



# The KEY

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Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion & Purpose

## 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion and Purpose!

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### BPW/PA Officers

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Did you know that on June 7, 1919 the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA) requested members of various women's organizations from Allentown, Butler, Chester, Coatesville, Easton, Hazelton, Johnstown, Lancaster, Philadelphia, Pottstown and York to gather at the YWCA in Harrisburg to vote to organize the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs? I did not realize this until it was pointed out by my astute Corresponding Secretary, Cathy Caccia! She asked if that was why I selected the YWCA as the State Project. Of course I answered YES! ( that is not really the reason)

Can you believe that 100 years later we are having opening ceremonies for the 99<sup>th</sup> convention on the very same day! YOU want to be at this convention to celebrate and mark the occasion. Each and every member has contributed in some way to BPW/PA's continued existence. Be there to make history!

Some highlights you can look forward to: Relevant speakers, Foundation Fundraiser, ID/YC speak-off and interviews Saturday, Woman of the Year, Employer of the Year, Tribute to Women award, Public Servant Award, THE ELEANOR BRINER award, contest entries, the business of the State and fun, friendship, fellowship and more. Go to the BPW website, [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org) to register. D3 members had a great invite to the 99<sup>th</sup> convention, those in attendance at Winter Board, I hope it encouraged you to register and to go back to your districts and encourage others to do so.

For those that missed Winter Board, an overview of the new BPW/PA Personal & Professional Development program was reviewed. This is an updated program of our current ID modules. Sheryl Nierenberg, member of District 11, worked on the development of the program, building on what we had, adding materials and making it more relevant. A BIG shout out of THANKS to her for her "passion and purpose" of taking on this task and bring it to fruition. Our hope is to have facilitators trained



and to begin offering the program in the Fall 2019 or the very latest Spring 2020. Look for more information following convention.

To all of you a BIG THANK YOU for your continued support of the State Project, the YWCA's. Your donations of time, in kind donations, talent and monies have helped offset their costs associated with running a non-profit. As with all non-profits it is a struggle to meet the needs of their clients and to continue to offer programs and services on a limited funding stream. So THANK YOU for your help!

Lastly, I cannot tell you how grateful I am to all of you for the kindness shown at the passing of my Mother, Georgia Scerbo. Even as I write this, the loss is still raw, I tear up as I think of her, but your cards, Mass intentions, perpetual prayers, plants and kind and encouraging words helped me and my family through this difficult time. BPW truly is "one great sisterhood". With a grateful and loving heart I Thank You all.

See you at convention! With Passion and Purpose,

*Theresa*



# BPW/PA FOUNDATION AWARDS FUNDS

## PA BPW Foundation Awards 3 Scholarships

Nancy Werner, PA BPW Foundation VP and Chair of the Education and Service Funds Committee is proud to announce that three scholarships were awarded to the following students: **Aleah Krug** is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania with her studies in theatre with a minor in communication media; **Sofia Pascuzzo** is attending Lebanon Valley College with her studies in digital communications; and, **Glenda Neal** is attending West Chester University with her studies in Business Administration. Each recipient will be receiving a \$2,500.00 scholarship that is sent to her respective school.

Our next Scholarship Deadline is **MAY 1**. Applications can be downloaded from the bpwpa.org public page, completed and mailed to Nancy Werner. Please spread the word if you know anyone who would be looking for educational aid. We will be selecting three (3) more applications at this time.

## PA BPW Foundation Awards an Edith Oler Flanigan Grant

Again, the PA BPW Foundation was able to help a member in need with a grant of \$1,250. All Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant applications requesting financial aid are kept confidential.

If you know any member that is experiencing a financial hardship due to emergencies such as catastrophic illness or accident, extended unemployment or disaster or any unusual financial loss may apply. Download the application from the bpwpa.org membership section and complete all information. Return to the PA BPW Foundation Board member listed. Applications are accepted at any time.

Nancy Werner



### The PA BPW Foundation Board for 2018-2019

Front row - Diane Lewis, Chair, Nancy Werner, VP, Bobbi Dobler, Denise Robinson, Finance Chair Second row -Jean Towle, BPW/PA Treasurer, Marisa Harmon, BPW/PA VP, Joyce Turner, Treasurer, Laura Whetstone, Paula Maloney. Missing - Bernie Koval, Recording Secretary and Dawn Berkebile, BPW/PA PE

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**99<sup>TH</sup> BPW/PA ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**  
**JUNE 6-9, 2019**  
**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**  
**PITTSBURGH-MEADOWLANDS**  
**340 RACETRACK RD., WASHINGTON, PA**  
**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 3**



# Edith Oler Flanigan

Edith Oler Flanigan, for whom the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant is named, was one of Pennsylvania's best know and most beloved of Federation members. She became interested in BPW in 1930. The chartering of the Altoona Club, in November 1930, was the direct result of this interest. She was the Club's second president and later served as Director of District V. Most of the clubs were organized and chartered because of her enthusiasm for BPW.

From July 1942 until her death in 1957, Edith served as the State Federation Historian. The collection and preservation of our records was a sacred trust to her, and our state archives were complete because of her interest and trust.

BPW played an important part in Edith's life. Her happiest moments were those in which she performed some part in the promotion or extension of the Federation. Installation and chartering of new clubs were her special joy. Her favorite National Convention was attending the 35th Anniversary in St. Louis, MI in 1954. Her last State Convention was in 1956 in Pittsburgh. So great was her interest in the Federation, that she attended every State Board Meeting and State Convention. She was always a mentor as she provided guidance and training to our members. She encouraged many of our state leaders to become presidents. But one in particular was Grace B. Daniels, who aspired to be our only National Federation President from PA. But Edith passed away only a year prior to the election of "Miss Grace." Edith never knew that her best friend did achieve the highest chair in BPW.

It was Winter State Board of 1957 when the recommendation was received to establish a fund as a resource in Edith's memory. The fund was to be "drawn upon in emergencies, such as catastrophic illness or accident; extended illness or accident; extended unemployment, disaster or other unusual financial loss." It was adopted. It was only for our members. One component was that all requests would be strictly confidential and known only to the Committee Chair and the Treasurer.



