

BEACON POINTS

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: To achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information



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This Month's Meeting:

IT'S A PLAY DATE at St Vincent Summer Theatre for the Play Lend Me a Tenor.

Famous tenor Tito Merelli has signed on to perform with the Cleveland Opera Company, but through a set of crazy circumstances he passes out after mixing wine and tranquilizers. Believing Tito is dead, the opera manager taps his assistant to replace the star and after one catastrophe after the next they must save the company's big night.

Join us for this comedy of errors on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. The play begins at 7:30.

Nancy Shaler has acquired the tickets for the play based on the sign up at our May Meeting.

Tickets are Senior \$24.25 and non-senior \$27.50. Nancy has personally purchased the tickets; therefore, you will need to pay her for your ticket.

Please confirm with Nancy your tickets at nkshaler789@gmail.com.

We will be resuming our regular scheduled meetings at Hoss's Steak and Seafood Restaurant on Route 119, Greensburg, PA. At 5:30 P.M. beginning September 14, 2022.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Future Events and Meetings:

July 21, 2022- MK Party Fund Raiser

You are cordially invited to a Mary Kay Party/Demonstration.

Nancy Shaler is hosting a Mary Kay (MK) party/demonstration on July 21, 2022, at her home, at 5:30. Snacks and Dessert will be provided.

Cathy Caccia along with the assistance of Dawn Berkebile (mostly Dawn) will facilitate the skin care and make up demonstrations. Cathy will donate all profit from any sales from this event to Greensburg BPW as a fund raiser for this year's BPW/PA State project-Tails of Valor. Tails of Valor is a nonprofit organization that trains support dogs for veterans.

RSVP to Nancy Shaler at nkshaler789@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend but would like to place an order, you may contact Cathy at ccaccia@comcast.net or 724 237 2979 and she will be happy to make that arrangement.

IT'S a BYOP

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 10, 2022, for our annual picnic at the home of Marilyn Tallant at 5:30 pm.

Marilyn will provide her world famous "Blue Berry Stuff" for our dessert.

Everyone is asked to BYOP (bring your own Picnic meal) this year.

RSVP to ccaccia@comcast.net

In the Beacon:

In each month's Beacon we will feature some of our Local, District and State Members who, in keeping with our state theme of Good Things Happen When We Believe.

In our first Beacon Points of the 2022-2023 we will feature our two Presidents: BPW/PA President Melissa Wieand, and Greensburg BPW President Pat McKim.



Missy Wieand, BPW/PA President

Melissa (Missy) holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Stroudsburg University (which she uses every day). Ms. Wieand brings 29+ years of management experience, customer relations, fiscal responsibility and loyalty to any endeavor she chooses to engage in.

As a member of the business community, Missy has served the United States Postal Service in various capacities. Starting her career as a Postal Clerk and retiring as a Postmaster, she has displayed the ability to be detail and goal oriented and is committed to maintaining an outstanding work ethic. Possessing invaluable decision-making skills and the ability to solve problems efficiently and effectively, she quickly rose through the ranks into management...all while maintaining an infectious sense of humor and a spirit of kindness.

As a 19-year member of Quakertown BPW, Missy has held offices at the local and district levels. She has served as LO President (twice),

District Eleven Director, and chaired numerous committees at each level. She is very excited to continue serving BPW as President in the coming year. Looking forward to helping BPW continue to grow, Missy will be happy to share her vitality and creativity across the state.

Oh yeah...just a few fun facts: Missy is a diehard dog lover (she would have a farm full if she could); she really, really enjoys reality TV, she LOVES listening to Baseball on the radio and has never met a piece of chocolate she didn't like!

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Hello Greensburg BPW. Cathy Caccia asked me to write a short write up on why I chose "good things happen when we believe" as the BPW/PA State theme for 2022/2023. I believe, that if you think good thoughts, good things will happen. We, as BPW sisters, must believe in BPW. We must remember the collect daily. We must believe in each other to help our locals to succeed. Keeping positive and believing. The daffodil accompanying my theme is in memory of my mother, Betty. She loved daffodils and this is a reminder to me, my mom is by my side.



Good things happen
When we believe



Pat McKim,
Greensburg BPW President

Dear Greensburg Members:

Just a few lines to let all of you know that I am looking forward to the upcoming year as your incoming Local Chapter President. Thank you for your faith in me. This is not my first rodeo or sword dance. I was the North Pittsburgh Local president in 2009-2010 and served another term earlier than that. How fast time flies and how quickly the mind fails. We are blessed for the coming year to have our own Cathy Caccia as the State Corresponding Secretary. I am sure she will keep all of us updated on what is going on at the state level. Marilyn Tallant will keep me in line with parliamentary procedure (if she does not know it, no one does) and Nancy Shaler has promised to help me with all the “stuff” I have to do.

The mission statement for the BPW/PA Model LO Bylaws states that we will strive to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. If you have not received a copy of the most recent updated Greensburg BPW Bylaws, Marilyn Tallant can provide you with your own copy.

