



The Valley Voice

*Celebrating 102
Years of Women
Helping Women
with Passion and
Purpose*

BPW of Ligonier Valley

October 2020

"Of the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc"

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Dear Members,

October already....does anyone else feel like there just aren't enough hours in the day?!? In between attending the weekly BPW meetings and running my business, I am also raising and homeschooling my cub full time. Although life can be very overwhelming, it is also incredibly rewarding and I'm thankful for all of it. I have learned so much about BPW since becoming president and am grateful to you ladies for helping me along the way.

Meanwhile, in our spare time (hah!) Raven Cintron, Amy Kohler and I have been working diligently on creating not ONE but TWO exciting displays on behalf of the BPW. We are participating in the Ligonier Scarecrow Contest with a Suffragette Scarecrow in honor of the 100th Anniversary of women's right to vote. We have requested the lamppost in front of the Ligonier Creamery and she is going to be fabulous!

You will also want to swing by Abigail's Coffeehouse. The three of us each picked two inspirational women of Pennsylvania from history that we will showcase in their window for the National Business Women's Week, October 18th-25th. Both displays will be ready to amaze you by Monday October 19th, so take a stroll through town and let us know what you think!

At our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at 5:45 pm we will hear Jamie Bostard speak about the Twilight Wish Foundation, which is our State project this year.

This meeting's theme is Halloween/Autumn Colors so join in the fun and wear some orange and black or bust out a full on costume of choosing. Maybe YOU will be the next winner of our token prize for Best Expression of Theme. I hope you are able to attend!

Tara Hassler - President



Tuesday, October 27 – 5:45 pm – Regular meeting at the Ramada Inn

Tuesday, November 3 6:30 Board meeting, location to be announced later

The October meeting is on Tuesday, October 27 at 5:45 pm at the Ligonier Ramada Inn.

Main Menu: Stuffed Pork Chops, Parsley Potatoes, Glazed Carrots

Alternate: Chef salad

Dessert for all: Dutch Apple Pie

The cost remains \$14. Stay healthy! Thank you! - Tish

Member Merchants – from Maggie Hildebrand

TWO PRESENTERS –

At each meeting, since we will not be having the Member Market this year, Vice President Maggie has asked for two volunteers to present some information about the products they sell, produce or represent and also a moment or two about themselves during the networking portion of the meeting. They will be welcome to bring their products to the meeting to sell to members. Although we can all share information during networking, this will allow us to get to know these two presenters a little better. At the September meeting, Susan Patchin brought Mary Kay gifts for sale, and ideas for Christmas gifts, and Amy Kohler shared a little about how she got into the real estate business. Thank you, ladies, for sharing with us! At the October meeting, Lisa Altimus will bring our Rada cutlery and Lucille Zimmer will have products from Jordan Essentials. We will look forward to hearing from both of them!

I would love to line up more of you members for future months! Just contact me - maggie@outputsales.com – and I will get you on the schedule.

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Woman of History

This year, there is a moment at each meeting when a volunteer member presents a famous (or sometimes, not so famous) woman who has made an impact on history. A cookbook that relates a short blurb about many of these strong women is passed to the volunteer, so she can choose a woman’s story that interests her and she thinks will interest us. At the October meeting, our new member Brittany Hart will be presenting her choice of strong woman – we thank Brittany for stepping out to do this – we are looking forward to it!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



October 2	Lisa	Spitzer
October 20	Margaret	Hildebrand



Halloween Costume / Colors Theme

October 27th, 2020

Come one, come all to our October meeting. We can promise, no TRICKS and offer good eating!

