



News & Views

November 2018

NOVEMBER



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

November is a month of celebrations

Upcoming Events.

- **November 29** Latrobe BPW Holiday Shopping Extravaganza vendor show, 6 pm, Christ Our Shepherd Center (formerly Bishop Con-nare Center)
- **December 4**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Rizzo's Malabar Inn
- **December 8**, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Giant Eagle, Latrobe

November is here already! Where did the year go?! First and foremost, I hope all our Latrobe BPW members exercised their right to vote on November 6th. We have the power to make change. Next, we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th. District 3 has been working on sending cards to female veterans, and Latrobe BPW Goodwill and Special Projects committee is planning a veteran's day card program for February. More information to be announced. November also shuffles in Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Shop Small Saturday, and Cyber Monday...but there are few more obscure holidays that are worth a mention this month.

- ◆ **November 13th** is World Kindness Day. This international holiday encourages everyone to look deep into their hearts past religion, race, and other differences to do something nice for your neighbors. Latrobe BPW members practice this daily. Our members are dedicated to our community and it

brings me so much pride being able to say I am a small piece of this giant puzzle of women uplifting each other every single day.

- ◆ **November 18th** is Use Less Stuff Day. Many of us use way more stuff than we need. Though, my not so slight addiction to Amazon would probably say I don't have enough "stuff". Take this day to reflect on exactly which kinds of stuff are excessive in your day to day life. "Stuff" does not necessarily need to mean physical objects. Anxiety, worry, stress, negative people...we have lots of mental "stuff" that sometimes we need to clear out. Take the day and reflect on what would make you a happier person and then put a plan into action.
- ◆ **November 23rd** is National Day of Listening. This year's day is dedicated to teachers and thanking a teacher. Other ways to commemorate the day is by recording interviews in veteran's hospitals, senior centers, homeless shelter,



and other community centers. Sounds like a great day to share our You Tube series on our social media pages to tell our BPW stories and let our voices be heard as well. Remember we should all practice listening more and talking less. Oh, the wisdom and knowledge we can learn.

- ◆ Finally, our Holiday Vendor Show is set for Thursday, **November 29th**, which happens to coincide with "National Square Dance Day". Nineteen states have declared it their official dance. Pennsylvania is not one, we have the Polka, but don't let that deter



Next month's deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 5. Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to amysuefauth@gmail.com before that date.

- - -Thank you.

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you from breaking out into a do-si-do at the vendor show!
A reminder that our normal meeting date of November 15th is not being held. Our vendor show will be our informal meeting this month.

In closing, I'd like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving! We all have so much to be thankful for, and I am always appreciative of the hard work and dedication of

our members to our group. There is a reason we are the largest BPW chapter in the entire State of PA, and it is because of each of you!

Love to you all,




Board Meeting Rescheduled

Latrobe BPW Board Meeting for December has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 6 p.m. at Rizzo's Malabar Inn.

RSVP Regrets Only to

Nicole Purnell at

npurnell1930@gmail.com



JOIN US

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

SPONSORED BY LATROBE BPW

\$10 Register Online & then pay at the door

**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES STATIONS | FREE TICKETS FOR DRAWINGS
SPECIAL PRIZES ALL NIGHT | FUN GIVEAWAYS FOR ALL**

Christ Our Shepherd Center
(FORMERLY BISHOP CONNARE)

November 29 THURSDAY
6 - 9 PM

A Teague of Your Own - Annie's Sparkle and Bling! - Avon
Bringing the South to the North - Chicoras - Doterra - Eclectique
Eleanor Kish - Glitter Me - Magnabilities - Mary Kay
Maxwell the Raindrop Books - Mystical Dream Travel - Norwex
Palm Features - Pampered Chef - Paparazzi - Plexus Worldwide
Stella & Dot - Tastefully Simple - TastiTreatz by Traci - Thirty-One Gifts
Trades of Hope - Younique

Nominations open for Woman, Business, New Member of Year

Nominations are now OPEN for Latrobe BPW Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, and New Member of the Year. Nomination entry forms were sent to each member and are also included on Page 8-10 of the newsletter. The guidelines for nominations include:

Woman of the Year

A member who has contributed to elevate standards, promote interest, develop cooperation, and extend opportunities among all business and professional women.