At the 2022 State Convention in Gettysburg, it was stressed that we are not a service organization. Locals do, however, award scholarships, take part in local community activities, and generally support the State President’s project for the year. I hope to continue our involvement in these activities. Involvement enables us to be visible in the wider community.

We are a business and professional organization and as such I recognize that many of you are active in your various careers while also managing and maintaining a home and often family commitments. Those responsibilities should and must come first. I know many of you have limited time and energy to give to BPW. All I ask is that each of us contributes something—whether it is time, suggestions, money, critiques, participation or simply your membership. Give and do what you can. Suggest that friends and relatives join or just attend a meeting or an event with BPW.

We need and welcome suggestions for future programs. They can be serious or fun—just let me or Nancy Shaler or Cathy Caccia know what you would like to suggest or have as a program. Those of us who have retired can and should also contribute by mentoring and aiding those still in the workplace. We need more members—each and every one of us should try to spread good rumors about BPW.

Lastly, please remember that BPW is a way to connect with other women on many levels. The incoming State President, Melissa Wieand, stressed at the State Convention that we need to work hard but we need to have fun. Sharing our laughter and smiles is very important. After a long day in the workplace, it is so pleasant to see faces of other members and friends. Let’s work and have fun together!

Pat McKim

P.S. I lied; this is more than a few lines.

Last Month's Meeting:

May 2022 Scholarships:



Hannah Rose Messer

Hannah has been a student at Greensburg Salem High School. She will be attending the University of Southern California where she plans to major in Philosophy, Politics, and Law.

Her long-term goal is to become a lawyer. During her high school years, she was active in Track and Field, Mock Trial, and Student Council among many other extracurricular activities.



Camille Ann Kuczynski

Camille is a Hempfield Area High School Senior who will be attending Seton Hill University in the Fall.

She will be majoring in biology with a goal of pursuing a career in Dentistry. This young lady has been involved in Band, Martial Arts and has been an Altar Server in her Church for a number of years. She is a well-rounded student who is very focused on her goals.



Elizabeth Huss

Currently Beth is a student at Seton Hill University. She is working toward a degree in Behavioral Health. She is very active in the AA Community.

Beth wants to continue to inspire others to work toward their goals. Beth is the mother of two teenagers. She is a role model for them and an example of how hard work and determination does pay dividends.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Scholarship winners.

JULY is:

Named after the Roman dictator Julius Caesar

July 3 brings the start of the hot and sultry Dog Days of Summer

July 4 is Independence Day (US)

July 4 is the time of aphelion when the earth is farthest it will get from the sun 94,509,598 miles

July 11 is International Town Criers Day

July 13 is Full Moon - *the Buck Moon*

July 17 is World Emoji Day -*choose wisely*

July 22 is Spooner's Day

July 23 is National Day of the Cowboy *YeeHaw*

July 27 is Take your Houseplants for a Walk Day



Celebrate Sensibly

Convention High Lights:



The 102cd BPW/PA Convention was held June 9-12, 2022.

It was the first in person convention since 2019.



Marilyn Tallant (PSP 2017-2018)

and Karen Schmiech (PSP 2001-2002)

Enjoying some down time Thursday evening

Karen provides us with a synopsis of the convention activities:

The theme, "Be the Change you wish to see in the world" resounded at the 102nd Annual BPW/PA Convention in Gettysburg on June 9-12, 2022. After having virtual conventions, the past two years, members were delighted to see their BPW sisters in-person! Our Greensburg local was represented by President Nancy Shaler, incoming President Pat

McKim, Past State President and Legislation Committee member Cathy Caccia, Past State President and Resolutions Chair Marilyn Tallant, and Past State President and Parliamentarian Karen Schmiech.

President Tiffanie Burger called the first business session to order on Friday morning and three members of the Greensburg local proudly participated in the Presentation of the BPW Emblem as Past State Presidents. Twenty-Four members were recognized as first-time convention attendees over the course of two days. Many members were recognized with certificates for their long-time dedication to the organization but there were none with more service present than our own Marilyn Tallant, who was honored with 62 years!

During the course of the two days of business meetings, we heard from guest speakers from the State Project of Girls on the Run, the PA Commission for Women, the Season 3 winner of CBS *Tough as Nails*, and BPW/PA Past President Mary Weeks. Our own Nancy Shaler proudly represented our local in the Individual Development / Personal & Professional Development Speak-Off and did an excellent job! We also heard from Young Careerist candidates and the candidates for 2022-23 State Office. Members approved the Proposed Budget and Legislative Platform. Numerous Proposed Bylaws Amendments were adopted. A beautiful Memorial Service was conducted on Saturday morning for twelve members who passed away during the past year. A policy resolution on Maternal Profiling Legislation was adopted as well as a Courtesy Resolution.

Awards were presented in various categories such as Foundation, Issues Management, Legislation, Membership, Public Relations, and the Girls on the Run State Project. Award recipients received major accolades from the officers at the head table with tambourines, castanets, and even a small drum set!

Friday afternoon members had the additional opportunity (for a small fee) to have Afternoon Tea with President & Mrs. Grant. It was a lovely event, and we came away learning much about

life and times, dress, and customs during the Civil War era.

