Dear BPW Sisters,

It is with great excitement that I welcome each of you to the 2020 – 2021 BPW Year. I am truly honored and extremely humbled to serve as your President in these most different times. In this organization, we have so many people for which we are grateful. We also start this year with a touch of sadness, losing our beloved member, Terry Quatrani. We need to keep her memory alive by continuing our mission, “To achieve equality for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.”

As this is going to be one of the most interesting years in our BPW history, I hope that it can still find glimmers of hope and love. We had our first in person meeting in months. We wore masks, were outside most of the time and still enjoyed seeing everyone. We plan to try the outside / distanced route for the next few months as we meet under a pole barn roof (thank you,
Danielle). Zoom is a wonderful tool, but meetings are so much nicer in person.

We are also trying to plan some fundraisers that are different from our norm. We will still have our Poinsettias (thank you, Marilynn), but we are looking to do a car wash as well! Rebecca Boyd is putting together a committee to discuss fundraising ideas. I look forward to hearing the ideas they have.

We still are all struggling with the realities of local businesses fighting to stay in business; parents dealing with energetic children that don’t have their normal outlets to play and learn with friends; dealing with those who are ill; wondering if we are doing everything to keep ourselves and loved ones safe. You would think that knowing we all have struggles would have brought out the best in us to support one another. Unfortunately, I’ve seen way too much of the opposite. Too many are using their differing opinions to bully, not to discuss. I’ve seen women turning against each other instead of lifting each other up. I can hope that in the coming months, we seize the chance to help one another and not divide.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and affording me this incredible opportunity to serve as your 2020 – 2021 President.

Love through BPW,
Alice Hager

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YOUR NEW BOARD SAYS, "WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!"
UPPER PERK
SPIRIT WEAR

Checkout the new (super cute!) items currently available in Upper Perk's Spirit Wear Shop

WOMAN OF THE YEAR & EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR
MOVED TO SPRING 2021!

Woman of the Year
This award is given annually to a woman who has contributed to the community.
Employer of the Year
This award is given to a business firm or employer who has contributed the most, in the opinion of the judges, to the employment, advancement and recognition of women.
Click here for Nomination Criteria

Direct submissions or questions to: Liberty Dusza
email: libertydusza@gmail.com (please use subject line: EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR & WOMEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS)
phone: 267.246.2409
mail: 1011 Penny Rd., Green Lane, PA 18054

DISTRICT XI FALL MEETING

Saturday, October 31, 2020
LOCATION: Caitlyn and Cody's Diner & Restaurant
1907 John Fries Highway, Quakertown, PA 18951
REGISTRATION: 8:00 - 8:30am
COST: $23.00

Please Note: Upper Perk Pays $10 towards your meeting registration. After you RSVP you will be invoiced for $13.

REGISTRATION RSVP DEADLINE
October 16, 2020
Please RSVP to:
Alice Hager
ahagerbpw@comcast.net

NOVEMBER LOCAL BOARD MEETING

Date: November 23
Time: 7:00pm
Location:
SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Danielle Kates is hosting September's Dinner Meeting. Danielle, THANK YOU! Please plan to car pool, wear your mask, and BYOC (bring your own chair).

DANIELLE'S ADDRESS:
129 GROUSE HILL RD, BARTO, PA 19504

SEPTEMBER'S DINNER MENU
Select one:
- 6" Italian Hoagie
- 5" Chicken Salad Wrap
- Chicken Salad on lettuce with Tomato & Cucumber (GF).

All meals include:
- Potato Salad
- Chips
- 16 oz Beverage
- Chocolate Chip Cookie (with Hoagie or Wrap) OR Cup of Fruit (GF)
National Business Women’s Week
October 18-24

National Business Women's Week Town & Country Feature
Upper Perkiomen Business and Professional Women will be doing a feature in the Town and Country for National Business Women's Week. We invite all members to participate in the ad.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

Message from BPW/PA President Marisa Harmon

Welcome to the 2020-2021 BPW/PA year! It’s been an interesting time these last few months, with many things changing and learning how to maintain social distance but still host our meetings. I am hopeful that in the coming year we will once again be able to meet up in person and continue to conduct our business.

With that being said, congratulations and welcome! The information in this manual can be shared with your committee chairs and members, as well as help to guide you in your role as president. Additional information can be found on our website: bpwpa.org.

This year’s official state theme is “Let Your Dreams Take Flight”. I feel that BPW/PA is a great tool to help each of our dreams prosper, by offering networking opportunities, giving us skills we need to succeed, and providing a support system for each other. Our State
Project is Twilight Wish, a program that grants wishes to senior citizens. I can’t wait for each of you to learn more about this special organization and to help raise funds for it.

I wish each of you much success in your BPW year as you continue to help grow the organization, encourage new members to join, foster your existing members, and promote our organization’s goals.

OCTOBER 2020 - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
October 17 Domestic Violence Awareness Day – Wear Purple
October 18-24 National Business Women's Week
October 26 Fall District Meeting

NOVEMBER 2020 - ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH
November 3 Election Day – GET OUT AND VOTE!
November 11 Veteran’s Day – Remember to Thank a Veteran!
November 11 PA Conference for Women, online

DECEMBER 2020 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
December 14 Christmas Party with Quakertown BPW

JANUARY 2021 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 15 Deadline for BPW/PA Candidate Application to State
January 15 Deadline for any proposed changes to BPW/PA Bylaws

FEBRUARY 2021 - FOUNDATION, HEART AWARENESS & NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH
February 17 National Kindness Day – Make Someone Smile Today!

MARCH 2021 - WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH
March 13-14 BPW/PA Mid-Winter Board Meeting, The Penn Stater, State College, PA PA BPW Foundation Meeting EPW/PA Meeting
APRIL 2021 - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH
April 1 Equal Pay Day

MAY 2021 - MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH
May 27 Memorial Day – Salute to all our veterans!

JUNE 2021 - NATIONAL GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH
June 7 National Cancer Survivors Day

BPW/ PA 101st Annual State Convention
June 10 - 13
Pittsburgh Marriott North