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Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women with Passion & Purpose

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BPW/PA Officers

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It is with great humility that I begin the 100th Anniversary Year of BPW as State President. This is truly an honor and a role I take very seriously. As your President I am here to serve, to grow, promote and protect our great Federation. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity and for the support and well wishes shown by all. Much gratitude to PSP Marilyn for her leadership and guidance, to District 3 Director Tara, Assistant Director Jean, and District 3 members for the very tasteful and enjoyable incoming skit and the President's reception and lastly, my LO, Latrobe, for their constant encouragement and support. THANK YOU!

As we celebrate 100 years we can reflect on our rich history. July 15, 1919 the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was founded. Throughout history BPW has been at the forefront of issues affecting working women including equal pay and elimination of sex discrimination in employment. BPW successfully lobbied to eliminate the workplace preference of hiring unmarried persons and had a leading role in the passage of the Equal Pay Act in 1963. The Red Purse Campaign brought national attention to the wage disparity with the BPW letters representing Better Pay for Women. BPW was involved with the Violence Against Women Act, Joining Forces for military women transitioning from military life to civilian life, instrumental in passing Johanna's law which authorized national gynecologic cancer early detection & awareness and a formed a partnership with the American Heart Association and their Go Red for Women campaign.

BPW has always been front and center when advocating for women. Such as our original



and continued support for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. One more state is needed to ratify the Amendment. Until this happens sexual equality is not protected by the Constitution. We must continue this legacy, move forward and make history.

New this year is a Facebook/Social Media liaison, Jen Van Ingen. She was tasked to set up a Facebook page and keep it maintained for the Federation. Please check it out and submit pictures of your club/district activities. I am very excited to have a State BPW Facebook page! Also continue to send articles, events and pictures to *The Key* Editor, Angela Apple. An information packed newsletter, with reports and activities of all the locals/districts could be a good recruiting tool.

Also new this year is the "Condensed" President's and Treasurer's manual. A District Directors request, it is a quick reference for use at meetings or official visits. The complete manual will be available on the website. www.bpwpa.org this condensed version is a work in progress so we are open to suggestions for future editions.

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State Officers 2018-2019



Congratulations to the 2018-19 BPW/PA officers. Pictured left to right Cathy Caccia Corresponding Secretary, Jean Ann Towle Treasurer, Ginny Bailey Recording Secretary, Marissa Harmon Vice President, Dawn Berkebile President-Elect, Theresa Rusbosin President and Marilyn Tallant Parliamentarian.

BPW/PA Woman of the Year 2018 Catherine S. Caccia



Catherine (Cathy) Caccia Cathy is 100% committed to BPW. She is a selfless member of the Greensburg local (25 years) holding many positions including President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Yearbook Chair, Beacon Points (newsletter) Chair, Website Chair and Reporter to the Key. She has also been active at the district and state levels as District Director, Policy, Protocol, Procedure Chair, New Member of the Year Committee, ID Facilitator, MathCounts Committee, State President 2012-2013 and State Parliamentarian 2017-2018.

You can always count on Cathy to lend a hand for any BPW project. She has made tent cards for NBWW placed at Westmorland Mall, made angel

ornaments for the Parade of Trees at the Greensburg Ramada, participated as an informational guest speaker and has recruited many new members for her LO. Cathy previously worked for SARP & Company, now self employed. She is a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Tax Accountant.

She is a graduate of Indiana University of PA and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Accounting. She is a member of the Westmoreland Network Group.

Congratulations Cathy!

Passion and Purpose continued

At convention, Liz Benham, President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs addressed the convention body asking for BPW/PA Federation to join them. The EPW/USA had acquired the name "National Federation of Business and Professional Woman's Club" and the NIKE symbol as this was not trademarked by BPW/USA. Currently we have members working to get more details and will report at a later date so we can make an informed decision. The formation of this new National organization may impact our use of the emblem, Nike and the BPW Signature programs.

The 2018-2019 State Project is supporting the YWCA. This organization has 19 associations across Pennsylvania and is another "women helping women" organization. The associations are all "dedicated to empowering women and eliminating racism." They all have similar focus programs which include but are not limited to, Child care, preschool programs, Technology, Literacy, ESL, Domestic violence shelters, transitional housing, STEM programs, Robotics, health and wellness, Thrift Shops and more. The YWCA is celebrating 160 years. See the website or contact Chair Janet Riordan for more information on how you can assist this organization.

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at the Summer Board of Director's meeting at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, August 3-4, 2018. More information sharing, conducting the business of the state, networking, celebrating 100 years and making history! With passion and purpose,

Theresa



Cancer Facts

What is cancer?

Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread is not controlled it can result in death.

Who is at risk of developing cancer?

Everyone

How many people alive today have ever had cancer?

Approximately 13.7 million Americans diagnosed with cancer were alive on January 1, 2012.

How many new cases are expected to occur this year?

About 1,665,530 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2014. 79,920 are Pennsylvania residents.

How many people are expected to die of cancer this year?

In 2014, about 585,720 Americans are expected to die of cancer, almost 1,600 people per day. 28,670 live in Pennsylvania.

What percentage of people survive cancer?

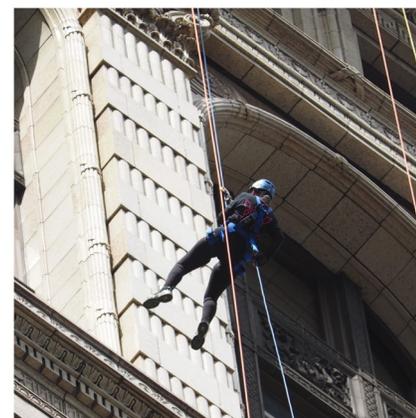
The 5-year relative survival rate for all cancers diagnosed between 2003 and 2009 is 68%, up from 49% in 1975-1977

Source: www.cancer.org

Canonsburg member goes Over the Edge



Kathy Smith of Canonsburg goes over the edge for Our Clubhouse.



Like most BPW members, I first heard of Our Clubhouse at the 2017 State Convention. Since I was then the Issues Management chair for my local, Canonsburg, and for Washington, where I am a dual member, I assumed that I would research them during the summer and present a plan to the clubs in August. But Washington President Joy Gervas was able to get their Director, Teddi Horvitz, to our June meeting. She gave a very informative and moving explanation of the mission and philosophy. Their goal is to create a supportive and welcoming community for anyone living with cancer – patients, families, and friends. The offer networking and support groups, workshops, education, and social activities at no cost and membership is free. The members come together to learn from each other how best to life with cancer – whatever the outcome.

Teddi also talked about their upcoming major fundraiser called Over the Edge. As with many fundraisers one person commits to participate in an event, a 5k run, a walkathon, or – in this case – a rappel off of the roof of a 26 story building. When she asked if anyone in the room had ever rappelled I said that I had, 30-some years ago. Then I said, “I could totally do that.”

I soon learned that I had from June until early September to raise at least \$1,500 to reserve a time slot to rappel. I am not a person who like to ask people for money. I could never make a living in commissioned sales (and yes, I’ve tried). But this was different. Cancer has touch the lives of most of us in one way or another; and when people heard about the work of Our Clubhouse they were willing to donate. The Washington club arranged a table at a small neighborhood craft fair and we raised our first donations, \$32.00; but we were on our way.

I set up a donation page on the “Over the Edge “ website; changed my Facebook photo to one from “Over the Edge”; and used social media to reach out to family and friends. I designed a personal tee shirt with “BPW OTE” on the front, and two of my personal “angels” (a cousin and a step-sister) on the back. I was really gratified by the responses. All of the clubs in District 12 were very supportive, especially my home club, Canonsburg, and my dual club, Washington. In the end we raised far more than our goal.

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Over the Edge continued

When I arrived in Pittsburgh for the event, I found out that all of the Our Clubhouse staff and volunteers were well aware of BPW/PA. In fact, the staff was occasionally overwhelmed by the number of phone calls that they got. But once they understood our organization, they were very impressed with the number and variety of contacts and donations that had been received in such a short time.