In the beginning years the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund was a loan but now it is provided as a grant. Through the generosity of our members and local organizations, we have been able to continue providing funds to our members in time of need. Please consider donating to the PABPW Foundation and to the legacy of Edith Oler Flanigan.

N. Werner, PA BPW Foundation.



*Celebrating 100 years of women helping women with passion and purpose*

# Nominations

Each Local Organization of the Pennsylvania Federation has the privilege of nominating qualified candidates for State Office. The slate for the annual election at the 2019 State Convention will include nominees for President-Elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. It is my happy pleasure to inform you that we have candidates for all but the office of Recording Secretary. I encourage members to consider this important office and to be nominated from the convention floor in June.

As part of the nominating process, the candidates were asked to answer the following questions:

**Question 1: What are your plans to make BPW/PA an organization that inspires “Purpose and Passion” in every member?**

**Question 2: As BPW reaches its 100<sup>th</sup> year, what accomplishments for women have been most significant for you and how do you promote those accomplishments within and outside of BPW?**

## PRESIDENT-ELECT



Nominated for the office of President-Elect is Marisa S. Harmon who is a member of Uniontown BPW in District 12. Marisa's response to Question 1 is, "Purpose and passion go hand-in-hand; you cannot have a purpose without putting passion into it. BPW's mission – its purpose – as an organization is "to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information". To be able to achieve this purpose, we need to inspire

passion in the membership to further the mission of the organization. At times, it can seem disheartening when you read about how women are still making only 80 cents on the dollar to men. Does that mean we haven't made progress in our goal of equal pay for equal work? No! If we as BPW sisters can't hold that passion to continue fighting for working women, then what are we doing? Why are we even members? Each member needs to ask why they are still BPW members. Are you here because you've been a member forever and can't see yourself not being one? Did you join because you heard about our purpose and wanted to spread the word? Find out what inspires you – where your passion in BPW lies – and help us fulfill our purpose.

In response to Question 2, Marisa says, "Let's start with women achieving the right to vote almost 100 years ago. I feel that's a big accomplishment that the younger generation should be remind of, because, had it not passed, how much longer would it have been before women were allowed to legally vote? The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment allowed women's voices to be acknowledged in electing who represents them in their local, state, and national governments. It took seventy years and the work of women like Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul, among others, to get us the vote, yet how many women know those names today? I then look at over 100 women being elected to Congress in

the most recent elections. Nationally, women are making great strides. Within our organization, I think we need to celebrate more the accomplishments of our members. No one should feel like their accomplishments are small in the grand scheme of things; each little goal met plays into the bigger picture of life and should be celebrated.

## VICE PRESIDENT



Tiffanie E. Burger of the Juniata Local in District 4 has been nominated for the office of Vice President. In response to Question 1, Tiffanie says, "To make BPW/PA an organization that inspires Purpose and Passion for all members, I believe that I must set the example. There are various things I can do and ways I can set that example for our members. I think one of the best things I can do is get to know our members from across the state and encourage them to find that one thing that fuels them and sparks their fire. I want

to help our members discover their individual passions so they can utilize it to find purpose within the BPW organization and their own life. I want to find more ways to excite members, get them involved in our events and programs, and find the passion for promoting the BPW mission within their communities and across the state. Most of us like a little recognition for a job well done. As leaders within BPW, we must remember to give accolades to our members. When we see our members doing amazing things, whether it's within the BPW organization, in their community, or even in their personal life, we need to recognize it with a congratulations for their hard work and a job well done. When we hear of a local or district that is doing great things within their group, their community, or for a specific cause, we need to recognize it. To help get the word out, we must continue to expand into the world of social media and marketing to let everyone know

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about the passion of our BPW members. At all levels of BPW— local, district and state – we need to know our history. Knowing your past helps to guide the future. Members need to be made more aware of what BPW stands for, what it works toward and how to engage others. In this way we can find the passion of the past and project it into our future with a purpose. By engaging our members at all levels of BPW/ PA, and continuing to be an example to them, I truly believe we can continue to inspire our members to use their passion for a purpose.”

Tiffanie’s response to Question 2 is, “When I read this question, many thoughts and ideas sprang to my mind. How could I answer this by noting just one or two examples? There are so many - the Right to Vote, the Suffragette movement, the ERA, the World Wars that moved many women into jobs that were typically male-dominated fields, the early “Feminist” movement that saw more women leaving the ideal of ‘housewife’ and moving into the role of ‘working women,’ and not just as secretaries. In more recent years, women are taking a stand in society and saying, “This is not ok,” and one of my favorite ‘accomplishments’ of recent years is the real “Girl Power” that is being taught our young girls - that they learn it’s ok to be strong, be smart, to say no, to pursue whatever career you choose, and to be whoever you want to be, all while expecting to be respected and treated equally, no matter what. As I mentioned in the previous question, I think you lead by example. I have taken advantage of having the right to vote since I turned 18 years old. I encourage all my family, friends, and clients to get out and vote when there is an election. One year, I created stickers that our local organization members handed out at polling locations to all the women voters to promote BPW and highlight that women earned that right. I have long admired working women, particularly those who hold management and CEO positions. I took a leap of faith 15 years ago and opened a day spa with my sister. I am the business manager, as well as, the licensed massage therapist. We have one other woman who works with us at the spa, and are currently seeking to hire someone else in the near future. I know the struggle of the “working wife and mother,” but that doesn’t stop me. In addition to my business, I have been an active member of Boy Scouts of America for the last five years, serving on the planning committee of our local Cub Scout Pack for my son (who has since moved up to Boy Scouts,) and now for my daughter, who joined the same pack in the Fall. (Isn’t that an accomplishment in equality, girls in the boy scouts?) I serve as a Co-President on the East Juniata Elementary Home & School Association where I help to plan events and activities for the children in our elementary school. I currently serve as the District Director for District IV and remain active within my local BPW, as well. I promote our organization in most aspects of my life. I talk to my clients and friends about our local group and encourage them to come to a meeting and check us out. I encourage our current members to get involved at the district and state levels; to get out of their comfort zone, serve on that committee or the board. I am an advocate for women’s rights and equality, and I encourage everyone, men and women, to be the best versions of themselves. I specifically want to encourage young girls and women to have big dreams – don’t ever think you can’t do something because someone said you can’t! I feel strongly that by reaching out to our young

people, our sons and daughters, and teaching them respect for one another, we will one day see a better future for women. I try to lead by example, and I hope that by doing my own small part, I will see a brighter tomorrow for my own children, where they know no limits of what they can do.”

