



The KEY

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Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion & Purpose

Happy New Year!

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If your inbox is like mine you have received many greetings stating "Happy New Year, New Year, New You or New Year, New Body, New Start etc. ..." You get the message. Everyone is wanting you to start new, make new lifestyle changes, almost taunting you to promise to improve, do good or change. I am asking you as we begin the New Year, are you looking back with gratitude, Auld Lang Syne wistfulness or with regret for things you have done or failed to do?

I am looking back with gratitude, for the opportunities that BPW has provided me. I have accepted the office of BPW/PA President and hopefully are doing right by all. I have made many new friendships and was able to visit many districts over the last 3 years and I look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings, I have continued to stay active with my local and district. I am enjoying every minute! I am grateful for the openings BPW provided, both personally and professionally. I would like to share an example:

My Director of Pharmacy Practice called me into his office recently and my first thought was what have I done? He said no worries, that he wanted to name me as a "Champion for Better" when he joins his weekly call with his peers from our other pharmacy sites. I was honored but I asked what???? He went on to explain that I have shown a commitment to quality and a passion to better servicing our patients. As a member of our Employee Quality Counsel he felt I was part of a driving force to improve quality, help our pharmacist and technicians through educating and promoting customer service. Providing a quality product and good customer service to our patients is at my core, but it is BPW that allowed me to have the confidence to step up and step out of my comfort zone and "teach" the technicians about drug selection, drug entry and other aspects of their job and alert the pharmacists to potential pitfalls of drug entry and review. Now you are wondering where I am going with this. Yes?

I am providing the example of how BPW has helped me in an effort to encourage every member to step out of their comfort zone and take a new look at how you will ask a guest to your local meeting. I want you to consider taking part in an Individual Development workshop offered in your District, not just to compete at convention but to help you be a "champion for better" at your workplace. I am asking a younger member (under 35YO) to consider the Young Careerist path. Speaking up with confidence can assist in career advancement. I wish that each of you look inwardly, and know that you have what it



takes to move up within your Local club, District and State, and when asked to run for an office or accept a chair position, you answer a resounding YES! Lastly, I am asking that you consider and commit to attending Winter Board, (the Call is attached, all members are welcome) and most importantly to the 99th BPW/PA Convention. We have much to celebrate as we enter our 100th year of existence. **YOU** want to be part of this Convention. Mark your calendars, **June 6 to June 9**, Hilton Doubletree, Washington PA. Look for the Call to convention very soon. Hope to see you there!

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** for your support of the State Project, the YWCAs, I am looking forward to hearing about how you have partnered with your local YWCA.

Peace, Joy and Many Blessings to all of you in the New Year!

Theresa



PA Conference for Women was FANTASTIC!

Over 12,000 women gathered at the Convention Center in Philadelphia on Friday, October 12, 2018. The largest crowd in the 14 years of the PA BPW Conference. It was really crowded but the many speakers and excellent workshops were outstanding. We enjoyed hearing from Serena Williams as she shared women need to push the boundaries till, they bulge. She also offered that she has traveled the world but has never seen so many women in one place like our Convention Center. Amal Clooney spoke about the Women's Rights around the world and the difference of the cultures as to how a woman is viewed. She presented riveting testimony from war victims and their efforts to be heard at the United Nations. These women now are being heard. Maysoun Zayid, comedian, shared how having a disability is only one of her 99 problems, palsy is just one. We were swept away by Amanda Southworth, a sixteen year old app developer. She shared her personal story of childhood anxiety and depression and how she worked with it by developing apps for those who were suffering just like her. Remarkable stories were shared with all 12,000 of us in the audience.

The PA BPW Foundation and the BPW/PA cosponsored a booth and welcomed many to hear about our organization and what we had to offer for women and their families. There were pamphlets, giveaways, candies for all to enjoy. We had members who donated gift cards that were used for the "lucky drawing jar." We wish to thank each of them for their kind gesture.



Our "signature quilt" stands out year after year. It is a work of many hours of labor and members' hands. Women come every year just to marvel at its beauty, take photos and listen to its Pay Equity message. It is a masterpiece and hopefully someday, we can finish it once we reach equal pay for equal work.

We ordered 3 tables for the first time ever and we filled them ALL. Representing our PA BPW Foundation were Nancy Werner, Vice President; Denice Robinson, Treasurer, and Laura Whetstone, Board member, and representing BPW/PA were President Theresa Rusbosin, Ginny Bailey, Recording Secretary, and many members of our districts. Terry Miller, District 10 member and a dedicated and loyal supporter, was able to help Nancy Werner coordinate the members sharing the duties of manning the booth. We wish to send a HUGE thank you to all of you who made this day so eventful. (and to Fred Werner who put up the quilt and helped Nancy get all the supplies there on the previous day.)

