



The KEY



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Happy Fall! I am enjoying the cool air, changing leaves and sweatshirt weather of the fall season. But most important it is the start of our BPW year!!! District meetings, club meetings, special events and renewing friendships and enjoying each other's fellowship.

Since July 1st, your executive committee has been very busy. We have held three Executive Committee (EC) meetings, discussing BPW/PA. I personally want to thank the 100 members who took the time to complete the survey on the weekly BPW BUZZ. The EC is using these results to move the organization forward. This Fall, members of the EC will be visiting the following Districts: 2,4,6,8,10,12 and will be sharing and discussing the survey findings. Members, if you have any concerns, ideas and/or thoughts about BPW/PA please reach out to your EC. The EC is YOUR Executive Committee. When any member of the EC receives an email, we share it and discuss it with the rest of the EC in order to maintain an open line of communication. We are here to listen and to find answers to your questions using the tools and resources of BPW/PA. The EC works best as a team. Kenneth Blanchard said: "None of us is as smart as all of us."

A question on the survey asked: "What prevents you from attending convention?" 13 members responded "costs too much". This year, the EC has lowered registration for the 2023 Convention. The following are the registration fees for the 2023 BPW/PA State Convention:

Early \$60 full time/ \$50 one day; Regular: \$70 full time / \$60 one day;

On Site: \$80 full time / \$70 one day.

We are trying to make it affordable even if you can only come for one day. Also, we have lowered the fees for vendors to attend our convention. This year members will be charged \$50.00 for a table at the convention and non-members \$75.00 for a table. Mark your calendars, 2023 Convention will be held on June 8th – 11th, 2023 at the Sheraton Bucks Hotel in Langhorne, PA

National Business Women's Week (NBWW) is October 17 – 21, 2022 this year. Each District was given NBWW table tents to give out to women owned businesses within your local organizations. Let us recognize locally woman owned businesses. If these women aren't members, invite them to a meeting. We need to show support for these businesses.

I will have an opportunity to attend the 42nd Ecumenical Event with BPW OHIO. This year's theme is: Salvation. I am looking forward to attending this year's event and will be speaking about Ephesians 2 verses 8-10.

Ladies, please be kind to one another. We are sisters in BPW. We may have different ideas and views but we must work together to find common ground. Chances are you will find that we have more similarities than differences. So let's listen to one another, show each other respect and remember that we are all in this together.

"Good things happen when we believe"

President Missy



PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FOUNDATION, INC.

PA BPW FOUNDATION WORK CONTINUES

October is always a busy month for BPW/PA. Our PA BPW Foundation is no exception. We are thrilled that we received interested educators across our BPW/PA to submit applications to the Sharon A. Walsh Grant (S.T.R.E.A.M.) The due date was September 30 so I do not have the final outcome but as soon as we can, we will publish in the BUZZ and again in the next THE KEY edition.

When Sharon A. Walsh was our state president (1990-1991), I served as District Eleven's District Director. Her state theme, "Accentuate the Positive" sure emphasized her love of being an educator. Now, she taught the higher grades of high school math while I taught the upper intermediate level elementary but our collaborating our teaching stories were always a joy. She loved teaching. Just so happy to have these memories and now to have her legacy to continue in other educators throughout our PA Federation is heartwarming. She would be so proud.

This is also the month that leads up to accepting our scholarship applications for those individuals seeking higher levels of learning. Please use the new scholarship pamphlet on the public page of the www.bpwpa.org and share with all. Give to your members, place on your website or LO Face Book, help us get the word out to everyone that we do provide scholarships. There are two deadlines: Nov. 1 and May 1. We do have the application on the bpwpa.org that can be downloaded and completed. Read carefully and follow all directions. So don't hesitate as the application does ask for 3 references and sometimes that may take time to receive and include in the application.

***** NEWS FLASH – I just discovered that the Foundation is not on the blue stream with all the other public notifications. Go to the far right and see the three dots. Click and our PA BPW Foundation material will appear. We don't want ANYONE missing the opportunity to apply for a scholarship.**

We also maintain the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant which provides to our members emergency funds for the following: catastrophic illness or accident; extended unemployment; a disaster or any other unusual financial loss. There is an application on the "member only" section of the www.bpwpa.org. Please follow the instructions. There is never a deadline for a request and never hesitate to ask if you are in need. All information is kept confidential.