## TREASURER



Jean Ann Towle has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. She is a member of Tamaqua BPW in District t9. Jean’s answer to Question 1 is, “In order to inspire “Purpose and Passion” in every member, it is important and essential to make sure every member feels that they are vital to the organization, on the local, district and/or state level. Everyone should be acknowledged for their support and participation in meeting and events, no matter how big or small. Every-

one should be included. In a leadership role it is important to involve members from all walks of life and to instill the true meaning and purpose of BPW – to elevate standards for women. We must encourage and support women who pursue obstacles whether professionally or personally to become better and stronger women. These women will carry on the true purpose of the organization and pass it on to future generations.

In response to Question 2, Jean says, “Women throughout history have laid a path for us to follow. The trailblazers who settled new territories, those that fought for the right to vote, women who have challenged men in industry and politics and women who have fought and continue to fight for equal rights. These accomplishments must be recognized, honored and celebrated each and every day. As a BPW member, it is important to remember the women who started BPW, developed the framework for the organization, and carried on the traditions and values we honor today. It is our role to continue to share their stories and honor them for their hard work and for the traditions and values they have provided for us. As a community leader, it is important to remind women of the importance of voting and the right to be treated equally. Mentoring youth is an important step to accomplish these goals. We must impart our wisdom on the youth and show them that hard work and determination are the some of the keys to success. We have a responsibility to share our struggles and triumphs so others can learn from them and we have a responsibility to educate the public of the importance of passing the equal rights amendment.

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### RECORDING SECRETARY

Nominations for the office of Recording Secretary will be accepted from the floor at State Convention.

I look forward to State Convention when we will elect a new slate of BPW/PA officers. Best wishes to Marisa, Tiffanie and Jean Ann in their efforts to serve our PA Federation in these capacities.

Donna E. Weinstein  
Chair of Nominations



### BPW/PA STATE PROJECT – PA YWCA

President Theresa's State Project is gaining momentum in these last months of her 2018-2019 year. But all the Locals and Districts need to give a "Big Push" to move this project past her goal of \$10,000. We are not there yet but with help from all BPW/PA members we can make it.....just like the little train – "I think I can – I think I can" well "I know we as a group can"!

The monthly Birthday Bucket is our main effort to support the YWCA's in your area. But remember that you can support your local YWCA in other ways.....with donations of goods and services. Keep a record of any donations you have made to your local YWCA and send that information to me with a monetary figure attached. Also if you are an Amazon shopper send me your print-out of the money donated to the YWCA through the Amazon Prime link.

Let's surprise President Theresa at State Convention when I announce the total donations to her State Project – YWCA – let's put her "over the top"!

Janet Riordan  
BPW/PA Special Projects Chair



## Issues Management

As Issues Management Chair I am looking forward to having my team and I review all the wonderful submissions. Please make sure to check the bpwpa.org website for key dates and documentation for all your entries.

Happy Spring and I hope to see all of you at the State Convention.

Donna M. Jones  
BPW/PA Issues Management

### You shop. Amazon Gives.

#### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. You can choose from over one million organizations to support including the YWCA!



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#### How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

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The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.

#### Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

## DISTRICT 12 TRIBUTE TO WOMEN AWARD

May the stars shine their light on a special woman by submitting her nomination for the District 12 Tribute to Women Award.

This award will recognize that sister who best exemplifies the following criteria:

1. Represents the symbol of the organization – the Winged Nike.
2. Should symbolize leadership, wisdom, and strength in the face of opposition.
3. Champion for equality and the working woman and represent cooperation and harmony.
4. Someone who is dependable and generous of themselves.
5. Above all, the candidate represents friendship.
6. All nominees must be a BPW/PA member in good standing.

Those looking to nominate a candidate for the award must submit a letter, no more than two typewritten pages, detailing why and how they feel their nominee best exemplifies the criteria.

The winner of the award will be presented with a necklace and a certificate at the State Convention and will then become a member of the Tribute to Women Award selection committee and will remain there for a term of three years.

Please consider nominating a sister for this award, and send your letter to:

Maggie Hildebrand, Chair, 1489 Clifford Woods Road, Ligonier, PA 15658 by May 15, 2019.

## Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Nancy Werner winner of the Winter Birthday contest. Nancy found the hidden birthday cake on page 12 of the Winter Key.

Nancy, aka “Sparkles” is a member of Quakertown BPW, District 11. Nancy has won a birthday treat! Pictured with Angela Apple, BPW/PA Key Editor, member Latrobe District 3.

You have a chance to win in this issue. Find the birthday cake and send your response to . A winner will be selected at random from all correct responses received by May 1, 2019.

Good Luck! To enter [click here](#)



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are celebrating 100 years of BPW/PA and we want to showcase the Federation over the years with our table decorations at the Saturday night banquet. The banquet is all about celebrating **US**, the members!



D3 is asking that all Locals, Districts, Individuals and PSPs to **PLEASE** make copies and send pictures of participation in various activities, at special events, installations and all things BPW to McKeesport Local member:

**Bonnie Stern 14039 Valley View Dr. McKeesport, PA 15131, by May 7th.**

We thank you in advance for your assistance. It will be fun to see BPW sisters through the years. Remember-- pictures **WILL NOT** be returned.