The rappel itself was surprisingly easy, especially for someone with a fear of heights. Over the Edge is not just the name of the event, it is the name of the company that organizes the events and provides all of the equipment and personnel needed. They made each participant comfortable and confident. All summer long, people had asked me, "Isn't that scary?" My consistent answer was, "The rappel will be less than 10 minutes. How scared can I get? It's a cancer diagnosis that really scary." In fact, when I stepped out onto the roof all of my fears disappeared.

I learned a lot about myself during the planning and fundraising for Over the Edge; and on the day itself. Mastering my fear of heights; trusting the crew and my own preparation; embracing the day and the experience. I think that each of us need to challenge ourselves now and then. Stretch your comfort zone. Take a rational risk. Try something new. As Henry Ford said, "One of man's great surprises is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do."

I also learned a lot about my friends. Their encouragement kept me moving forward. Their emotional and financial support awed me. And as we shared our stories of those we love and those we've lost to cancer, we became closer, more empathetic, and more committed to living each day to the fullest.

Kathy Smith,
District 12 Canonsburg

Public Servant Award Ruth Walters



The Public Servant Award is presented to Ruth Walters, Connellsville BPW, District 12. Ruth is a current member of the BPW/PA Legislation Committee and the Legislation Chair for District 12. Ruth has worked tirelessly all year drafting and circulating letters to send to our representatives in the house and senate on a wide range of legislative issues in the BPW/PA legislative platform. These letters were circulated to the District Legislation Chairs and of course to District 12 and Connellsville BPW.

For those of you who know Ruth, this is not her first year working as a public servant. For BPW, Ruth has been the President and Treasurer of Connellsville for numerous years. She was the BPW/PA Individual Development Contest winner and represented PA at the National Convention in Dallas, TX in 2006. She has served on numerous committees for BPW.

Ruth is involved with her church, Greenwood United Methodist Church and was an Administrative Council Chair for several terms. She has had many other chairs in the church. She is a Board member and former secretary of the Connellsville Area Community Ministries since the 1980's. She was also a representative to the District Resource Council for her church.

Ruth taught Spanish and English for a total of 37.2 years, most in Connellsville, PA. She has a masters in education and 89 credits above the Masters level. Ruth was a member of the AAUW and won their Woman of the Year award. Ruth served as their treasurer, vice president in charge of programs and on several sister to sister summits for middle school girls. She is a Member of the PA Association of School Retirees and has been a delegate to their state convention, was Chair of Region 7, and served on many other committees.

Ruth is also involved with the United Way and served as a Board Member and secretary for the United Way of Greater Connellsville. The United Way then merged with Westmoreland County United Way, and it may come as no surprise, that Ruth stayed active and served on Committees, Impact Councils and Day of Caring events.

Finally, Ruth was a Board Member for the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a neighborhood volunteer for the American Heart Association and she completed certification as a Community Builder in 2005. Ruth has won awards from the Connellsville Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, Fayette County Association of School Retirees, United Methodist Church of Greenwood and the College of Wooster.

Ruth has dedicated her life to public service. What stands out the most in reviewing all that she has accomplished is that when Ruth joins an organization or charity, she belongs to that organization and serves in any capacity she can. Ruth could not attend State Convention this year because she attended her 60th reunion from her graduation from the college Wooster. Congratulations Ruth!

Foundation Awards

Grace B. Daniels Foundation Award

This award is given to the district with the best overall Foundation Program. Congratulations to District 3!

Successful Workplaces Award

Congratulations to Scottdale, District 3.
Second place congratulations to District 1

Empowered Workforce Award—Women Veterans

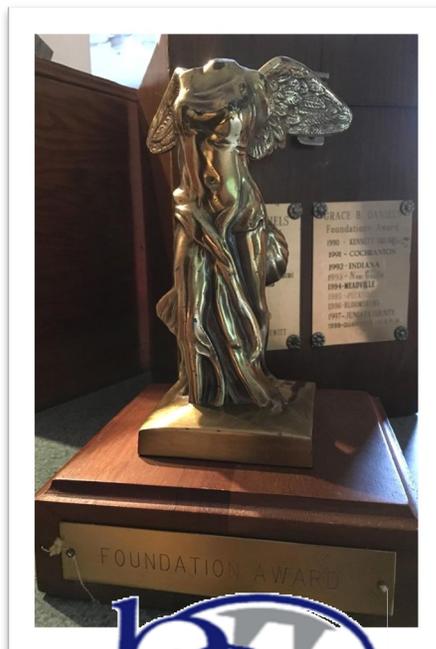
Congratulations to Scottdale, District 3.
Second place congratulations to Central Montgomery County, District 11

Empowered Workforce Award—Young Careerist

Congratulations to Meadville, District 1

Empowered Workforce Award—Women and the Green Economy

Congratulations to Scottdale, District 3.



Bronze Contributors (LO or District total contribution \$50-\$99)

Altoona, District 5
Nellie Jane Dewitt, District 8

Chambersburg, District 7
Wayne County, District 8

Silver Contributors (LO or District total contribution \$100-\$249)

Meadville, District 1
McKeesport, District 3
Curwensville, District 4
Cresson, District 5
Wellsboro, District 6
Peckville, District 8
Tamaqua, District 9
Delaware County, District 10
District 10
Upper Perkiomen, District 11
Uniontown, District 12

New Castle, District 2
Clearfield, District 4
Juniata County, District 4
Windber, District 5
Berwick, District 8
Tunkhannock, District 8
Schuylkill Haven, District 9
Greater Downingtown, District 10
Conshohocken, District 11
Canonsburg, District 12

Gold Contributors (LO or District total contribution \$250-\$499)

Greater Pittsburgh, District 3
Pottsville, District 9
Souderton-Telford, District 9

Greensburg, District 3
Reading, District 9
Masontown, District 12

Diamond Contributors (LO or District total contribution \$500 +)

Indiana, District 1
Ligonier Valley, District 3
Central Montgomery Co, District 11

Latrobe, District 3
Bedford, District 5
Washington, District 12

President's Society

Individual contributions of \$100 or more to BPW/PA Foundation.

Glenda Auker, Juniata County
Virginia Bailey, Central

Montgomery County
Denise Clawson, Indiana
Catherine E. Collins, Cresson
Beverly Dellapina, Canonsburg
Bonnie V. DiCarlo, Greater Pittsburgh

Bobbi Dobler, Uniontown
Lilly Gioia, Tunkhannock
Judith Guise, Quakertown
Marisa Harmon, Uniontown
Joanne L. Hersh, Upper Perkiomen

Margaret Hildebrand, Ligonier Valley

Laurie L. Hough, Ligonier Valley
Sarah Kitchen, Indiana

Elizabeth (Iiz) Leeper, Indiana
Diane L. Lewis, Reading

Paula Maloney, Latrobe
Barbara J. Maresca, Central

Montgomery County
Teresa A. Miller, Delaware County

R. Maureen Myers, Washington
Sheryl Nierenberg, Quakertown

Aleta Richmond, Washington
Denice Robinson, Masontown

Roxanne Pease, Indiana
Rochelle Quiggle, Pottsville

Theresa Rusbosin, Latrobe
Karen L. Schmiech, Greensburg

Katurah Sotzin, Reading
Marilyn J. Talant, Greensburg

Nancy Thomas, Souderton-Telford
Jean Ann Towle, Tamaqua

Joyce E. Turner, Reading
Susan M. Vladika, Peckville

Ruth Walters, Connellsville
Nancy J. Werner, Central

Montgomery County/
Quakertown

Melissa Wieland, Quakertown
Norma Zarfoss, Central

Montgomery County

Cash Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. We raised a total of \$1,306! Congratulations to our cash raffle winners

Lois McDonald \$300
District 12

Barb Schmouder \$200
District 14

Veronica Harkins \$150



KEY DEADLINE

Deadline for the next edition of the Key October 1, 2018

Please submit information to
Angela Apple
bpwkey@hotmail.com

All text should be in a Word document for easy editing. Photos and images may be submitted separately as .pdf or .jpeg.