Both the Scholarship and the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant Applications are mailed to Laura Whetstone, the Chair of the Educational and Service Funds Committee.

But to maintain these two funds we rely on two ways. The generosity of the local organizations and districts and mainly, you, the member. We are able to recognize our local organizations with their level of giving with a bronze, silver, gold or diamond certificates during our State Convention. We also recognize members who are able to donate \$100 or more as a member of the President's Society Award.

A donation form can be found on the www.bpwpa.org. We are always appreciative whatever you are able to share. Remember you may donate in memory or in honor of a specific person. You may select with 3 options-Scholarship Fund, EOF Fund or undesignated. (The last selection helps with the postage, stationary, etc. if needed.) You may send at any time Joyce Turner whose address is 282 Honeysuckle Lane, Robesonia, PA 19951. Our final date of acceptance is April 30, 2023.

Foundation (page 2)

Every year at the State Convention, the PA BPW Foundation is able to hold a special function for the Friday evening event as well as a ticket raffle. This coming year we are heading to Langhorne, PA to the Sheraton Bucks Hotel for our Annual Convention. We are already working on our “Paddle Raffle” Event. Start saving your quarters. We love the sound of the ping, ping of quarters in the baskets. It’s never too early to start looking for items for the Bag Raffle where an item is displayed and you get to select where to place your “winning ticket.” Always a fun night!!!

Another item that I would like to mention. We do have a PA BPW Foundation Board Member application on the www.bpwpa.org “member only” section. If you would be interested in applying for a Board position, please read, complete and submit by March 15, 2023. Thank you.

I was asked why we are NOT participating in the Annual Philadelphia’s Women Conference on October 6 (in person) and 7 (virtual). The PA BPW Board decided at the August 1, 2022 meeting not to sponsor a table or booth for the welfare and safety of our members. At that time the COVID was still evident in our communities. We encourage individuals to go online and sign up with the Women’s Conference if they wish to attend.

Again, may I introduce our PA BPW Board members: Nancy Werner, Chair; Laura Whetstone, Vice-President; Paula Maloney, Recording Secretary; Joyce Turner, Treasurer; Jean Towle, Fund Raising; Ginny Bailey, Cathy Collins and Theresa Rusbosin; BPW/PA-Michelle Holler, Jennifer Van Ingen, and Jean Calabrace. (We have a new photo gallery on the bpwpa.org Please take a look.)

Thank you everyone for your continued support. We appreciate everything you do for us.

Nancy Werner, PA BPW Foundation Chair



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ISSUES MANAGMENT

We are off to a fabulous start for the new BPW year. Districts and Local Organizations have been working hard to plan for the coming 2022-23 year. There may be programs, projects and even events that are being developed for participation by every member. Activities are happening everywhere. Use our visibility to engage our members and bringing new individuals into our clubs. Remember to use local media-newspapers, Facebook, your website, whatever your LO or District uses. Don't forget your news bulletin. We need to share about BPW with everyone. (Hint: Always carry a LO brochure wherever you go and always wear a BPW pin or scarf. It brings attention and questions will be asked “What is BPW?”)

An area that I have not addressed are the Issues of our BPW organization. Yes, we have a few that we celebrate every year. Our National Business Women's Week is one and it is just around the corner. October 17 to 21. The idea originated back with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927. The first annual observance of NBWW was held on April 15-22, 1928 when National President Lena Madesin Phillips opened the week with a nationally broadcast speech. She stated that the purpose of the week was to “focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world.”

The NBWW has grown into a national salute to all workingwomen. The program for the first observance of NBWW included:

Legislative Day -Devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women,
Education Day- Devoted to emphasizing the need for equitable educational opportunities,
Club Rally Day-Devoted for prospective new members,
Community Day-Devoted to honoring leaders in the community, and
Goodwill Day- Devoted to working with other women's organizations.

It was in 1938 that NBWW was moved to the full third week of October by President Herbert Hoover. He was the first President to issue a letter recognizing NBWW and the contributions and achievements of working women. The celebration of national Business Women's Week has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their achievement professionally and personally. (All the proceedings were taken from the BPW Foundation site.)

Our history of the NBWW has held the test of time. We can all be encouraged for this special week and that our BPW created it. The National Business Women's Week Tent is a very creative method to showcase the business women in our locals and communities. We must give a “shout out” to our President Elect Michelle Holler for preparing them for the Summer State Board Meeting. What a brilliant idea to connect with the business women in our communities by sharing our NBWW Tent. Hope everyone distributed them and also gave these business women your LO brochures.