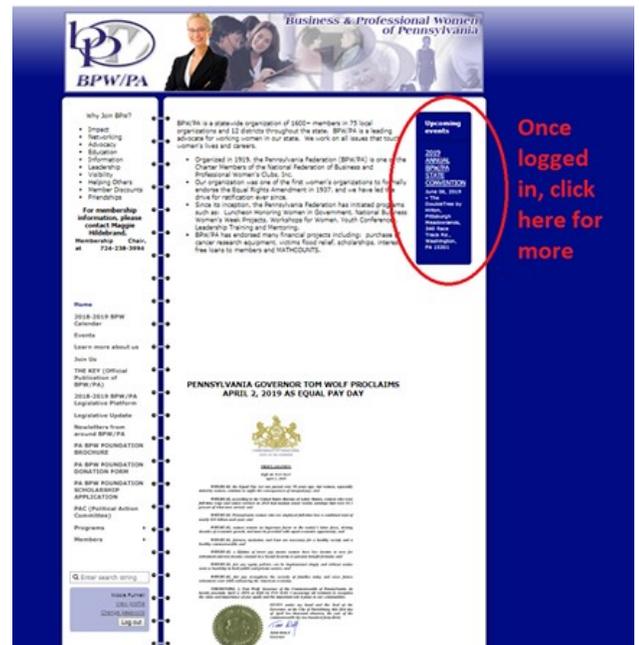
–President Theresa

## Looking to sign up for convention? Here's how:

1. Log on to [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org)
2. At the bottom left of page, log into the members only content. (You should have received login information emailed to you from the state when you first joined BPW. If you have questions please let us know!)
3. Click Events

Also tons of other member only resources you can find once logged in!

Thank you to Nicole Purnell, President of Latrobe local for sharing this tutorial on Facebook!



# KEY DEADLINE

**Deadline for the next edition of the Key July 1, 2019**

**Please submit information to Angela Apple  
bpwkey@hotmail.com**

**Please submit one document from each district only from the district editor to the Key.**

**All text should be in a Word document for easy editing.**

**Photos and images should be submitted as separate attachments as .pdf or .jpeg images.**

**Please include recent events and photos (since the publishing of the last Key.). To keep the Key current, events and news prior to the most recent issue may be edited.**

# BPW/PA Is Planning to Celebrate the 2020 Women's Right to Vote



## 2020 WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL

We don't want to be left behind on this special year that is rapidly approaching. Celebrating the women who rallied on our behalf for the 19th Amendment- the Women's Right to Vote is our goal. We have plans in the making to start the celebration on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** at the Alice Paul House in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. We will be limited to 100 of our BPW/PA members.

The staff of the Paulsdale House will provide tours of the 4 rooms with a video presentation. We are providing the luncheon on the lawn (tent, etc. have been rented) with catering by Wegman's. Our entertainment will be Kate Campbell Stevenson, a portrayal actress and fellow BPW/MD sister, who will bring Alice Paul to life.

A West bus from Greenville, PA has been secured and Denice Robinson will be in charge of finding 40 BPW members who would love to take this all day journey. It will start in Greenville, travel to the PA turnpike and have stops at New Stanton and Bedford. In the East, may we car pool and park on the grounds? The East BPW members will start early as to have our tours completed before arrival of the bus from the West. I am still working with times with the Alice Paul House director, Lucy Beard.

After we celebrate this afternoon, we are heading to the King of Prussia area to the Valley Forge Casino/Hotel for an overnight stay. Rooms are being held for us. I will hold more rooms for those of us

in the East if you are interested. But email me now.

Once I have the final contract signed, we will provide the cost. Dinner and gambling will be on you. Big thank you to Terry Miller for her connections to the Valley Forge Hotel.

Sunday morning we will have a breakfast at the hotel with Amanda Owens, as our speaker. She is the Chair of the Justice Bell Foundation. Please google-Justice Bell and learn of its importance to the women of Pennsylvania in 1915. Traveling to ALL 67 Counties it was the battle cry for "VOTES FOR WOMEN." Ginny Bailey, Donna Weinstein, Linda Landis and I heard her informative power point presentation last Monday. Amanda has purpose and passion for this Justice Bell and it makes a great lead into our PA History of Women Suffragettes.

Before we conclude our weekend, the West bus will get a bonus tour of the Valley Forge National Park compliments of a District 10 member, Elaine Hutchinson.

Bottom line of costs...with the bus and room accommodations, there will be a higher cost for our BPW/PA members in the West. But next year, we hope to take a trip west to the Linden Hall in Somerset County, an estate of a famous PA suffragette. Google-Linden Hall and be impressed. Please start saving. I am doing my best to get us the best deals in town.

We hope to have all in place soon. Please be patient. Keep looking in the BUZZ Monday features for our follow up with costs and ticket sales. We are hoping to have a "sell out" interest! Let's make this happen!

Warmest regards,  
Nancy Werner, BPW/PA PSP  
alnancy47@verizon.net

## Membership

BPW/PA is a statewide organization of 1600+ members in 75 local organizations and 12 districts throughout the state. BPW/PA is a leading advocate for working women in our state. We work on all issues that touch women's lives and careers.

- Organized in 1919, the Pennsylvania Federation (BPW/PA) is one of the Charter Members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

- Our organization was one of the first women's organizations to formally endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937, and we have led the drive for ratification ever since.

- Since its inception, the Pennsylvania Federation has initiated programs such as: Luncheon Honoring Women in Government, National Business Women's Week Projects, Workshops for Women, Youth Conferences, Leadership Training and Mentoring.

BPW/PA has endorsed many financial projects including: purchase of cancer research equipment, victims flood relief, scholarships, interest free loans to members and MATHCOUNTS

### Why Join BPW?

- Impact
- Networking
- Advocacy
- Education
- Information
- Leadership
- Visibility
- Helping Others
- Member Discounts
- Friendships

**For membership information, please contact Maggie Hildebrand  
Membership chair, 724-238-3994**



# BPW/PA Winter Board



Members of District 3 shared all the great things about convention and why you should plan to attend including

- Awards
- Business Meetings
- Foundation Fundraiser
- ID/YC Speak-off Competition
- Networking
- New Officer Installation
- Fun, Friends, Shopping and Casino!

**Register today**  
[www.bpw.pa.org](http://www.bpw.pa.org)



State Board first-timers! Welcome to these first time board attendees, Janet Roeber President Tunkhannock local, Liberty Dusza, Upper Perkiomen, Rebecca Boyd, Upper Perkiomen, Lois Hall, Greater Downingtown and Michelle Fry, Juniata County

Ginny Schultz BPW/PA Webmaster presents Laurie Hough of Ligonier Valley her prize for submitting the winning name for weekly BPW email...BPW Buzz. Laurie will keep the "buzz" going with her wine winnings! Congratulations Laurie. Watch for the weekly BPW Buzz in your email. If you are not getting the email please check your profile on [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org) to make sure we have your correct address.



