



The KEY



Newsletter of Business & Professional Woman of Pennsylvania

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Be the Change

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Annual Convention
June 9-12, 2022**

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Happy Spring! I think Mother Nature is a bit confused lately – one day warm, the next freezing. Hopefully soon she decides that warmer is better! And warmer weather means we are sliding toward summer and the end of our BPW year.

By now, your locals should have sent in contest entries to their districts and those winning entries should be sent onto the state chairs later this month. I look forward to seeing all the contest entries of the wonderful things the locals and districts have done this year. Spring District meetings have begun and with it the Young Careerist and Individual Development (PPDW) speak offs. I'm excited to hear all the excellent speeches that will be given by our candidates at the convention in June.

Speaking of Convention...I hope you made your reservation to attend the 102nd Annual BPW/PA State Convention from June 9-12, 2022 in historic Gettysburg, PA. If you haven't, jump online now and sign up! It is going to be an epic time that you don't want to miss. Not only is it the first in-person convention in two years, but we are planning so many great things for this year. We are working hard to bring you interesting speakers, relevant workshops, and timely information. You really do not want to miss this convention! Please see more information on Convention in this edition of The KEY.

A final reminder on our state project, Girls on the Run. All information for your monetary donations and volunteer time should be sent into the state project chair by April 16th to be counted toward the State Project Awards for locals and districts. The Girls on the Run Spring Season is currently underway, so if you are volunteering your time or plan to send any further donations, please be sure to get your forms in soon.

I hope you all are enjoying Spring and staying healthy. I'm looking forward to Spring District meetings and our Convention in June! Let's finish the year Strong and remember - *Be Bold, Be Positive, Be the Change you Wish to see in the World!*



Tiffany E. Burger, President



102ND ANNUAL BPW/PA CONVENTION

WHEN
June 9-12, 2022

WHERE
Wyndham Gettysburg
95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325
(Special Breakfast each morning, included with your room fee!)

FEATURING • The Mayor of Gettysburg • Awards • PA Commission on Women • Girls on the Run • Young Careerist and Individual Development Speak-Offs • Friday Night FUNdraiser • Reality TV Show Celebrity Speaker • Vendors • Workshops • Sunshine Sisters Revealed • Be the Change Banquet • SO MUCH MORE!

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**ALL MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

REGISTRATION
\$75 Full time until May 9
\$100 Full time On-site
One day registration is available. (see website for full details.)

**Friday Night
FUNdraiser**

All-American
SUPERHERO Bingo
featuring Wine &
Chocolate Prizes and
Chinese Auction

Dress up as your Favorite
Superhero OR in **Red**,
White and **Blue** attire!
(Prizes will be awarded!)

**IN-HOUSE
EXCURSION**

Meet with President &
Mrs. Grant for Afternoon
Tea on Friday, June 10th.
(More details coming
soon online and in the
BUZZ.)

CELEBRATE

Saturday Night Banquet ~
Celebrate another great
BPWA year at the "**Be the
Change**" Banquet.

**ALL AMERICAN SUPERHERO BINGO FRIDAY NIGHT
FOUNDATION “FUNDRAISER “ EVENT**

Plans for the Friday fun night and fundraising event at the BPW/PA Convention are well underway. It is going to be an “All American-Superhero Wine and Chocolate Bingo Event.” Food will be available. Wine and Chocolate Bingo prizes will be awarded to Bingo winners. Baskets will be raffled.

The most creative attire will be recognized so dress up as your favorite SUPERHERO or be creative in RED, WHITE, and BLUE attire. Members can register for this event on the 2022 Annual State Convention Registration form. The cost for the event includes \$5.00 to be donated to the fundraiser. Attendees will receive one set of bingo cards. Additional bingo card sets can be purchased that night.

Each District is asked to donate a basket to be raffled. Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the basket raffle or wine and chocolate to be used as Bingo prizes can let Jean Towle, PA BPW Foundation Treasurer know what you will be donating. Her email address is jat@pottsvillelibrary.org.

PA BPW FOUNDATION NEWS- The PA BPW Foundation awards up to six scholarships per year - three for the Fall semester and three for the Spring semester. To be eligible to apply applicants can either be a member of BPW/PA or a resident of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to application.

Applications and instructions are available on the BPW/PA website www.bpwpa.org. The deadline for application for awards for the 2022 Fall Semester is May 1, 2022.

Edith Oler Flanigan (EOF) grants are also available to BPW/PA members who are experiencing emergencies such as catastrophic illness or accidents, disasters, or any other unusual financial loss. Applications and instructions are available on the BPW/PA website in the Members section.

Those serving on the PA BPW Foundation Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 year include: Cathy Collins, Chair; Nancy Werner, Vice-Chair; Laura Whetstone, Recording Secretary; Jean Towle, Treasurer; Joyce Turner, Finance Chair; Paula Maloney, Marion Waelchli, and Ginny Bailey, and from BPW/PA Melissa Wieand, Michelle Holler, and Roxanne Pease.

Anyone wishing to donate funds can do so using the PA BPW Foundation donation form located on the BPW/PA website. Donations are greatly appreciated and enable us to continue to provide scholarships and EOF grants. April 30, 2022, is the deadline for local organization donations to be included in the Convention Manual and for award recognition. A big thank you to those members who continue to support the PA BPW Foundation.

Submitted by: *Cathy Collins, Chair*, PA BPW Foundation Board of Directors



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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 102nd State Convention, June 9-12, 2022

Just a reminder that Resolutions may be submitted by the Board of Directors, Districts, Local Organizations, or any two members. Resolutions must be sent to the Chair no later than two weeks prior to the Convention.

The 2022 Resolutions Committee is comprised of the following members:

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Thank you to these members for agreeing to serve the Federation in this capacity.



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April 2022 Key Report – Legislation

When it comes to paid leave, the United States stands out – and not in a good way.