Business of the Year

Business firm or employer who has contributed most, in the opinion of the judges, to the employment, advancement and recognition of women.

New Member of the Year

A member with two years of service or less whom has contributed to the Latrobe local in promoting the mission of BPW and is active in supporting local goals and projects in the following six ways: Active in supporting local goals and projects; regular attendance at monthly meetings; invites guests to meetings; has brought in new members (how many) to the local organization; participation as an officer, chair or committee position held in the local; why are you nominating this person for the award.

The deadline is the third Thursday of December. Please direct all questions and submissions to 2017-2018 Woman of the Year and Committee Chair: Susan Mough (tsmough@wpa.net).

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Members of Latrobe BPW and guests learned some interesting moves at the BPW Belly Dancing Class, a fundraiser for the YWCA. The event raised over \$120 for the state project.



Thirty's Craft Pizza & Beer Opens Bar



Congratulations to Latrobe BPW member Miley Gruss on the opening of the new bar addition to Thirty's Craft Pizza & Beers. A ribbon cutting celebrating the new bar/taproom was held on Nov. 2.

According to Miley,

they would like to thank everyone who attended the ribbon cutting of Thirty's (Thirsty's) Bar/taproom. It was lovely to see so many people and all the outpouring of support. On their Facebook page, they said to stay tuned for progress

in the spring as they plan to add an under the roof open-air outdoor area as well.

Sindy Diaz takes on new role

Congratulations to Sindy Diaz, who has just joined the staff of the Stoneybrook Foundation Therapeutic Riding Center as Community Outreach and Program Manager.

Sindy Diaz was raised and lived on a farm in Kentucky.

Sindy is extremely active in the community with a number of organizations. She is a Westmoreland Casa Child advocate and a Stoneybrook Foundation volunteer, where she can fully put to use her experiences of growing up on a farm and love for animals. Women's chapter.



Kudos Corner



Michelle Teague starts new position

Congratulations to Michelle Teague, who just started a new job last week. Michelle is now working as Account Manager with JSfirm.com in Mt. Pleasant. She is very excited to start her new journey which will keep her closer to home and allow her to attend even more BPW events.

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GRACE RIGONI



KERRY OZMELEK



MARIE MCCANDLESS



LAURIE CORBETT

Latrobe BPW Members of the Week

In September, Latrobe BPW launched its Member of the Week series on our new Latrobe BPW Facebook Page. It's a great way to learn a little bit more about your BPW sisters. Here are our members from the last month.

October 17

Grace Rigoni

Grace Rigoni has been a member of BPW since 2014 when her friend Jill Pifferetti invited her to a meeting. For Grace, the impact BPW has on others and the community is one of the best parts of BPW. She is currently co-chair of the Goodwill and Special Projects committee.

Grace was employed at Retina Vitreous Consultants for 23 years until she retired two years ago. Now that she's retired, Grace enjoys traveling, especially to Florida. She would like to travel to Australia and Costa Rico.

Currently, she lives in Latrobe with her husband Gary. They have two cat (Laverne and Squirrely), a daughter, Deanna, who is being deployed to Africa, and Gary's daughter, Heather and grandson, Gunar live in Jeanette.

October 24

Kerry Ozmelek

Kerry Ozmelek is a relatively new member of BPW having joined last December after hearing our past president, Angela Apple talk about and others post about all the fun events at BPW. In the 9 months since she joined, Kerry said she has made so many great friends through BPW. That fellowship and the positivity at BPW are her top reasons for continuing to be a part of BPW. Currently, Kerry is the supervisor of Career

Readiness Programs and Educational Liaison for Adelphoi Village in Latrobe, a position she has held since June 2017. Before that, she served as a secondary science teacher at the Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School for seven years. Kerry also has been a registered dental hygienist for 23 years and an adjunct professor at WCCC for nine years. Her dream job is to be a florist.