Ruth Walters, Connellsville District 12, won the Mystery Envelope prize. Ruth donated her winnings of back to the state project the YWCA. Thanks for your generosity Ruth!



# What's Happening

News from around the state

Share your local and district news in the next edition of the Key! Deadline July 1, 2019

Email:  
bpwkey@hotmail.com

## District 1 Meadville



In March, the Meadville local welcomed 7 new members!! Pictured are Victoria Soff, Lori Soff, Mindy Curtiss, Sonya Cummings, Michelle Lippert and Kate Radivojevich. Suzanne Delo is also a new member. Welcome ladies we are happy to have you!

Meadville members collected items for the Oil City YWCA. The center has six beds available for women in need. Members packaged up bedding, toiletries, etc. and the items were delivered by Dianna Fesenmyer. Thank you to all the members who support our projects.



Pictured are Dianna Fesenmyer with the Director of the YWCA Jennifer Friedhaber.

## District 8 Tunkhannock

Spring is here and we are to busy with Fran Colman High School Scholarship, Woman of the Year, and our largest fundraiser - Wine Down. We will also be awarding monies to local non-profit from our fundraiser efforts. August we sponsor local blood Drive in Tunkhannock..

Please try to visit Tunkhannock on Thursday, May 16 for our Wine Down at the Dietrich Theatre. We serve wine, light snacks and sweets. Door prizes and raffles and a movie. This year the movie is Second Act with Jennifer Lopez. Call Janet Roeber 570-239-2635 for tickets.



celebrating 100 years  
of women helping women with passion

# What's Happening

News from around the state

## District 3



District 3 members participated in the annual Women's Expo held Saturday, March 9 at the Ramada in Greensburg. It was a great day sharing BPW with many women. There were several inquires and Greensburg has already recruited 2 new members from the event! Pictured left to right Kathy Flickenger, Tish Burkey Purdy (both Ligonier) Shirley Wolinsky (Greensburg), Rebeca Zedreck, (Ligonier), Nicole Purnell and Marsha St. Pierre (both Latrobe)

It has been a very busy year so far and yet so much more is happening in District 3. All the locals have provided so much support for President Theresa's State project, the YWCA. Our Official Visits have been made by me or Laurie Hough, Assistant Director.

District 3 held an ID Workshop in January Greensburg YWCA. There were 12 participants with 3 entering the Individual Development competition at their locals. Guest presenters included Michelle Teague, Latrobe and Faerie Grace, Latrobe.

Many have supported the D3 Officer Shadowing Program to increase interest in our members to run for offices or chair committees.

The District meeting will be held April 15, hosted by Greensburg. We will have 2 candidates for ID and YC speak off. Of course, many will be attending the State Convention. As D3 will be hosting.

**Greater Pittsburgh** —participates in collections for the Bethlehem Haven, East End Community Outreach and Dress for Success. They have sponsored the Linda Cobb Scholarship Breakfast and Annual Passion Meets the Road Awards Dinner.

**Greensburg** — Greensburg's Jan Program was the YWCA, our State Project. Cindy Leonard, Exec Director explained the YWCA'S mission: to eliminate racism, empower women, promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The Feb Program was presented by Associate Broker and Greensburg member, Debbie Redding. She highlighted some critical points when preparing a home for SALE.

The March Program was a quilting demonstration by Janet Sutton. We will continue to use Colebrook's as our primary fundraiser, support the local food pantry and the YWCA, our State Project.

**Latrobe** — In February held a silent auction to raise funds for the BPW/PA Foundation—another record breaking collection! In March BPW members and guests had fun at the annual Spring Tea with a record number in attendance to raise money for 3 scholarships, 7 achievement awards and other philanthropy.

**Ligonier Valley** — They are very involved in many community events. In March they held a Special Birthday Party in support of the YWCA with guest speaker Faerie Grace.

**McKeesport** — Bernadette Koval, President, gained some new members that have participated in many of their activities and fundraising. One being Cribs for Kids.

**Scottdale** — have had a slow couple of months as they do not meet in January and snow in February caused them to cancel their meeting. They have one new member, Leslie Hauser. The local participated in the DAR Festival of Lights, Woodcrest Festival of Lights, Salvation Army Toy Drive, and MathCounts. They are preparing to host two Students of the Semester from Southmoreland Senior High School and planning a Cupcake Decorating Fundraiser.



MJ Shaw (Greater Pittsburgh) and Angie Marhefka (Scottdale) at the Women's Expo March 9.

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## District 4



from left to right, are: Clearfield BPW members Angela Chew, Nikol Chew and Kristin Duttry.

**CLEARFIELD** – On Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, members of the Clearfield Business & Professional Women’s Club stuffed several purses to help empower women in northwest Pennsylvania.

For the past several months, members donated new and or gently-used purses and personal care items as part of the statewide BPW project to support YWCAs across Pennsylvania.

Clearfield BPW chose to support the Bradford YWCA in McKean County. It provides domestic violence and sexual assault services; housing, budgeting and employment services; and a food pantry.



### Clearfield BPW Member Meets the Faces of Homelessness on Alternative Spring Break Trip

Most college students hit the beach or another party spot for spring break, but not 20-year-old Clearfield Business & Professional Women’s Club member Niki Chew.

Chew, a Human Development

and Family Studies (HDFS) student at Penn State DuBois, chose an “Alternative Spring Break” that was an eye-opener and broke many stigmas on social issues.

She was part of a group of students who traveled to Washington, D.C., where they devoted their break to helping people who are homeless or living in poverty.

For example, Chew met a learning-disabled woman and familial sexual abuse victim who was in her 20’s. She once gave college a try but didn’t receive the necessary accommodations.

Presently, the woman is “couch-surfing” and though her life has been anything but easy, she continues to aspire to further her education.

“... Homelessness is a moment, not a verdict,” Chew expressed, “and it could happen to anyone at any time ... they were people ... they had dreams and aspirations, like you and I.”

Chew, alongside her classmates, volunteered at several services sites preparing and distributing food and hygiene supplies to many others just like this woman.

During one outreach effort at Franklin Park, they distributed “Purses with a Purpose,” a joint effort with PSU DuBois’ Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program.