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DISTRICT 1



October 2022

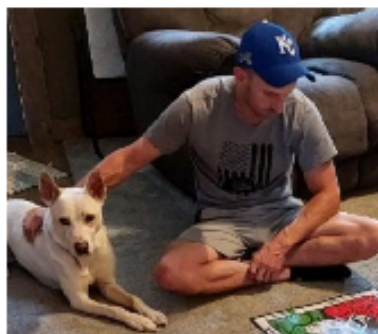
Meadville Business and Professional Women's Club

Monday, October 3, 2022, @ 5:30 PM

Downtown Mall Bistro

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83100452431?pwd=ZEFjNWZwSSStYCHNZTVBWS1dsUXQxZz09>

Passcode 074869



Please join our District One meeting and meet Justin and his pal Sergio, representing PTSD-Paws Trained for Servicing the Disabled. Also attending will be Lauri Noll, owner/founder, who will tell us more about the program.

See page 3 for more information.

Reserve w/elsjohnson@verizon.net by 9/28



Support Tails of Valor Paws of Honor!

\$1 a chance.

October's Puppy of the month.

See pages 4 & 5 for details.



DISTRICT 1



DISTRICT 3**Greater Pittsburgh**

What an exciting start to our GPBPW year - 27 enthusiastic members were in attendance on September 6th, our District 3 Director Angela Apple made her official visit, and our guest speaker, Patricia Lutz, owner of Turning Point in Washington, PA gave us fantastic examples of her women winners in their battle with addiction.

Treasurer Maurita Bryant asked for volunteers for our "Holiday Vendor Bash" to be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. (Save the date!)

Vice President Jill Smallwood showed an original Tic Tok video she created that we will use to celebrate Women's Business Week, highlighting local business owners.

See you all at the Fall District 3 meeting on October 3rd at the Lamplighter!

Bonnie DiCarlo
President

Latrobe**2022-2023 Latrobe Officers**

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Vice-President
Lorie Planinsek

Treasurer
Jean Calabrace

Recording Secretary
Barbara Baldwin

Corresponding Secretary
Dawn Hughes

Parliament
Theresa Rusbosin

Executive Committee: (Back) Jean Calabrace, Barbara Baldwin, Dawn Hughes, Theresa Rusbosin. (Front) Tracy Grace, Lorie Planinsek

Latrobe's September meeting Highlighted Costumes for Courage. Courtney Durante is a resident of Irwin, PA. She has been married for 11 years and has 2 children (Lilliana and Mason). Courtney is employed full time as a Project Manager at a major bank. She is also the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Costumes for Courage. Costumes for Courage is a non-profit organization that provides costumes to children facing challenging medical difficulties. The hope is that these costumes will give them the extra strength and courage they need to face their challenges. It was inspired by her daughter who wore a different princess costume to each of her 52 chemotherapy treatments for a brain tumor. Everyone was invited to bring a new costume to donate to Costumes for Courage as well as wear Gold in honor of Childhood Cancer Month.



Ligonier Valley

Ligonier Valley BPW is so excited about the year ahead. We have strong and inspiring District and State leadership in place and we have energetic members with innovative ideas! We know that members join BPW for many reasons, but when we keep meetings short and interesting, provide opportunities for social interaction with all the members of District 3, and make meetings a safe place for all of us to express our thoughts and ideas, the club will continue to grow.

For our program for August, our member Susan Jones shared her experiences on a recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. In September, the club learned lots more about Tails of Valor with a live Zoom with a veteran and his Tails of Valor dog Reinert. The veteran

detailed the actions that Reinert was trained to do to calm him in times of stress – we learned so much! In July, August, and September, members who raised produce in their home garden that they wanted to share brought the produce for the “Garden Tails” table. Those who wanted to purchase made a donation to Tails of Valor. In the three months of “Garden Tails”, we raised nearly \$300.00. We are continuing to plan a local donation opportunity involving the Tails of Valor and providing donation jars at each meeting.