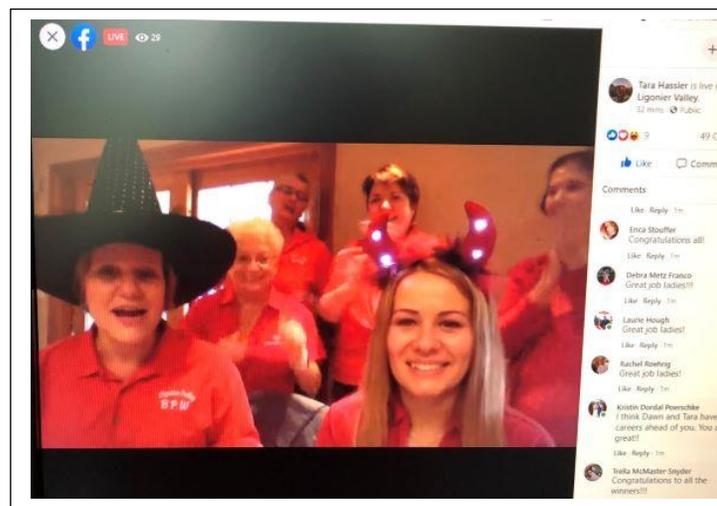


October’s meeting theme is Halloween costumes or colors! As always, this means you can come in full character dress, embracing the fun of costumes and creative masquerade OR just honor the theme by wearing something in Halloween colors, like black, orange and purple!

Come join your fellow BPW sisters to hear Jamie Bostart speak about the Twilight Wish Foundation. This is our project for the year and is a foundation that strives to honor and enrich the lives of deserving seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. It can be anything from providing a senior a tombstone for a departed loved one, helping a senior finally get their highschool diploma or one last ride on that Harley!!



So ramp up your Halloween spirit, invite a friend and we look forward to seeing you all in October! (if we can recognize you of course ;)



Our bash crew of Dawn Berkebile, Janet Riordan, Lisa Altimus, Maggie Hildebrand, Tara Hassler and Charlene Shank. See page 4 for more information.



BOROUGH OF LIGONIER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ORMOND K. BELLAS



LIGONIER, PENNSYLVANIA 15658

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ligonier Valley Business and Professional Women's organization became a part of the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women in March of 2000. Ima Mac Smithley has been recognized as the clubs founder to improve the equality of women in today's modern workforce and has grown to almost 90 members from the Valley and surrounding area,

WHEREAS, an endowment was established as a wish from Sandra L. Neiderhiser who passed away in 1999. Her desire to grant an outstanding Ligonier Area student a scholarship in her name rewarding the student the chance to further her education. A Endowment in Sandy's name was established with the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County and now is currently invested with the Pittsburgh Foundation and,

WHEREAS, BPW awards 3 S.L.N. scholarships each year. The Club established an additional scholarship in 2005 which has grown to a total of five scholarships each year to deserving young women. The Club has awarded 69 scholarships between the two programs since their inception. Young women are evaluated on traits of service, leadership skills integrity and compassion and, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Ligonier is playing an active role in making today's business women aware of the importance of women in the business world and,

WHEREAS, the Ligonier Valley Business and Professional Women's Club, whose mission is "To Achieve Equality for All Women in the Workplace through Advocacy, Education and Information," has been promoting better working conditions and education for working women through scholarships for young women entering today's workforce.

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, Ormond K. Bellas, Mayor of the Borough of Ligonier, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2021 to March 28, 2021 as the Ligonier Valley Business and Professional Women's Club Week to honor them as an outstanding organization for their achievements and commitment for improving the woman's workplace in today's society.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the Borough of Ligonier to be affixed this Twenty-fifth day of August 22, 2020.

Ormond K. Bellas

Ormond K. Bellas, Mayor



President Tara with Ligonier Borough Police Chief John Berger. Chief Berger presented a program on human trafficking at the September meeting.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Jamie Bostart from the Twilight Wish Foundation. She will be detailing how we can be involved in helping make a wish come true for a low-income senior. As you know, we are already providing a \$25 value basket at each meeting (in September, the Finance Committee – Wendy Lint, Lisa Altimus, Janet Riordan, Charlene Shank, Betsy Shepler – will be providing the monthly basket) for one lucky member to win. Proceeds from the baskets go to Twilight Wish – our State Project.

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In November, Susan Patchin will be helping Maggie Hildebrand collect care items for service men and women who are deployed and sending them to Soldiers’ Angels, who will distribute them as needed. **The collection items we will be looking for are listed at the end of the newsletter.**

WASHINGTON, DC — A new stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service, 19th Amendment: Women Vote, commemorates the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote. The stamp honors the suffrage movement and the people who carried it through to fruition.

“For more than 70 years, suffragettes across the nation marched and rallied for their audacious cause: affording women the right to vote,” said Chief Commerce and Business Solutions Officer Jacqueline Krage Strako, dedicating official for the Postal Service. “This stamp commemorates their perseverance in securing this unalienable right for themselves and future generations.”

The 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution on Aug. 26, 1920.