Adams-Wescoat Award

This award is presented to the District with the most members in attendance at BPW/PA state convention. **Congratulations to District 3 with 27 members attending.**

Congratulations to the following districts with 100% attendance (all locals represented)
Districts 1, 2, 3, 10 & 11

Mary Clark Myers Award

This award is presented to the District traveling the most miles to convention. **Congratulations District 3—traveling 6,030 miles!**

Katherine S. Carpenter Award

This award is presented by the Jersey Shore BPW for outstanding community service involving a local organization's efforts with a group or individuals within one of three categories: Youth, Aged Individuals or Special Needs. **Congratulations to Canonsburg BPW for your project with Twilight Wishes!**



Public Relations Awards

Best local organization or district web presence

Winner: Upper Perkiomen

Best local organization single feature story by a newspaper

Winner: Greater Pittsburgh

Best local organization PR effort utilizing avenues other than newspapers, (i.e. video recordings, radio/TV, billboards, place-mats, magazine articles, etc.

Winner: Greater Downingtown

Best local newsletter from standpoint of informing members and community about BPW matters

Winner: Juniata County

Best local organization or district event utilizing the theme "Bridge to the Future" via any media outlet

Winner: Masontown

District 12 Tribute to Women Award Diane Lewis



It is my pleasure to submit Diane Lewis as a candidate for the Women's Tribute Award. I met Diane when she started working for Eye Consultants of Pennsylvania. She encouraged me to join BPW Reading Local, and this is when I realized what a wonderful woman she is.

As we talked, I learned she was on the Founding Board of Berks Women In Crisis (Now Safe Berks). She helped to educate the community regarding Domestic Violence. This year they Celebrate 40 years of service to Berks County.

Diane also volunteers her time at the Opportunity House of Reading. She serves meals and helps to gather sundries, blankets, food, and pillows for the Shelter. When she lived in Mohnton, she worked to raise monies with the Woman's Club of Mohnton, the Berks County Federation of Women's Clubs and Mr. Albert Boscov to raise \$35,000 for the shelter to remodel the facility downstairs for the Children to learn and play while in the safety of the shelter. She also volunteers at the Children's Home of Reading. She organized social events for the boys. She told me that the boys loved to play "SPORT" Bingo. She would get all kinds of Sports apparel, blanket s, games, calendars, pillow etc. as prizes. The boys loved the time she spent with them.

Diane belongs to Beta Sigma Phi sorority and has been a member of this organization for 45 years. This year she was the Service Chair and they adopted a Senior Citizen with no family. Her name is Rita. The sorority members took Rita to Doctor's appointments, haircuts, and took meals throughout the year. Diane organized the Twelve Days of Christmas so Rita had a gift to open each of the 12 days before Christmas. She also organized Rita's 80th Birthday celebration.

Diane Loves to Give. She is always busy and when it is not with these organizations I mentioned then it is with her family and Richard. I know Richard said it is difficult remembering what meetings or events she has and when. However, Richard is very supportive of Diane and her commitments. SQ is Diane's family. She is always there for them too.

Diane has been a member of the Reading Local for 26 years. She has served as 2nd Vice President, Vice President, and President for two (2) t terms. She also moved on to the District level as Recording secretary, Assistant District Director, and then on to District 9 Director in 2010-2012. Then as you know, she decided to move to the State Level with the support of her Local and District 9. She served as Vice President, President Elect, and then President in 2014-2015. With her theme, "Women would walk a mile for a C.A.M.E.L.", the State Federation enjoyed a year of learning and fun supporting The Mary E Walker House. Membership increased with the help of the Chocolate Camel Lollipops she made. I believe she told me she made over 1,000 of them.

She loved her year as President. I learned about BPW and the wonderful things this organization does. I could hear the excitement in her voice as she told me about the things she did while President. I know she has dedicated many hours and drove many miles to be a part of the locals and Districts in Pennsylvania. Her enthusiasm is what made me join. Diane is a great friend to all who know her, and to know her is to love her.

This year she agreed to be the Convention chair for Marilyn's convention here in Reading PA. She is excited to welcome all the BPW members to Reading for a weekend of business, fun, and friendships.

By submitting Diane's name for the Tribute to Women, I want to thank her for letting me get to know her and the members of BPW. I'm sure we all appreciate the time and talents she shares with everyone who knows her. I'm glad to call Diane my friend.

Vanessa McAndrew
Reading BPW Member and Diane's Friend

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.

B-I-N-G-O!

What fun we had at the Friday night Foundation fundraiser! Bingo on the patio was a big hit with prizes of wine and chocolate! The event raised \$4,354 for the BPW Foundation! Thank you to Jean Ann Towle and committee members for all your hard work organizing the event. Thank you to Ruth Walters for donating all the Bingo supplies and to everyone who donated raffle baskets.



Membership Awards

Spiher-Tillman Award to the district with the most new members as of March 31, 2018

Winner: District 3 with 57 new members!

Delores J. Westcoat Award to the district with the best retention percentage as of March 31, 2018

Winner: District 7 with 94% retention!

Plus Five Recognition to local organizations with five or more new members through March 31, 2018

- District 2: Indiana 8 new members
- District 3 Ligonier Valley 9 new members
Scottdale 5 new members
- District 8 Berwick 8 new members
Carbondale 8 new members
Peckville 5 new members
Scranton 5 new members
Wayne County 7 new members
- District 10 Greater Downingtown 6 new members
- District 12 Washington 5 new members

Plus Ten Recognition to local organizations with five or more new members through March 31, 2018

- District 1 Meadville 12 new members
- District 3 Greater Pittsburgh 13 new members
Latrobe 26 new members
- District 5 Bedford 10 new members
- District 10 Delaware County 10 new members
- District 11 Central Montgomery Cty 12 new members
Upper Perkiomen 11 new members
- District 12 Canonsburg 10 new members

Plus Five Recognition to individual members who secure 5 or more new members from April 1, 2017-March 31, 2018

- District 11 Becky Shoulberg, Central Montgomery County, 6 new members
- District 12 Jill Shook, Canonsburg, 6 new members

Recognition for local organizations with new members secured through local website, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or other social or professional networks

- District 3 Latrobe 10 new members via
Four through 2017 Un-Happy Hour Event
One through Internet search
One through local Chamber of Commerce
Three via brand new members

- District 11 Upper Perkiomen 2 new members
Annual women's Expo Event

- Central Montgomery Cty 10 new members
Three through local Chamber of Commerce
Four at Selma Mansion Community Event
One at October Conference for Women

- District 12 Canonsburg 2 new members through
follow-up from local art fair and Facebook



Thank you Pennsylvania for all of your support and encouragement this past year. You made my trip across the Bridge to the Future a reality. It has been a great ride. We are a great Federation and we must strive to keep it that way.



Best Personal Wishes.
Marilyn J. Tallant
2017-2018 President

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

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



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2017-18 state project Our Clubhouse. Through your kindness cancer patients will not have to feel alone in their journey. Together we raised over \$6,400 to support Our Clubhouse programs. The volunteers and love are priceless.

Issues Management Awards

Best program, project or event promoting the BPW/PA theme "Bridge to the Future"

District winner with all locals participating: District 1
Local organization winner (within local): Masontown
Local organization winner (within community): Upper Perkiomen

Best program, project, or event promoting National Business Women's Week

District winner: District 12
Local organization winners: Canonsburg and Juniata County

Best program, project or event promoting Equal Pay Day

District: no entry
Local organization winner: Latrobe

Best program, project or event supporting "Our Clubhouse."

District winner: District 3
Local organization winner: Canonsburg

Best program, project or event supporting the National Women's History Project

District: no entry
Local organization winners: Latrobe & Schuylkill Haven

Favorite local organization program, project or event

Local organization winners: Ligonier Valley and Meadville

Anniversaries

Congratulations to these locals celebrating milestones!

