



SEPTEMBER PERKY PAGES

Presidents Message



Dear BPW Sisters,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2018 – 2019 BPW Year. I am truly honored, privileged, and extremely humbled by the reality that I am serving as your Local President. In this organization, we have much to be grateful for. We have a rich and storied history of success and achievement which our talented members can build upon. A major focus of this administration will be our commitment for Legislative Issues and Advocacy, Our passion for supporting women with purpose, and building strong women through networking and stellar programs.

We must be committed to increasing advocacy in all facets of our BPW programming as we try to return to our roots and our strength of advocating for women's rights. This is the unifying force for our members in the past and we need to revisit what our organization was founded on. I believe the strength of this organization is in its members and the incredible work they

accomplish in their individual lives every day. For 71 years, the belief in our mission "to achieve equality for women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information" has never wavered or changed. We know there is strength in belonging to an organization, where accomplishments can be shared with and duplicated by others, and the good work that we do can be multiplied by the number of clubs and members throughout our great state.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2018-2019 President. Together, we are a women's organization dedicated "To improve the quality of life for all women; professionally, politically, and personally," through volunteer service. Together, we can build the organization so others will want to join us. We have a story to tell and we should shout it from every

rooftop. We have celebrated 71 years of service and yet, We Have Only Just Begun! We should be extremely proud of our membership in this organization, which has made such a significant impact in the local community over so many years. Together we can accomplish great things as members of this great and strong women's organization BPW.

Love through BPW,
Jennifer Van Ingen

Woman of the Year

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Do you know an Upper Perkiomen BPW member that would be a great candidate for our 2018/2019 Woman of the Year / Employer of the Year? If so nominate them now!

This award is given annually to a woman who has contributed to the advancement and ideals of Upper Perk BPW!

Employer of the Year

Do you know an employer in our community that would be a candidate for our 2018/2019 Employer of the year?

This award is given to a business firm or employer who has contributed the most, in the opinion of the judges, to the employment, advancement and recognition of women.

[Click here for Nomination Criteria](#)

Submissions are due to be received by the September 10th dinner meeting.
All forms must be completed for submission to be considered.

Submission should be sent to:

Loretta Pigeon, 2088 Hayward Avenue, Pennsburg, PA 18073 or emailed to
lorettapigeon@hotmail.com

EMAIL SUBJECT: EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR & WOMEN OF THE YEAR
NOMINATIONS

**Women of the Year / Employer of the Year submissions must be received
no**

later than the September 10, 2018 Dinner Meeting.

Questions? Contact Loretta Pigeon 610-733-0822 or email lorettapigeon@hotmail.com

DISTRICT XI FALL DISTRICT MEETING

**Saturday, October 27,
2018**

Location: Montgomery
Township Rec
Center. 1030 Horsham
Rd, Montgomeryville, PA
18936

Time: 8:30



Cost: \$18

Greeters



September Dinner Meeting Greeters

Terry Quatrani and Michele Bairstow

COMMUNITY DAY

Community Days

Date: September 8, 2018

Location: Main Street in East Greenville

10am - 4pm

We are in need of members to work the table through out the day. Please RSVP to jennifervaningen@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Volunteer Spots Needed:

10am - 12pm: Jennifer Van Ingen & Kim Moyer

12pm - 2pm Ginnie Tietjens & Claudia Kulp

2pm - 4pm _____ & _____



OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Please Note: We need these positions filled for our local to Operate Successfully

We are looking for help with committee openings. Please let me know if you are interested in an positions:

Young Careerist: It shall be the duty of the young careerist committee to encourage recruitment of young people into membership, organize and coordinate the young careerist program, and promote activities that involve the participation of young people.

Open Link Food Pantry: Collect donations brought to the meetings and take them to the Open Link



Do you shop Amazon? Sign up with AMAZON SMILE and note your charity as YWCA and Amazon will make a donation to support our Birthday Charity every time you shop.....Get clicking!

**Eleanor Knoke
Hours**

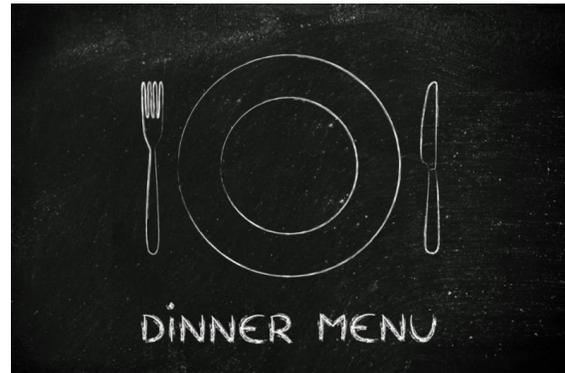
LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS

Log the volunteer hours you do in the year and submit them to Anne Gross @ Agross@its.jnj.com

[Eleanor Knoke Form](#)

September

Beef Au Jus (GF)
Salmon with Lemon Garlic Butter (GF / V)
Baked Potato Bar
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad / Rolls
Dessert / Fresh Fruit



Elections Have Consequences

If you have watched any news programs, either on Sunday morning or cable news, “elections have

consequences” is a phrase they use quite often. Rather than focus on why they use this phrase, I want to talk to you today about another facet of the election process that also has consequences – people who don’t vote.