Next year's date has been posted as October 2, 2019. We may not know who will be coming but make sure it might be YOU!

Nancy Werner, PA BPW Foundation VP Chair

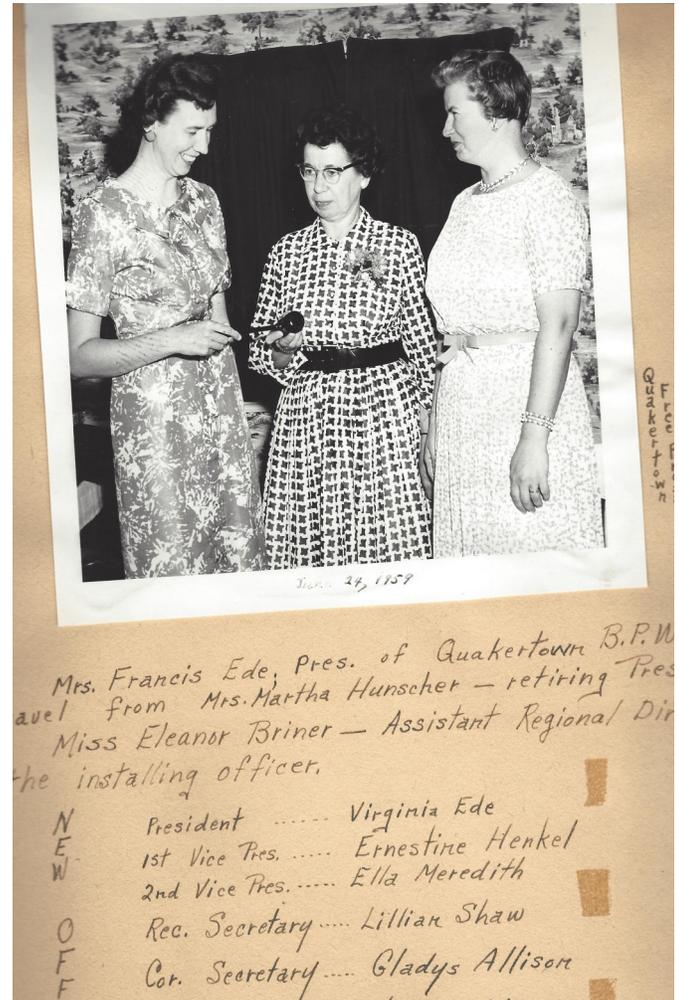
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A Woman Named Eleanor Briner

As we come to celebrate our BPW/PA 100 years, we truly had some dynamic women leaders in our federation. One woman who comes to mind is Eleanor Briner. Eleanor Briner was a member of the former Welsh Valley BPW in District Eleven. She served as our District Eleven Director from 1960-1962. But as I was researching what all she accomplished on the state level, I was surprised. On our BPW/PA web site, the Manual of Policy, Procedures, and Protocol never lists her as a Past President of the State but as the Coordinator of Districts from 1963 to 1964. It was a newly formed chair for this was the time period when every woman wanted to join our BPW. Our membership totals were rising and rising. In 1966-67, our membership total reached its peak of 12,162 members and then we began to descend. But back to our Eleanor. Seems she became quite ill during her term as Coordinator of Districts and passed away. But there was something special about Eleanor. She was loved and admired by everyone. When you think of this time period, our Convention delegations filled the entire ballroom floors with over 800 in attendance. But it was agreed that the Eleanor Briner Award be established in 1965. The award in the form of a gong was to recognize the most outstanding District for that year. That deserving district would be responsible having its district and number engraved onto its side. Well many years have passed, and the gong has been filled. Now the district and number are engraved on plates which are attached to the box. It is a wonderful legacy to a woman named Eleanor Briner who thoroughly represented BPW.

The photo is from the Quakertown BPW archives –Mrs. Virginia Ede, President, and outgoing President Martha Hunscher, share the gavel exchange as Eleanor Briner, Assistant Regional Director, looks on. June 24, 1959.



