



The Banner

**Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club
Volume XCIV – October 2020**

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2020
via Zoom at 7:00 pm – Details to follow

President's Message:

Dear CMC BPW Members,



by for all our future Zoom meetings.

We had Krissy Freeman, Montgomery County Community College Associate Director of Annual Giving Programs join us. She accepted our \$2000 scholarships for two students in the business curriculum and who are over 25 years of age. Waiting to hear who our recipients are for this year. Krissy also invited us to a virtual tour of MCCC campus on September 23 at 9:00 a.m. Now that was special!

Finally, a big thank you to Norma Zarfoss, our member, for conducting our 2020-21 Installation Officers with the Women's Suffrage theme. It was really a night to remember. But wait, we will have more awesome meeting nights to come. Coming to our next Zoom meeting will be Amanda Owen, Justice Bell Foundation Chair. She has a remarkable story to share about the history of this bell and how it traveled throughout the PA Commonwealth to all 67 counties. It was 1915 and the Suffrage movement was all about "VOTES FOR WOMEN." I do not want to give her story away so please join us on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. to hear her. Now this is special for at the moment we are first BPWPA local to have invited her. (She also presented on National Equality Day, August 26, 2020 with the National Women's History Alliance. She is nationally recognized. With that note, we will be honoring her as our Woman of the Year 2020. Thank you to Bev Weinberg for hosting this Zoom for us. Invitations will go out on Sat., Oct. 10th.

Kudo also need to be extended to Mo Gillen, who introduced us to the Delaware Valley Veterans Consortium. We were approved to join. Please read on in *The Banner* to Mo's request if you wish to attend their meeting on October 16. So proud that we made this connection.

Also, more kudos to our LO Chairs and Officers who shared their reports for *The Banner*. We are trying to keep our Zoom meetings to an acceptable length and sharing our news in writing seems the appropriate method especially if you cannot join us.

Big thank you to Becky Shoulberg for getting CMC BPW in the weekly State Buzz. WOW!

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Our business portion this month's meeting will be the approval of the 2020-21 Budget and the Proclamations of the National Business Women's Week. (October 18 to 24.)

Lastly, we will be greeting our District Eleven Director Jen Van Ingen, for her official visit.

Please try to join us for another night to remember.

Thank you.

Fondly, Nancy

October Dinner Meeting



Do you know about the Justice Bell?

Do you know it's also called the Women's Liberty Bell? To find out more about the history of the Justice Bell and the story of its discovery, join CMC's Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm to hear Amanda Owen, Executive Director of the Justice Bell Foundation and watch a viewing of the documentary, *Finding Justice*.

District 11 Director Jennifer Van Ingen will be making her official visit with us this evening and will bring news of the District.

It will be a full and informative evening and hopefully you all can attend. Also, please eat before joining the meeting. Dinner will not be provided.

Wanted: Musical Talent

Anyone interested in leading our members in singing the *Emblem Benediction* at the close of our meetings? No auditions needed, just be ready to sing to the tune, *Blest Be The Ties That Bind*. If you're interested, please send President Nancy an email.

District Eleven Fall District Meeting on Saturday, October 31



What a Halloween celebration as we travel to Quakertown to the Caitlyn and Cody's Restaurant. It is just off the NE PA Turnpike as you head toward Quakertown. Time is early at 8:00 a.m. but then we are completed by lunch time. Now it is still face to face but who knows? I am sure Ginny Will keep us informed.

Cass Forkin from Twilight Wish will be coming to join us. If you missed the September 17th Meeting, you can hear her outstanding presentation. We are all encouraged to dress like Rosie the Riveter if you can. Should be fun guessing who is who with our masks. The Memorial Service for District Eleven members will be held promptly at 9:00 am.

Please send \$22.00 to Treasurer Noreen. Make it out to CMC BPW. Give her a call right now if interested. Sure would love to have more of you attend and learn what happens on the District Eleven level. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 15th - our meeting night.

"Feminism [is the] notion that we should each be free to develop our own talents and not be held back by manmade barriers." ~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and our need for social distancing, Central Montgomery County BPW will discontinue in-person meetings at Maggiano's until further notice.