Unlike the majority of developed countries worldwide, the United States does not guarantee paid annual leave, paid time off for illness or family care, or paid parental leave. Without these policies, balancing the responsibilities of work and family can be difficult for employees, negatively impacting productivity, making recovery from major illnesses or injuries difficult, and in some cases inhibiting the healthy development of children. In addition, for the millions of Americans without paid sick days, a decision to stay home to care for a sick child or family member could jeopardize their job or family income. For many Americans, this unpaid time off work is untenable and it threatens their economic security.

The 117th Congress must take steps to provide greater support to American workers trying to meet the demands of work and life. Passage of the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act (**H.R. 804/S. 248**), would create a national self-funding paid family and medical leave insurance program.

Women disproportionately bear the economic opportunity cost of providing care for children or elderly family members, or doing things like taking them to the doctor. Yet many women delay seeking health care for themselves because they cannot take time off work, affecting their abilities as employees and primary caregivers. Paid leave not only improves health outcomes for parents and children, it means women don't have to choose between their own health needs, the health needs of their family or their job. (AAUW)

In my last *Key* report, I highlighted the six states in the Northeast that have paid family leave. Passage of the bipartisan Family Care Act (**PA S. 580**) would establish a statewide family and medical leave insurance program, ensuring Pennsylvania stays competitive with surrounding states. No one should have to choose between caring for a newborn or sick loved one and keeping their job.

It's time for Pennsylvania and the United States to guarantee paid family leave and the PA Senate leadership to bring this bill up for a vote ASAP.

Thank you to President Tiffanie for allowing me to serve on your Board and thank you to my committee members, Past State Presidents Cathy Caccia and Emily Holgash.

Ginny Bailey
BPW/PA Legislation Chair



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ISSUES MANAGEMENT

What a fantastic year for 2021-2022! “Be The Change that you would like to see in the World,” was an empowering statement. We made our meetings whether on Zoom or in person. We held our programs, projects and events for the year. The Issues Management Contest is all about participation. Now I don’t know when our dedicated KEY editor, Dianna, will be able to get our Spring KEY edition to us but here is a reminder about the District Contest deadline- April 15. Go to the bpwpa.org and visit the members only section. There is the Issues Management. Look for the categories for the Issues Management and think back to your programs, projects, and events.

Please download and see whether you have any programs that might fit into any category. Remember the time period runs from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022. The Category 6-Favorite LO program, project or event is an opportunity for everyone to share something. Write about your entry. Add any photos. Make it interesting to anyone who did not attend.

Complete the Contest Entry Form. Please follow directions and make sure to select the correct category for your program, project, and event. Place in a binder to really make it stand out. Presentation is everything. Make sure you get your entry to your District Issues Management Chair by the deadline. These chairs will select one from each category and send unto me as your State Chair by May 1.

I wish I could view ALL of them but that is not how we have it structured. But I will wait for the mail woman to arrive, and my work begins. Recognition for the outstanding LO/District in the seven categories is given at the State Convention in the form of a certificate.

Thank you to the District Issues Management Chairs and the Local Organization Issues Management Chairs for all your hard work in making this another successful BPW year. You are all the BEST! Thank you.

Just a reminder-our months of April, May and June 2022, will begin the next year for the Issues Management Contest. Never too early to be thinking of the coming year!

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Pennsylvania Affiliate Chapter of NFBPWC

An Affiliate Member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc,
Since 1919
and an Affiliate Member of International Federation of Business and Professional Women

PA AFFILIATE CHAPTER OF THE NFBPWC HAS NEWS

Our group is not only affiliated with the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., we also belong to the International BPW. The NFBPWC was founded in 1919 under the leadership of Lena Madessin Phillips. She was not the first president, but she was the executive secretary. In 1926, Lena finally consented to be our fourth National Federation BPW President. It was right after her term of office that she took many BPW sisters and traveled to Europe. Lena wanted to expand the organization. In 1930, she had enlisted many of our European countries and International BPW was formed. Today there are 105 nations that belong to International which are divided into 5 areas all around the world. The reason I share this background is to explain what we have learned during the past month.

We have all been watching the conflict in the Ukraine and Russia. I don't wish to be political but we heard from our International President Catherine Bosshart of Switzerland. Early last month, she had active in communications with our BPW sisters in both countries. But she has lost all information from our Russian BPW members. As for our Ukrainian sisters, we have those who are fleeing to other neighboring countries. President Bosshart and the many European BPW sisters are coming to their aide.

We have heard President Biden pledge to accept 100,000 Ukrainians. Already NFBPWC is thinking ahead on how we can help these women. If you remember in the last issue, I shared how we are the only organization to be approved by the U.S. State Department to work with the Afghan women. It is our hopes that our model textbook will be revised to work with our Ukraine women.

Our work with the Afghan women in Colorado and New York continues. Many Afghan women have professional and business backgrounds. All are eager to learn the computer and laptops. They are learning about our social ways in America and are learning English. Our BPW sisters are really doing a great job learning the Afghan languages. But the Afghan women are optimistic that they will soon be relocated to communities that they can be an active participant.

I just wished to share that the National Federation and the International Federation are actively trying to "make a difference" for all women and their families.

Please take a moment to visit and read our monthly E News Magazine. www.nfbpwc.org and read the current information that we share. Also, take some time to view. www.InternationalBPW.org Both web sites will provide more information and the many zooms that we are hosting to keep our members engaged.

Email nancy.werner73@gmail.com if you would wish to know more about NFBPWC. Thank you for reading this article.

Nancy J. Werner, President of the PA Affiliate Chapter of NFBPWC



ARE YOU GOING TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE?

The contest period is over as of March 31, 2022. Where are you going to finish? Have you been successful in retaining and recruiting members? We will all find out at convention! Don't forget to register for convention NOW!

Reminder that MAY DAYS ARE PAY DAYS! Start now and send out renewal reminders. Follow up on those that do not renew before the end of May. If someone does not renew, contact them and find out why, what aren't they getting from BPW that they expected? Are we greeting and welcoming the members to each meeting? Are they included in the planning of an event? Remember everyone wants to be asked! So ask, don't assume they are not interested in helping.