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Calling All Young Careerist Candidates

With 2019 upon us, it is time to commit to seeking a Young Careerist Candidate from your District. Any younger woman in your District who is between the ages of 21 and 35 can participate in the BPW/PA Young Careerist Program. The YC commitment involves the presentation of a 4 minute speech from a list of topics that can be found on our BPW/PA website and a short interview. The presentation of the YC speeches this year will take place at our BPW/PA Convention on Saturday, June 8, 2019 as we gather to celebrate **100 Years of Women Helping Women With Passion and Purpose**. The topic choices include describing the greatest advancement of women in the last 100 years, to ideas for encouraging younger women interested in pursuing careers in STEM; to universal paid maternity leave and its potential affect on women in the workplace; to talking about the greatest influential person who lives with **passion and purpose**. Please see additional information regarding the topics at our BPW/PA website or by contacting me at tmiller@frontrowlaw.com.

Having the pleasure of serving as the 2018-2019 Young Careerist Chair this year is one of the greatest honors I have been given as a member of BPW/PA. Please assist me in making sure we have 100% YC participation by our Districts this year. Our younger women need to be encouraged to voice their opinions and grow into leadership roles in our organization and the Young Careerist Program is a great way for our younger BPW/PA members to do so. The program spotlights our future leaders and recognizes the accomplishments of our younger women while providing them with personal and professional development, improved communication skills and networking opportunities. Let's help our younger women in BPW/PA find their **passion and purpose** by encouraging them to engage in the Young Careerist Program. By the way, as an added bonus our Young Careerist Winner will be presented with a cash award of \$300.00 at Convention. Applications can be found on our BPW/PA website and are due to me by May 1, 2019. Any questions, please contact me at tmiller@frontrowlaw.com or call me at 610-357-5014. I am happy to help your District Young Careerist Candidate get to the YC finish line. I look forward to celebrating our Young Careerist Candidates at Convention as we **Celebrate 100 Years of Women Helping Women With Passion and Purpose!**

Terry Miller
2018-2019 Young Careerist Chair

Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Debbie Franco winner of the Fall Birthday contest. Debbie found the hidden birthday cake on page 18 of the Fall Key.

Debbie is a member of Latrobe BPW, District 3. Debbie has won a birthday treat!

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 Feb 1, 2019.

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



Stay Connected!

Be sure to visit the BPW/PA website for up-to-date information from across the state. Update your profile online!

www.bpwpa.wildapricot.org

Check out the new BPW/PA Facebook page!
[@BPW/PA](https://www.facebook.com/BPW/PA)

Share your photos online using #100 years #BPWPA #PresidentTheresa #womenhelpingwomen

Share your celebrations in the next edition of the Key!

Deadline April 1, 2019
bpwkey@hotmail.com



Issues Management

Hoping all of you had wonderful holidays and a very safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to all of your entries this year. I know the end of 2018 there were some great programs and activities. Hoping you took lots of pictures.

Good luck with the rest of the year programs/pictures/articles and documentation for the contests. Can't wait to read them.

I'll see you in March for Winter Board and then in June for the State Convention.

Donna M. Jones
BPW/PA
Issues Management Chair

KEY DEADLINE

Deadline for the next edition of the Key April 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 may be submitted separately as .pdf or .jpeg images.

Nominations for State Office

DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than January 15, 2019

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 the following positions:

President -Elect
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Some rules for our candidates:

Candidates for President-elect and Vice President must be members in good standing and must have served as District Director and/or two terms as BPW/PA Recording Secretary or Treasurer (By Laws, Article X, Section 2).

Candidates for Recording Secretary and Treasurer must be members in good standing.

Each candidate must be endorsed by both their **Local Organization and District**.

The candidate form and conflict of interest forms are both on our website: www.bpwpa.org

Nominees for State Office must submit the following to the Chair of Nominations **via US mail, postmarked no later than January 15, 2019:**

Completed Candidate Form
Conflict of Interest Statement

Two Photographs:

One (1) color 5" X 7" for display at the State Convention
One (1) color wallet size electronic image for inclusion in THE KEY. (Please email me your picture for the KEY.)

Answers to the following two questions:

What are your plans to make BPW/PA an organization that inspires "Purpose and Passion" in every member?

As BPW reaches its 100th year, what accomplishments for women have been most significant for you and how do you promote those accomplishments within and outside of BPW?

The answers to these questions must be typed for inclusion in THE KEY. In addition to mailing a hard copy, please also email your answers to me at weinstein804@gmail.com This will facilitate posting the answers to the BPW/PA website.

At the 2019 Annual Convention, candidates will have the opportunity to present a 5 minute address to the Convention Body using President Theresa's theme, "Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion and Purpose."

I look forward to your candidate submissions to serve our BPW/PA. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call (610-220-2558) or email me.

Thank you.

Donna Weinstein
Chair of Nominations

The BPW Foundation is here for you.