We don’t plan a program for July each year, as we are already working hard on the fund-raiser for our scholarships – this year, it was held on September 11. With the generosity of our local merchants in Ligonier and the generosity of our wonderful members, nearly all the prizes we awarded were donated. Our club sold 333 “BIG TICKET RAFFLE” tickets at \$20.00 each for chances on 20 cash and gift certificate prizes and 10 BIG baskets worth at least \$200 each. At the Bash, broadcast live on our Facebook page, Past State President Dawn Berkebile and Past Local President Tara Hassler MC’d the program drawing numbers along with presentations on the merchants who participated, telling viewers about BPW, and about our State Project, Tails of Valor – you will notice their puppy ears! Our profit for the day was nearly \$8,000!

Our active club is looking forward to the continuing year of new ideas and activities! Maggie

Hildebrand
President



McKeesport

The McKeesport BPW has had a very busy past few months. Girls on the Run visited our June Meeting to talk about the successful program at our local elementary school Francis McClure. We were also shocked and honored to receive thank you cards from the girls. We have decided as a local to continue to support our local Girls on the Run.



August was the BPW McKeesport outing to the 10th Anniversary PA's Women's Hall of Achievement's Spirit of the 19th Amendment Luncheon. It was a beautiful afternoon of celebration of the 19th amendment and we were honored to celebrate together.

September brought a very successful Meet & Greet with Maryn Formley from VEEEM (Voter Empowerment & Enrichment Movement). This event could generate a potential five new members. We are working on our programs for the next few months: October 13th, Hanna Beightly will talk about Women for a Healthy Environment November 10th Johanna Zacharias from Allegheny County Prostitution Court will be our speaker. We've also been working on a website for our local and keeping our facebook update. So please check us out.: @mckeesportbusinessandprofessionalwomen

<http://bpwmckeesport.com/>

Bernadette Koval- McKeesport President



DISTRICT 6

District 6 started the new BPW year with a healthy, growing membership of 37 – Jersey Shore, 20 and Wellsboro, 17. Our officers and committee chairs held a planning meeting on August 20th. We developed a tentative budget and decided on the following fundraisers – 50/50s and silent auctions during the spring and fall meetings. We confirmed the dates of the District Director's official visits which will be held in Wellsboro on October 10th and in Jersey Shore on October 18th. The Fall District Meeting will be held on October 15th and Spring District Meeting on April 15th at Fry's Turkey Ranch Restaurant. District 6 will support President Missy's project, "Tails of Valor, Paws of Honor," with collections from Fall and Spring District Meetings.

Jersey Shore BPW

It's been a busy year so far for the Jersey Shore BPW. Officers were installed in June, with Katelyn Wasson, President; Jennifer Campana, Vice President; Kim Shaffer, Recording Secretary; Annie Shebest, Treasurer; Abbey Welker Yoas, Corresponding Secretary; and Joanne Brown, Parliamentarian. Barb Schmouder, Past President of PA BPW inducted the officers at a dinner held at Katelyn Wasson's boutique in Jersey Shore.

The club got right to work, and in July had Gayle Miller from Gayle's Kitchen Creations speaking to us about her Kombucha and other food products business in Jersey Shore. We met at The Shore Diner. August was a meeting at Santino's in Jersey Shore, where we hosted Diana Fesenmyer, State Membership Chair, who held a seminar on growing our membership. September, Julieanne Steinbacher from Steinbacher, Goodall, and Yurchak spoke to us about women in the legal profession and establishing your own business.

The club has finished one fundraiser this summer, selling Jersey Shore Bulldog flags. This was an amazing success, with the club selling 110 flags in a couple of weeks. Upcoming events are the Winter Wildcat Craft Show in Mill Hall, where we will sell Mr. Sticky buns.



Katelyn Wasson, Jersey Shore President

Wellsboro BPW held a Summer Planning Meeting in August. Our officers for 2022-2023 were installed: President, Susan Graver; Vice-President Cath Mulcahey; Recording Secretary, Arline Buchman; and Treasurer, Colleen Jackson (Photo).

We planned programs for the year including a membership open house on October 10th. We have invited prospective members to join us for pizza and salad. Nationally recognized guest speaker, Kate Sholonski, will conduct a mini-workshop on "Self Awareness- Know Your Impact." On November 14th, Dr. Kristine Shaw, Grand Canyon Veterinary Hospital, will speak on "A Later-in-Life Journey from Old-Fashioned Girl to Veterinarian Business Owner." Our December 12th meeting will be a holiday dinner party at the Wellsboro Steak House with a delicious dinner, games, and lots of laughs. This year's holiday charity collection goes to the Tioga County Homeless Initiative.