Our meetings will continue via Zoom. Zoom invitations for meetings, held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, will be sent out by President Nancy Werner.

State Theme:

May Your Dreams Take Flight

District Theme:

Just Be

CMC Theme:

Nevertheless, She Persisted

In Memoriam



This month's Banner is dedicated to the memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who passed away on Friday, September 18th. Justice Ginsburg was a modern-day suffragette who dedicated her entire life to making the world better for all women and girls.

Ginsburg was born and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. Her older sister died when she was a baby, and her mother died shortly before Ginsburg graduated from high school. She earned her bachelor's degree at Cornell University and married Martin D. Ginsburg, becoming a mother before starting law school at Harvard, where she was one of the few women in her class. Ginsburg transferred to Columbia Law School, where she graduated joint first in her class. During the early 1960s she worked with the Columbia Law School Project on International Procedure, learned Swedish and co-authored a book with Swedish jurist Anders Bruzelius; her work in Sweden profoundly influenced her thinking on gender equality. She then became a professor at Rutgers Law School and Columbia Law School, teaching civil procedure as one of the few women in her field. (Wikipedia)

If you have a credit card in your own name and your own credit history, if you have leased an apartment or bought property in your name, if you have consented to your own medical treatment, if you played a sport in school, you can thank Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

We grieve her loss and we honor her by fighting relentlessly for justice and equality for all. THANK YOU Justice Ginsburg. We promise to continue your fight, and to win.

"I would like to be remembered as someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability." ~ RBG

Look for other quotes by Justice Ginsburg throughout *The Banner*.

National Business Women's Week – Nancy Werner



National Business Women's Week was established to honor the contributions of working women and their families. The concept originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927.

The first annual observance of NBWW was held April 15-22, 1928 when National President Lena Madessin Phillips opened the week with a nationally broadcast speech. She stated that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business for a better business world."

It was in 1938, NBWW was moved to the third full week of October. U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing NBWW and the contributions and achievements of the working women. The celebration of National Business Women's Week has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.

The Central Montgomery County BPW has always participated in this week's celebration with sharing the proclamations from the Governor (included), proclamation from our State Representative and proclamation from the Montgomery County Commissioners. We try to provide displays in the area libraries (thank you Noreen and Becky). Lastly, we try to honor a Woman of the Year or Employer of the Year to highlight the good works of these individuals relating to NBWW. This year the time frame will be October 18 to 24.

Standing and Special Committee Reports

In order to conduct our Zoom meetings in a timely manner, President Nancy will be asking all committee chairs to submit a brief report to be included monthly in *The Banner*. Whether you have some news to share or would just like to give our members (especially our new members) a brief overview of your committee, all reports are welcome.

Correspondence – Nancy Werner



At our September Dinner Meeting, CMC members were invited to take a virtual tour of the Montgomery County Community College Campus. Several of us took part and as a result, received invitations to Montco on the Rise, a virtual fundraising breakfast on Thursday, October 29th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. This event will showcase real life examples of student success, community leadership, and powerful partnerships that make Montgomery County Community College the incredible institution it is.

During Montco on the Rise, you will hear more stories from the students and alumni, enjoy special Montco treats, and learn ways you can help maintain and build upon our momentum. We are also excited to introduce the **Circle of Partners** giving society that will allow us to realize and address College needs for years to come.

If interested in attending, please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser:

https://mc3-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QQFznhdeSsq_M56_fr8TAw

Public Relations – Becky Shoulberg

Our VP made the papers for her Woman of the Year award from 2020 Zoom State Convention. Congratulations! Be sure to use club Facebook page to promote your events, business and women centric memes and tidbits. Just no politics, we are Bipartisan. This Banner and flier invite for programs are on FB and www. Be sure to invite others and share! Follow our District 11 and state pages too. See what all the Buzz is about!

The following appeared in Lansdale's *The Reporter* on Wednesday, September 30th:

Two Honored for Statewide Awards



District Justice Andrea Duffy, center, and longtime Montgomery Township resident Ginny Bailey, center right, are recognized by the board of supervisors for earning recognition from the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. From left are supervisors Annette Long, Candyce Fluehr, and Beth Staab, Duffy, Bailey, supervisors Chairwoman Tanya Bamford and supervisor Matthew Quigg.