The OTA students had previously collected gently-used purses and filled them with hygiene items for this trip. Each purse came with a packed lunch of water, fruit and sandwiches.

Together, the group performed over 450 hours of service in their nation’s capital, according to Penn State DuBois’ public information office.

“It was eye-opening to see how much these people are grateful for your time,” Chew expressed. “... They really just want you to treat them like you would any other human being.”

She found this to be true when she met Lynn, a woman who couldn’t speak much English. The woman hugged her, then gestured to her Penn State Nittany Lion hat.

The woman was able to overcome the pair’s language barrier by giving Chew a “thumbs up” and expressing two simple words - “very good.”

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## District 4 continued

### Juniata County BPW

met on Tuesday, February 19. At this meeting we welcomed Jenny Landis, who spoke about the history of "Kindness Rocks" and the many ways to create your own. Kindness Rocks started with encouraging words painted on stones and then left in



various places for someone to find them and hopefully uplift them or make them smile. Pretty much anything goes now as people have painted single words like Smile, Hello, Dream, or even Bible verses or favorite quotes. She suggested we keep it short and sweet unless you like to paint a lot of letters! Where to hide them is up to the individual, but keep in mind that National and State Parks have a "Leave no trace behind" policy and rangers will remove them if found. She then provided painting supplies and rocks to paint our own, and the plan is to place them in places and hope to spread the word about BPW. If you find one somewhere, we encourage you to go to our Facebook page and post a picture of yourself with the rock you found!!

We also collected 28 "Boxes of Love" at our February meeting, which were presented to Kristin Wagner Victim Advocate, The Abuse Network in Lewis-town on February 22. The Boxes of Love are provided to the women and children who seek the services of this organization.



The Juniata County Business and Professional Women (BPW), supported by the Juniata Valley Striders running club, will host their 9th Annual Wellness 5K Event on Saturday, April 6, 2018 at Cedar Grove Church in Mifflintown. Registration begins at 7:45 am and the race starts at 9:00 am. The course is a 5km (3.1 mile) wheel-measured course beginning and ending at Cedar Grove Church. Prizes will be given to the fastest overall male and female runners, as well as the top three male and female finishers in each of our 7 age groups. Race day entry fees are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. If registered by March 23, entry fees are reduced to \$17 for adults and \$12 for students. To register in advance, please email [juniatacountypbw@yahoo.com](mailto:juniatacountypbw@yahoo.com) or visit our Facebook Event page. All early-bird

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## Bedford BPW

In October our Fall Foliage Booth realized a profit of \$5400.00. This money is used to award scholarships to graduating senior girls in Bedford County. We also offer a non-traditional scholarship and a member scholarship if any entries.

Chris Bollman local member has organized a program and committee called Outreach to help empower women and families. So far their committee has donated 60 children and adult hygiene bags to Bedford County Children and Youth to get their day started right. The Committee has also bought and donated infant to toddler sleepers, bottles, wipes, etc. to Children & Youth. They have set up a fund at a local upscale used clothing boutique where we donate clothing etc. and they give back half of the purchase price. We assist women in need of clothing for jobs to give them confidence to move forward in their lives. Chris and her committee have also arranged a fun day out for several families. This group is very committed and is looking forward to many more outreach projects in the future. At our December Christmas Party, we collected mittens and hats and donated them to the Bedford Elementary School.

January's meeting was cancelled because of ice and snow.

In February, several members helped with MathCounts at the Altoona Campus, Penn State. At the March meeting, we held a candidates night for the primary election. Seventeen of the 21 candidates running for the offices of Auditor, Commissioner, Coroner, District Attorney, Magisterial District Judge, Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts and Sheriff were in attendance and gave two minute speeches to encourage the people in attendance why they should vote for them. Sixty five members and interested persons attended this event.

Our club is preparing for our next fundraiser event, a 31 Bag Bingo Party on April 7th at the Bedford Elks. We would like to invite all clubs and officers to attend. Any questions, please call Joan LaSalle at 814 285 6610.

## District 5



This caught our eye because of Theresa Rusbosin's State Project this year.

District 5 Action Book Club met on March 23, 2019 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House in Duncansville for lunch and book discussion. Five Locals out of six in District 5 were represented.

*A Glorious Freedom: Older Women Leading Extraordinary Lives* by Lisa Congdon, who is an author, illustrator, and fine artist who has written 7 books, was reviewed and discussed. Those present delved into the lives and accomplishments of women over the age of 40 who thrived and lived life on their own terms. Some of the Women highlighted were Vera Wang, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Julia Child, Katherine Johnson, Cheryl Strayed, Eva Zeisel, Sister Madonna Butler, Caroline Paul, Chrissy Loader, and Grandma Moses to name a few.

While discussing, Anna Arnold Hedgeman, a lifelong advocate for social change, we discovered after she left college and a teaching career, she became a director of many YWCA's throughout the East Coast.

Anna left a lasting impact on the civil rights movement. She led an incredible life growing up in the only African-American family in a small town in Iowa. She was through college when she experienced institutionalized segregation for the first time while teaching at Rust College in Mississippi. Anna helped organize the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom as well as being one of the founders of the National Organization for Women. She continued to advocate for civil rights until her death in 1990.

This book created a lot of inspiration for us to continue achieving great things in the second half of life.

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**Cresson BPW Celebrates 100 Years of Women in History** honoring the BPW and the Cresson Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 238. Both commemorate the past and current efforts of BPW and the National Women's Auxiliary.

District 5 BPW along with Chris Oliver, Penn State Altoona sponsored the MATHCOUNTS Competition for Blair and Central Regions at Penn State Altoona, on February 2, 2019. District 5 has been involved with the MATHCOUNTS Competition for over 30 years.



Photo - Cathy Collins, District 5 Director; Ms. Eberhart, Cresson American Legion Women's Auxiliary President; Veronica Harkins, Cresson BPW President; Joanne Hogue, Cresson Member /Program Chair



Volunteers included 9 BPW Members, 14 volunteers from Penn State Altoona, and 6 members from the Community. Sixty-seven students representing 8 schools from the Blair and Central Regions participated in the Competition. For the first time since District 5 has been involved with the competition, female students scored in first place in both the Blair and Central Regions.