Cresson 60 years

Quakertown 65 years

Uniontown 90 years

Central Montgomery County 91 years

Share your celebrations in the next edition of the Key! Deadline Oct. 1, 2018
bpwkey@hotmail.com



The PA BPW Foundation is here to serve you.

At the June 7, 2018 Meeting, we reorganized and elected officers for 2018-2019. Officers are: Diane Lewis, Chair, Nancy Werner, Vice Chair; Bernie Koval, Recording Secretary, Joyce Turner, Treasurer and Denice Robinson, Finance Chair. We elected onto the Board -Joyce Turner, Laura Whetstone, Bobbi Dobler and Paula Maloney. Representing the BPW/PA will be Dawn Berkebile, President Elect, Marisa Harmon, Vice President, and Jean Ann Towle, Treasurer.

We work to provide scholarships to those individuals seeking higher levels of learning. There is a scholarship application on the www.bpwpa.org web site that can be downloaded and submitted. Please remember to read the criteria and submit the requested information with the application. There are two deadline dates: May 1 and November 1.

We also maintain the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant which provides to our members emergency funds for the following: catastrophic illness or accident; extended unemployment; a disaster or any other unusual financial loss. There is an application on the "member only" section of the www.bpwpa.org web site. There is never a deadline for a request. All requests are confidential. This year we were able to present two EOF awards totaling \$8,500.00.

But to maintain these two funds we rely on two ways. Every year at the State Convention, the PA BPW Foundation is able to hold a special function for the Friday Night event as well as a ticket raffle. This past Convention we were proud to announce that the Friday Night Chocolate/Wine Bingo netted \$4,354.00. We added a new activity called the Mystery Envelope and we kept the ticket auction. You missed an amazing assortment of baskets and fabulous giveaways. We also collected \$ 697.00 with our ticket raffle sales from the District Meetings and at Convention. We cannot thank you enough for your support for the Friday Night event.

The second is the generosity of the local organizations and districts and mainly, you, the member. A donation form can be found on the www.bpwpa.org web site. We were most thrilled to hand out 37 cer-

tificates to the President Society's patrons who gave \$100 or more to the PA BPW Foundation. This was the most patrons ever. Plus we gave out certificates to the local organizations/districts for their various levels of giving from bronze, to silver, to gold, to diamond. If you as a LO give to the PA BPW Foundation, you will receive recognition to the state's highest award, the Eleanor Briner. All three categories - scholarship, EOF and undesignated giving will be honored when shared by our Treasurer.

Another item that I would like to mention. We do have a PA BPW Foundation Board Member application on the www.bpwpa.org "member only" section. If you would be interested in applying for a Board position, please read, complete and submit by March 15, 2019. We did say good bye to Denise Clawson, Jean White, Cathy Collins Barbara Schmouder and Incoming BPW/PA President Theresa Rusbosin at this June meeting. We deeply appreciated all their service to the Board during their terms.

We are continually looking for ways to share our information with you. The bpwpa website will be sharing the following:

- the story of Edith Oler Flanigan
- informative PA BPW Foundation games with script, activity, answer key and add the donation sheet that has Joyce Turner as the Treasurer
- a brochure sharing the PA BPW Foundation information
- What is the PA BPW Foundation? (a fact sheet)
- The Scholarship Application
- The EOF Fund Grant Application
- PA BPW Foundation Board application

Thank you for supporting the PA BPW Foundation. You are the BEST!

Nancy Werner, PA BPW Foundation

Foundation Scholarships

The BPW/PA Foundation offers six \$2,500 student scholarships each year. For the scholarship year 2017-2018, the committee reviewed 22 applications. The scholarship recipients are

Stacey Greaves attending Temple University for a degree in Public Health

Emily Frye attending the Florida Institute of Technology for her Ph.D. in International Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Alexis Benton attending Shippensburg University for a degree in Political Science

Elizabeth Darst attending Bloomsburg University for a degree in Health Sciences/ Medical Lab Science

Madelyn Glista attending Duquesne University for a degree in Sports Marketing

Rebecca Tatone attending Gannon University for a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy

Congratulations to all this year's recipients!

If you know a student continuing their education at a college, trade or technical school, please share this opportunity. 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 visit

<https://bpwpa.wildapricot.org/PA-BPW-FOUNDATION-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION>

Legislation Awards

Best program or project relating to the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment

Winner: Masontown

Best program or project relating to BPW/PA Legislative Platform Economic Equity Plank

Winner: Latrobe

Best program or project relating to BPW/PA Legislative Platform Health Plank

Winner: Masontown

Best program or project relating to BPW/PA Civil Rights Plank

Winner: Connellsville

Best program promoting BPW/PA Political Action Committee (PAC) nomination and follow through with candidate

Winner: Chesmont

Best program educating the community about BPW's commitment to legislative action and the role in the political process

Winner: Conshohocken

Most legislatively active local organization participating in enacting or reforming Pennsylvania or national legislation whose activities support BPW/PA's Legislative Platform

Winner: Connellsville

Most legislative active District with the highest number of local organizations participating in BPW/PA Legislation contests

Winner: District 12, 100% participation

Best letter to the editor or politician advocating for BPW/PA legislation issue or to influence public opinion.

Winner: Bedford

Local organization who sent the most letters to editors or politicians advocating for BPW/PA legislative issues

Winner: Masontown

PLAN People Looking Ahead Now!

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



THE BPW Foundation

It was in 2009 that we saw the loss of the BPWUSA and the beginning of the BPW Foundation emerge as our "go to" for information. We, the BPW/PA, pay our legacy fee and all the signature programs are ours to use. I want to encourage you to visit the site, <http://www.bpwfoundation.org>, and view the many materials that are there for our use. That is where I went when looking for topics that we could use in our local organizations/districts for the 2018-2019 year. It will only take as long as you want to review the many instructional topics.

I would like to encourage you to read about the Womenomics Forum, the Employers Resources, and the Successful Workplace Digest. These are all under the Successful Workplace section. Then there is the Empowered Workforce that covers the Women Joining Forces, the Young Careerist Project and Women and the Green Economy. All of these can be developed into a project or event and then can be submitted for the yearly contest that runs from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

But the one Foundation honor is the Grace B. Daniels Foundation Award. It is presented to the LO that develops the best project promoting the BPW Foundation. Grace B. Daniels was our only National President from PA to serve from 1958-1960. But her award is a beautiful golden Nike that bears her name. Please consider attempting one of the above categories. If you have any questions, please give me an email or call. I will gladly help you.

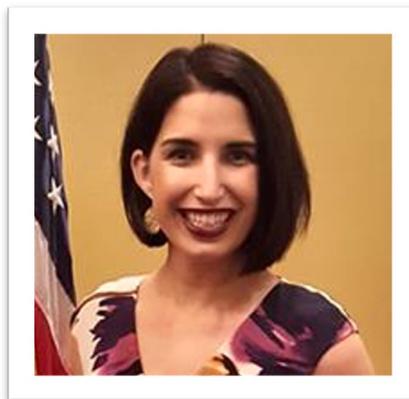
Nancy Werner,
BPW Foundation Chair

Congratulations to our 2018 Young Careerist Participants Jennifer Bravo and Ashley DiMaio

Attendees to our 2018 BPW/PA Convention were inspired when they heard from our 2 Young Careerist Candidates. Ashley DiMaio, a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Local of District 3 and Jennifer Bravo, a member of Delaware County Local of District 10 presented their outstanding speeches on Friday. Ashley is a nurse employed at UPMC-Magee-Women's Hospital.

Jennifer is a certified financial planner. Jennifer was chosen as our 2018 BPW/PA Young Careerist Winner. Congratulations to both ladies and to their Local Organizations and Districts. These Young Careerists are our BPW/PA future. Ashley and Jennifer challenged themselves and grew professionally and personally on their "***Bridge to the Future***".