Wellsboro BPW's fundraisers for the year include Terri Lynn's Candy & Nut sale, Rada Cutlery sale, Dickens' of a Christmas sale of fudge, cookies, breads, muffins and silent auctions during the April and June meetings.

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Wellsboro BPW Officers 2022-2023 (L-R) Susan Graver, President; Cath Mulcahey, Vice President; Colleen Jackson, Treasurer; Arline Buchman, Recording Secretary

D10 District Report

District 10 members attended and hosted the BPWPA Summer Board Meeting. The District had a productive District Summer Board Meeting on September 20th. We will be holding our Fall District Meeting on October 22, 2022 at Uno Pizzeria in Newtown Square, PA. In line with October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our speaker will be Nancy Barker, MSN, EdD, RN from PennMedicine. Nancy will be speaking on Women's Health and Screening. We are looking forward to BPW PA state representatives, Vice President Jennifer Van Ingen and Parliamentarian Mary Weeks' visit.



The D10 contingent looked pretty spiffy in our Red-White-and-Blue outfits.



DISTRICT 10

Several members of the Chesmont Local Organization started our 2022-2023 year with a mini retreat in Ocean City, NJ, at the home of Donna and Richard Weinstein. We reviewed the 2022-2023 LO President's Manual and made plans for our speakers. We plan to focus on the BPW/PA Legislative platform this year and will be scheduling speakers who can assist us in completing contest entries for Legislation. We will also continue our efforts to improve our Public Relations and exposure to women in our surrounding communities.



Seen here are Linda Landis, Parliamentarian, Carole Turk, President, Donna Weinstein, Corresponding Secretary, and Jean White, Recording Secretary. Helen Burnley, Treasurer, joined us via Zoom.

We will again look for qualified candidates for our Most Improved Student Award which will be presented to a graduating Senior from the Phoenixville Area School District. This is an unusual award because it looks at students who struggle with their academics early in their high school career but discover that improving their grades opens more possibilities in their lives.

Chesmont members also assisting in hosting the BPW/PA Summer BOD meeting. This was Carole Turk's first BOD meeting where she received a greeting from BPW/PA President, Melissa Wieand.



DISTRICT 10

Delaware County BPW had the pleasure of having Beverly Rorer, educator, author, historian and beekeeper at the September meeting. Ms. Rorer serves on the Board of the Grange Estate in Havertown, Pennsylvania. Her presentation was interesting, informative and humorous as she described how beekeeping by chance became her passion since 1975. Seen here are Patty Snyder, Delaware County BPW President and Ms. Rorer.



In October, Delaware County BPW's program will be "BPW 101" which is a refresher for long time members and an introduction to BPW for newer members. Members of the Local will participate in this worthwhile program.

After a two (2) year hiatus Delaware County BPW will be having a Quarter Auction on Wednesday evening, November 9, 2022 at Anthony's Ristorante in Springfield, PA. The proceeds will benefit local women's organizations. All are invited to attend. Members from other Locals in District 10 plan to attend the Auction to support Delaware County members. We look forward to a successful evening!

DISTRICT 10

D10 Greater Downingtown BPW

Greater Downingtown started off their BPW year with a winning game “Phillies Night” fundraiser on August 27, 2022, proceeds to go to state project, Tails of Valor. One of the Phillies fans in the stands was our own BPW PA state president Melissa Wieand. In September, the club participated in Caln Day with an informational booth and a 50/50 raffle. BPWPA Membership Area 3 committee member, Becky Shoulberg made a surprise visit to the group. At our September meeting, an Induction ceremony was performed by President Lorraine Tindaro for the group’s two new members, Marianna Burns and Cindy Markley, returning charter member. Members attended District 10’s Summer Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 20th. It was nice to get together with our BPW sisters from the other locals who we have not seen for a while. At our October meeting Swami Nirmalananda Saraswati will be engaging the group in a yoga meditation and speaking on how meditation and yoga can improve your health. Also on Thursday, October 13, 2022, Greater Downingtown BPW will be holding a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Downingtown. In lieu of our November 9th meeting Greater Downingtown will be supporting our sisters of Delaware County at their Quarter Raffle. We are looking forward to spending the evening with these ladies. Wishing all a productive year.



