as you have represented Solidarity this year.

Thanks to all the members as you have given many personal gifts and accolades to our Woman of the Year. No League knows how to celebrate a WOY like Solidarity.



Dorsi, as your term comes to an end we hope you have enjoyed it and that you will continue to represent Solidarity in the highest manner.

Solidarity, in keeping with our five year standing rules we will elect a new WOY at the February meeting. Applications are now available.

Chair Bernice W. Slaton



## Professional Development - Chair Anita LaVal

The professional development committee continues its mission to bring education and enrichment to enhance the lives of Solidarity's members. We are consistently proud of the quality of the content in the programs. The speaker in November was Rose Bell, Solidarity President, she spoke on the topic, "Go for Your Dreams." The December speaker was Carolyn Fraser, a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, she presented "Making sense of Investing." In January, Ingrid Scurry Lassiter, presented "Accessing ABWA Community Connections and Apex Campus."



## 2017-2018 Chapter Officers

### Executive Board

**President**  
Rose Bell

**Vice President**  
Dorsi Taylor

**Secretary**  
Ingrid Lassiter

**Treasurer**  
Brenda Robinson

**General Coordinator**  
Thernisa Hindsman

### Committee Chairmen

**Education**  
Rita Lopez

**Fundraising**  
Delores Deadwyler

**Membership**  
Betty Sanders

**Newsletter**  
Rhonda Worthem

**Professional Development**  
Anita LaVal

**Publicity**  
Aisha Flores

**Hospitality**  
Bonita Brooks

**Woman of the Year**  
Bernice Slaton

## Member's Birthdays



### November

Deborah Forest            November 20

### December

Reuqueta Slaton        December 2

Dorsi Taylor            December 7

### January

Brenda Robinson        January 14

## Best Practices - Chair Bernice W. Slaton

Since the League voted to strive for Best Practice Level I this award year, let's stay focused and all get familiar with the requirement. One of our main challenges is the membership. Let's not wait until the end of the award year to invite and encourage new members to join.

We have successfully completed our December 15th I.R.S. requirement.

Remember Level I, Level I, Level I



## Membership - Chair Betty B. Sanders

Fall Recruitment is well underway and as a reminder it has been extended until December 20, 2018. The following is a statement for the Hand of Friendship Program: "Recruiting new members has always been an important aspect of maintaining the growth and sustainability of the American Business Women's Association. ABWA's recognition program called the Hand of Friendship was introduced in the early 50s. The purpose of the program is to recognize ABWA's **unsung heroines**, those members who demonstrated "their active desire to see the American Business Women's Association grow."

Ladies, I invite to reach out to potential members and help ABWA and Solidarity grow. "Extend your hand in friendship, by sponsoring 1, 2 or 3 new members to join the American Business Women's Association."

### INNER CIRCLE LEVELS

After qualifying for membership in the *Inner Circle*, members may earn higher Friendship Star charms as they continue to sponsor more new members. These awards are as follows:

22 • *Emerald Star*

33 • *Golden Sapphire Star*

44 • *Blue Sapphire Star*

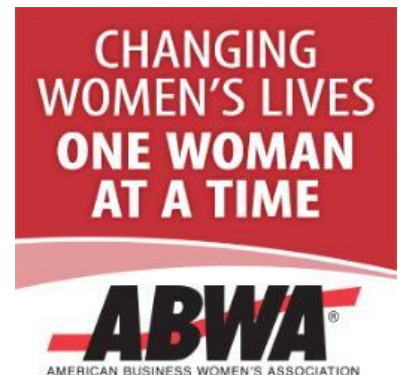
55 • *Garnet Star*

66 • *Amethyst Star*

77 • *Pearl Star*

88 • *Diamond Star*

100 plus (recruited more than 100 members)





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## 2017-2018 National Board of Directors

**National President**  
Dr. Sonja Ogletree Satani

**National Vice President**  
Julie Burch

**National Sec. Treasurer**  
Felicia Johnson

**District I Vice President**  
Myra Stevens Brown

**District II Vice President**  
Charlotte Osborne

**District III Vice President**  
Cheryl Scott

**District IV Vice President**  
Karen Williams

**District V Vice President**  
Marcia Green

**District VI Vice President**  
Karen Oliver

## 2018 Annual Theme



**General Coordinator** – Thernisa Hindsman

***Thanksgiving Project***

The community service project for November was the League’s Annual Thanksgiving Basket. Kimberly Hayes and her five children received a Turkey, Collard Greens, Green Beans, Corn, Black-eyed Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Tomatoes, Stuffing Mix, Sweet Pickles, Pie Crust, Sugar, Vanilla Extract, Tea, Box Cake & Frosting, Aluminum Cake Pans, Vegetable Oil, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls, Aluminum Foil, Salt & Pepper, Bell Pepper, Onions, Celery, Pimentos, Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Can Biscuits, Coffee, Can Milk and Fruit.



***Christmas Project***

With the strong history of the Carrie Steele- Pitts Home the Executive Board decided to play Santa Claus for two boys at the Home. Jason 13 years old, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade and James 15 years old, a 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Both young men received items on their wish list such as electronics, clothing and gift cards.

The Carrie Steele – Pitts Home (CSPH) is an extraordinary place with an extraordinary history. The Home’s founder, Mrs. Carrie Steele, was working as a maid at the Union Railroad Station in downtown Atlanta when she discovered that abandoned babies and children were being left at the station. She began to care for these children, placing them in an empty boxcar during the day and taking them home with her at night. In 1888, Mrs. Steele chartered the organization, eventually selling her home and generating additional funds from the community to build the first facility called the “Carrie Steele Orphan Home.”



Solidarity thank you for your caring and generous spirit. The 2017 Community Service projects wouldn’t have been successful without you.

## Recap of the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Vice -President Dorsi Taylor

I want to thank the Women of Solidarity for making our 26<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration a time of fun, laughter and love. We were able to laugh with our very own comedian extraordinaire Gail Sims. CJ and the A Team Line Dancers accompanied by Delmario Warner they performed several smooth line dances. After showing us there moves they began to instruct those willing to get on the dance floor and attempt several of the popular line dances, what a wonderful fun time.

The presentation of our Business Associates went to Min. Lisa Scurry-Bolden of RBNG Business Mgmt /Pathway Home and Mr. Delmario Warner of D-Star Video & Photo. We honor them for giving of themselves and their talents. We have been very blessed by both organizations, but more importantly by Min. Lisa Scurry – Bolden and Mr. Delmario Warner.

Mr. Dennis Slaton was presented with the Community Service Award. We proudly presented Mr. Slaton with this award for all he has given of his time to assist in any way needed, to the women of Solidarity.

The Chapter members also honored the 2017 Woman of the Year Dorsi Taylor.

This was an amazing time of love with A Room Full of Sisters.



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### Dates to Remember

- November 18** Solidarity's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- November 28** Giving Tuesday
- December 15** IRS Filing Deadline of League's 990-N
- December 20** End of Fall Recruitment
- January** Announces New Annual Theme
- January 31** SBMEF Contribution Due of Impact Scholarship in May 2018

Take time to think, it is the source of power;  
 Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth;  
 Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.  
 Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.  
 Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.  
 Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.  
 Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish.  
 Take time to work, it is the price of success.  
 Take time to do charity, it is the key to heaven.  
 Take time to love and be loved, it is a God given privilege.