Terry Miller 2018-2019 Young Careerist Chair



Young Careerist Jennifer Bravo

Jennifer Bravo is a Certified Financial Planner and Investment Advisor at Entrust Financial LLC where she serves her client to help them confidently take control of their finances through a holistic planning process. She is a graduate of Clemson University and earned her Financial Planning Certification from New York University. She aspires to

attain the level of partner at her firm. Jennifer has been a member of the Delaware County BPW for 3 years and serves as Vice President. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Delaware County Women's Commission, a member of the Leadership Council for Girls on the Run, a program dedicated to the empowerment of elementary and middle school girls through a mentor guided curriculum. She is the New Member Coordinator of the Junior League of Philadelphia.



Individual Development Faerie Grace

Faerie Grace has been an actress and model for companies such as Fisher Price, PHC Bank and Jo-Ann Fabrics. She was previously a live TV co-host for Cornerstone Television, interviewing and giving motivational messages to views nationally and international. Faerie was

also co-creator and co-host of "The Good Talk" You Tube series. A professional balloon twister and face painter for 10 years, Faerie is the owner of Faerie Grace Entertainment, LLC. She began inspiring and motivating women's groups, nursing home audiences and troubled teens in 2006. Faerie's education in Liberal Arts and Biblical Studies, paired with her ability to stir passion in other led her to her true calling. She recently combined her enjoyment of motivating speech with her skill of balloon twisting to launch "Faerie Grace Speaking with a Twist." Faerie is an active member of Latrobe BPW, Toastmasters International and Ambassadors Club.

2018-2019 Young Careerist Speech Topics Announced!

As we are "***Celebrating 100 Years of Women Helping Women in BPW/PA with Passion and Purpose***", I am pleased to serve as the 2018-2019 BPW/PA Young Careerist Chair. There are 10 speech topics that a Young Careerist candidate may choose from in preparing a 4 minute speech to be presented at our BPW/PA Convention in June 2019. The Young Careerist speech selections are posted on our BPW/PA website. The 2018-2019 YC information was also provided to Presidents and District Directors in the President's Manual. The Young Careerist topics are interesting and thought provoking, so please take a look at them.

Please remember that any woman between the ages of 21 and 35 can participate in the Young Careerist Program. The candidate does not have to be a BPW/PA member when initially participating but by our 2019 Convention any contestant from a District must be a BPW/PA member. The Young Careerist winner receives a \$300.00 cash gift at Convention.

Please invite younger women that you meet and know to seriously think about challenging themselves by getting involved as a Young Careerist candidate from your Local Organization and District. I fully expect each District to experience the pride of a YC candidate representing each District at Convention. The Young Careerist program provides an opportunity for all of our BPW/PA members to celebrate our younger women as they move forward in their development. Let's help these younger women achieve their potential with "***Passion and Purpose***".

Terry Miller
2018-2019 Young Careerist Chair



YWCA USA is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. We are one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the nation, serving over 2 million women, girls, and their families. **YWCA** has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements for more than 160 years — from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. **YWCA** is proud to have more than 200 local associations across the U.S. Each local **YWCA** offers their own programming to meet the needs within their own communities and advance YWCA's mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Learn more about the variety of services provided by your local association.

Gender-Based Violence YWCA is the largest provider of domestic violence services in the U.S. Across the country, we serve over 500,000 women and children every year with programs ranging from emergency shelters and resources to support groups and crisis hotlines.

Women's Health Programs Since 1906, YWCA has provided health and wellness programs to promote and protect women's health. Local associations provide access to quality, affordable health care via community health centers and clinics as well as fitness and wellness centers.

Racial Justice YWCA defied accepted societal opinions on race in the 1800s. Today, we are committed to eliminating racism. We know that gender, race and economic justice are interconnected. We advocate and offer programming locally and nationally on these issues.

Job Training and Empowerment Each year over 100,000 women enroll in YWCA job training and empowerment programs at local associations around the country. With our support, women are able to overcome barriers and find gainful employment, economic security and opportunity.

Financial Literacy YWCA serves 100,000 women annually with financial literacy courses that includes tools—from budgeting to retirement planning—designed to empower domestic violence victims and people of all incomes to gain independence and self-sufficiency.

Early Child Development YWCA has provided early childhood programs since 1868, and we now serve over 200,000 kids annually through childcare, Head Start and pre-K programs. These promote child development and school readiness, and help parents obtain and retain employment.

Girls in STEM YWCA has worked to close the significant gap for girls in STEM since the development of our TechGYRLS program in 1997. We continue this important work today in local associations across the country.

Young Women's Scholarships Every year, YWCA serves approximately 20,000 young women through leadership development programs and scholarships as they further YWCA's goals of eliminating racism and empowering women.

President Theresa has selected the **YWCA** as her special project for the upcoming year. The **YWCA** is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen our communities. They have been at the forefront of the biggest issues of the day for 160 years, from voting rights to civil rights, affordable housing to pay equity and from violence prevention to health care reform.

The **YWCA** carries on this long tradition of social action and advocacy to advance their mission --- and you are a crucial part of the work.

Since the **YWCA** is celebrating 160 years of Birthday's and **BPW** is celebrating 100 years of Birthday's, we also will be celebrating our birthdays with them. We will be having a monthly contest for all the locals across BPW/PA. Each month as you celebrate the birthdays of your members, remind their friends that they can make a donation in their name to the **YWCA**. Birthday girls may also make donations in their own name. We will honor the local who has the most donations for the month. For additional information please check the BPW/PA website or the President's manual. The money will be given to our BPW State Treasurer to disperse to the 19 **YWCA** affiliates in Pennsylvania. At the 2019 BPW Convention we will be awarding a Grand Prize to the Local who has received the most Birthday donations for the year. Remember.....at your monthly meetings make a donation in your friend's name (or your own name) and your Local may be the Grand Prize winner.

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.

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District 3

Greater Pittsburgh BPW

President Diane Richard reported that Greater Pittsburgh will be launching a Newsletter called the Greater Pittsburgh Connect. They will also engage in a local website, Facebook and Instagram. They have brainstormed and initiated many activities throughout the year that would help not only the local to grow but a means to service the people in the community and make the GPBPW a household name. The members hosted their Annual Linda A. Cobb Scholarship



Breakfast Panel at the River's Club on May 2, 2018. The moderator was the Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner. Our panelists were four noted women in the Pittsburgh area who were well versed on the subject of **"Women are the Architects of Change."** Our guest speakers were: **Donna Baxter-Porcher**, Founder and CEO of Soul Pitt Media; **Maurita Bryant**, Assistant Superintendent Allegheny Country Police Department; **Dr. Karen Hacker**, Allegheny County Health Department and **Alka Patel**, Deputy Director Heinz College. Bonnie DiCarlo presided over the installation service of Officers for 2018-2019 ceremony for the Greater Pittsburgh Executive Board. For each office Bonnie gave a piece of BPW history. It was an amazing ceremony and we were fortunate to acquire

three new members who said that they felt enlightened by the historic information shared about BPW and how they would like to be a part and contribute to the ongoing history of women advocating for the rights of all women. The Officers for the 2018-2019 Executive Board are: Diane Richard President, M.J. Shaw Vice President, Norma Caquatto Recording Secretary and Christine Williams Treasurer

Greensburg BPW

President Shirley Wolinsky reported on programs conducted throughout the year, which included: the February ADAGIO Health program presented by Bonnie DeLosier, Regional Director. They provide gynecological care, family planning, STI testing, preventative vaccinations, breast/cervical cancer screenings, pregnancy care for women and families in Pennsylvania. In March, members provided all the supplies to make Easter cards and refreshments to Our Clubhouse. The speaker for April was Sharon Turchick, Assistant Professor at University of Pittsburgh Greensburg topic was "Equal Pay".