Phillies Night

DISTRICT 10



Caln Day



New Member Induction Ceremony

DISTRICT 11

GREATER CONSHOHOCKEN BPW - FALL 2022 KEY

Since the beginning of this BPW year in July, GC BPW members have attended various BPW functions and are preparing for upcoming meetings/events. Three members (Donna, Mary and Susan) attended the State Summer Board at State College in August. Following the meeting Donna and Mary completed the new PPD Workshop train-the-trainers session and are now available to facilitate the workshop. On the District level, four members (Donna, Susan, Bernadette and Mary) attended the Summer Board meeting in Quakertown.

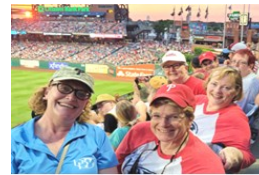


STATE SUMMER BOARD PPDW TRAINERS SESSION D.11 SUMMER BOARD

GC BPW is wholeheartedly supporting the BPW State Project, Tails of Valor. Two members attended the Greater Downingtown Phillies night fundraiser and will be attending the District 11 "Paws for Tea" on September 25th. GC BPW will be selling bagged chocolate paws and dog bones, as well as doggie treats to support Tails of Valor and will highlight the state project at our November dinner meeting.



TAILS OF VALOR

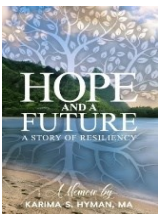


PHILLIES NIGHTLET'S "PAWS" FOR TEA



COLLECTION FOR MILITARY CARE PACKAGES & CARDS

During September and October, GC BPW members will again be working with various BPW Locals, community groups and businesses to collect items for the care packages and to sign holiday cards for our military personnel. The deadline for receipt is mid-November so the military can receive the care packages and cards in time for the holidays. **Our thanks to everyone in advance for your generosity!**



MEMBER'S BOOK FEATURED AT BPW PA BOOK CLUB DECEMBER 15TH MEETING

www.barnesandnoble.com/w/hope-and-a-future-karima-s-hyman-ma/1139880740

Our member, Karima Hyman has written a book entitled "Hope and Future: A Story of Resiliency. A Memoir. The book will be discussed at the BPW PA Book Club on December 15th.

District 11: Upper Perk - July, August & September

Throughout the summer our LO executive board has been busy getting ready for the new BPW year! We have been planning a comedy night fundraiser as well as our 75th birthday party.

We gathered at LO President Danielle Kates' pole barn for our Board Meeting Potluck on 8/22. The weather was not on our side and we could not hear each other due to the rain on the tin roof...but we had delicious food supplied by our members, pleased to see one another again and get started on a wonderful year.

On 8/27 we had ten local members attend the District 11 Board Meeting at Caitlyn & Cody's in Quakertown. District Director Sheryl Nierenberg held an extraordinary meeting.



(from left: Marilyn Mayer, Danielle Kates, Joanne Hersh, Mandy Ruth, Shelby Leight, & Annie Skoraszewski)

A few of our members were able to set up a table for our three-town Community Day event, held on Saturday, 9/10. These ladies talked with community members and gathered nearly 50 names and email addresses to add to our mailing list.



Pictured: Jennifer Van Ingen and Danielle Kates

On Monday, 9/12 we held our first business meeting of the new BPW year, welcoming our first new member, Sarah Fontanez! We had official visits from our State President, Missy Wieand, and District 11 Director Sheryl Nierenberg. Our LO President Danielle's theme for this year is "Positivity & Kindness are contagious." We hope to be more active within our community during the 2022-2023 year. We have begun planning our next First Monday Community Meal (we pitch in for November and May to cook a meal that is free for anyone within the community).

We are very excited for our upcoming fundraisers:

Our First Spirit Wear Store of the year closed 9/12 (b-day shirts, Tails of Valor Shirts, and so much more)

9/23 - Comedy Night (two comedians, an amazing MC and over 30 donated raffle baskets!)

November - Lottery ticket calendars for the month, daily winners (prizes paid out in December!)

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DISTRICT 11

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Our Oldies Dance is back!

Our LO first Vice President, Shelby Leight, has prepared our speakers for the full 2022-2023 year!