October 31

Marie McCandless

Marie McCandless has been a member of Latrobe BPW since 2006. She joined because Paula Maloney, who she knew from Faith in Action, invited her to a meeting. Marie worked at the Latrobe Bulletin for a grand total of 29 years. She began in 1982 as a proofreader. In 1987, she left to work in real estate, and returned in 1989 as a staff writer and became editor in 1994. Her smartest decision was hiring Amy Fauth in 1998 (just kidding—how did that get in here?).

Marie enjoys going to the beach and plays piano. Marie enjoys gardening and has dabbled in stained glass, painting, needlepoint, beadwork and other crafts. She enjoys photography, too. She also enjoys reading. Marie's husband, Jerry, died of metastatic malignant melanoma in 2005. Their two sons and a daughter

Marie's husband, Jerry, died of metastatic malignant melanoma in 2005. Their two sons and daughter have produced seven grandchildren – six boys and one girl and Marie enjoys spending time with them. Marie and Jerry moved to Derry in 1978 from the Scranton area. When they first came to the area, Marie was a substitute teacher in the Derry Area School District,

and later worked at Greater Latrobe, as well.

She says she is currently owned by a shelter-mix rescue named JuJu, who is the latest in a long succession of dogs of all sizes, breeds and personalities and a few cats, a hamster or two and fish.

November 7

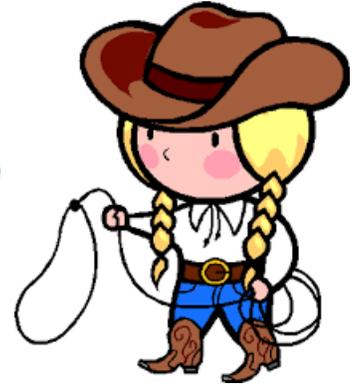
Laurie Corbett

Laurie Corbett has been a member for 1 ½ years. She is co-chair of the dinner committee. She came as a guest of Joy Klohonatz because she wanted to expand her network of women in the Latrobe area. Laurie wears many hats. She is employed at the Westmoreland Athletic Club and the Kennametal Corporate Fitness Center, as well as being the owner or Eclectique in downtown Latrobe. She began working for the Westmoreland Athletic Club 1995, and has worked at Kennametal Corporate Fitness Center for 11 years. Laurie established Laurie's Uncorked Creations, LLC in 2016 where she did handcrafted décor, hand painted items and repurposed merchandise. In 2017, she took over the former Knupp & Scholfield Country Cottage in Latrobe and began operating Eclectique in October 2017. She hosts many BPW events at the store, which also offers local artist's hand crafted items, consignment pieces, a boutique with jewelry, handbags, clothing and accessories. The store is also a satellite location for a local Pennsylvania winery-Raspberry Acres Wine.

Laurie said although she is busy, she'd like to take the time to travel in the future. She has two children, Shanna, 32, and son, Dane, 30.

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LPB ROUND-UP



Dinner Committee

Don't forget, reservations for the Holiday Shopping Extravaganza are due Wednesday, Nov. 21st. Join your BPW friends for a night of food, fun, shopping and networking. Admission is \$10, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres stations and raffles. We need those reservations to ensure we have enough food. Register you—and your guests—online at HolidayShoppingExtravaganza.

Goodwill Special Projects

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

How would you like to help out the YWCA while doing your holiday shopping? All you need to do is change your Amazon Smile charity to YWCA and then get clicking.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

We are still collecting newspapers for Action for Animals. Bring your donation of newspapers to the next meeting.