Inspired by historic photographs, the stamp art features a stylized illustration of suffragists marching in a parade or other public demonstration. The clothes they wear and the banners they bear display the official colors of the National Woman’s Party — purple white and gold. Designed by art director Ethel Kessler using art by Nancy Stahl, the stamp includes the words “Women Vote” and “19th Amendment” in shades of purple beneath the image. “Forever” and “USA” appear along the stamp’s bottom edge.



President Tara and newest members Tina Pifer and Brittany Hart

Thanks to this month’s contributors:
 Maggie Hildebrand
 Beth Caldwell
 Laurie Hough
 Kristin Poerschke
 Tara Hassler
 Tish Berkey-Purdy
 Raven Cintron

DON'T FORGET: Promote your business on our Facebook group page: BPW of Ligonier Valley

Oh, what a bash... October fourth in the afternoon... What a special time for some as I remember ... Oh, what a bash....

From all accounts and feedback that we have received, the “No Bash Until Next Year” Raffle was a great success! Dawn Berkebile and President Tara did a terrific, entertaining job as hosts, Charlene Shank and Maggie Hildebrand as “Vannas”, Janet Riordan finding numbers and names as soon as they were drawn, and Lisa Altimus doing Phil’s job as number-writer, as well as guiding and organizing the entire effort through planning, selling and Bash day itself. We are **especially thankful** for the members who put together such beautiful, attention-getting baskets that they didn’t even require catchy names! You members remain generous and supportive of all the club’s efforts, and we are so appreciative! The final numbers are not in yet, and we will get them out to you as soon as they are finalized. We may have another virtual bash-type event in the spring, but we will keep you informed as the plans are put together.

Thank you from the entire Bash Committee!



*You are cordially invited
 to attend The Ohio-Pennsylvania
 41st Annual Ecumenical
 Sponsored by BPW/OH*

Sunday, October 18, 2020 ~ 3:00 p.m. on Zoom

Theme:

“She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future”.

Proverbs 31:25

Keynote: Rev. Karen M. Cook

Registration on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/41st-annual-ecumenical-service-tickets-119955850177>

Questions: Contact Liz at 740-294-1353 **RSVP By: October 12, 2020**

Help kick off National Business Women’s Week

In November, our BPW Club will collect care items for service men and women who are deployed and sending them to Soldiers' Angels, who will distribute them as needed. The collection items we will be looking for are listed below.

Hygiene and Personal Care

Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash
Wet Wipes
Female Hygiene Products

Hand Warmers
Manicure Set
Back Scratchers
Socks (no tube socks)
Hand Sanitizer
Cleaning Cloths/Spray
(for glasses/goggles)

Snack Items: (All food items must be store-bought.)

Protein Bars
Jerky or Meat Sticks
Sunflower Seeds
Freeze-Dried Fruit (Single Serve)
Sauce Packets
Single-Serve Peanut Butter or Nutella
Single-Serve Cereals (Boxes or Cups, no bags as they will crush easily)
Pop-Tarts
Nuts/Trail Mix (Single Serve Preferred)
Tuna Salad Kit with Crackers
Chicken Salad Kit with Crackers
Powdered Drink Mixes like Crystal Light or Sports Drinks (Single Serve)
Gum
Candy

Down-Time Items:

Small Balls or Footballs
Puzzle Books
Travel-Sized Games
Coloring Books
Pens/Pencils
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners

Please AVOID the following items as we will not be able to include them:

NO AEROSOLS or SPRAYS IN CANS
No Pork or Pork By-Products (Slim Jims are OK)
Tobacco or Alcoholic Beverage Products
Bars of Soap
Anything packaged in glass
Sharp Objects (Knives, Tools, Safety Pins, etc.)
Pornography or other culturally sensitive material
Bagged Potato Chips (they are too easily crushed)
Unwrapped Candies
Nail Polish
Perfume or Cologne

Or, of course, cash donations are welcomed and appreciated. We will not be packing separate packages. We will collect all items and pack them to send to the organization address in San Antonio, TX. Thanks to you all in advance.



Michelle Krebs accepting prize for BEST hat from President Tara Hassler. Picture right is Michelle's hat from above.



Tara Hassler, Deb Bowman, Angela Apple and Laurie Hough modeling their Kentucky Derby inspired hats

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Check out our REVAMPED website.

The Rada information: www.helpourfundraiser.com Internet ordering # 504857 Password (lower case) bpwlv