- 10/10 - UPBPW 75th Birthday Celebration! The guest speaker is author Mary Fran Bonetempo!
- 11/14 - Business Meeting/Speed Networking PLUS Woman of the Year & Employer of the Year along with our Girl of the Month winners for September, October, & November
- 12/12 - Joint Christmas Party with Quakertown
- January 1/9 - Business Meeting & Speaker Nadine Chudoba - Hopeful Healing Health
- 2/13 - A speaker from The Open Link Speaker along with the Girl of the Month winners from December, January, & February
- 3/13 - Business Meeting with Speakers: Shelby Leight and The Quakertown Community Center
- 4/10 - Business Meeting & Women in History Essays
- 5/8 - Business Meeting with Speaker: Beth Allen - Flush the Fear along with Girls of the Month - March, April & May
- 6/12, our final meeting of the year we will announce our Scholarship Winners and conduct the changing of the board

During the month of October, we are planning to run our usual National Business Women's week spread in the local Town & Country with a corresponding Facebook Pampered Chef fundraiser. We will also have a group of women getting together for a Ladie's Day Out on 10/16 where will enjoy a painting party!

We are all working together to support one another while we gear up for a wonderful year!

**QUAKERTOWN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
P.O. Box 2, Spinnerstown, PA 18968**

QUAKERTOWN BPW IS OFF TO THE RACES

Seems like we never rest as a local organization. Quakertown BPW met in mid July to begin the planning for the coming year of 2022-2023. We had fourteen members present to start the discussions. It was amazing what can be accomplished when many BPW members share their thoughts. Using the State Theme, "Good Things Happen When We Believe," much was accomplished. We also established fund raising events – lottery ticket raffle for January 2023 and our Paddle Raffle for Sunday, April 23, 2023.

We are looking forward to our September 28th speaker, Tracy McGovern, a nationally board-certified reflexologist. She is co-owner of the Complete Wellness Service in Quakertown. "Feel and function better" will be our theme for the evening at the Arts and Entertainment Center, McCoolle's Restaurant.

We are also planning to participate in the annual Quakertown Arts Alive on Saturday, October 15. Chair Jeanne Carcanague will again lead us in creating baskets that will be raffled to the community. Plus the "Betty Crockers" of the club will bake breads and huge cookies to sell. Showing our visibility is what we do BEST!

No sooner do we complete this assignment that we are looking at the National Business Women's Week of October 17-21. We are searching for 10 women owned businesses that we can place the tent flyer announcements about NBWW. We wish to thank the BPWPA for providing these promo tents. Fabulous idea as we connect with women of the area.

But we have one more important assignment, hosting the Fall District XI Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 22 at the McCoolle's Arts and Entertainment Center, Quakertown. We are hoping for a great turnout for the day. We have a busy BPW month of October.

We have a photo of our incoming officers for 2022-2023. They are President-Judy Guise; Vice President -Jeanne Schlicher; Recording Secretaries-Linda Moskal and Nancy Werner; Treasurer-Crystal Smith. Appointed were: Parliamentarian-Karen Cregghan and Corresponding Secretary-Gladys Benner. Huge thank you to Past President Linda Moskal for officiating as our Installing Officer.

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Before I close, please mark Saturday, May 6, 2023 on your calendar as a day to join the Quakertown BPW for their 70th Birthday celebration at the Indian Valley Country Club, Telford. 12-4 p.m. It will be all about the “Derby Day.” So, gather your hats and dress for the Derby. (Never too early to plan for our birthday galas!)



Quakertown Officers - Nancy Werner and Linda Moskal, Co Recording Secretaries; Gladys Benner, Corresponding Secretary; Crystal Smith, Treasurer; Karen Creggan, Parliamentarian; Judy Guise, President and Jeanne Schlicher, Vice President.



President Judy Guise welcoming speaker, Tracy McGovern. She spoke on the topic -Feel and Function Better.

Nancy Werner, Quakertown BPW KEY Reporter
September 15, 2022

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What an outstanding 2022-2023 for Central Montgomery County BPW! The planning for the year has been established. A wonderful CMC LO brochure has been created that shares our meeting dates and programs. It is posted on the CMC BPW face book page and on our website. (www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org) We have established our projects as to when they will be held, and we are ready to go. We began collecting for the Tails of Valor, our BPWPA State Project for the year.