Remember, we don't want all our efforts of recruiting and retaining members be undone because we are not following up. Start now and encourage renewals before the end of May.

Theresa S. Rusbosin Membership Chair 2021-2022



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TO: BPW/PA Board of Directors
BPW/PA Past State Presidents
BPW/PA Members

RE: 102nd Annual Convention – June 2022

Dear Members:

I have been working hard with District IV to plan an engaging Convention for June. Thank you to everyone who took the survey a few months ago about the convention. This helped to give us ideas on speakers and workshops that you wanted to hear. It also helped to give us an idea of how many of you may be attending.

At this time, I am still seeking members from across the state, who plan to attend, and are willing to serve the Federation in the capacity of **Doorkeepers, Pages, and Timekeepers** for the convention. I have received a few notices of help, but we could definitely use more. If you are interested in helping in one of these positions at the convention, please let me know as soon as possible. I would appreciate if you could let me know at any time prior to May 15th.

As always, thank you for your time and dedication to our organization. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in June. We are working very hard to make it memorable for everyone – you don't want to miss it!

Sincerely,

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PA Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc
2022 ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Be The Change You Wish to See in the World

June 9 - June 12, 2022

Wyndham Gettysburg

95 Presidential Circle
 Gettysburg, PA 17325

Name _____ Date Joined _____ Mm/Yyyy

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

L.O. _____ District _____

_____	State Officer	_____	YC Contestant	_____	25 Yr. Member
_____	State Chair/Committee	_____	ID Contestant	_____	50 Yr. Member
_____	Past State President	_____	LO President	_____	50+ Yr. Member
_____	District Director	_____	Member	_____	Guest

Note: only those in attendance at the convention will receive a certificate for 25, 50 and 50+ years

Registration may be completed online at www.bpwpa.wildapricot.org

Advance Registration (post marked on or before March 12, 2022)

Full Time: \$65 One Day: \$50 (circle one Friday Saturday) \$ _____

Regular Registration (post marked after March 13, 2022 and before May 9, 2022)

Full Time: \$75 One Day: \$60 (circle one Friday Saturday) \$ _____

On Site Registration (Friday Night Event and Saturday Banquet not guaranteed)

Full Time: \$100 One Day: \$80 (circle one Friday Saturday) \$ _____

Friday Night Event (Includes Food & Fun): \$47

Benefits PA BPW Foundation & BPW/PA Special Program

\$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet (Circle entrée choice): \$53

\$ _____

Meal includes: Mixed Green Salad, rolls and butter, hot coffee/tea and iced tea

Roasted Airline Breast of Chicken - Saffron Risotto, Broccolini, Pine Nuts, and Pan Juices

Grilled Flat Iron Steak - Chimichurri Sauce, Potatoes with applewood-smoked bacon, Asparagus, & Baby Carrots

PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING VEGETARIAN/VEGAN PREFERENCES HERE:

Total enclosed

\$ _____

Registration is not complete until payment is received: the method of payment can be done either using a credit card via our website (bpwpa.org) or by making your check payable to BPW/PA and mailing it along with this registration form to: **Mary Jane Rowles, Convention Registration Chair, 111 Latimer St, Clearfield, PA 16830** by the above-mentioned due dates. **No email reservations will be accepted.** All tickets will be distributed at the time of registration check-in at convention.

Refund Policy for Convention Pre-Registration/payment: There will be a **\$10 service fee** for processing refunds. A written refund request should state the pre-registrant's name, address, L.O. and District and to whom the check should be made payable. No request will be honored if such request is postmarked after **May 9, 2022 (30 days prior to the opening session)**. In the event of a death or hospitalization of the member or in the member's immediate family after the 30day limit, the registration fee will be refunded after verification and approval by the BPW/PA President and/or the State Finance Chair.

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Be the Change You Wish to See in the World

June 9 - June 12, 2022

Wyndham Gettysburg

95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Each attendee makes their own hotel reservations. Room rate is \$139 for single occupancy, \$156 for double occupancy, plus applicable state and local taxes per night. Breakfast is included with hotel room reservation. A block of rooms has been reserved for BPW/PA. Please reference the "BPW/PA" group when making your hotel reservations to receive the group rate. Please call the hotel directly at **717-339-0020** to make your room reservations and hit '0' to reach the front desk, do not select the "Reservations" option. **(Please note that refrigerators are not present in all rooms, if you need one, please request it when making your reservations.)**

The above room rates are guaranteed until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to check-in without penalty.





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BPW/PA STATE PROJECT – GIRLS ON THE RUN CONTRIBUTION FORM

- ♦ A monetary donation has been made in the amount of \$ _____ to Girls on the Run Council
_____.
- ♦ # _____ hours of volunteer service have been completed with Girls on the Run Council
_____.

Please also provide a brief description of your volunteer activities below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BPW LOCAL: _____ DISTRICT: _____

GIFT IS FROM (CHECK ONE): INDIVIDUAL _____ LOCAL _____ DISTRICT _____

**NOTE: If you have sent in contributions for more than one BPW level (i.e. yourself and your Local)
PLEASE USE SEPARATE CONTRIBUTION FORMS.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND FORMS IS APRIL 16, 2022



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Young Careerist- Spring Key Report

At this point I'm hopeful that many of you have approached the "Younger" members of your clubs to encourage them to participate in this year's Competition. If you haven't found a candidate within your local or District yet; it's not too late!

As in previous years, the Young Careerist application packet will need to be submitted to me, the BPW/PA Chair, by the postmarked or electronically submitted date of May 1, 2022. Please visit our website for the listing of packet requirements. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

2021-2022 Young Careerist Speech Topics:

- What does the BPW/PA state theme, "**Be the Change You Wish to See in the World**" mean to you and how do you implement the theme in your life?
- When you think of the BPW/PA theme, "**Be the Change You Wish to See in the World**," how would you work to have it impact women's lives?
- How is the BPW/PA state theme "**Be the Change You Wish to See in the World**" relevant to women, specifically?
- What actions or ideas should BPW/PA implement to guarantee our organizations success at "**Being the Change You Wish to See in the World**?"