BELL RINGING

Mark your calendars for bell ringing for the Salvation Army. at Giant Eagle will be December 8. There are two time slots open. Contact Susie Mough.

PROJECT 101

Act 101 provides an array of services to students at St. Vincent College. Not only does this enable valuable educational support services, it also helps students financially. Some students are not prepared for the hard Pennsylvania winters or are in financial jeopardy. Latrobe BPW will be collecting outdoor winter wear for St. Vincent students in need at our October meeting. Please bring new or gently used hats, coats, scarves and gloves. These students come in all sizes, both male and female. Please support Project 101.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please gather up all the Box Tops for Education that you have collected and bring them to the next meeting. Thank you for your continuing support of this project

ID/YC

WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED

The ID Workshop scheduled for Nov. 17th has been rescheduled for January 19th. See page 8 of the newsletter for additional details and how to register.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Only Members with **paid up dues** are listed. Send any corrections or changes to: LPBWKerryOzmelek@gmail.com or text to 724-493-5967.

Reminder: The membership directory is not to be used to solicit members. You can promote your business or events on our Facebook page, at the meetings or in the monthly newsletter.



WELCOME

The October dinner meeting had great attendance, with a possible record breaking 22 guests. We welcomed four new members: Stephanie Ankney, Lori Armstrong, Gina Fraicola, Joyce Weimer and Annie Heide. We look forward to seeing you at our activities and getting to know you!

CARROT COUPON CLUB CONTINUES



The list of Sponsor Members for 2018-2019 has begun! To earn a "Carrot Coupon" (paid dinner meeting fee for bringing in 5 new members).

Sponsored 1 member:

Gina Fraicola
Sindy Diaz
Dana Shannon
Michelle Stoops

Sponsored 2 members:

Jean Calabrace

The Member, or Members if a tie, who brings in the most new Members by March 30, 2019 will also receive a special prize. In addition, each Member who brings in 5 or more new members would also be recognized at the State Convention next summer.

GUEST FOLLOW-UP

Members, if you invited a guest to a previous meeting, please take a moment to follow up with them to find out if they are interested in joining our Local. Feel free to pass on my name and number if they have any questions you are unsure about answering.



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ON THE WEB

<https://www.latrobebpw.org/>

FACEBOOK

Group-<https://www.facebook.com/groups/latrobebpw/>

Page-<https://www.facebook.com/BPWlatrobe>

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/LATROBEBPW/>

LINKEDIN

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/bpw-latrobe-16a884a/>

Committee chairs: don't forget to send your round-up items in for the next newsletter's Round Up. Committee reports are due by first Friday of each month. Send them to Amy Fauth at amysuefauth@gmail.com



BPW members Lisa Moore and Grace Rigoni present donations for Project 101 St. Vincent, to St Vincent student, Coy Patterson Jr and Project 101 administrator, Linda Eicher.

'Our Clubhouse' Orientation Nov. 27

Our Clubhouse will be having a Volunteer Orientation on Tuesday, November 27 from 1-2 PM. Our Clubhouse offers support to cancer patients and their families. They are always in need of volunteers. Please consider attending this meeting if you are able give some of your time to help with their activities. Visit online at www.ourclubhouse.com for more information.

Mini Golf Anyone?

Check this out! Adams Memorial Library is hosting a Mini Golf fundraiser Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 IN THE LIBRARY. The Friday event is from 6 to 9 pm and is ADULTS-ONLY, featuring beer growlers from Four Seasons Brewing, an assortment of wine and appetizer contest to crown the creator of the "App-solutely Best Appetizers in Latrobe!" The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Saturday's event, is from 10 am to 5 pm and is family-friendly. The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for kids and children under 5 are free. For more info or to register, call 724-539-1972.