Scholarships

The BPW Foundation accepts applications from individuals who meet the financial needs criteria; are U.S. citizens; and are a BPW/PA member or resident of PA for 2 years. Deadline for spring semester is November 1, 2018. Deadline for fall semester is May 1, 2019. We do offer a scholarship twice if the applying candidate meets all the requirements. For application, criteria and submission instructions click [here](#).

Edith Oler Flanigan Fund

The Edith Oler Flanigan Fund is a grant to BPW members in emergency situations such as catastrophic illness or accident, extended unemployment or loss due to a disaster such as hurricane, fire or flood. For application, criteria and submission instructions click [here](#)

The foundation is sustained by your individual contributions and by funds raised during the Friday night event at state convention. Your support is evident by the number of scholarships the Foundation gives each year. The foundation needs your support to continue these efforts. Be sure to include it in your local budget. You can also remember the foundation in your will or make memorial contributions. Download the donation form [here](#)



HAPPY 2019 TO ALL BPW/PA MEMBERS.....and remember to keep thinking about Birthdays! At the end of January we will be half-way through our Birthday Celebrations and I want to thank each and every BPW Local, BPW District and BPW/PA member for your faithful support of President Theresa's Project for 2018-2019 of the YWCA's across the State of Pennsylvania.

With our New Year I am asking that each District Director remind the President's in your Locals that if they have not participated in this Special Birthday Project there are still six (6) months to do so AND if your Locals have participated in the past we ask that they continue supporting this Special Project. President Theresa certainly appreciates everyone's support of her Special Project and sends a special Thank You to each and every BPW/PA member.

KEEP THINKING BIRTHDAYS. Remember, President Theresa has set our goal at \$10,000. We can do it!

Best of luck to everyone on their Birthday celebrations during this upcoming year! If you have any questions you may e-mail me at jlriordan@verizon.net.

Janet Riordan
BPW/PA Special Projects Chair

Download the monthly form [here](#)



Tribute to Women Award

Do you know a member who is a Tribute to Women?

Start writing your nomination now for 2019! 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. Dependable and generous of themselves
5. Above all, represents friendship.

Watch for information on submitting your nomination on the BPW/PA website.

What's Your ID?

One question that we personally consider throughout life is: "Who am I?" The answer comes easily when we are self-confident and self-assured, but all too often our self-identity is based solely on the influence of events and outside forces.

What?

The Individual Development Program (IDP), begun in the late 1960's, was developed to provide our officers and future leaders with public speaking and presentation skills. Consisting of an intensive course of study and practice sessions, the IDP has evolved into a flexible program that offers techniques and tools for taking an active role in creating our own identity.

So What?

The IDP has always been one of the most useful personal benefits of membership in BPW – for members who take advantage of this program. Moreover, the IDP can be an exceptional process for attracting new members, if promoted in our communities.

Now What?

Although many of the modules in the IDP are woefully outdated, we are somewhat constrained, due to the copyrighted program, from actually changing the basic contents of the program. However, we certainly can update and supplement the core modules with current trends, techniques, and technology to better address the issues faced by today's working woman. The IDP can be molded to the needs of the participants as it provides invaluable information for training women in all levels of life – from young women first entering the workforce, to those who have been absent (for whatever reason) and are reentering the professional arena, to those who have continued their journey but may feel the need for a boost of self-awareness.

The IDP is an opportunity to connect with other women for the purpose of promoting professionalism in our presentations, for developing abilities in negotiating when necessary, for recognizing and appreciating the differences in our personalities, and generally for bringing out the best in each other.

BPW members, in good standing, who have completed the IDP within the three preceding years, are eligible to participate in a speak-off competition held at the 2019 BPWPA Convention at the Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh at 340 Racetrack Rd, Washington, PA. The competition will consist of each candidate's presentation before the convention body of a five-minute prepared speech based on our 2018-2019 theme "Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion and Purpose" and a two-minute impromptu response to a question selected by the candidate during an interview with the judges.

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 MATH-COUNTS.

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

PLAN People Looking Ahead Now!

It's never too early to be thinking about 2019 convention. Plan your contest entries now!



Want to serve the PA BPW Foundation?

The PA BPW Foundation is currently seeking applicants to serve on the Board of Directors. The candidates, who wish to be considered, must complete an application. We have the PA BPW Foundation application on the www.bpwpa.org "member only" section. If you would be interested in applying for a Board position, please read, complete the application and submit by March 15, 2019.

