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*A message from our President*

I am sure you have been asked – If you could spend time with anyone, whether that person is alive or has passed, who would it be? How about a woman from history who helped pave the way for others to achieve equality or make the world a better place? Sunday March 8th is International Women’s Day. As we celebrate women everywhere, it is fitting to pause to remember those who helped us get to where we are today and celebrate them.

One hundred years ago the women suffragettes were fighting for women’s right to vote. Suffragette Lucy Stone said ”I think, with never-ending gratitude, that the young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned.” Bedford County Justice Belles are celebrating our right to vote and honoring those who fought for it. (See inside for Justice Belles news)

Lucy Stone also said “the great majority of women are more intelligent, better educated, and far more moral than multitudes of men whose right to vote no man questions.” Lucy became the first woman in Massachusetts to earn a college degree.

Nearly a hundred years later, in 1939, West Virginia integrated their schools. Katherine Johnson was one of the first three black students, and the only girl, chosen to attend WVU. She is more widely known as the mathematician depicted in the movie “Hidden Figures” who did trajectory analysis on the verified the Alan Shepherd-manned Freedom 7 mission in 1961. In 1962, John Glenn specifically asked for her to verify the computer calculations of his return trajectory with hand calculations. Glenn orbited the earth 3 times while she ran the calculations.

So who would you spend time with if you could? (I would love an afternoon with Katherine Johnson) How will you celebrate International Women’s Day? Perhaps plan to join the online celebration on March 7th to share some time with amazing women from around the world or the Mega celebration next year – see page 2 for complete info on how to join.

Joan LaSalle

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***March Meeting:***

***Spring House Estates***

*Tuesday March10, 2020*

*Dinner 6:00 pm*

*Cost $12.00 per person*

*March Speaker: Tiffany Jones*

*Human Service Director, Center for Community Action*

***All members*** *who did not sign up at last meeting* ***call******to make meal Reservations:*** *Call Jeannie Plummer (814) 623-5510 by noon Tuesday March 3, 2020.*

Visit BPW PA Website for the latest updates on events, info on upcoming events and the latest Newsletters from the State and other district and local clubs: https://bpwpa.wildapricot.org

Like us on Facebook! Visit the Bedford Business and Professional Women’s Face book page and invite others to Like our page

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***International Women’s Day*** *is Sunday, March 8th. You can join the Online Celebration, LIVE, from 9am-6pm Pacific on March 7, 202. Amazing women and leaders from across the world will share their life stories and explain what they are doing to make the world a better place. Sisters from around the world will share projects they are passionate about. To join or find out more about the event go to:* <https://www.internationalwomensday.org/iwd-2020/>

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**Bedford Club News**

***Reminder – Dinner will be served at 6 pm at our meetings.*** *We are meeting at Spring House Estates, and the food is delicious! Please call by noon the week prior to reserve your meal. Meal price is $12, and includes entre, salad, sides, dessert, fountain drink and coffee You may bring your own adult beverage if you wish.*

***Our Bingo******date has been changed to April 19th*** *– still at Bedford American Legion. All members are asked to spread the word, sell tickets and help get sponsors. Profits will benefit our Scholarship fund and our Outreach program fund. Doors open at 1 pm and Bingo starts at 2 pm. There will be 20 regular games, 10 games for prize bags loaded with prizes valued at $100 and 10 games for $100 cash. We need sponsors to donate nice prizes and money. We will also be selling 50-50 and rip tickets, Chinese Auction tickets and Special Games tickets. The special Bingo games are prizes worth at least $200. All members are asked to help sell tickets and obtain sponsors. We will need volunteers the day of the event to sell tickets, set up, clean, and restock the snack table.*

*It is time to apply for our* ***Annual Scholarships*** *- Spread the word. Applications will be available soon! High school seniors can obtain applications at their school guidance office. Nontraditional students can contact Jeannie Plummer at (814) 623-5510 or Joan LaSalle at (814) 285-6610 for applications. Non Traditional Students should return completed scholarships to Jeannie Plummer.*

**Upcoming BPW Events:**

**March 13-14, 2020** BPW/PA Winter Board Meeting – Penn Stater State College, PA

**April 19, 2020: Bedford Spring Fundraiser; Bedford American Legion**

**April 25, 2020:** District Meeting, Martinsburg Host Club

**June 11-14, 2020:** BPW PA State Convention, Wyndham Garden, York, PA Reservations can be made at BPWPA.org

March Birthdays

Faith Price March 1

Lura Shaffer March 6

Juls Bratton March 8

Robin Arnold February 16

Nancy Mellott February 25

Michelle Meehan January 23

Melinda Feaster January 26

Norma Baker January 27



***District BPW NEWS -*** All members are invited and encouraged to join District 5 meeting. Copies of the official call have also been emailed to all members:

**OFFICIAL CALL TO Spring DISTRICT MEETING**

**FROM:    Catherine E. Collins**, District 5 Director

**DATE:** Saturday, April 25, 2020

**LOCATION:**Memorial Church of the Brethren

 210 N. Wall Street

 Martinsburg, PA 16662

**HOSTESS:** Martinsburg BPW

 Sue Stoudnour, President

**COST:** $21.00 (Includes $1.00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, & Lunch)

**COST**  **SCHEDULE:** 8:30 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.    Registration & Breakfast

 8:30 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.    Executive Meeting (if needed)

 9:30 A.M.                      Business Meeting

 Noon - 1:30 P.M.           Lunch and Anniversary Celebrations

 1:30 P.M. -?                  Business Meeting

**RESERVATIONS:**Dorothy Stahl, Martinsburg BPW Treasurer
                            1538 Sportsman Road

Martinsburg, PA 16662

**DEADLINE:    MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 15, 2020**

**NOTE:  THE Altoona BPW and District 5 WILL BE CELEBRATING 90th Anniversaries and the Tyrone BPW Local will be celebrating 85 years at**

**this meeting.**

***Justice Belles Update***

*Justice Belles Film Series Will Present 2 movies and discussion at the Bedford Campus, Allegany College of Maryland. Flyer and detailed information is on page 5. Seating is limited, pre-registration is required. Register by calling 814-977-1523.*

*The BPW is sponsoring the float for the Justice Belles. With that sponsorship we receive our BPW logo on their t shirts, logo listed on their events and at the Justice Belles website. In addition, we have 4 tickets to the upcoming movie series. If you are interested in attending the movies, please send an email to Joan LaSalle* *jlasalle929@gmail.com* *and you can pick up tickets at our March meeting*

*Bedford BPW member and Justice Belles Steering Committee member, Ella McElwee, is heading the Justice Belles/BPW parade float committee. We will be putting a float in some local parades. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas for the float, please contact Ella. We welcome your creative ideas and help!*

***Upcoming Community Events*:**

**Saturday March 7, 2020 – Dolly Parton Imagination Library Sign Up Day –** Bedford County Free Library. All children under age of 5 years. Sponsored by Bedford Lions Club, Altoona First Savings Bank, United Way of Bedford County

**March 13, 2020: United Way’s Annual March Into Comedy** will be held Friday March 13, 2020 at the Elks Country Club. Tickets are $40 and include 2 comedy acts and buffet dinner. Also available – silent auction, rep tickets and 50-50 drawing. Contact Katie Fink for tickets Katie@uwaybedfordpa.org

**April 4, 2020: Home Garden & Lifestyle Show**. April 4-5 at the Bedford County Fairgrounds. Check out the latest on outdoor machinery like tractors and ATVs, lawn mowers and more along with traditional home & garden items. There will be live music, children’s activities, and the Bedford Speedway race Car Show and preview. Admission is FREE! Food trucks will be there throughout the weekend. Sponsorships are available. Daily savings tme was

**Friday June 26, 2020: United Way Annual Golf Tournament.**

Down River Golf Course – 7:30 am registration; 8:30 am Shotgun Start

 $260.00/ Foursome -- Breakfast, Lunch, Door Prizes, Team Prizes, Beverages,

 50/50, Double your $$ Hole, Putting Contest

 Golf Ball Drop – $10.00 Tickets available

If you or your Business would like to announce an upcoming event in club newsletter, email information to Joan LaSalle jlasalle929@gmail.com

***It’s Time to Spring Forward – Don’t Forget to Set Your Clocks Ahead one hour on******Sunday March 8th!*** *Daylight Savings Time was enacted by the federal government on March 19, 1918 as a way for the country to conserve coal during World War I.**By shifting sunset one hour later, we enjoy longer daylight hours in the evening. In the US, two states do not observe daylight savings time. Which ones, and why? Answer at our March meeting.*

If you know of an occasion to send a card to members, please contact Jeannie Plummer at (814) 623-5510

**If you know of an occasion for BPW to send a card**, please contact our Corresponding Secretary, Kylee Oldham. Phone: 814-623-7559 (home), 814-285-0410 (cell) Email: jkoldham2@gmail.com

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Dolly Parton Imagination Library sign up day!!!

Saturday March 7, 2020 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Bedford County Free Library

All Bedford County Children under the age of 5 yrs.

Sponsored by Bedford Lions Club

 Altoona First Saving Bank

 United Way of Bedford County