GLV Kickoff to Giving Dinner on Nov. 17

The Greater Latrobe and Laurel Valley Chamber and the GLLC Young Professionals Group are teaming up for a Kickoff to Giving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 17 at Holy Family Parish Social Hall in Latrobe. They are providing free hot meals to area residents during the season of giving. Meals served from noon until all meals have been served. Meals are provided by donations received from GLLC members and organized by the GLLC Young Professionals Group. For information, contact Hanna Kahn at Hannah@gllv.org or 724-537-2671 ext. 102.

Have you ever wished you could be that person giving the presentation with confidence and poise? Did you ever not apply for a new position because you needed assistance with preparing for an interview and negotiating your salary? Do you need assistance with goal setting and leadership skills? Then the Individual Development program is for you!

The Individual Development program was developed by BPW and is a trademark program. The IDP facilitators are trained and approved to give the course. The IDP program is divided into 15 modules (lessons) ranging in topics including, Networking, Negotiating, Goal Setting, Interpersonal and Transferable Workplace skills, Public Speaking, Building Media Relations and Branding, Leadership skills, Parliamentary Procedure, Grassroots Advocacy and more!



District 3 Business and Professional Women's Clubs Individual Development Program

BPW's Seminar Series in Personal and Professional Leadership Development

Saturday, January 19, 2018 • 8:00 am—4:00 pm (lunch provided)

YWCA Westmoreland

424 N. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

\$25 BPW members/\$30 non-members (Flashdrive)

\$30 BPW members/\$35 non-members (printed version)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

BPW member Non-member I would like Flash Drive Printed Book

I am interested in participating at the district and/or state speak-off

Checks payable to BPW/District 3

Pre-register by December 29, 2018

Mail Registration to Angela Apple, 230 Lentz Road, Latrobe Pa 15650

Questions: Contact Angela Apple 724-787-8718 • aapple@wpa.net



**Nomination Form
LATROBE B.P.W.
WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018-2019**

Name:

Address:

Name of Local BPW Club to which she belongs:

Number of years a member of BPW:

Offices Held:

Name and location of employer:

Nature of business of employer:

Education:

A name of other clubs or associations with which nominee is affiliated:

Essay:

State and describe fully the contribution the nominee has made to the advancement of BPW – To elevate standards, promote interest, develop cooperation and extend opportunities among all business and professional women.

Nominations are to be on 8 ½” by 11” paper, typed and double spaced.

Nominations may be electronically mailed to the club WOTY Award Chair only (tsmough@wpa.net)

**Latrobe BPW WOTY Award Chair
PO Box 545
Latrobe, PA 15650**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF DECEMBER

**ENTRY FORM
LATROBE B.P.W.
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2018-2019**

Name of business or firm:

Address:

Nature of business:

Number of employees:

Number of women presently employed:

Number of women hired during the last calendar year:

Number of women advanced during the last calendar year:

Brief description of special recognition by business to women:

Brief description of any other incentives for women:

Essay:

This citation is awarded to the business firm or employer who has contributed most, in the opinion of the judges, to the employment, advancement, and recognition of women. State and describe fully how this nominee has done this and promotes the mission of women in the workplace.

Nominations are to be on 8 ½" by 11" paper, typed and double spaced.

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Latrobe BPW BOTY Award Chair

PO Box 545

Latrobe, PA 15650

ENTRY DEADLINE IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF DECEMBER

**ENTRY FORM
LATROBE B.P.W.
NEW MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2018-2019**

The new member of the year award recognizes contributions to the Latrobe local from a member who promotes the mission of BPW with no more than 2 full years of membership.