The usual term of service is three years, unless a Director is replacing another member on the Board for the balance of their unexpired term. If there are more than two individuals being considered to fill the Board positions, the two individuals with the most votes shall be elected. All votes are taken by the Board of Directors of the PA BPW Foundation by a written ballot.

According to the PA BPW Foundation Bylaws, there shall be a maximum of two Directors of the PA BPW Foundation Board from any one District of the BPW/PA Federation, excluding the BPW/PA officers who serve on the Board.

Please submit applications to: Nancy Werner, 2111 Old Barn Road, East Greenville, PA 18041.

Emails will be considered. A reply will be sent upon receipt. Thank you.

Nancy Werner, PA BPW Foundation VP

BPW/PA Winter Board Meeting March 8-9, 2019 Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center State College, PA

Want to learn more about BPW/PA? Join us at the Winter Board meeting! Any member in good standing is welcome to attend.

Registration Fee \$30. Hotel accommodations can be made using the secure website www.penstatehotels.com or by calling 1-800—233-7505. Please reference code BPWP19A when making your reservation.

Watch for the meeting invitation email from PA Federation of Business and Professional Women. Register using the link on the website www.bpwpa.org. You may pay online through PayPal or credit card. Check payments may be sent payable to BPW/PA to Cathy Caccia, BPW/PA Corresponding Secretary, 2300 Locust Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Registration must be made/postmarked by Feb. 20, 2019. Reservations made after this date will have an additional fee of \$5.00.

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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.

What's Happening

News from around the state

District 3

District 3 has had a very busy and productive 6 months. On the District level, Assistant Director Laurie Hough and I have visited most of the locals for our official visits. I have also attended many of the local programs.

Our fall district meeting had the pleasure of the Greensburg YWCA Executive Director, Cindy Leonard as our speaker. She spoke of all the programs the YWCA offers and how to get involved. Thank you, President Theresa Rusbosin for a great project during your term. On behalf of all the D3 locals, a check for \$1,000.00 was presented to Cindy at this meeting. We had many first timers attend the meeting.

Our Officer Shadowing program had a slow start but is getting more acceptance. We believe this can open up new avenues of promoting our offices. Many members are seeing there is much more to the meeting than listening to what the officers have done. Now they can get firsthand experience to see if it would be something they are interested in doing.

All D3 locals have added to their membership. What is great is when a new member spreads the BPW word and brings in another new member. District 3 will be having an ID Program on January 19th and we plan on having an ID and YC speaker at the convention.

I am so proud to be a part of a fabulous group of women in my district and on the state level. I hope every local has a happy and successful year in 2019.

Jean Calabrace
District 3 Director



District Director Jean Calabrace and YWCA Westmoreland Executive Director Cindy Leonard.

Latrobe BPW has been busy this fall. In addition to the monthly birthday box collection for the YWCA, the group held a Belly Dancing Event with proceeds benefiting YWCA Westmoreland County. President Theresa sure has the moves!



The October meeting celebrated NBWW with a local entrepreneur inspiring members to live their dream. Latrobe also debuted a *You Tube* Series called "Table Talk" highlighting our members, telling our stories as women, having our voices heard, and

discussing what BPW means for our community. Also in October Latrobe BPW was featured Non-Profit at Greater Latrobe/Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce After Hours Networking event.

In November members participated in a favorite event with the Salvation Army—Project Bundle Up. Each year members assist local disadvantaged children shop for coats and warm weather gear. Truly a heartwarming experience. In November the regular meeting was replaced with the annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza featuring many local Latrobe BPW member businesses.

In December members rang the bell for the Salvation Army, another favorite activity. The December meeting featured a fun gift exchange and ugly sweater contest.



Greater Pittsburgh BPW

President Diane Richard has worked on gaining new members. One of their longstanding members is already on her way to a convention award with 8 new ones. They are working very hard on their fundraising activities looking forward to their Speaker Series in May.

What's Happening

News from around the state

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

Email: bpwkey@hotmail.com

District 3 continued

Greensburg

BPW In October Greensburg celebrated National Business Women Week by distributing tent cards to 18 Greensburg Merchants, mostly women owned businesses describing what our BPW supports – local food pantry with monthly donations, scholarships to Westmoreland County students Math Counts and our State Project, YWCA. We also displayed posters at Personalized Colors, a Women's Store and the former Troutman Building, displaying 100 years of **WOMEN HELPING WOMEN WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE**.