Ligonier Valley BPW

President Brenda Sherbondy reported that Ligonier Valley welcomed Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michele Bononi to the November meeting. She spoke to the club about her work with youth and the effects of the opioid epidemic in the area. Michele also spoke about her role as a female Judge and the other women who serve in our Courts. February was a busy month. It was Heart Awareness Month and the speaker Ligonier Valley member Leah Wagner. She shared her story with us of her journey through heart health issues. The club had a fun game on Foundation to test the members knowledge. Theresa Rohall, Executive Director of the Ligonier Valley Historical Society and Compass Inn

Museum was the speaker in March devoted to Women in History Month. She highlighted women's fashions from that period and shared the story of Rachel Armor and her family who started the Compass Inn in Laughlintown, PA. On Tuesday, April 3 the club hosted an evening at Fort Ligonier's Center for History Education that featured a program given by Erica Nuckles, Director of History, entitled "Women of the War -Roles in the 18th Century" as well as entrance to the museum.

Latrobe BPW

President Angela Apple reported that Latrobe BPW continues to grow and are 107 members strong. They are focusing on bridging the gap between new and seasoned members. Connecting new members and supporting each other to continue their legacy. Latrobe has several members who belong to the support group for Our Clubhouse. Latrobe had a wonderful time at the annual Spring Tea on March 24 with 275 guests. The sole fundraiser generating funds for the club's scholarships and club philanthropy raised a record \$13,444. On April 10, members gathered at Sharky's Café for "UnHappy Hour" bringing awareness to Equal Pay Day. In June the group celebrated valued member Mary Ann Urban with a surprise "See ya later gator" party. Mary Ann is moving to Tennessee but is retaining her membership with Latrobe.



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District 1 Meadville Local



Female Fire Power Seated (l to r) Lisa Pustelak, Maria Allshouse. Standing (l to r) Theresa French, Jullie Ann Sullivan and Crystal Epps.

District 4

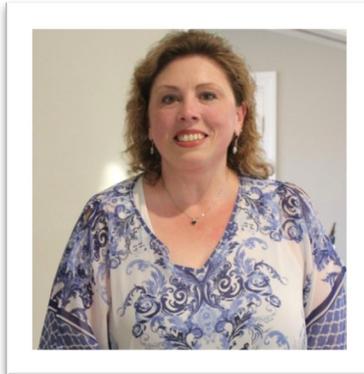


District 4 officers First row, left to right is Lona Henry, Barb Lyter, Thelma Plant, Jan Reisinger, Michele Fry, and Michelle Holler. Second row, left to right is Missy Cooper, Barb Partner, Karen Fronk, Linda Zimmerman, Tonda Aumiller, Tiffanie Burger, Kathie Graham, and Judy Ernest

Right Missy Cooper, Woman of the Year

At State Convention, District IV Juniata County BPW won the award for Best Program, Project, or Event Promoting National Business Women's Week, and the award for Best Local Organization Newsletter from the Standpoint of Informing Members and the Community about BPW Matters.

At our May meeting, our President held a beautiful evening of making everyone feel special, and gave an award to each member for their part and participation in the BPW program year. Members present that evening. Sylvia Kepner, Audrey Orwig, Barb Lyter, Michelle Holler, Missy Cooper, Lynlee Richmond, Joan Fulkroad, Sarah Ziegler, Thelma Plant, and Rebekah Bowers, Glenda Auker, Karen Fronk, Tiffanie Burger, Dale Ernest, Michele Fry, Tom Auker, Toda Aumiller, Shirley Schlegel, Jan Reisinger, Kayla Coder, Linda Zimmerman, Cathy Clarke, Judy Ernest, Lona Henry, and Travis Holler.



Also at our May meeting we awarded our Woman of the Year, Missy Cooper. Missy does so much for BPW serving as our Foundation Chairperson, and gives so much of herself in her personal life as well.

At our June Meeting we awarded our scholarship winners. From Juniata High School, the winner was Robert "RJ" Becker who is attending Penn State and studying Microbiology. From East Juniata High School, the winner was Makaila Auker who will be attending HACC to study Nursing.



BPW/PA Meadville held its awards dinner at its May 7th monthly meeting. All six nominees for the Woman of the Year Award were invited to attend and were recognized by President Christine Yamrick for their contributions to the community. This year's recipient for Woman of the Year was Cindy Knight, Executive Director of Crawford County CASA. The local also awarded its annual Helen E. Remler Scholarship to Adena Bowden, a Global Health Studies student at Allegheny College.

Female Firepower, a signature program of BPW/PA Meadville, was held Friday, May 18 at the Iroquois Club in Conneaut Lake, PA. Those in attendance enjoyed a day of professional development and left energized by this year's speakers. The event is not only a professional development opportunity for women in the Crawford, Erie and Mercer County areas, it is a recruitment tool for membership into the Meadville Local. Pictured below (left to right) are speakers: Maria Allshouse, Jullie Ann Sullivan, Lisa Pustelak (mistress of ceremonies), Theresa French and Crystal Epps. Topics included Unearth, Unlock and Unleash Your Untapped Potential, Release the Firepower of Laughter, Just Start—Stop Pressing the Pause Button and Fueled by the Fire.

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District 6

District 6 begins the 2018-2019 year with 2 clubs, Jersey Shore and Wellsboro. They are glad to support newly installed President, Theresa Rusposin. She had attended their 2018 Spring District Meeting as Area 4 Membership Committee Rep, so they had a chance to know her more personally.

Three members from District 6 attended the 2018 Convention in Reading. District 6 Director Georgia Tracy and members Donna Mettler and Bev McKnight greatly enjoyed the speeches of the YC and ID Candidates, as well as the other inspiring speakers. A planning meeting will be held in August to prepare for the coming year and decide how funds for Pres. Rusposin's project, the YWCA, will be raised. District 6 will be represented at Summer Board Meeting by District Director Georgia Tracy and Assist. Director and State Historian, Bev McKnight.

Wellsboro BPW

At the annual June picnic, local officers were installed and 2 new members were initiated.

Reports on State Convention were given by those who attended. Plans were made to implement a Wellsboro Facebook page and new President Donna Mettler outlined her vision for the local for the coming year. Members volunteered to fill chairmanships and fund-raising plans were made.

The major project is a Benedict's Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see "Jesus", with stops at Country Cupboard for breakfast and Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping. Wellsboro will support President Rusposin's YWCA project with collections every month and try new options for increasing membership.

District 5

Bedford Local District 5 awarded three \$2500 scholarships in May 2018. Pictured left to right: Rita Bush, Scholarship Chair, Kara Jo Wright, Northern Bedford High School, Marlee Marie Mearkle, Everett High School and Vanesa Hyde, Chestnut Ridge High School and Dr. Ella McElwee, Bedford President.



District 5 is a long time participant in the MATHCOUNTS competition program. In 2018 the district observed 35 years involvement. District volunteers representative from each local gathered Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Penn State Altoona campus for the Blair and Central Regions competition. These members assist with a wide-range of duties from registration, photography, scorer, sorter, proctor, runner, and notably at the end of the competition the presentation of trophies provided by District 5.

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District 8 Berwick Local



Kids in Berwick are excited because their day care just got a new playground. The new equipment at the Berwick Area YMCA was made possible thanks, in large part, to bingo players. Small children lined up outside the Berwick Area YMCA holding signs thanking "BPW," the Business and Professional Women's Club of Berwick. The children thanked them because the women bought the kids new playground equipment.

"Our major fundraiser for BPW is our bingo fundraiser. We've had a couple small ones throughout the year, but that's the majority of where we're raising all our funds. We're happy to be able to give it back to our community," said club member Camille Laubach.

After the ribbon was cut, the children raced onto their new playground.

"This is fantastic. Look at them. They've

been waiting, probably since we told them about it back in the middle of May, end of May, that they were getting a new playground. They have been talking every day, 'When is my playground going to be ready? When is my playground going to be ready?'" said child care director Katie Knight.

The old playground equipment had been here for about seven years. The staff at the YMCA tells Newswatch 16 this is a much-needed upgrade.

Employees at the Berwick Area YMCA say the day care has children from 6 weeks old to 5 years old. They will all get to use this play space every day. There is even a canopy for the babies to sit under and get fresh air. Some of the children already have a favorite part. "I like the big, the big slide," said Alena Crispell. "I like the big slide," agreed Katie Fathel.