DAN SOKIL — MEDAINEWS GROUP

By Dan Sokil

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Two of Montgomery Township's most well-known women have both earned high honors.

The township's supervisors recognized District Judge Andrea Duffy and longtime employee Ginny Bailey for earning high honors with the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs this summer. "It is a night for recognizing outstanding efforts, not only of our township personnel, but also of some outstanding citizens," said supervisors' Chairwoman Tanya Bamford.

Duffy, the township's district judge since 2012, was honored by the BPWPA with their "Public Servant Award" during their 100th annual convention, held virtually on June 13, according to supervisor Beth Staab, who said the judge earned recognition from the group via her non-profit "Drug Addiction Resource Alliance," which presents seminars and connects residents with resources to fight addiction across the region. Duffy earned the recognition "for her work with DARA, and the 'Liberty and Law' civics classes she conducts in the elementary schools in the North Penn School District," said Staab.

Bailey, a longtime employee of the township's parks and recreation department and community and recreation center, earned the BPWPA's "Woman of the Year" award for her longtime involvement with the BPWPA, including her role as vice president of the group's Central Montgomery County chapter. "This is the highest honor that the BPWPA can bestow, in recognition of contributions to the advancement and ideals of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women," Staab said.

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception." ~ RBG

Ways and Means report – Becky Shoulberg

In lieu of no big Bingo fundraiser, PLEASE sign up for Benefit Mobile, a partner with Escript, and designate Centralmontgomerycountybpw. Hundreds of merchants participate. I earn close to \$10 a month for CMC just by paying with app. Instead of soliciting Giant and Target for Bingo and raffle prizes, we are instead using donated gift cards for Vet Center, Laurel House and Patrician Society.

Women Joining Forces – Mo Gillen



Our membership in the Delaware Valley Veterans Consortium has been approved, and we have been invited to send representatives to the Fall quarterly meeting on Friday, October 16. The topic is "Out of the Box Employment Strategies for Veterans." Cheryl Decoteaux and Mo Gillen are planning to attend. If anyone else is interested, please contact Mo at mo_gillen@yahoo.com or 757-602-9651.

Hoping you've all signed up to attend this year's Pennsylvania Conference for Women, which falls on Veterans Day; word is that they will be celebrating women veterans.

And please plan to tune in to the virtual Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 8 - there will be multiple ways to "attend" the event online via Facebook Live online and by tuning in to the broadcast by 6 ABC at 12:30pm.

BPW/PA State Project: Twilight Wish – Barbara Jean Maresca **Wave your wands Ladies!**

Twilight Wish Celebrates Seniors by helping to make their dreams come true. How can YOU help to make a Twilight Wish come true?

- **A District, Local or individual member can make a monetary donation.** All checks should be made payable to TWILIGHT WISH and sent to Barbara Jean. (Forms are available upon request) I will act as the CMC BPW point person for Twilight Wish and after recording your check information, I will forward all checks to Mary Weeks, our PA Chair. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MONETARY DONATIONS TO ME IS APRIL 10, 2021.**
- **Any BPW District, Local or individual member can nominate deserving seniors for Twilight Wishes,** if they meet the criteria. To find out how to request a wish and what the criteria are, go to www.twilightwish.org/request-a-twilight-wish/

Legislation – Cheryl Decoteaux

Good news. The PA state GOP leadership has dropped HR1302 which would have created an "election integrity" panel with subpoena power during the election of "witnesses and documents" and initiate legal filings. There was concern that the panel could be weaponized to impound ballots and delay Pennsylvania's election results.

ERA news. This website article from January 30, 2020 explains what is happening with ERA after Virginia became the thirty-eighth state to ratify the ERA amendment.

<https://apnews.com/article/4913397a57f671c62989a1a5ec10df17>.

I will also continue to encourage our members to use the app 5 Calls to make their voice heard to Federal and State Legislators to support or not support top issues provided in this app.

“Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

~ RBG

Empty Medicine Vials – Nancy Werner

Remember last year we were in the middle of collecting the empty medicine vials for the District XI project? Well, keep saving and we will add them to my growing box of containers. Amazing the how time accumulates these items. We will send to the same company as the District for they are used in foreign countries that only use paper wrappers. Save for Nancy.