HELPING WOMEN WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE, which is also listed on the poster. The tree contributions support our State Project, YWCA. All contributions are welcome. The elves are from left, Susan Reimer, Shirley

In November our speaker was Al Sanfillipo, a Master Gardener who gave a very informative speech on caring for Holiday plants. He addressed the care of the Christmas cactus noting that they require very little water and that their biggest enemy of house plants is too much water. Another hint for house plants is to follow the fertilizing instructions. The temperature in Pa can confuse the plants and cause problems with blooming. He advised never to cut the sticks that remain after blooming because that is where the next bloom starts. Prune azaleas after they bloom. The burberry plant is invasive and does NOT harbor ticks. Lastly he discussed the Master Gardener Program thru Penn State.

The Greensburg Local gathered at the Ramada Inn before Thanksgiving to decorate an Angel Tree. The Angels represent what BPW supports - scholarships, local food pantry and YWCA.

In addition to the Angels the ornaments on the tree say "100" representing the 100 years of **WOMEN**



Wolinsky, Cathy Caccia, Dr Nancy Shaler and PSP Marilyn Tallant. In December we adopted a family of 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls thru St Vincent de Paul and the Food Pantry. The 4 of us went on a shopping spree so each child could receive 3 gifts and hopefully make their Christmas a little merrier. Hopefully next year we can

expand the project. Also in December we feasted at Rodney's for our annual Christmas party where we enjoyed good food, friendship, prizes played bingo and distributed our Fundraiser, Colebrook's candy. Because of everyone's generosity, we sold enough candy to generate a scholarship. Good Health, Happy Times with friends and family and Peaceful Moments to all!

Ligonier Valley BPW in October featured their Member Market and presentation by Jim & Rosi Douglas from Huckle Bee Farm. The local also sponsored Ligonier Valley Chamber scarecrow contestant CASA (court appointed special advocates).

In November members enjoyed guest speakers Andrea Niapas (speaker) – local author and documentary film maker Kathy Karns (speaker) – Ligonier Valley school counselor – Junior Achievement program. The group made a donation to assist with their one day career day for 3-5 graders. Members participated in the District 3 officer shadowing program. With new member Sami Gonda shadowing President Kim Bellas.

In December members enjoyed a Christmas party and Christmas music entertainment performed by former Ligonier Valley high school student of the month Faith McDowell.

LVBWP continues to participate in the BPW/PA state project of collecting monthly birthday donations. Looking ahead the group is organizing 100th birthday party celebration for March 2019 as our district team building event (Faerie Grace speaker).



What's Happening

News from around the state

District 6



Wellsboro BPW

During our "Mixer Activity" at Wellsboro Local's October 8th meeting, Georgia Tracy, "Y"; Linda West, "W"; Marian Miller, "C"; and Maryann Rutledge, "A," were our small group leaders. They helped each member in their group to identify a word or phrase that described them. The rules were that the word(s) had to be positive and needed to start with the letter that was assigned to their group. Our members' names and their matching descriptive words were written on the large letters.

On October 27th during our Fall District 6 Meeting, we invited the attending members from the Jersey Shore BPW Local to add their names and descriptors to the letters.

Here are the combined results:

Y – Young at Heart Professional, Young Pioneer, Yapper Gad-about, and Yiddish Volunteer

W – Wholesome Nurturer, Willing Volunteer, Wanderer, Wonderer, Wonderful Babysitter, Wandering Woman, and Wonderful Hostess

C – Cheerleader, Courageous World Traveler, Caring Attorney, Classy



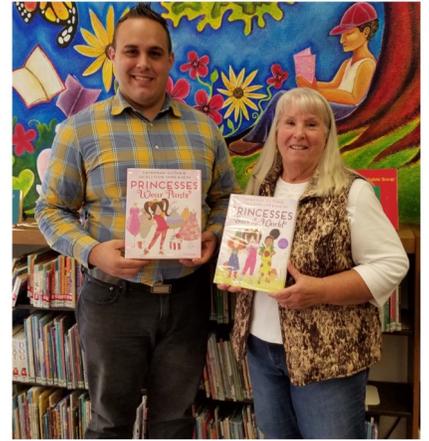
Compassionate Musician, Caring, and Careful

A – Awesome Volunteer, Artistic Decorator, Always cooking, and Active Crocheter

Dawn Linn (photo), CEO of Northcentral YWCA, spoke at the Wellsboro BPW Local's October meeting. She focused on the history of the YWCA in Williamsport and the services provided for women in need. We were so impressed by the outstanding work that she and her staff are doing to make a significant difference in so many lives!

During our "Mixer Activity" at the end of Wellsboro Local's November meeting, we had a lot of laughs as we formed a web by throwing a ball of yarn to each member of the group. We called it our "Thankful Web" because as each of us had the ball in hand, we shared with the group something we were thankful for before throwing the ball to another member.