For example, in the 2016 election, 65,853,625 voted Democrat, 62,985,105 voted Republican and 108,856,312 didn’t vote at all! America’s Got Talent and American Idol gets 108,000,000 within 5 minutes of opening the phone lines.

I’m sure I’m preaching to the choir here but I’m going to dispel some of the myths or excuses of why people don’t vote so when you’re at the Labor Day cookout with your friends and family or in the breakroom at work, you’ll have some talking points.

These are in no particular order but let’s start with why 108 million people didn’t vote – I don’t like either candidate. Okay, I can see that but you’re not voting for someone to be your best friend or to go have a beer with. An election is like a job interview – you look at their qualifications, what kind of experience they have and vote for the best person. Besides, you’re going to have to live with the outcome either way, so why not have a say in who’s going to represent you?

The second myth or excuse is – I don’t want to get called for jury duty. This one is partial true but now you can be picked for jury duty when you get or renew your driver’s license. Serving on jury duty is one of your civic duties and to quote Rachel Maddow, “Government is a participation sport.” Look at it this way, we all have that crazy family member or friend so if you’re in a courtroom being judged by a jury of your peers,



would you rather have someone like you sitting there or your crazy Uncle Bob? Just saying.

Myth #3 = I'm only one person, my vote doesn't count. If you believe that, apparently you've never heard of Shelly Simonds. Shelly was running for the Virginia House of Delegates in 2017. She ran on, among other things, that if she was elected, she would push for Virginia to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. (We only need one more state, by the way.) Shelly was initially declared the winner and in a recount was ahead by 1 vote. When the case went to court, her opponent's lawyers argued that a ballot that had been dismissed should have been counted for him and the court agreed making the election a dead heat. The seat was finally decided on January 4, 2018, when her opponent's name was drawn when it was picked from a bowl. Suppose you were a Virginia voter and you liked Shelly Simonds but decided to get your nails done instead of going to vote. In this case, one more vote would have made a difference.

Myth or excuse #4 – I don't have time. This is the weakest of all excuses. If you have time to stop at Wawa for coffee in the morning or look at posts of cat pictures on Facebook, you have time to go vote. During a primary or most general elections, it takes me longer to find a parking spot than it does to actually go vote and in 2016, I stood on line for 20 minutes. When I think of the people in Philadelphia and other parts of the country who stand on line for hours, I can certainly wait 20 minutes. There are women in the Rochester, NY area who wait for hours just to place their "I voted" sticker on Susan B. Anthony's tombstone. On Election Day 2016, so many women were in line to mark the historic occasion of not only voting but possibly voting for the first woman president, they had to keep the cemetery open past hours to accommodate them. When you get home, Google Susan B. Anthony's tombstone – it will give you goosebumps.

Your vote matters. Use it in November. Remember, "bad politicians are elected by good people who don't vote."

Dates to remember:

Last day to register for November – October 9

Election Day – November 8

Ginny Bailey

District Legislation Chair Report



BPW District 11 Blanket Making Party

- The YWCA is in need of Toddler Blankets for their childcare facility and BPW is here to help.
- We will be having a Pot Luck Lunch and crafting day.
- Members do not need sewing experience.
- A least 3 members from each local are being requested to attend.
- Each local is being asked to donate a spool of blanket fleece (can be purchased At Walmart or Jo Ann)

- Fabric should be turned in at Fall District Meeting

January 12, 2019 1:00PM

2135 Barley Drive, Quakertown, PA 1895
Snow Date: January 19, same time and location.



Quakertown BPW 65th Birthday Celebration

Please JOIN US

Date: September 25, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. networking
6:00 p.m. dinner

Location: the proper brewing company
117 West broad street
Quakertown, PA 18951

Entertainment: Women: back to the future
A historical performance that
will introduce the audience to
Eleanor Roosevelt

Presented by: Kate Campbell Stevenson
Member of Montgomery County BPW,
Maryland

Cost: \$30.00 pp all inclusive buffet cash bar

Reservations: by September 14, 2018
arubic@icloud.com



September 13 State President Theresa Rusbosin Birthday (Address if you would like to send a Birthday Card. 727 Cat Curve Lane, Latrobe, PA 15650)

September 25 Quakertown BPW Birthday Celebration

October 1 Deadline for the December issue of the Key

October 12 PA Conference Of Women, Philadelphia, PA

October 15-19 YWCA Week Without Violence

October 22-26 National Business Womens Week

October 27 Fall District Meeting (Montgomery County Township Recreation Center - 1030 Horsham Road, Montgomeryville, PA

November 12 Official Local Visit from District Director Missy Wienand

November Alzheimer's Awareness Month

December Quakertown BPW Hosting December Christmas Party - TBD

January 12 YWCA Blanket Making Party at D 11 Directors.

March 9-10 BPW/PA Mid - Winter Board Meeting, The Penn State Conference Center Hotel, 215 Innovation Blvd. State College, PA 16803

April 6 Upper Perkiomen BPW Women's Expo - Please email Terry Quatrani @ tquatrani@gmail.com if you are interested in being on the planning committee

SAVE *the* DATE

BPW/ PA 99th Annual State Convention

June 6-9, 2019

Doubletree by Hilton,
Pittsburgh Meadowlands

340 Racetrack Rd. Washington, PA

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