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District 3

Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!" -

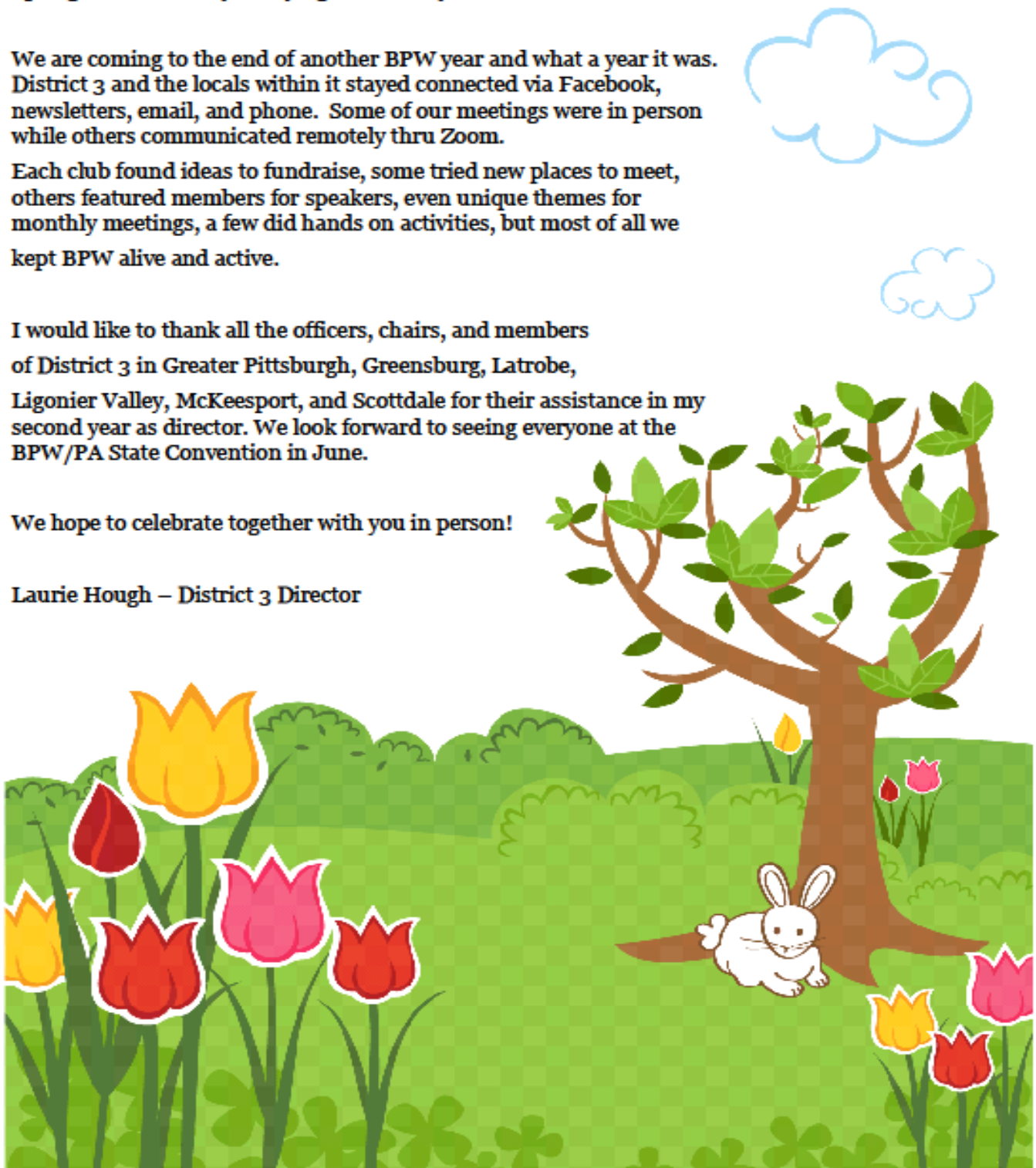
We are coming to the end of another BPW year and what a year it was. District 3 and the locals within it stayed connected via Facebook, newsletters, email, and phone. Some of our meetings were in person while others communicated remotely thru Zoom.

Each club found ideas to fundraise, some tried new places to meet, others featured members for speakers, even unique themes for monthly meetings, a few did hands on activities, but most of all we kept BPW alive and active.

I would like to thank all the officers, chairs, and members of District 3 in Greater Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Latrobe, Ligonier Valley, McKeesport, and Scottdale for their assistance in my second year as director. We look forward to seeing everyone at the BPW/PA State Convention in June.

We hope to celebrate together with you in person!

Laurie Hough – District 3 Director



District 3

BPW of Ligonier Valley
The Key Report 2022

The BPW of Ligonier Valley currently has 84 Members.

Don't forget about the beautiful soft pink Michael Kors purse that we are STILL raffling right now! Buy tickets online only, on the Facebook page: BPW of Ligonier Valley, or you can copy and paste this address into your internet search bar: https://swipcsimple.com/links/lnk_362cd088

December we did not have a board meeting or regular meeting, BUT we had our annual Christmas party on Dec. 14th. It was a 1920's theme and members did not disappoint! We shared many laughs and giggles during our gift exchange while playing a game and learning some interesting things about every member. We also met at the American Legion and made 34 soldier care packages. They received them right before Christmas!

January was our re-gifting raffle. All of the proceeds went towards postage for the soldier care packages. Theme was Pajama / spa party.

February will be a red Mardi Gras Masquerade. Our speaker will be Luke DeGroote from Powdermill Nature Reserve.

March will be a Hollywood Celebrity theme, or you can simply wear purple for Foundation month. Our guest speaker will be Jane Altman from River Artworks Project.