District 4 Juniata County Local



Each year, in celebration of Business Women's Week, the Juniata County Business and Professional Women's Club makes a book donation to the Juniata County Library. This year two children's books were purchased. Princesses Wear Pants and Princesses Save the World by Savannah Guthrie and Allison Oppenheim were presented to Juniata County Library Director Vince Giordano by BPW member Mindy Winder.

When the web was complete and we were all connected, we sang the Emblem Benediction. We were reminded by President Donna that we are all connected with each other because of BPW, enjoying friendships that we may not have had otherwise... certainly something to be thankful for.

Jersey Shore BPW Jersey Shore held their annual Mr. Sticky sale at the Central Mountain Wildcat show and sold 20 dozen Mr. Sticky cinnamon buns – what a fund raiser! Our annual Christmas Party was at the Gamble Farm in Jersey Shore, which was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

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We are looking forward to celebrating our 100 years of BPW. This year we will continue to work on increasing and retaining membership through all our locals, while working on our theme for this year Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion and Purpose and hope to encourage others to join us in the Celebration. We are working on getting our website up and running and other form of media to keep District visible to others.

District 10

Greater Downingtown BPW

On November 10, 2018 members of the Greater Downingtown BPW had the opportunity to visit and meet the women and children that live in the shelters at the Community, Youth and Women's Alliance, Inc. (CYWA) in Coatesville, PA. The CYWA mission is to assist men, women and children of diverse backgrounds and religions gain personal responsibility, dignity and self-esteem to help eliminate poverty and improve the quality of life in their community.



Greater Downingtown donated a wreath and participated in the Wreaths Across America, December 15th, at Hopewell Methodist Church. Our sisters from Chesmont came to join us, as well. Pictured front row: Keny Holman, Lois Hall, Lorraine Tindaro, Fran Farrell. Back row: Chesmont members Jean White and Tammy Lines.

Greater Downingtown BPW will co-host Comedy Night on Saturday, February 2, 2019 to benefit the Community, Youth and Women's Alliance, Inc. (CYWA).



Delaware County BPW



We have already planned our Quarter Auction for March 13, 2019. The funds raised at the Quarter Auction enable us to support our local communities as we continue to partner with organizations like New Choices of Delaware County Community College, Girls on the Run, PathwaysPA, the Mary Walker House, New Day of the Salvation Army and Laundromat Library League. The club will also be collecting books for Laundromat Library League as well as diapers, baby wipes, pajamas, bibs, baby bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers and potty chairs for PathwaysPA for the holidays. As usual Delaware County BPW members have again this year generously opened their hearts and wallets to local organizations. Plans have been made for our 2019 Womenomics® Forum to be held on March 30, 2019.

Delaware County BPW presented PathwaysPA a check for \$500.00 at our December Meeting. Brenda Dawon, President and CEO, Pat Puleo, Delaware County BPW and Lenora Pope, Residential Coordinator.

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District 11

Quakertown BPW

The Fall Months saw Quakertown BPW getting involved with many activities. We already shared the highlights of our 65th Birthday in late September. Turning 65 years young was the best. In October we had Stacey Woodland of the Tri County YWCA of Pottstown come talk to us. We were delighted to learn that they are opening a Child Care Facility in Royersford and can use our help. The members brought many items for women and children. Stacey accepted our gifts with a huge appreciation. More to follow on this State Project.

In November we had the opportunity to hear the story of the Quakertown Community Outreach. Their leaders shared what they are providing to our fellow community members who need assistance. Relatively a new group to the area, we were very proud to bring gift cards and a club donation that totaled over \$800. Many gift bags were filled that evening with a sincere appreciation from the Quakertown Community Outreach.

We are delighted to report that we have welcomed 4 new members into our Quakertown BPW.

Then in December, we had the best Holiday gathering with the Upper Perkiomen BPW at the McCoolle's Arts and Entertainment Center, Quakertown. With all the festivities, we all brought hats, scarves and gloves for the local Y. A donation basket was passed for the Quakertown Food Pantry. We were treated to a storyteller's version of her earliest Christmas by Robin Reichert of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild. It was a perfect ending for a perfect year of 2018.



Pat Fuller, member, and Nicole and Dave of the Quakertown Community Outreach around the many gift card donations.