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Berwick raised nearly \$5,000 for the new playground equipment.

No matter where you are in life, inspire and empower the women around you. Success is never reached alone. And, wisdom and wealth are sweeter shared.



-Mizzfit

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District 9 Reading Local



Pictured left to right Donna Pregmore- Corresponding Secretary, Anne Marie Arbo- Treasurer, Vanessa McAndrew- Recording Secretary, Doris Heinly- Parliamentarian, Diane Lewis- Vice President, and Leighann Faustin- President.

On June 18th, 2018, Doris Heinly did the installation of the Reading BPW Officers for the 2018-2019 year. This year presentation was unlike anything I have ever seen with its uniqueness. First Doris called for all the officers to step forward. Doris handed furniture polish to Donna Pregmore stating that

as Corresponding Secretary the polish will help her make her members shine and glow while removing scratches and dents from their exterior with her words. Ann Marie Arbo, the Treasurer received window cleaner since she shall keep the chapter's financial record shiny, clean and free

from blur. A sponge was presented next to Vanessa being the Recording Secretary. Doris stated "You are to be like a sponge. It is your responsibility to soak up all the information that is taking place in your chapter meeting, by listening to all that is going on and then squeeze it out for detailed and accurate minutes." Vice President Diane Lewis was handed scrubbing bubbles since she will always be full of energy, because of the responsibilities she will have as Co-leader. There are lots of little bubbles to represent all of the jobs you will be doing in the upcoming year. Finally, the Doris gave the honor of the scrubbing cleanser to Leighann. Doris stated as President you are like a cleanser. Leighann will be strong and tough when a job needs to be done. Always following Roberts Rules of Order and Chapter Bylaws. Although gentle enough not to scratch any surfaces along the way. The installation was filled with laughter and fun as this uniqueness of installation was not seen before. Thank you, Doris, for doing such a fun presentation for installation, and good luck to the incoming Reading BPW officers on an exciting new year.

Celebrating 100 years of women helping women with passion and purpose



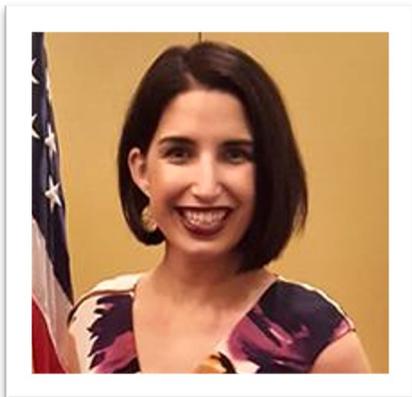
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District 10



Jen Bravo

District 10 Spring District Meeting was held on April 21, 2018 at Concord Country Club hosted by Delaware County BPW. District 10 Director, Keny Holman held a successful meeting. At the meeting, there was a special surprise when Delaware County member, Mary Messina was named District 10 Woman of the Year. Mary has been a BPW/PA member for 25 years and has contributed her time and talents to our District over all of that time. It was a well deserved award. Congratulations to Mary -we are so very happy for you!!

Also at the District meeting the District 10 Beeramid fundraiser winner was announced. The winner was Barb Jackson. Barb is Delaware County BPW members Sam & Amy Jackson's Mom!! Proceeds of the fundraiser are used for the District 10 college scholarships given to a Delaware County woman and a Chester County woman.

Congratulations to Delaware County member, Jen Bravo on being named 2018 BPW/PA Young Careerist at BPW/PA Convention!



Mary Messina

Delaware County

Delaware County BPW hosted our District 10 Spring District Meeting and were honored to have BPW/PA President Marilyn Tallant and Past State President Karen Schmiech attend. Our Delaware County Quarter Auction in March was a success and the funds raised 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, Pathways PA, the Mary Walker House and New Day of the Salvation Army.

Our 12th annual Womenomics® Forum was held on April 7, 2018 co-sponsored with the Friends of the Delaware County Women's Commission. It was a well attended event and a success again this year. Plans have been made for the 2019 Womenomics® Forum to be held on March 30, 2019.

Greater Downingtown members enjoy the Bingo fundraiser.

Greater Downingtown

Greater Downingtown BPW's fundraiser on 5/19/18 was a great success. The host location was the Marine Corps League's Bingo in Downingtown, PA. The fundraiser was for David's Drive 831, an organization that helps the homeless and hospitalized veterans. Along with the bingo, Greater Downingtown members created baskets to raffle as part of the fundraiser.

As part of their efforts to promote new members, Greater Downingtown BPW will have an informational booth at the Caln Township "Community Day" in Thorndale, PA on Saturday, 9/8/18. This year Caln Township marks its 150th year Anniversary.



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District 11

Quakertown BPW



The Quakertown BPW was very busy preparing for their Paddle Raffle in April. From gathering items from local businesses and from their members, the making of baskets was in full swing. Utilizing the Upper Bucks Senior Center, the members were able to provide 60 plus items for the Paddle Raffle itself and countless items for the Bag raffle. As much work as it takes to plan and make the 3 hour event successful, the LO was able to distribute over \$6,000.00 from which two high school scholarship awards of \$1,500 were presented. Then the Community Organizations were provided funds which included the Upper Bucks Senior Center, Amy's Walk for Lung Cancer, Susan Parvin Ovarian Cancer Project, Quakertown Community Day (July 4th), Quakertown Community Outreach and the Quakertown Food Pantry. President Rita Woodward shared that we are most proud of our ability to help our Quakertown Community. They also held their installation at their June picnic meeting. President -Rita Woodward, VPs - Sue Lewis and Linda Lokay, Rec. Secs. - Ellen Miron and Nancy Werner, Treasurers- Gail Jancsics and Crystal Smith, Corresponding Secretary - Gladys Benner and Parliamentarian - Judy Guise. They were also

very proud to receive the award for the local that collected the most funds for the BPW/PA State Project-Our Club House.

Greater Conshohocken BPW

Greater Conshohocken was so happy to spend their May meeting at the Brandywine Senior Suites, Plymouth Meeting shared President Donna Jones.

They were visiting long time member, Louise Hepburn. Once a year Brandywine invites the LO to have dinner with Louise and sometimes Regina Durbis another longtime member, Sadly we were unable to visit Regina this year as she was not feeling well. It is always a special meeting catching up with Louise and sharing stories. Louise is celebrating 70 years of being a loyal BPW member. How blessed are we that she is one of our members and we get to laugh, hug and enjoy ourselves immensely. Louise is a true example of what it means to be a BPW member and she is just an inspiration to us all.

Souderton BPW

The Souderton Telford was out and about at the Annual Ice Cream Festival held at the local park on Sunday, June 24. Even though the weather was not the most cooperative, the members enjoyed their involvement with their community neighbors. They are also looking forward to gathering for their August LO picnic where they will be planning the upcoming year programs, projects, and events shared President Nancy Thomas. STBPW is always doing something!

Nancy Werner,
District XI Key Reporter

Stay Connected!

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

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McKeesport BPW

Bonnie Stern reported that the McKeesport local had a successful year. Last year they doubled their membership and this year they retained all but two of those members. McKeesport added another member but sadly they lost a member. They continue to meet at the Youghiogheny Country Club. McKeesport BPW is fortunate to be a part of the Confederation of McKeesport Women's Clubs where they submitted the names of local organizations to receive monetary donations. This year they submitted JMD Cancer Foundation at McKeesport Hospital and Cribs for Kids. They are looking at the White Oak EMS group this year. The local sold Terri Lynn nuts and Candies to help fund the scholarship award to a woman attending college. McKeesport had interesting programs on computers and a small business owner who shared how she got started in her oil and herb soap shop.