Tara Hassler
Ligonier Valley President



District 3

All proceeds benefit Girls On The Run



A festive poster for a Mardi Gras Bingo event. The word "MARDI" is in large, colorful, block letters with a yellow and green checkered pattern. Below it, "GRAS" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a green outline. Underneath "GRAS" are five bingo balls with the letters B, I, N, G, O in black on colored backgrounds (red, blue, yellow, green, purple). To the right of the bingo balls is a large, light blue "\$25". To the left of the bingo balls is a blue and white logo for District 3. Below the bingo balls, the text "Jackpot" is written in black. Below "Jackpot" is "Saturday" in blue, followed by "February 12, 2022" and "11:00 am-2:00 pm" in blue. To the left of this text is the word "Specials" in black. To the right of this text is "20 Bingo Games", "Light Lunch", "Prizes", and "Mask Contest" in blue. At the bottom left, the text "YWCA of Greensburg" is followed by "424 N. Main Street" and "Greensburg, PA 15601". To the right of this text is "To Order Tickets Contact" followed by "Jean Calabrace," "District 3 Finance Chair", "Email: spcrlc@comcast.net", and "Cell phone: 724-787-0897".

MARDI GRAS

B I N G O

\$25

Jackpot

Saturday
February 12, 2022
11:00 am-2:00 pm

Specials

20 Bingo Games
Light Lunch
Prizes
Mask Contest

District 3

YWCA of Greensburg
424 N. Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

To Order Tickets Contact
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District 3 Celebrated Mardi Gras at the YMCA in Greensburg Bingo Style. There was over 60 people in attendance .

All District 3 locals were represented and some special guests from Masontown!

All proceeds benefit Girls on the Run*

*Amount not available at time of submission.

District 4

JUNIATA COUNTY- DISTRICT IV

Our February 15th meeting was amazing! We welcomed Special CELEBRITY guest Lia Mort, Season 3 Winner of the CBS TV show 'Tough As Nails.' Lia shared her reality TV show experience and spoke of what motivates and inspires her. If you haven't checked out Season 3 of the show, DO SO! Lia, the "Jill of All Trades" is truly a remarkable woman! Thank you to all the members and potential "new" members who joined us for a great evening of laughter and fellowship!



In March we welcomed guest speaker Abby Yorks to talk to us about her latest trips with Soles4Souls. What a great mission! Several bags of shoe donations were brought in to help Abby reach her new goal. Check out her page <https://www.facebook.com/Aunt-Abbys-Shoe-Mission-A-Step-in-the-Right-Direction-1773102189634013>

Our group also celebrated Equal Pay Day by wearing RED to our meeting.

On March 26th we held a "Soups for Scholarships" sale. Over 130 quarts were sold! All proceeds benefit our club's scholarship fund that we use to award two deserving high school seniors annually.



District 6

The exciting news from District 6 is that our membership has increased so far this year by 50%, an increase from 26 members in September to 39 members currently! Jersey Shore membership increased by 7 new members from 9 to 16, and Wellsboro membership increased by 6 new members from 17 to 23! Thanks to great leadership, meaningful programs, fun activities, and warm, friendly members, our two small locals in District 6 are growing and thriving!

In an effort to collect money for “Girls on the Run (GOTR),” our current BPW/PA President Tiffanie’s project, we are passing the sneaker at each local meeting in Wellsboro and Jersey Shore and at our District 6 Fall and Spring Meetings. The funds will support \$150 scholarships for girls at our closest GOTR chapter located at Jersey Shore Elementary. So far, we have collected a total of \$437, almost enough for 3 scholarships.

Jersey Shore:

Members of the Jersey Shore BPW are overjoyed those 7 new members have joined our group since the fall. As we all know, the more hands and heads to help, the easier the tasks. Our new members are full of great ideas and energy.

At the same time, we are also mourning the loss of our long-time dear member Beth Moore. Despite Beth’s health problems and being unable to participate in recent years, she continued to be a member. Beth’s joy was her family - she just adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We will keep her smile with us and honor her at an upcoming meeting. We are grateful to have known her and for all of her work over the years for BPW.

Our recent speakers were:

Jodi Woleslagle from the Jersey Shore School District Girls on the Run Program;

New member Linda Roller, local business owner of the Liberty Book Shop, spoke to us about the rare books that she carries in her shop in Avis, PA. She even has a bed and breakfast, where you can sleep over among the books! What an adventure for book lovers looking for something different to do.

New member Kate Wasson, a local woman who has her hand in a number of small businesses, including a clothing boutique and used car sales and was a candidate for public office, spoke to us about her experiences. It was particularly enjoyable to learn how she has handled being a woman in the male-dominated automobile sales world.

Cheryl Sinclair of the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Central PA told us about her personal experience with the Girl Scouts improving her confidence and enabling her to have travel opportunities as a child as well as her experience with leading a local chapter in Williamsport, PA.

As we all know, fundraising is key to all organizations, and we have created a fundraising committee with new members Brandie Brion and Kate Wasson co-chairing. They will help to organize and lead the great ideas that our members have been brainstorming. We look forward to having more financial flexibility and deciding on spending priorities in the years to come.

As a service project, we collected personal care items for the Middle School “Care Closet” throughout the fall and delivered several boxes full. Items were donated both by BPW members and by community members who saw it on our Facebook page.

District 6

We are looking forward to a fun and empowering remainder of the year, including a special March meeting for Women's History Month.



Lisa Meade, President of Jersey Shore Local (left), and Priscilla Walrath, President of Wellsboro Local, show that District 6 has more than topped the membership scale with a whopping 50% increase since September 1st.



To date, District 6 is poised to donate \$437 through their “Great Sneaker Pass” collections to benefit the Jersey Shore Chapter of “Girls on the Run.”

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District 10 - Chesmont BPW

For Chesmont BPW's October meeting, in honor of National Business Women's Week, we invited a local woman to be our speaker. Gina Stover, Business owner and lead floral designer of GMK Floral Designs, www.gmkfloraldesigns.com, spoke on how she started her business and agreed to provide a small tutorial for all our attendees.

