



The Entrepreneurial Mothers Association provides the opportunity for self-employed mothers to enhance their professional and personal development by offering support, exchanging information, and sharing resources and referrals.

EMA provides professional credibility, personal support, company recognition, business contacts, new friendships, and problem solving.

We help each other succeed!

<p>How did EMA begin?</p>	<p>EMA is a non-profit organization that was started in 1986 by Kathy Stephens, owner of Over the Top Lifestyles and author of <i>52 Fascinating Females</i> (www.52fascinatingfemales.com). Her goal was to bring self-employed mothers together to encourage and guide each other. There are currently four chapters in the state of Arizona and a chapter in Dallas TX.</p>
<p>How do I become a member?</p>	<p>Annual membership is \$60. To obtain an application form, visit www.emausa.org, or pick one up at the registration table at our monthly meetings. Your membership dues include a FREE listing on our EMA website.</p>
<p>Where and when are the meetings?</p>	<p>Our meetings take place on the 1st Monday of the month, unless it falls on a holiday, then it's the following week. We meet at the Radisson Hotel - 7475 W. Chandler Blvd. (I-10 & Chandler Blvd.) Registration and Networking is from 6:15pm-7:00pm. Dinner and the meeting begin at 7:00pm.</p>
<p>What is the Standing List?</p>	<p>Want to save yourself from trying to remember RSVP deadlines? Sign up to be on the Standing List! This means you are automatically on the RSVP list every month. If you are NOT going to be present at a meeting, you need to let our RSVP team know. As a standing list member you will receive one FREE raffle ticket at each meeting you attend! Also, as a thank you for being on the Standing List, you will receive a complimentary name badge. Contact Our RSVP team (RSVPeve@emausa.org) to be added to the Standing List today!</p>
<p>How do I RSVP for the meetings?</p>	<p>RSVPs are due by noon, the THURSDAY prior to the meeting. E-mail or call: _____ . The price for Members and Guests: \$28.00. Late RSVP or at the Door: \$35.00 <i>*Please Note: Reservations and cancellations not called in or e-mailed by the RSVP date will be billed \$35.00.</i></p>
<p>What should I bring? What should I prepare to say about myself?</p>	<p>You are welcome to bring products for sale or information to display about your business. Members will have 1/3 of a table to display their information. Bring plenty of business cards to share with others. Each member and guest will present their '30-second Commercial'. Share with the group: your name, your business, a good lead for you, and tell us about your children.</p>

<p>Can I invite guests to the meetings?</p>	<p>Guests are welcome to come to two meetings before they decide if they would like to join. We have some incentives for members! BRING A QUALIFIED GUEST: You'll be entered in a raffle to win a FREE ad in the EMA monthly newsletter. REFER ONE NEW QUALIFIED MEMBER: You'll earn FREE admission (dinner) at a monthly EMA member meeting. REFER TWO NEW MEMBERS: If two referrals join, you receive 50% off your annual dues - a value of \$30</p>
<p>What are the Raffle Tickets at the meetings?</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to donate DOOR PRIZES. To thank you for your donation, your name and business will be included in the Newsletter. Raffle tickets are \$1/ticket or 6/\$5.00. **Money raised from raffle tickets is donated to a local charity.</p>
<p>Is there an EMA Newsletter?</p>	<p>We send out an e-Newsletter, "The Busimom's Journal" monthly. The Newsletter is published approximately one week prior to the meeting. Deadline to submit items is the 15th of the month.</p>
<p>What is HOT NEWS?</p>	<p>If you have exciting business news or an announcement that is time-sensitive, and you would like to share with the group, in 50 words or less, you can submit it to be included in a special announcement e-mail that goes out to the entire chapter. You can find HOT NEWS forms on every table at the monthly meetings. The deadline for HOT NEWS is the Friday following the meeting.</p>
<p>What are NEEDS, LEADS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS?</p>	<p>On each table at the monthly meetings you will find NEEDS, LEADS, and ANNOUNCEMENTS forms. If you have something to share, a thank you to another member, etc., simply fill out a form. The forms will be read at the end of the meeting and will be included in the monthly Newsletter.</p>
<p>Are there other ways I can make announcements, share information about my business, and communicate with other members?</p>	<p>Yes! Visit our web site and our message board for improving and increasing communication among our chapter members. This Free message board provides members an opportunity to post messages to the whole group. ALSO!! Sign up to be a table sponsor one month. By sponsoring the tables, you decorate them for our monthly dinner, and you can also make sure your marketing material is at each and every place setting, this way, your message can reach each and every EMA member!</p>