



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club

Volume XCII, January - March 2019

State Theme: *Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion and Purpose*

District Eleven Theme: *Be Kind*

Next Meeting – **Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant

205 Mall Boulevard (by King of Prussia Plaza) ♦ King of Prussia, PA 19406

Networking: 6-6:30 pm ♦ **Dinner:** 6:30 p.m. ♦ **Cost:** \$30.00

Please make your dinner reservation by January 14th ♦ RSVP to cmcbpw@gmail.com

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2018 - 2019**

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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of CMC BPW,

Happy New Year and Happy 100th Birthday to BPW!! In 1919, stemming from a War Council founded following WWI, we were born! Today there are many sister organizations that promote women's issues but it was BPW that paved the way.

BPW Foundation is also the gatekeeper of the Rawalt Research Library, established to track and record vital research on women in the workplace. And just in case you don't know our scope, hundreds of local chapters are across the U.S. with some International chapters too!

Take advantage of what BPW has to offer. Get to know your sister members outside of CMC by being involved with District XI events and attending State Convention in June. Learn about other BPW programs and activities, including the PA BPW Foundation – one of the topics for this month's dinner meeting.

Although we missed out on a great program at our November meeting due to bad weather causing us to cancel, we have more exciting programs to come and I hope your New Year resolutions have room for BPW!

Regards and thank you,

Becky Shoulberg

Special Invitation from Past President Pat Angelucci

Pat Angelucci is turning 90! She is celebrating with an open house on Saturday, January 26th at Normandy Farms Estates, Blue Bell. Feel free to drop in to say "Hello" any time from 1 – 4 PM. JUST SMILES! NO GIFTS!!

January Dinner Meeting

Entrées

Mushroom Ravioli al Forno
Vegetable Penne Primavera
Chicken Francese

February Dinner Meeting

Entrées

Spaghetti & Meatballs/Marinara Sauce
Salmon with Lemon & Herbs
Chicken Parmesan

March Dinner Meeting

Entrées

Taylor Street Baked Ziti
Eggplant Parmesan
Chicken Piccata

**All 3 entrées will be served
at each table**

Gluten-free & Vegetarian entrées

*** Available upon request **
(preferred at time of reservation)*



Raffle Basket Prizes

FAB-U-LOUS Gifts
Donated by Local Merchants



All money collected from the raffles
will be donated to:

January – PA BPW Foundation

February – Iron Age Productions

March – Theatre Horizon



Donation Basket

“Beach bucket” for YWCA
(BPW/PA project)

Dinner Meeting Programs

January 17 – PA BPW Foundation –

Past State President Nancy Werner, and
Humor Outcast - Publisher Donna Cavanaugh

February 21 – NAACP – Renee Golden, and
Iron Age Productions presenting on Norristown’s
Underground Railroad

March 21 – Theatre Horizon – performance of
Women Who Dare

Committee News

Finance – Bonnie Dudley

Our budget for 2018-2019 was passed at
our October meeting.



Legislation – Cheryl Decoteaux

Want to stay “in the know” in between CMC meetings? Sign up
at <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/login/> to get alerts on the status of
proposed legislation, committee votes, meeting announcements, and
all legislative activity for that day in the PA House and Senate.

Individual Development – Priscilla Brandon

We rescheduled our class to **Saturday, February 23** and hope to
see *all* of you who would like to further develop your confidence,
ability to work well with others (a “favorite” on employee
evaluations!), public speaking skills, and resume/interview skills.
The full-day class covers a number of topics relevant to working
women (and to you ever-so-busy volunteers, too). It will run 8:30
AM through approximately 4:30 PM (location TBD but in the
general Norristown/King of Prussia area). The course is also open to
non-members and there is a \$25 materials fee, payable at the class.

Ways and Means – Norma Zarfoss

Our December BINGO party was a *great* success: we met our
goal of raising \$2000 for our women’s scholarship at Montgomery
County Community College AND had fun doing it! Thank you to all
who bought tickets to the event and the raffles.

We also raised funds through Lord & Taylor’s “shop smart, DO
GOOD” program.

Don’t forget you can help us earn money by spending your
money doing other shopping, too – through BenefitMobile (eScrip).
You can sign up through an app on your cell ’phone or online.
Designate CMC as the recipient and we earn every time you shop at
any of the hundreds of participating merchants.

BPW:

*The Voice
of
Working Women*

Economic Equity

Health Issues

Civil Rights



Eleanor Knoke Award – Nancy Werner

This District Eleven award recognizes the year's most outstanding Local Organization and the 2017-2018 award, presented at the District Fall Meeting, went to: **CMC BPW!!**

Part of this determination is based on the number of hours the members contribute to volunteer efforts in the community and in BPW activities. The form to record your volunteer hours for 2018-2019 is attached to the e-mail with this issue.