We combined this event with a fundraiser for the state project, Girls On The Run. The "Dough Raiser" meeting was held at Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Oaks, PA. We invited all our fellow District 10 sisters to join us as well as all BPW/PA members and friends.

Gina led us through the art of flower arranging. She provided each attendee with a small basket and a variety of flowers, as well as the tools we needed to get the job done. Here are just a couple of the arrangements we made.



Linda Landis and Carole Turk

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Past State President, Nancy Werner and Past District Director, Keny Holman

Gina created a beautiful arrangement which we raffled off in support of GOTR.



We had a wonderful time, enjoyed dinner, supported a local businesswoman and were able to make a nice donation to GOTR. It was a most successful evening!

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Key Report – Chesmont Local Organization

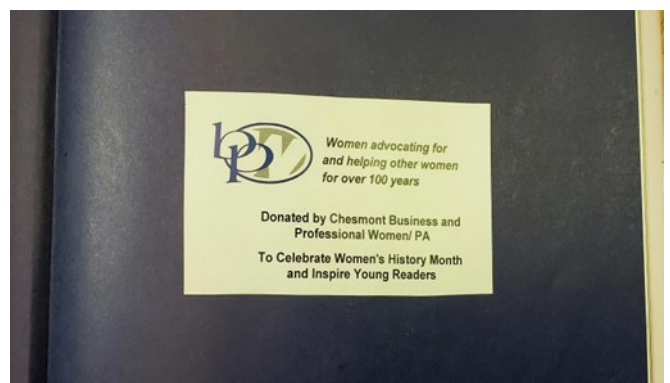
The Chesmont Local Organization donated funds to the Phoenixville Public Library to purchase books to support Women's History Month and inspire young readers.



Rebecca Krause, Director of Children's & Young Adult Services Phoenixville Public Library and
Carole Turk, Co-President Chesmont BPW



Books purchased with donation



A Bookplate insert acknowledged the donation

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The Chesmont Local Organization was approached by the NOW from the Spring-Ford High School asking for donations of feminine hygiene products to be placed in the eighth and ninth grade buildings. This group of Sophomore, Junior and Senior girls recognized a need in their school for some students who struggle to purchase these necessities. They had a very successful drive earlier in the year and were able to supply all the bathrooms in the high school, however, they found that students in the eighth and ninth grade buildings also needed this service. Chesmont was pleased to provide the group with an ample supply of products.



Pictured here are Carole Turke, Chesmont Co-President, Kayla Slomeana, President of the Spring-Ford High School NOW group, and Donna Weinstein, Chesmont Corresponding Secretary.

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Delaware County BPW celebrated the holidays with entertainment at an in person dinner meeting where new pajamas, socks, slippers, underwear for children 1 to 15 years and twin bed and crib sheets were collected for PathwaysPA. Delaware County BPW has been a strong supporter of PathwaysPA whose mission is to offer a variety of programs to help families, children and teens rise out of poverty through change and education. PathwaysPA was again overwhelmed with the generosity of our members.

In January, Delaware County BPW member Jennifer Bravo was our speaker at our meeting via Zoom. Jen who is a certified financial planner and investment adviser spoke about money planning for ourselves and with our significant others. We even had a take home quiz which asked the question “Are you a big spender, saver, worrier or avoider”? The program was most informative and enjoyable for our members.

Delaware County Business and Professional Women’s Club met virtually in February where our guest speaker was Rachee Fagg, a dynamic Childrens’ Librarian from the Upper Darby Library System. Rachee took our members on the adventure of reading at a variety of levels and through different genres of literature. Rachee who is also a marathon runner is an enthusiastic professional woman whose presentation was enjoyed by all.

Our Annual Quarter Auction, which was to be held in March, was postponed to a later date which was not known at this writing.

District 10 - Greater Downingtown BPW

Greater Downingtown BPW congratulates our Vice President, Lorraine Tindaro for her dedication to public service in our community. In January, Lorraine was sworn in for another term as a Commissioner for Caln Township. In her work as Commissioner, Lorraine strives to promote transparent, ethical, and responsive leadership and decision making and growth management enhancing the quality of life for all the residents in her community. The core values of BPW and the BPW/PA Legislative Platform have been a guiding force for Lorraine. The contributions made by her BPW/PA sisters helped to assure her success as a candidate. In the fall, Lorraine was a recipient of a BPW/PA PAC grant of \$500 and she is most grateful for the support.

Greater Downingtown had two great speakers at their February and March meetings, Tamera Conan, National Director for Healthy Kids Running, an organization that focuses on engaging the community businesses, families, and children by providing an inclusive youth running experience, inspiring kids to believe in themselves and encouraging them to live a healthy lifestyle and One Run Together founder, Vern Murphy. One Run Together provides financial assistance to local cancer patients while they are undergoing treatment.

Our local continues to support this year’s state project, Girls On The Run. Greater Downingtown BPW held a Comedy Night cohosted by The Comedy Consultant on March 26, 2022, at Timothy’s Restaurant in Exton, PA, which was a night full of laughs and “fun”raising. The proceeds will benefit GOTR. Greater Downingtown members have laced up their sneakers and are ready to volunteer for the next 5K on May 21, 2022 at the Montgomery County Community College.

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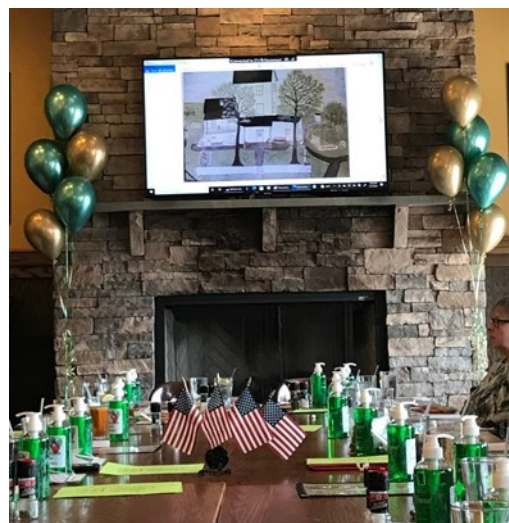
Key Report – Chesmont 75th Anniversary Celebration

The Chesmont Local Organization celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Uno Pizzeria & Grill in Oaks, PA. We were honored to have BPW/PA President Tiffanie Burger and her daughter, future BPW member, Teagan join us.