Friday evening members were asked to dress as their favorite female superhero or in red, white, and blue for a Wine and Chocolate Bingo fundraiser held to benefit the PA BPW Foundation. It was a fun-filled evening with food and refreshments, lots of laughs, prizes, auction baskets.

The Saturday evening banquet included the award presentation to our BPW/PA Woman of the Year, Employer of the Year, Young Career Woman, Individual Development / Personal & Professional Speak Off Winner, and the coveted Eleanor Briner Award. The Installation of the 2022-23 Officers (including our own Cathy Caccia as Corresponding Secretary) and reception concluded the evening.

There is all so much more to share about this event, so please plan to attend our September meeting to learn more.

Marilyn concurs with Karen's assessment of the convention and adds a few personal comments.

It was good to have an in-person meeting and be able to see and talk to all of your friends. We also had some particularly good speakers that presented excellent information and we could converse with them. It also makes the meeting more comfortable to have in Person versus Computer.

President Tiffanie did a good job conducting all of the business and keeping on schedule.

I wish the Hotel could have cooperated and not had the meeting rooms so cold.

I was very pleased to receive a certificate for my 62 years as a member of BPW and a card from the Executive Committee congratulating me for my service and Thanks from all of my BPW Friends.

From my personal observations, the convention meeting rooms were so cold, and I am not a person who gets cold easily, but I wish I had taken a jacket with me. I totally agree that in-person for a convention is the way to go. Next year's convention, the 103rd, will be June 8-11, 2023, at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, Langhorne, PA. See you all there!

Live by the Collect:

We need to truly understand the collect and live by it every day, especially in these chaotic and confusing times. The collect was originally written as prayer by Mary Stewart to start our BPW meetings many, many years ago. It was as relevant then as it is today.

It has been said that many people "read but do not understand." How long has it been since you read and understood our Collect?

It might be wise and helpful to us to analyze some of the words in our Collect.

"Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed."

In other words, life is too short – to be little!

"- - - be done with fault finding."

It is so easy to be a critic, so hard to be a doer.

"- - - put away all pretense."

In this one-world of ours, honesty is as necessary as in the horse and buggy days, but as rare as uranium.

"- - - never be hasty in judgment."

How often have we found that our first impressions were wrong, and it is not easy to say, "I am sorry."

"- - - make us to grow calm, serene, gentle."

These qualities are needed in our professions and our home; let us never forget that we are woman.

"Teach us to put into action our better impulses."

How often we have thought "I must send a card or a note to someone," and have forgotten to do it. Good thoughts are fine, but good deeds are more rewarding.

“- - - in the big things of life, we are at one.”

We are all seeking success in our business of profession, happiness in our hearts and fulfillment of our dreams.

“And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all and, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.”

This statement said in many ways, can be found in all religions, creeds, and philosophies.

THE WORDS OF OUR COLLECT ARE A WONDERFUL WAY OF LIFE, SO LET US LIVE THEM AND SHARE THEM!

Thank you to Marilyn Tallant for permitting the reprint of this article.

Up Coming Events:

Wednesday, September 14, Greensburg BPW Meeting at Hoss's Steak and Seafood at 5:30.

Plans are being worked on for-a Social Outing for Greensburg BPW to the Greensburg Volunteer Department Museum and Dinner. This would be held on the 4th Saturday of the month with possibly a culinary experience at Edo Hibachi Steak House behind Westmoreland Mall. The Chefs are quite entertaining as they cook as you sit around the hibachi grill. Who knows, maybe we will end the day over at Live Casino.

Other plans that are being worked on for Greensburg this year are programs centered around our State Theme “Good Things Happen When You Believe”, National Business Women's Week and Tails of Valor.



Pat McKim July 7 and Anita Gunkle July 26

Dates to Remember

August 5-6, 2022 - BPW/PA Summer Board
August 26, 2022 - Women's Equality Day
October 1, 2022 – Deadline for December Key
October 6, 2022 – PA Conference for Women
October 16, 2022 – BPW Ecumenical Event
October 17-21, 2022 – NBWW
Nov 1, 2022, PA BPW Scholarship Deadline
Nov 1, 2022 – last day to apply for mail in ballots
Nov 8, 2022 – General Election Day
Nov 15, 2022 – LO Budget Deadline to District
Jan 15, 2023 – BPWPA Candidate Deadline
District Budgets to State Chair
Proposed Bylaws to State Chair
Feb 1, 2023- Deadline for April Key
April 2, 2023- Equal Pay Day
April 15, 2023 – Contest Entries to District Chairs
April 16, 2023 – District Histories to State Chair
May 1, 2023- District contests to State chairs
June 8-11, 2023- 103rd Convention Langhorne PA

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

Greensburg BPW extends Congratulations to our 2015 Scholarship Winner Alissa Minko, a graduate from Norwin High School. It was Alissa's dream to graduate from Art School. Not only did she graduate but she played a major role in the production of the new Buzz Lightyear movie. She was the Set Shading and Technical Director responsible for color and material.

Way to Go, Alissa, we are proud to say you were one of Scholarship winners.