

# "BUZZ IN THE BURG" - GPBPW NEWSLETTER

## GREATER PITTSBURGH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

October 2020

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Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and our need for social distancing, GPBPW has discontinued in-person meetings at BRAVO until further notice. Our club meetings will continue via ZOOM the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00p.m.

ZOOM invites for our meetings will be sent out by President Bryant.

## REMEMBERING NOTORIOUS "RBG"



*March 15, 1933 – September 18, 2020*

On June 14, 1993 Ginsburg accepted President Bill Clinton's nomination to the Supreme Court and took her seat on August 10, 1993. Justice Ginsburg served on the Supreme Court for twenty-seven years. She died on September 18, 2020, at the age of eighty-seven. She was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court and was a pioneering advocate for women's rights. She was a remarkable woman, small in stature but mighty in word and deed. Her time as a justice was marked by triumphs for equality for women, such as in her opinion for the court ordering the Virginia Military Institute to accept women or give up its state funding. She was even more well known for her dissents. She said that some were aimed at swaying the opinions of her fellow judges while others were "an appeal to the intelligence of another day" in the hopes that they would provide guidance to future courts."

At age 87, she became a much younger generation's unlikely cultural icon. A law student, Shana Knizhnik, anointed her the Notorious R.B.G., a play on the name of the Notorious B.I.G., a famous rapper who was Brooklyn-born, like the justice. Soon the name, and Justice Ginsburg's image — her expression serene yet severe, a frilly lace collar adorning her black judicial robe, her eyes framed by oversize glasses and a gold crown perched at a rakish angle on her head — became an internet sensation. Young women had the image tattooed on their arms; daughters were dressed in R.B.G. costumes for Halloween. "You Can't Spell Truth Without Ruth" appeared on bumper stickers and T-shirts. A biography, "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" by Irin Carmon and Ms. Knizhnik, reached the best-seller list the day after its publication in 2015, and the next year Simon & Schuster brought out a Ginsburg biography for children with the title "I Dissent." A documentary film of her life was a surprise box office hit in the summer of 2018, and a Hollywood biopic centered on her first sex discrimination court case opened on Christmas Day that year.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is best known for her determination, her intellect, her resilience despite personal loss and serious health problems. She was a forceful presence at the court for over twenty-seven years and a woman that will be remembered in the history books and in our hearts.

## Recognizing October Dates for Some Inspiring Women



**October 3, 1904** – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African American students in Daytona Beach, Florida

**October 4, 1976** – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)

**October 4, 1993** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice when it opened for its October 1993 term

**October 8, 1993** – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature

**October 10, 1983** – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements

**October 11, 1984** – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to “walk” in space during Challenger flight

**October 16, 1916** – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.’s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York

**October 23, 1910** – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight

**October 24, 1956** – Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church

**October 28, 1958** – Mary Roebling is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)



<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

2020 has been a powerful reminder that we are all in this together, and our choices and actions have the power to protect the most vulnerable among us in a big way. The same holds true when it comes to breast cancer.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation provides help and inspires hope to those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services. Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month by donating or volunteer your time and energy to support a woman in need.

**NEVER FORGET, VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT!**

### Important Election Dates:

**Monday**

**October 19, 2020**

Last day to register to vote for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election

**Tuesday**

**October 27, 2020**

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot or absentee ballot

**Tuesday**

**November 3, 2020**

**Election Day**

Also, the last day for Allegheny County Board of Elections to RECEIVE mail in ballots and absentee ballots

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8:00PM** in person

*If you are in line by 8:00pm, you must be allowed to vote.*

*The vote by mail and absentee ballots should be mailed by the county to voters starting on September 15, 2020. This might be changed depending on all the election lawsuits filed in our PA Courts.*

When returning your vote by mail or absentee ballot be sure to:

1. Put the ballot in the smaller envelope
2. Seal that envelope
3. Put that envelope into the bigger envelope
4. Sign the outer envelope
5. Mail the ballot or take it “IN PERSON” to the Election Bureau any day, but it must be in by 8pm November 3, 2020.

**Watch Out!!! This year in PA, there is no VOTE straight DEMOCRATIC or REPUBLICAN on the ballot. You must vote for**

**President Maurita Bryant's theme; "Make Equity a Reality, not a Dream"**



Members are asked to come up with ideas, activities and/or projects for 2020-2021 to support the theme. There are countless areas where Equity is not a Reality: equal pay for women, healthcare, education, employment opportunities, housing, criminal justice; and the list goes on.....

**Remember National Business Women's Week is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October**

**Contact a GPBPW Committee Chair and Volunteer to Serve**

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**Ladies, please send Corresponding Secretary, Randi Koenig your birthday information (month/day only)**  
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**The GPBPW Dream Team!**

Virginia Beck ~ **Maurita Bryant** ~ Honorable Pauline Calabrese ~ **Norma Caquatto**  
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Mary Joanne Shaw ~ Emily Skopov ~ Erica Upshaw-Givner ~ Lisa Valanti  
**Audra Walker** ~ Honorable Chelsa Wagner ~ Stephanie Walsh ~ Tauffai Wilkes  
**Christine Williams**  
Honorary Members: Georgia Bauman and Linda Getts  
*(Executive Board Members are Highlighted)*

**"Coming Soon! GPBPW Website and new Facebook Page"**



GPBPW Members Support Twilight Wish



GPBPW, let us keep our member, Diane Powell, and her sister in prayer as they battle through a serious health issue. May your sister have a speedy recovery.

Ladies, remember how much we spent at Bravo's during our dinner meetings? Well, since the pandemic, we have saved a lot of money meeting on ZOOM. The Club unanimously voted for members to donate at least \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund from our savings during COVID. Please send your donation to Treasurer, Christine Williams at 3382 Webster Ave., Pgh., PA 15219



GPBPW was pleased to welcome District 3 Director, Laurie Hoagh and Assistant Director, Angela Angel to our October ZOOM Meeting. They provided valuable information and insight.

"Ladies, it is Time to Recruit New GPBPW Members"

Ten Reasons to Join GPBPW:

- Educational Benefits - Mentoring - Political Advocacy - Opportunity - Women Helping Women
Equality for Women - Reform - Impact - Networking - Guidance

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