CMC Member News



CMC Member Jessica Libor was featured in *Philadelphia Style Magazine* as one of “6 Inspirational Philly Women Artists to Follow in Instagram Now”.

In the September 24th article, Shruti Rajukmar writes about Jessica, “Drawing on inspiration from nature and the female form and spirit, Libor’s paintings incorporate cool tones and elaborate costuming to create a sense of transcendence of life and peace with nature.”

On September 25, three of Libor’s artworks were featured in *The New Pre-Raphaelites*: a group virtual exhibition curated by her own local gallery, Era Contemporary Gallery, in collaboration with Bryn Mawr’s Harcum College. The exhibition celebrates contemporary magical realism art.

Updates on two former members

President Nancy Werner has been in contact with Glenda Neal and Stacey Greaves. Both were members of the CMC BPW LO but moved to Maryland. They are both residing in the Baltimore area. One is to the north, the other to the west. Nancy reached out to the BPW Maryland membership chair and they are both members -at- large NOW. There were no specific BPW locals in their areas. Both promised to keep Nancy updated on their education and involvement with the BPW Maryland.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Laurel House asks, “Have you ever wondered why purple is the color associated with domestic violence? According to domesticshelters.org, purple, white, and gold were used in the early 1900s when the women’s suffrage movement adopted the National Women’s Party’s colors. The colors started in England and symbolized purity, hope, and loyalty. Then, on July 9, 1978, nearly 100,000 advocates of equal rights for women marched in Washington, D.C., many dressed in lavender.

In October 1981, when the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence observed a “Day of Unity,” many of those participants also chose to wear lavender or purple. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed, and again, purple-hued clothing was widely embraced by participants. This progression solidified the adoption of purple for marketing and awareness purposes by domestic violence organizations; purple was chosen as an evolution of the lavender from decades past.

Wear purple on Thursday, Oct. 22nd to raise awareness and show support for survivors of domestic violence.

Election Information

With less than one month until Election Day, here are answers to some of the frequently asked questions (Courtesy of WHY-PBS):

How can I know that my mail-in vote has been counted?

When your county election office receives your ballot, they'll scan it, and you should get an email letting you know it has arrived. But as of now, the county can't actually process or tabulate any ballots until Election Day, so there won't be any more updates until then. Pennsylvania has no statewide rules requiring counties to inform voters if their ballot is rejected for some reason. However, Gov. Tom Wolf has instructed counties not to reject mail ballots if voters' signatures don't match the ones on file, so that's one reason that should not be a factor.

Why is the Department of State's ballot tracker showing an incorrect status?

If you've been closely monitoring the status of your ballot using the Department of State's ballot tracker, you might have seen that there have been delays in its updates. If you've read this far, send Ginny and email. The DOS is aware of this problem. A spokeswoman, Wanda Murren, said that the tracker's accuracy depends on counties regularly updating their data, and that hasn't always been happening in these early days of ballot returns. "As more ballots are mailed in the weeks to come, the tracker will more accurately reflect each county's activity and the status of individual voters' ballots," she added.

What do I do if I requested a ballot, but decided that I want to vote in person?

The good news is you have options. State law allows you to bring your (unmarked!) ballot and its envelope to your polling place, where you can surrender it to poll workers and proceed to vote on a machine. You can also cast a provisional ballot at your polling place if you lose your mail ballot, or don't receive it for some reason. However, if you receive your mail ballot and have time to submit it, either in person or via the postal service — USPS recommends mailing it at least a week before the election — you should feel confident using those methods. They're quick and easy, and as long as you follow your mail ballot instructions carefully, your vote should be counted and you won't have to risk a crowded polling place on Election Day.

When will we have results?

There are a lot of moving parts, but basically, this will depend on (1) when counties can start processing mail ballots, and (2) how close the race is. Right now, Pennsylvania law dictates that county officials can't start processing mail ballots until 7 a.m. on Election Day. Those officials are pushing the legislature to let them start earlier, but so far, they haven't come to a consensus on a bill to do that. If the presidential race is a blowout, we may not need as complete a count to be able to say confidently who won. But if, for instance, it comes down to slim margins in a few key states, and Pennsylvania is one of those states, the results could hang on the commonwealth getting its count done.