We met in person on Thursday, September 15 at Maggiano's, King of Prussia, for our Installation of Officers for the 2022-2023 year. Using the theme, "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes," Nancy Werner, PSP, member and Installing Officer, welcomed Becky Shoulberg and Mo Gillen, Co-Presidents, Deb MacDonald, VP, Cheryl Austin and Nancy Werner, Co-Recording Secretaries, Noreen Morello, Treasurer, and Trish Corvo, Corresponding Secretary. Immediate Past president Ginny Bailey was also thanked for her year of leadership and editor of our LO newsletter, the Banner. (Note the gold clog shoes being worn by our co-presidents, Becky and Mo.)



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Our evening featured the presentation of our annual Scholarship Funds to the Montgomery County Community College of \$2000. Jay Browning, MCCC Foundation Director, accepted the check. We, formerly the Norristown BPW and now CMC BPW, established this award many years ago for a woman who is pursuing a career in business and who is over the age of 25. We are delighted that we now assist two women each year to fulfill their dreams.



The evening was “getting to know you” as we were able to use our speaking skills and introduce ourselves to the members of the club. Trying to apply a face to a name is challenging when we haven’t been together that often. One member, Jessica Libor, an artist, shared that her artwork was heading to the moon. Part of the New Pre-Raphaelites with the ERA Contemporary Gallery are preparing a time capsule filled with cataloged artists. The Lunar Codex is the project that will place women artist on the moon for the first time. We are so proud that Jessica is coordinating this historic event!

Our BINGO event is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at Maggiano’s from 1 to 4. If interested, please use the email of cmcbpw@gmail.com ask for Becky. This is the fund raiser for the MCCC Scholarships.

We have FOUR new members -Nicole Jones, Ann McGlinchey, Joan Munro, and Mercedes Petrellis.

Our display table always welcomes our members to provide business cards, flyers of upcoming events in the community and anything that we would enjoy sharing with our BPW sisters. In the photo we have Renee Golden, Ann McGlinchey, Marsha Clarke Ford and Julie Hunt.



We are ready for another exciting and successful BPW year as we honor the women who have lead the way as we “walk a mile in her shoes.”

Nancy Werner, Key Reporter for CMC BPW

SOUDERTON – TELFORD BPW October KEY article for Souderton-Telford BPW

Imagine enjoying a warm Spring Day in Upper Salford Park with 600 of your neighbors as you shop at 50 vendors spread out along the walking path. Later, the Souderton High Schools Choir sings for you There are 25 wonderful raffles to win and Jack O’Leary to play throughout the day. Hopefully your gift bag is full and the kids received their frisbees. Join us next Spring as I am sure the park will hostess another remarkable event. This is the Locally Grown Showcase.

Our June’s Board meeting doubled as our night to assemble the Women Helping Women baskets of household and personal items that were donated to Keystone Opportunity Center.

We had 6 members attend the State Convention in Gettysburg.

At the June meeting, our new officers were installed: Mary Montroy as President, Kelly Cusate as 1st Vice President, Yuliya Gandy as 2nd Vice President, Ginny Malloy as Treasurer, Lindsey Menzen as Recording Secretary , Liz Socki as Corresponding Secretary and Eileen Gillin as Parliamentarian. Donations were distributed to several organizations.

On Sunday, July 17th the club hosted Concert Sundaes at Souderton Telford High School where we dished ice cream, sold hotdogs, pizza, pretzels and soda as we listened to Sounds of the Street, a Doo-Wop group. Many hands made the work lighter and we all enjoyed the evening.

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Pat Gill and Honorary Member Jim Gill

July 27 found several members at our information table at the Telford Night Market. Children could play corn-hole and enjoy some candy. Several prospects were interviewed.



On a warm August night we had two tables at the Library's Dinner In White. There were raffle baskets we donated and won and music throughout the night. A delicious experience was enjoyed and talked about for days later.

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Members attended State and District Summer Boards.

We are off to a good start for 2022-2023 year Our programs and major events are set. Thank you to our past officers for their support and encouragement.

Nancy Thomas
Key Editor
Souderton-Telford BPW

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11

Great District Meeting with our new District Director, Sheryl Nierenberg



Pictured Susan Parsons Knab, Donna Jones, Sheryl Nierenberg, Rebecca Boyd, Noreen Morello and Ginny Bailey

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Pictured are District 11 Director Sheryl Nierenberg with First Timer and 1st VP of Upper Perk Shelby Leight

District 11 held an afternoon tea on September 25 to benefit Tails of Valor