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## Jersey

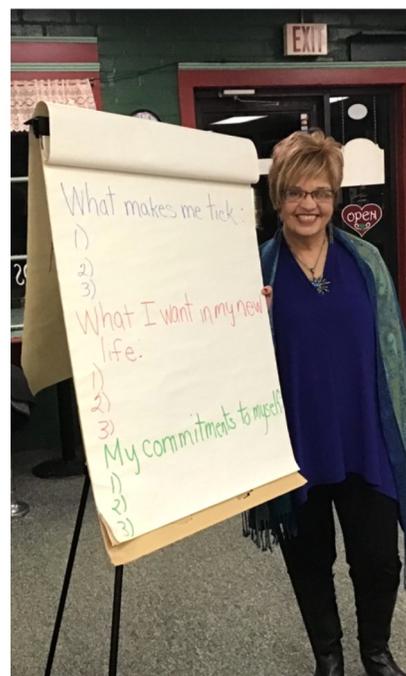
**Jersey Shore BPW** Our Mr. Sticky sale in November was a great success. In March our meeting focused on local women's history with two excellent speakers who are managers of the Lycoming County Women's History Collection. We also gained a new member at that meeting! Jersey Shore will host the District 6 Spring Meeting at Fry's Turkey Ranch in April. We are planning our May Girl of the Month meeting and bingo with Manor Care residents in June.



## Wellsboro BPW

During our November meeting, Wellsboro BPW welcomed Deborah Rudy (photo - L), Field Representative for Senator Joseph Scarnati. Legislation Chair, Priscilla Walrath (photo - R) had asked Deb to address the BPW/PA Legislative Platform as well as other issues important to our local area. Senator Scarnati is a strong supporter of small businesses, Head Start,

Pre-K Counts, and has a major focus on rural health and education issues.



During our January meeting, Kate Sholonski, author, inspirational speaker, and life coach, presented an inspirational workshop, "New Year, New Life." Kate encouraged us to look at ourselves from the "land of self-love" instead of from the "place of lack and fear." In the "land of fear" we are afraid of being judged and not measuring up to the expectations of others. When we live our life from the "land of self-love," we are kind to ourselves. We love and respect who we are. When we align our life's choices with our gifts and values, we become more resilient, positive, and successful. With a partner, we each began the process of designing our "New Life," by answering 3 questions: What makes me tick? What do I want in my new life? What commitments can I make to myself? We came away from the experience with a sense of optimism and hope for a "New Life in the New Year."

For our Foundation meeting in February, we had fun learning about our BPW Local, BPW/PA, and BPW History with a game of BINGO. Among many other facts, we learned that the principles that guided the Women's War Council and the formation of BPW at the national level came from the executives of the YWCA. Do you know what President Kennedy gave to BPW's National President after signing the Equal Pay Act into law?

PA BPW BINGO

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## District 10



Thank you to Delaware County Council Vice Chair Colleen Morrone for helping us kick off the 12th annual WOMENomics Forum! Sponsored by Pennsylvania Business Women's District 10 and Delaware County BPW Local.

**Delaware County BPW** February Meeting with Speaker Mares Stellfox. In her early days, she became the first female to win the American Racing Drivers Club (ARDC) Award. The next season, she drove with the United Racing Club 410 sprint cars and picked up several victories at different tracks throughout the Northeast.



Mares Stellfox with Vice President Jennifer Bravo.

In March the club hosted their Quarter Auction raising money to donate to

local organizations that do the great work of helping women and families in need. Program Director (and BPW member!) Becca Reeves of New Choices, DCCC accepted a \$500 check from BPW at our Quarter Auction. Our club is so grateful for the work they do helping women in transition. Also receiving a \$500 donation was Development Director Lauren Psimaris of Girls on the Run of Montgomery & Delaware Counties, PA to support the girls at Parkside Elementary this season. We are thrilled to support this wonderful organization.

**Chesmont BPW** celebrated its 72nd Anniversary in March by attending the play, "Murder on the Nile" by Agatha Christie at the Forge Theater. After enjoying the play, we continued our celebration by having dinner at Chadwicks Restaurant.

We are busy supporting candidates running for local and county offices by signing their nomination petitions, attending kick-off events and attending the Chester County Endorsement Convention.

**Greater Downingtown BPW** partnered with the Reactor Comedy Club and held the first Comedy Night on February 2, 2019 which raised \$780. The fundraiser benefited the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA Coatesville), <http://www.cywa.org/>. A check was presented to two of CYWA's Board Members, Carmen Green and Melissa Lopez.



In honor of Women in History Month, Greater Downingtown's President, Lois Hall paid tribute to the Pioneer Women Suffragist at the Greater Downingtown BPW monthly meeting on March 13, 2019.

Greater Downingtown BPW will be contributing funds raised at our Phillies Night on April 27, 2019 to the YWCA TriCounty and the YWCA State Project at our next fundraiser at Citizens Bank Park. Tickets are on sale now at \$20.00, with half the price of the ticket going to benefit the YWCA fundraiser. See flyer on BPW buzz.



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## District 11

### MAKING THE YWCA CHILDREN HAPPY



When asked of the Tri County YWCA in Pottstown what would they need, they readily answered- items for the children. BUT the one thing that they really wanted was the soft felt homemade blankets where you tie knots around the double layered materials. So starting way back in October, we were asked to be on the look out for felt fabric sales. Then our District Director Melissa Wieand selected the date of Saturday, January 12, 2019 and asked our members to come to her home and begin the work. In all 31 blankets were made and taken to the Tri County YWCA Pottstown in late February. The car was filled to the brim and they children were ecstatic with joy.

Photos: The back of the car was just filled with homemade blankets for the Tri-County YWCA in Pottstown. Linda Bender, a Quakertown BPW member, is working away on her blanket.

**Central Montgomery County BPW**— had a double program in January with Donna Cavanaugh, Publisher of Humor Outcasts, with advice on Choosing to be Happy and PSP Nancy Werner, spoke on the PA BPW Foundation. CMC BPW has had 3 student members earn a state scholarship in the last 2 years.