Name:

Address:

Date of Local Induction (must be later than December 1, 2016) :

Office or chair positions held:

Name and location of employer:

Nature of business of employer:

Education:

Name of other clubs or associations with which nominee is affiliated:

Essay:

Describe fully the contributions the nominee has made toward her local BPW organization using the below six (6) criteria:

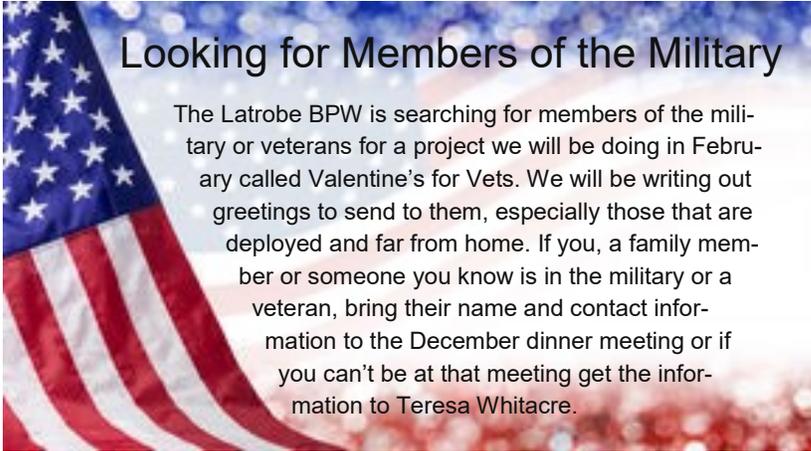
- **Active in supporting local goals and projects**
- **Regular attendance at monthly meetings**
- **Invites guests to meetings**
- **Has brought in new members (how many) to the local organization**
- **Participation as an officer, chair or committee position held in the local**
- **Why are you nominating this person for the award**

Nominations are to be on 8 1/2" by 11" paper, typed and double spaced.

Nominations may be electronically mailed to the club NMOTY Award Chair only (tsmough@wpa.net)

Latrobe BPW NMOTY Award Chair
PO Box 545
Latrobe, PA 15650

ENTRY DEADLINE IS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF DECEMBER



Looking for Members of the Military

The Latrobe BPW is searching for members of the military or veterans for a project we will be doing in February called Valentine's for Vets. We will be writing out greetings to send to them, especially those that are deployed and far from home. If you, a family member or someone you know is in the military or a veteran, bring their name and contact information to the December dinner meeting or if you can't be at that meeting get the information to Teresa Whitacre.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FROM LATROBE BPW BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Happy Birthday!

November 1	Marie McCandless	November 16	Kerry Ozmelek
November 3	Danette Meredith	November 18	Theresa Woodring
November 12	Morgan Becer	November 22	Debbie Franco
	Gina Fraicola		

Member Networking

*Kelsey Pierchoski
Photography*

Kelsey Pierchoski is looking for photography work to expand her portfolio...

- ★ Experience with headshots, real estate, and romantic sessions
- ★ Very reasonable prices
- ★ Looking to attend a wedding for free to get practice
- ★ Call or text (724) 757-2067 or e-mail kpier116@gmail.com.

Promote your business, event or news to Latrobe BPW members!

Advertise here each month. Contact Amy Fauth for more information at amysuefauth@gmail.com

Member Networking



Find the perfect furniture for you holiday entertaining and gift giving at Rusbosin's.

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*Let's Find Your Home
for the Holidays!*

Looking for Volunteers



Our students need you!

Come to our Volunteer Orientation to learn how to be a side walker and/or leader for our therapeutic riding lessons. No prior horse experience is necessary! Lesson volunteers must be at least 15 years old. RSVPs are appreciated, we are also looking for volunteers to help out with different tasks around the barn as well- please call 724-613-3312 ext -103 or email our Volunteer Coordinator, Haley Hutchinson, at h.hutchinson@stoneybrookfoundation.org



OPEN FARM HOUSE
NOVEMBER 27
5:30-8:30PM



Come check us out! We have been diligently making improvements to our center! We want to thank everyone who has contributed through grants, private donations, board raffles, fundraisers, and donating their professional services in kind or at a discount. Join us as we unveil our new teachers center, new office and all of the updates we have made this year as well as live lessons in action!

MEET THE HORSES
MEET THE STAFF
MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

MEET THE BOARD
ENJOY LIGHT BITES
REFRESHMENTS