



## Message from the President: Christmas gift suggestions:

*To your enemy, forgiveness.*

*To an opponent, tolerance.*

*To a friend, your heart.*

*To a customer, service.*

*To all, charity.*

*To every child, a good example.*

*To yourself, respect. "*

– Oren Arnold

Happy holidays!



Shari Maloney

## CALENDAR

### December 28

Membership Meeting  
11:30-noon networking  
noon-1:00 pm lunch/program  
Holiday Inn

### January 5

Leadership Team Meeting  
3:00 pm  
Downstairs Raapers  
LAPW Winter Social  
beginning at 4:00 pm  
Downstairs Raapers  
Bring a friend!

### January 16

Deadline to submit newsletter content

### January 25

Membership Meeting  
11:30-noon networking  
noon-1:00 pm lunch/program  
Holiday Inn

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Wahoo! We are  
*94 members strong!*

Welcome our newest  
members:

DaNae Branson and Kristen Haabala Wiener  
will be installed at our January meeting.



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## Wisdom Words

“One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.”  
- Andy Rooney

## Philanthropic Update!



### Share Your Recipes

The philanthropic committee needs your help! We are looking for family-friendly, nutritious, fast and easy recipes that make the most of our food dollar. With your recipes we are putting together a recipe book for Titus 2 homes. They will be able to use it for their residents and as a fundraiser if they so choose.

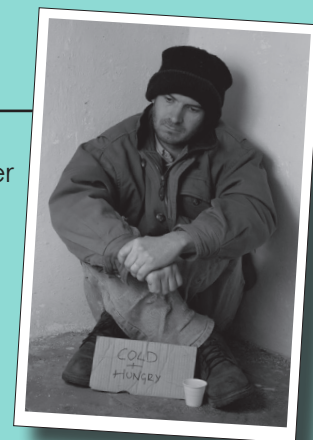
Please share your family favorite recipes by emailing them to [brwimmer@yahoo.com](mailto:brwimmer@yahoo.com)

## December Meeting Preview

Be sure to join us on Wednesday, December 28 at the Holiday Inn for our monthly membership meeting. Socializing begins at 11:30 and our meeting and program begin at noon and conclude at 1 pm. Bring a guest! The cost for lunch is \$10.

We have a great program planned – Jessica Boyer will be leading a panel that will present on homelessness. Learn how “tight budgets” challenge more and more individuals as they struggle to meet their daily needs. You will learn what defines homelessness and how many are homeless in our community. Panel participants will share how local community members are impacted by the economic downturn and what can be done to close the gap between the haves and have nots.

The Philanthropic Team will be collecting cash and other items for the food shelf at this meeting also. Our focus for collections will be on feminine hygiene products such as sanitary napkins, tampons, deodorant etc, but we will accept cash and other appropriate food shelf items as well. Please go to the following link to rsvp for our December 28 meeting: <http://www.doodle.com/8y267bhsankcn57f>.



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# Give a Member an Ovation!

Save the Date!

Nominate a fellow LAPW member for the annual Ovation! awards. We will take five minutes of our agenda at our meeting next week to give you time to make a nomination or two or three! So this is your notice to start thinking of a member you would like to nominate. There will be treats for those who turn in a nomination at our meeting. If you can't make the meeting, nominations can be emailed to [sharim@alextech.edu](mailto:sharim@alextech.edu).

Descriptions of our three Ovation! Awards follow:

- **Spirit of Growth:** Personal growth is about embracing a journey of discovery that often includes adversity and challenges, yet you continue to move forward, reaching out to others and making a difference knowing that being your best will inspire the best in those around you.
- **Spirit of Professional Development:** Professional development is about leaving your comfort zone and stretching as far as your talents and strengths will take you, then realizing your potential and accepting the next opportunity to grow, mentor and achieve with enthusiasm and joy.
- **Spirit of Philanthropy:** Philanthropy is the act of donating money, goods, services, time and/or efforts to support a socially beneficial cause, with a defined objective and with no financial or material reward to the donor.

## Member *Book Review*

By Linda Baltés

*Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent

This is a book that will pull at your heart and leave you with a desire to get to the hereafter. I always believed that there was life hereafter, but once I read the book I was totally blown away. A little boy would not know the things he knew if it hadn't truly happened. To meet your grandpa, younger sibling, and important people — not to mention Jesus himself — is almost beyond imagining.

I found myself being comforted by the thought of death, which has never happened before. I started reading this amazing story and couldn't put the book down. It is a must read for anyone who has lost someone important to them and whom they miss daily. Or for anyone who questions what is next, when we leave here. After reading the book, you know those who are gone are in a MUCH better place, and will be there waiting for you with open arms.



## January 5 Social

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 5, 2012! We have reserved the downstairs at Raaper's for a time to get together, beginning at 4:00 pm.

This will be a great time to introduce others to LAPW as well. Bring a guest or two or three! There will be door prizes for guests and also for members. Join us!

## January Meeting

January 25  
Speed networking!