February was a night of epic Black storytelling. John Doyle, our long-time member, Fran Doyle's son, oversees the Center Theater in Norristown and the Theater X in Philadelphia. He brought 3 talented actors off their performance at the African American History Museum. They were: Nya Colbert, Derek Delaqua, and Rich Bradshaw. Norristown NAACP and CMC member, Renee Golden, brought two spoken word artists, Jenn Thompkins and Mydera Taliah.

March was Women Who Dare with Erin Reilly, founder of the Norristown's Theater Horizon. This is the 15th year of women-centric plays and musicals. They also have camps for children on the spectrum.

Our involvement with Montco Chamber of Commerce, CMC fund raises at

every meeting with donated gift cards from the King of Prussia merchants and restaurants. Our meeting place, Maggiano's participates with the Beneficial Mobile, 8% of total bill is donated back to the club.

CMC also provided an Individual Development Program on February 23 at the Regina Nursing Center taught by Nancy Werner and Priscilla Brandon.



Nancy and Alexis Werner working on the IDP class.

**Greater Conshohocken BPW**— Sadly Greater Conshohocken lost one of our long time members, Regina Durbas. At our meeting on Mon-

day night, we were talking about one of our meetings at Brandywine Suites (where Regina resided) during which we had an activities instructor. It was so much fun and there was Regina holding onto her walker and bopping along to the music and action. We had a great time at our Christmas party, getting together and playing our paddle raffle. We were also excited having Stacey Woodland from the Tri County Area YWCA join us and share all the exciting activities and work they do at the YWCA. This past Monday we had a great meeting in which we had an idea pact discussion on increasing our membership. Looking forward to a great rest of the year.



Stacey Woodland from the Tri County YWCA speaks to the group.

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**Quakertown BPW—** has been busier than ever. In January their meeting was all about massage therapy. How great is that after a hectic Holiday season? Terry Tosh of the Pennsylvania Institute of Massage Therapy presented an informative evening on the many ways we can help ourselves when the aches and pains appear. At the same meeting, members brought many items for the Quakertown Food Pantry. But the LO also donated \$500!



President Rita Woodward with the donations and check for \$500!

February was very special as well as we all felt the "Love of the Heart." All members were encouraged to share a photo, poem, story, anything that brought joy to their heart. It was most inspirational to all who attended. To bring more love, the Quakertown BPW will be participating in Amy's Ride, Run, Walk to fight pancreatic cancer on May 18. They learned that pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. but receives less than two percent of the National Cancer Institute's research budget. They approved \$1,000 to Amy's Ride, Run and Walk to be on the bronze level and President Rita Woodward shared

that we will be participating too.

March is our favorite Women In History Month. Linda Lokay and Nancy Werner had the members remembering women who made our history with a trivia game. Lots of table fun was generated. But the evening was also about the BIG fund raiser that Quakertown BPW promotes each year - The Famous Paddle Raffle. Chair Melissa Wieand shared that this is #5. Everyone is volunteering in some way by gathering donations, selling tickets or helping on Sunday, April 28, 2019. This event has provided us many opportunities to help with the many outreach programs in the Quakertown Community.

**Upper Perk BPW—** has had many wonderful programs and projects this year that have been beneficial to the club. Two Upper Perk members were recognized and honored for their achievements and accomplishments.. Alice Hager was named Woman of the Year and Michelle Mory (owner of Curves) was named Employer of the Year! The fabulous and informative programs this year included an Outreach Educator from Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, Speed Networking, a Skin Care Exercise, an author that focused on being positive and grateful, and an excellent presentation of the 11 nominated women from the National Women's History Alliance that was given by our own member, Gerry Fioriglio.

In April, three essay winners from the Upper Perk HS will read their Women in History essays. Since the new year Upper Perk has completed two projects. Upper Perk helped with the YWCA blanket making project for D 11 and the most recent fun and profitable project was the Oldie's dance on



Gerry Fioriglio member of Upper Perk Kiomen BPW, presents an evening of "Women Champions of Peace for Women's History Month to the group.

Feb. 2. The club was able to raise \$3,226 towards their scholarship funds with the guidance and leadership of Marilyn Mayer (chairwoman of the project). The next large fundraiser project will be the Women's Expo on April 6 from 11 AM- 3 PM at the East Greenville Firehouse Hall. The club has raised almost \$3,000 in sponsors. There are 37 vendors. Curves and Juli Kells will be doing demonstrations on stage. On May 6, Upper Perk will be making and serving the First Monday Meal for May at the Center at the Open Link.

Upper Perk will be sending two speakers, Liberty Dusza (IDP speak off) and Rebecca Boyd (Young Careerist) to compete at the spring district meeting on April 13.

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**Souderton-Telford BPW**—Spring brings lots of good times for Souderton-Telford BPW. The third annual Locally Grown Showcase brought around 400 visitors to Indian Creek Foundation where over 30 vendors made up of local farms, wine & spirits, artisans, service groups and non-profits assembled. There were samples of food and drink as well as opportunities to purchase. Information on the service groups and non-profits were available, games and prizes for children, a photo booth, henna tattoos and face painting tables were set up, plus an Instant Pot cooking demonstration was held by a local food blogger. We're grateful to local sponsors who supported our event and provided raffle items. Thanks to our sister BPW members who sponsored and attended. This was a major undertaking for our local; our members really put forth their best effort in obtaining vendors, sponsors, and volunteering during the event. A great thanks goes to all of them. A donation was given to Indian Creek Foundation for the use of facility.



## District 12

### CANONSBURG BPW

All Board and General Meetings are held at King's Family Restaurant. Dinners at 5:30pm are optional followed by meetings at 6:30pm. Our current membership is 33 continuing members and we encourage members to attend and become active in continuing our membership.

Four members participated in the two-day District Adventures in Reality Program at Bentworth Middle School.

Non-perishable items such as baby and children supplies, back packs for kids, and toiletry items were taken to the District 12 meeting in Connellsville for the YWCA in Brushton.

Colebrook Chocolate was sold in the Fall and Spring for our fundraisers.

Our membership directory was updated and will now include our charter number and date.

We held our Christmas dinner on December 7 followed by attending a performance at Little Lake Theater.



Members met with Mayor David H. Rhome for the signing and presenting the club with a Proclamation for NBWW.