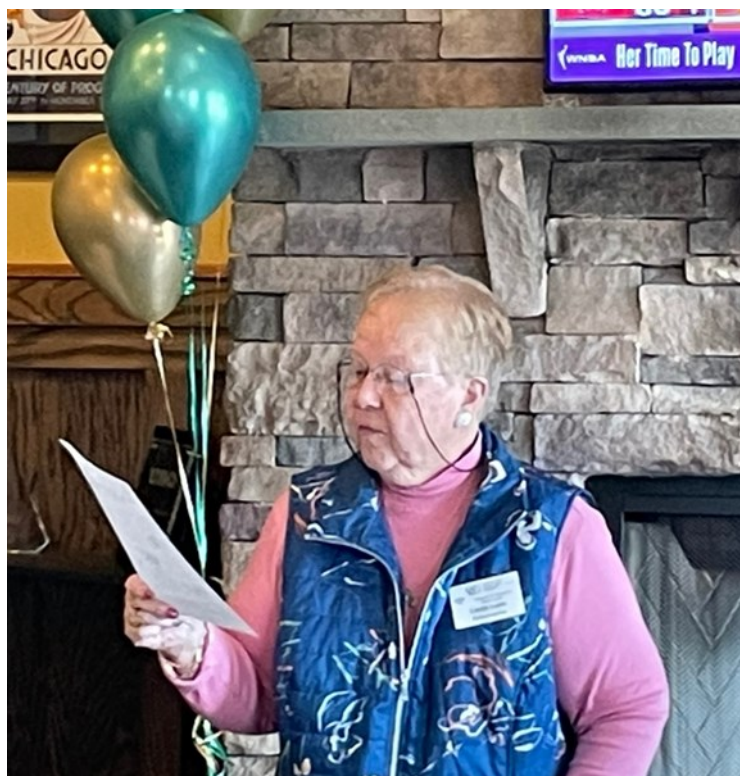


We also were honored to have BPW/PA President Elect Melissa Wieand, Past State President Nancy Werner, District 10 Director Lois Hall and Area 3 Membership Representative Becky Shoulberg join us. Fellow District 10 members from the Delaware County and Greater Downingtown LOs joined in the festivities. We were also joined by several District 11 members from Central Montgomery County and Quakertown.

In addition to customized bright green hand soap, the table favors included beautiful book markers and note pads created by our own Helen Burnley.



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Linda Landis supplied a variety of 1947 trivia which everyone enjoyed.

Robyn Young, known as The Marker Lady, provided an inspired story on her endeavors to place historical markers for famous Pennsylvania women. She authored the book Women in Penn's Woods which chronicles the lives of many Pennsylvania women. Robyn included the story of Graceanna Lewis, who came from a Chester County Quaker abolitionist family. Along with her parents, she helped fugitive slaves on the underground railroad and even hid some at their "Sunnyside" farm. After teaching school for several years, she began studying zoology and botany at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and became a notable 19th century scientist and humanitarian. Graceanna's marker is located in Kimberton.



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Following our speaker, Peter Urscheler, Mayor of Phoenixville, presented a proclamation from Phoenixville Borough declaring March 19, 2022, Chesmont Business and Professional Women’s Day.



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Following the luncheon, everyone enjoyed a slice of our wonderful cake which was displayed with one of Margaret Sholly’s famous Nike statues, along with several scrapbooks and photos.



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The afternoon was topped off with the presentation of a commendation from District 10 Director, Lois Hall to Co-President, Carole Turk.



We had a wonderful celebration with many friends and are looking forward to the next 75 years.



District 11

As we begin to wind down the year, I would like to take a minute to reflect on my last two years as District 11 Director. I was given this opportunity because the members in my district trusted me. They trusted that I would lead our District with confidence and with the values that BPW has instilled in all of us. They were two years that I will remember for the rest of my life. Being the District Director for such an amazing group of women is something I will be forever grateful for. I am in debt to my district for believing in me and I can only hope that I made them proud to have me represent them. THANK YOU, DISTRICT 11!

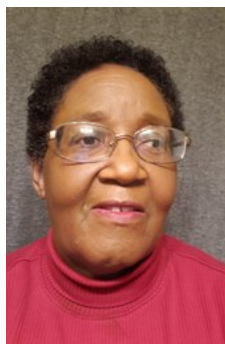
I would like to recognize and thank the D 11 EC, Committee / Special Committee Chairs, and most of all our Local Presidents. I can say for certain that being a Local President is an immense amount of work and we are lucky to have 5 of the most outstanding presidents in the federation.

District 11 would like to send well wishes to President Tiffanie as she prepares for her convention in the coming weeks. We are all behind you with nothing but love and support. You are going to have an awesome convention! We will make sure of it!

Love Through BPW, Jennifer Van Ingen -District 11 Director

CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY (CMC) BPW

What a 2022 for Central Montgomery County BPW! We did not meet in person for January so we used our Zoom to make contact. We were delighted to have Georgia Wilson, a Quakertown BPW member, share her “7 Pearls of Wisdom.” She spoke to the Quakertown BPW last year but her message was worth all the pearls in the world. Remember our individual pearls – purpose, passion, presents, promises, power, peace, and our path. Rewarding content for everyone to hear.



But it happened again in February, we met on Zoom. We were delighted to have Karen Ploch, Curator of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, share a program for Black History month. She presented a power point of our Montgomery County's noted Black individuals. Fascinating personalities were shared with us.