Have a plan, make sure your voter registration is current, research the candidates, and be an informed voter. Regardless of your party, who you vote for, or whether you decide to vote in-person or by mail-in ballot — **VOTE!**





2020 Election Secure Ballot Box Drop-Off Locations

Secure ballot boxes have been placed throughout Montgomery County for constituents to drop-off their ballots prior to the Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Secure boxes will be available for the public to return their completed ballots at the locations listed below through November 3, 2020. Completed ballots must be placed in the drop-off boxes by the time the polls close at 8pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

. . . HOURS . . .

October 3 – October 30

MWF 9am-4pm • T-Thu 11am-6pm • Sat & Sun 11am-4pm

October 31 & November 1

Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

November 2 & November 3

Mon & Tues 9am-8pm

Cheltenham

Wall Park
1 Wall Park Drive • Elkins Park, PA 19027

Conshohocken

Location to be determined

Lansdale

Church Road Parking Lot
226 Station Square Blvd. • Lansdale, PA 19446

Lower Merion

Ludington Library
5 South Bryn Mawr Avenue • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Norristown

Montgomery County Airy Street Parking Lot
Corner of Airy and DeKalb Streets • Norristown, PA 19401

Pottstown

Montgomery County Community College –
West Campus (*Hanover Street Building*)
95 S Hanover Street • Pottstown, PA 19464

Royersford

Royersford Borough Parking Lot # 1A
behind Borough Hall
300 Main Street • Royersford, PA 19468

Skippack

Skippack Municipal Building
4089 Heckler Road • Skippack, PA 19474

Upper Dublin

Upper Dublin Municipal Building
801 Loch Alsh Avenue • Fort Washington, PA 19034

Upper Frederick

Green Lane Park
2144 Snyder Road • Green Lane, PA 18054

Upper Moreland

Willow Grove YMCA
3300 Davisville Road • Hatboro, PA 19040

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code you may only return your own voted ballot. You may not return any ballot that does not belong to you. County Security will be on-site at each location, and there will be video surveillance. Anyone depositing a ballot that does not belong to them will be referred to the District Attorney's office.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

With people out of work or companies cutting back on hours and wages, food banks and pantries are being stretched trying to meet the demand.

It may be a little early to think about Christmas but here's an idea to help out your church or neighborhood food pantry.

Don't forget, while this is a good idea for Thanksgiving or Christmas, people are hungry year-round and food banks and pantries struggle to find donations.

Fill the box with 30 items instead of 24 and substitute bread crumbs, canned fruit, low-sodium canned soup, etc. in place of holiday-type items.

Also, check to see if your food bank or pantry will accept pet food. Many families, when faced with cutting their budgets, are forced to give up their beloved pets because they can't afford the cost of pet food. If the food bank won't accept pet food, animal shelters will welcome the donation.



"Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true." ~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Image credit: Instagram/@stacyinnerst

Happy Birthday to our Members!



October

12 – Noreen Morello
Babette Walter

28 – Latoya Boxhill-Saulsberry

Dates to Remember

October 15 – CMC Zoom Meeting with Amanda Owens on the Justice Bell and Official Visit from Director Jennifer Van Ingen

October 18-24 – National Business Women's Week

October 19 – **LAST DAY** to register to vote in November 3 election

October 31 – District Eleven Fall District Meeting
Dress like Rosie the Riveter!

November 1 – Deadline to apply for the PA BPW Foundation Scholarship. Go to bpwpa.org and information and application can be found on the public page.

November 3 – ELECTION DAY! GO VOTE!!!

November 5 – CMC Zoom Board Meeting

November 19 - Veteran Commander Karen Flaherty from the Michael Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia. Also, Alexis Werner, member, will share what is happening with Bunker Labs.

Important Websites:

- Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women's Clubs – www.bpwpa.org
- Central Montgomery County BPW – www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – www.montgomerycountychamber.org
- The Patch – patch.com/Pennsylvania/Norristown
- Benefit Mobile App – www.benefit-mobile.com
- Twilight Wish Foundation – twilightwish.org