Women Veterans/Mary Walker House – “Mo” Gillen and Nancy Werner

CMC sponsored a family for Christmas gifts, through the Norristown Veterans Center, and delivered the gifts on December 19. The Target store in Warrington donated a gift card and we used the money raised from the Lord & Taylor program, in addition to money from an anonymous donor, to pay for the items.

Other BPW Events

State Winter Board Meeting

The meeting will take place Saturday, March 9, at the Penn State Hotel and Conference Center, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA 16803. Cost is \$30 (\$5 registration and \$25 luncheon). RSVP to www.bpwpa.org by February 20 (add \$5 if after this date).

Additionally, BPW/PA is seeking candidates to run for BPW/PA 2018-2019 officer positions. Elections take place at the State Convention in June but **applications** must be sent **by January 15!** For requirements and forms to submit, contact BPW/PA Nominations Chair Donna Weinstein at weinstein804@gmail.com.

Spring District Meeting & World Affairs Luncheon

District Eleven's Spring Meeting and World Affairs Luncheon will be held Saturday, April 13, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Maggiano's, King of Prussia (where our monthly dinner meetings are held). Registration begins at 8:15AM. The World Affairs Luncheon, where we get to meet women from different countries and hear their stories, will immediately follow the business meeting.

Cost of the combined event is \$30 and includes a light breakfast and full lunch. **Notify CMC's Treasurer, Noreen Morello, if you plan to attend.**

Other Noteworthy News/Events of Interest

Calling all Thespians! - Ginny Bailey

I am on the board of the Montgomery Township Historical Society and, for our March general membership meeting, we would like to present a program on women's suffrage. Past State President Nancy Werner is helping me with the program by expanding on the skirts she has written for State Board and **we will need volunteers to take the parts of the suffragettes.**

The program will be presented on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** at the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center, 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936 (North Wales 19454 if using a GPS).

Any artifacts you'd like to share with the Historical Society for the evening would also be appreciated.

If our BPW "Super Suffragette Players" have period costumes, that would be great, but, if not, please wear something white. I think to show period and modern dress will show how long women have struggled for equality. Even newly sworn-in Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez said, "I wore all white today to honor the women who paved the path before me, and for all the women yet to come. From suffragettes to Shirley Chisholm, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the mothers of the movement."

Please contact me by February 15th so we can set up a time to practice.

Note: The Historical Society's newsletter is attached to this issue of *The Banner*, courtesy of Ginny – see the article about the suffrage program and also the one about Ginny's father and the role he played in Montgomery Township's development.

Tri-County Area YWCA's Tribute to Exceptional Women 2019

The YWCA's 24th Annual Tribute to Exceptional Women will take place Thursday, March 28, at Rivercrest Golf Club, 100 Golf Club Drive, Phoenixville. Cocktails start at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. The event "raises awareness of the accomplishments and achievements of the women in our community" across the eleven categories of arts, business, education, health, non-profit/public service, STEM, agent of change, racial justice, Rising Star, Lifetime Achievement, and Mission Impact.

To nominate an exceptional woman, visit <https://www.ywcatricountyarea.org/get-involved/2019-tribute-to-exceptional-women/>.

2019 Cranaleith Seminars – www.cranaleith.org

Days of Reflection & Wellness for Female Veterans offer the opportunity "to come together in a supportive environment with others who have shared similar experiences" to "tend the soul-wounds of war, to rekindle hope and compassion, and to reconnect to the wisdom of your own heart." Saturday, March 30 and June 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., FREE (includes lunch).



Happy Birthday!

January

- 12 Bonnie Dudley
- 21 Antonietta Pendleton
- 22 Patricia Angelucci
- 28 Colleen Falicki
- 30 Renee Golden

February

- 10 Tasneem Favors
- 12 Agnes Ferrara
- 18 Farrah Gaskins

March

- 1 Carol Szollose
- 18 Lillian Coleman
- 27 Priscilla Brandon



Dates to Remember

January

- 17 CMC BPW dinner meeting
- 19 Women's March on Washington
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

Black History Month

- 5 Chinese New Year
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 21 CMC BPW dinner meeting

March

Women's HERstory Month

- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 BPW/PA Winter Board
- 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 CMC BPW dinner meeting

BPW in Action



CMC BPW honored member Virginia Frantz, President and CEO of Montgomery County Foundation, as Woman of the Year at its October 2018 meeting.
L to R: VP Sue Soriano, Virginia Frantz, President Becky Shoulberg, MCF Executive Assistant Ellie DeFrangesco, MCF Manager of Programs Clare Strenger

A “selfie” to celebrate a successful scholarship fundraiser – Past President Pat Angelucci, President Becky Shoulberg, and Past President Sally Shaw “capture the moment” after CMC’s BINGO fundraiser for scholarship on December 9.