Happy Days!! We finally gathered at Maggiano's in King of Prussia for our March Meeting. What a great attendance! Girls on the Run, BPW/PA State Project, was shared by Tracy Ashdale, Director, Southeastern Suburban Chapter of GOTR. We also had member, Mo Gillen, who is a coach, and guest, Soniya Palwanker, another coach present. We were honored to have young girls who are in the GOTR program and who shared their dedication to the GOTR.

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March -CMC BPW members, GOTR leaders and students and guests filled the room



March Fun - Guest Jaye McMaster, new member Joan Munroe, Becky Shoulberg and Bev Weinberg

2022 CMC BPW WOTY

We have FIVE new members too –Marron Kilbride, Laurie Cusic, Mercedes Petrellis, Sayi Effraim, and Jessica Harrington.

We did not forget our veterans for Valentine's Day. Lots of cards, handmade and bought, and delicious candies for the women veterans at the Mary Walker House were delivered. We even supplied candy for our veteran men, too. The trip was made by our member, Mo Gillen. All items were greatly appreciated by them.

Nancy Werner, Key Reporter for CMC BPW

GREATER CONSHOHOCKEN BPW

At our January Zoom dinner meeting GC BPW held a member induction ceremony and we were honored to have our District Director, Jennifer Van Ingen present. We also had a discussion on BPW Foundation, as well as a presentation on the KEYS program at Montgomery County Community College. In February, we again met via Zoom with Tracy Ashdale, Executive Director, Southeastern Suburban PA Girls on the Run (GOTR), as our guest speaker. She talked about the organization and how we could assist the program and the girls.

It was our honor to have BPW/PA Legislation Chair, Ginny Bailey join us in March at our first in-person meeting of 2022. She provided the members with a lot of great information and statistics, as well as symbolic felt red purses.



GC BPW "Red Purse Society" with BPW/PA Legislation Chair, Ginny Bailey (second from right)

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In April, GC BPW is planning a Women in Politics Panel and for our May meeting, we will be celebrating our military and holding a membership workshop.

President Donna's Fitness Challenge has resulted in donations to various charities throughout this BPW year. GC BPW will also be awarding a grant to the Montgomery County Community College KEYS program and one to the local high school.

GC BPW continues to routinely post inspirational and informational articles on our Facebook page, and the page has maintained a good following. In January, women track and field athletes were highlighted; in February, we thanked the amazing women in our lives; and in March we posted notable women in history and pay equity information.

GC BPW has been working on entries for the BPW contests, including History, Issues Management, Legislation, and Public Relations. GC BPW continues to achieve its goal to stay connected and become a stronger local.

QUAKERTOWN BPW

The Quakertown BPW keeps on working. At our January Meeting, President Judy Guise introduced Alexis Werner as our speaker. You may remember her as the 2021 BPW/PA Individual Development Speak Off Winner and as the 2019 BPW/PA Young Careerist recipient. Alexis is investing her time and talent into "Imagine Collective, Inc." It is a foundation she created to help our youth with preventing mental issues. She shared three basic steps – building a strong support system, build healthy coping skills, and redefine what resilience is. Her work has her busy providing workshops around Pennsylvania. She is a remarkable CMC BPW member.



Alexis Werner and President Judy Guise sharing her project, "Imagine Collective, Inc."

Then came our February program from the Quakertown Community High School as Lucas Schartz, a senior, shared his six years of working with the Technology and Science Association. He shared the projects that he developed solo and with a team over the past six years. His participation in many competitions and making new friends were his favorite. Lucas felt that it was extremely beneficial as he looks ahead to a higher level of learning.



Lucas Schartz, QCHS Senior and TSA member with President Judy Guise

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Lastly, our March meeting was focused on National Women's History Month. Using the topic, "Share a Woman that You Admire." Our list of women started with former First Lady Laura Bush; Florence Nightingale; J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa; Amelia Bloomer, American women's rights, and temperance advocate and our "bloomer under apparel; first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Jeanette Rankin; an American architect, Florence Knoll; and Lena Madein Phillips, founder of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and International BPW.



Pat Mullen, Membership Co Chair inducting new member, Diane Sodano

Our Annual Paddle Raffle is scheduled for April 24 at a new venue, Benner Hall in Richlandtown. Bring those quarters. Lots of great prizes and food. Doors open at 12. Begins at 1pm. Cost \$10. Lastly, we plan to participate in the annual Community Day of our Quakertown Arts Alive on May 16. We are making oodles of themed raffle baskets and plan to share our LO with everyone. Thanks again to Chair Jeanne Carcanague who enjoys coordinating these events for the Quakertown BPW.

Nancy Werner, Quakertown BPW KEY Reporter

SOUDERTON-TELFORD BPW

Souderton-Telford BPW is proud to present the fifth annual "Locally Grown Showcase" on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10am to 3 pm at the Upper Salford Park, Schwenksville. The event features local food and farm markets, artists and craft makers, raffle items, wine and spirits, music and entertainment, food trucks and kids activities. You can check out the many vendors on our Facebook page!



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UPPER PERKIOMEN BPW

March was “Women in History” month. Gerry Fioriglio led our program on March 14th based on the National theme, Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope.



We had guest appearances from Mother Theresa (Jennifer Van Ingen), Ruth Bader Ginsberg (Annie Skoraszewski), and a healthcare worker (Rebecca Boyd).



Next month we will hear from our National Women in History essay contest winners. Students in the Upper Perk school district in grades 9-12 were eligible to participate. The top three winners will be recognized and awarded their winnings at the April 11th dinner meeting.

This year as one of our “fun”draisers, UP BPW is “Egging My Yard”. Ladies of the UP BPW will deliver and hide the eggs in area front yards on Easter eve night. Proceeds benefit our programs and scholarships.

Miscellaneous News



Scrapbook for President Tiffanie

Cindy Sabol, Scrapbook Chair, would like for you to send her any little thing you can find on Tiffanie, for her scrapbook, to the address below:

**Cindy Sabol, Scrapbook Chair
141 Twin Hill Drive
Lehighton, PA 18235**

Email: saboll@ymail.com

Deadline is May 15th. (Please note the email @ymail is correct.)