Scottdale BPW

President Angie Marhefka reported that the Scottdale local had a guest speaker at the September meeting who conducted a program on suicide prevention. October was a busy month for Scottdale. The speaker discussed breast cancer. Several members volunteered at the Pittsburgh Financial Reality Fair, including honorary member Tessa Hamborsky. Members attended the Ecumenical Event and Fall District Meeting. The local put up a display at the Scottdale Library. For Women's History Month. They are currently working on a Spring fundraiser. The club purchased a brick to be placed at the Scottdale Library in remembrance of their deceased BPW members. Four members worked at the Pasta for Protection dinner on Saturday, April 14th to help raise money for the safety of the Southmoreland School District. The club made a monetary contribution. The event raised over \$42,000. Scottdale is committed to re-building their membership since they had several members move. They added two new members this year and expect to add another this month. Scottdale will present the recipients their scholarships at Class Day in May.

More to follow,
Jean Calabrace, D3 Director

District 11 continued

Central Montgomery County BPW

At the June Meeting, our 91st birthday party was held. President Becky Shoulberg awarded the "Rockstar" of the Year to a long-time member and Past President Sally Shaw. She too was celebrating her 91st birthday in June. She was thanked for her participation at many Board and General Meetings. Sally urged CMC to do a Holiday Bingo event and it was the most successful fundraiser for the Montgomery County Community College scholarship to date. CMC BPW is already planning to host another Bingo event on December 9th at Maggiano's in King of Prussia. The Membership Awards presented to CMC BPW at State Convention reinforce that a presence in the community is vital for growth



and opportunities. Both President Becky and VP Sue Soriano have been to many Chamber of Commerce Events as well as Montgomery County Women Forums. CMC has a Facebook page and a website. There is a video performance from their March NWHM speaker, Soprano Scholar Jillian Patricia Pirtle, Pres. of the Marian Anderson National Museum in Philadelphia on the web site.

Upper Perkiomen BPW

The Upper Perkiomen BPW held their June installation. See photo: Melanie Miller, Corr. Sec., Rebecca Boyd, Rec. Sec., Alice Hager, Treas., Liberty D usza, Ass't. Treas., Gerry Firoriglio, Parliamentarian (Back row) Seated: Nancy Panza, 2nd VP, Jen Van Ingen, Pres., and Kimberly Moyer, 1st VP. They are already planning their 2019 Women's Expo has a new date and location. It will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the East Greenville Fire Company.



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District 12

District 12 Director, Pat Milioto, reminded all members that membership is an area where we should focus our concerns. All locals were also encouraged to enter each contest category.

An Equal Pay Day Event was held April 10 at 11am on the stairs at the Washington County Court House. Everyone is asked to wear red.

Kathy Smith, Canonsburg ID Trainer and Denice Robinson District 12 ID Trainer travelled to Hagerstown, MD to support the Maryland BPW in presenting the ID Program. They acted as coaches and mentors for the newly trained Maryland Presenters.

District 12 held a scholarship fundraiser at Painting with a Twist. Non-traditional students in District 12 are able to apply for these scholarships in memory of a dedicated member, Barbara J. Myers-Ciccione.

District 12 held MATHCOUNTS on February 1 at Penn State Fayette and February 11 at Washington & Jefferson. Pam Carl, Chair of District 12 of the Business & Professional Women's of the Pennsylvania Federation (BPW/PA), presented an award to the top female participant, along with the W & J Mathematics and Education Departments and the Washington County Chapter of the PA Society of Professional Engineers.

CANONSBURG BPW

Our Monthly Business Meetings are held the third Thursday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 North Jefferson Avenue Canonsburg, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Connie Terling, a 43 year faithful member of Canonsburg BPW passed away on Sun-



Pictured at the Painting with a Twist Fundraiser, is Bobbi Dobler, Chair of the Barbara J. Myers-Ciccione Scholarship for District 12.

day, January 28th. A BPW service was held at the Salandra Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 30th. A contribution of \$25.00 was made to the PA BPW Foundation in Connie's memory. Everyone who knew Connie will miss her.

Canonsburg hosted the Spring District Meeting at Washington County Club on April 7, 2018.

Membership Chair, Jill Shook, will hold a raffle each meeting for those who wear their membership pin to show they are proud to be a BPW member. Canonsburg has 8 new members so far this year. This means that our club will be able to qualify for recognition in the following Membership Contest Categories. Category Three is the Plus Five Recognition to Local Organization with five or more new; Category Four is the Plus Five Recognition to individual BPW/PA members who secure five or more new members and Category Six Recognition for Local Organization with new members through Local Website, Facebook Twitter, LinkedIn or other social or professional networks.

Canonsburg collected donations and purchased Christmas gifts for our "local adopted family." We also held our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13th at Cannon Chop House (originally Montana's) in Southpointe.

The By-laws Committee updated our by-laws and the proposed by-laws were accepted by the club and sent to the By-Laws Chair. Also our Membership Directory was updated and distributed to all members.

In November, Beverly Dellapina, president, received the endorsement of our club for the office of Assistant District 12 Director. Congratulations and Good Luck, Beverly! Canonsburg also selected officers for the 2018-2019 term.

In November, Cherie Dixon, Twilight Wish Washington County Chapter Director (who joined as a member), was our guest speaker. Twilight Wish grants wishes to any individual who: is over the age of 65; is a legal US citizen; demonstrates financial need; can provide a positive history of giving back to others (service to our nation, community or family; or possess the cognitive, emotional and physical ability to experience the wish.

We are very proud to announce that two of our members, Kathy Smith and Diane Irey-Vaughn will be running for the position of Lt Governor for their respective party.

Pat Milioto, Legislation Committee, passed out letters at the General Meeting regarding DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), and RAISE (Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage). These are letters for members to sign and forward to our senator and state representative.

Our Colebrook Chocolate Christmas Fundraiser sales totaled \$1,576.25 and our profit was approximately \$575.00. We will be having another Colebrook Chocolate Fundraiser, again, for Easter.

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MASONTOWN BPW

Masontown BPW has filled the calendar with many projects and activities since our last article. At our November's meeting, Debbie DeMasi led an induction ceremony for four new members, we had two guests (one of which joined that very night), and we were honored to have Pat Milioto, District 12 Director, as our special visitor. In keeping with "Bridge to the Future," we sponsored and conducted a bridge themed story time for preschoolers at the German-Masontown Public Library. December was filled with several community oriented events. Members attended a Dress for Success Fill-A-Bag event, enjoyed "Tribute to Frank (Sinatra)" at the Senior Center, and participated in Masontown Matter's Christmas Church Walk and Santa on the Square Celebration.

We took part in wreaths Across America at Laurel Point Cemetery in Carmichaels, PA. We rounded out December's meeting with our annual Pirate Bingo shenanigans. We kicked off our 70th Anniversary Personal Goal Challenge. Starting January 1, members were encouraged to set a personal goal for the next 70 days and to make a daily monetary donation. January's guest speaker was Warren Hughes, president of Masontown Matters. Mr. Hughes spoke of the progress of the new Business Development Center located on Masontown's Main Street. We also took our Bridge Story Time on the road by visiting two local elementary schools. February saw members volunteering with MATH COUNTS at Penn State Fayette. With the theme "Bridge to Service," February guest speakers were women cadets from Albert Gallatin JROTC. They discussed their JROTC experiences and explained the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program. March marked the 70th Anniversary of Masontown BPW and we shared memories of the past. Our guest speaker was Mary Ann Chury, a representative of Amedisys Home Health and Hospice Care. Our Fresh Start Totes project, where we made monthly donations, was completed in March. Approximately 25 totes were filled and donated to Domestic Violence Victims/City Mission. May our Fresh Start Totes provide a bridge to local women who have been suddenly displaced from their homes.



Masontown BPW sponsored and presented a Bridge themed story time at German-Masontown Public Library. Dorothy Gruskowski presents Cheri Zewe, Library Director, with a book donation as members Amy Ryan, Mary Ann Hughes, and Debbie DeMasi support our bridge.



Kayla Boardley and Autumn Hotsinpiller, Albert Gallatin High School JROTC cadets were Masontown BPW's "Bridge to Service" guest speakers in February. Pictured are Barb Harmon, Kayla Boardley, Dorothy Gruskowski, and Autumn Hotsinpiller. Barb is Masontown's treasurer and is the Albert Gallatin JROTC army instructor.

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