Upper Perkiomen BPW has been very active this fall and winter season. Four new members have now been inducted into this club for this club year. The lady's night out at the Art on Main was successful with 6 members and their family and friends. With a total of 14, we had an enjoyable night out concluding with being able to have a beautiful painting which is seen in the group photo. The Individual Development Program was a success with having 6 participants becoming better speakers. The poinsettia sale was a great success to help the club raise more funds. The Fall District Meeting was well attended and informative. Many hats, gloves, and mittens have been collected to give to the local YWCA. Lastly, a fantastic time was had at the joint Christmas party with the Quakertown BPW at the McCoolle's Restaurant, Quakertown.

Our next fundraiser and enjoyable night out will be our Oldies Dance to be held on February 2 at the East Greenville Firehouse Hall from 8 PM to Midnight. Also, our Women's Expo will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 11 AM-3PM at the East Greenville Firehouse (new location). This year our trip giveaway is a \$1500 voucher to the place of your choice which also includes 2 airline tickets to your destination. Come join our events!



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Central Montgomery County BPW The Autumn months had Central Montgomery County more than busy. Settling into their new meeting location of Maggiano's Italian Restaurant in the King of Prussia Mall area, the members are delighted with the delicious meals and accommodations. For October a "Woman of the Year" event was conducted by honoring Virginia Frantz, President of the Montgomery County Foundation. We also hosted our visiting District Eleven Director, Melissa Wieand and our Assistant Director Jen Van Ingen.

The November Meeting was plowed under due to the first snowstorm of the 2018 year. Who would have thought? We are hoping to have a fellow member, Alexis Werner, return to speak on "Helping Veteran Entrepreneurs

Succeed. But the BIG EVENT for the CMC BPW was a huge Sunday BINGO gathering held at Maggiano's. With over a hundred in attendance, everyone received a fantastic array of foods and desserts, 10 games of BINGO and raffle items galore. The prizes were oodles of gift certificates and products from local merchants in the King of Prussia Mall and surrounding area. Everyone wanted to be a WINNER!! It was the MOST successful fundraising event for the CMC BPW with their goal being able to support their yearly Montgomery County Community College Scholarship and other outreach programs and projects.

One more big news is the 11 new members that have joined the CMC



Getting ready for the CMC BPW BINGO event were: Pat Angelucci, President Becky Shoulberg, and Sally Shaw.

BPW. September recognition was received from our State membership chair, Maggie Hildebrand, via the BPW/PA BUZZ. We are off and running!

Greater Conshohocken had their Holiday Party with our fun Paddle Raffle in December. We were honored to have Stacey Woodland from the Tri County Area YWCA as our guest speaker. Stacey provided our group with a lot of information that we will be able to utilize in future event planning. We all had such a wonderful time and raised some funds for the various charities that we donate to throughout the year. Also, the winner (which was President Donna) of our big fundraiser which is a cruise for two was very happy to report that she and her sister Margie enjoyed themselves immensely seeing the sights, the food, the people and of course the shopping. All in all a great way to end the year and celebrate the holidays.



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The D11 Fall District Meeting was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Recreational Building in Montgomery County, PA. We were honored to have President Elect Dawn Berkebile as our visiting State Representative. District Director Melissa Wieand conducted the meeting and shared the YWCA state project for the group. Every President is taking their "Happy Birthday" buckets to their monthly meetings and encouraging the members to contribute during their birthday month. District Eleven will also be making blankets for the children who attend the Tri County YWCA in Pottstown. We are asked to donate whatever we can whether funds or items. The YWCA really needs our support.

All the five BPW locals-Central Montgomery County, Greater Conshohocken, Quakertown, Souderton Telford, and Upper Perkiomen were in attendance. The District Eleven's Bernice Maxwell Issues Management Award was presented to the Upper Perkiomen for their state entry on their EX-PO project. The District Eleven's Eleanor Knoke Award for the most outstanding local organization of the year was presented to the Central Montgomery County BPW.

Nancy Werner,
Key Reporter for District 11

Souderton Telford BPW was delighted to share in the Holiday spirit with receiving the names of two families who were in need at this time. The local reached out to make sure that these families received the many items for the Holiday season. Their member who is with the Cancer Center was able to be provide them with the wanted needs of each.

They also held a poinsettia sale and shared that they did well as they decorated many homes with the beautiful Holiday flowers. Lastly, they are busy preparing for their Locally Grown Showcase to be held on March 17. They are encouraging many nonprofits and organizations of



Central Montgomery County BPW receiving the Eleanor Knoke Award at the Fall District 11 Meeting. CMC BPW Members: Barbara Jean Maresca, Ginny Bailey, Nancy Werner and President Becky Shoulberg holding the award.

