

# Business and Professional Women



*November 2019 Newsletter  
Bedford Pennsylvania*

*Thank you to all who served or are currently serving, including our own Major Peggy Nave, Army National Guard*

**November Meeting:**  
**Tuesday November 12, 2019**  
**Bedford Elks Country Club**  
**Dining Room**

**Networking: 6:00 pm-6:45 pm**  
**Dinner Buffet will be available**  
**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Cost \$12.00 per person**

**Speaker: Approx. 6:45 pm**  
*November Speaker: Beth Hickey,*  
*Executive director, Your Safe Haven*

**All members must call to make dinner Reservations: Call Jeannie Plummer, (814) 623-5510 by noon Monday November 11, 2019.**

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>

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*A message from our President, Joan LaSalle*

*Have you ever heard the beautiful sounds of a symphony orchestra, marching band, or just a musical group? All the instruments are different – they all have a job to do. The drums add bass and rhythm, the horns and woodwinds blend different voices and tones in harmony to bring a full sound. While unorganized, the sounds could be annoying, they are blended beautifully when the conductor guides them.*

*As a team, we are individually different. We all bring something unique to our group. If you have a skill, hobby or talent, perhaps you could help our BPW club if you share your knowledge or gift or talent with us. Maybe it is just an idea for something, or maybe it is the "doing part". Maybe you see yourself as the orchestra conductor? Or maybe you are the one who will keep the beat, or carry the soft tune?*

*Along with this, we need to remember what our Collect says – "Grant that we realize it is the little things in life that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one". And different we are, so differences we will have. However, that is what makes us stronger. Together we are stronger – the whole is greater than the sum of its parts because just like a symphony we can combine our best together to do something beautiful and meaningful.*

*We have opportunities – Math counts volunteer, Spring Fundraiser, Outreach team activities, Float to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage to name a few. So, check out the upcoming opportunities and join in when you can.*

*Blessings,  
Joan LaSalle*



*November Birthdays*  
*Sherri Growden November 16*  
*Gretchen Locke November 24*

### **Fall Foliage Gob Sale was a success once again!**

**We had another successful fall fundraiser this year. Huge thank you to Rita Bush, Nancy Mellott and Jeannie Plummer** who led the two week gob sale at Bedford's Fall Foliage festival. Also **Huge Thank you to Faith Zembower and John and Nancy and Randy Mellott** who set up the tent each Saturday morning, Thank you to all who volunteered to man the booth. We sold out both weekends, selling 2400 gobs the first weekend and 2200 the second weekend. We also sold 349 bottles of water both weekends. Total receipts for the two weekends was \$15,241.50. Total expenses were \$7936.35, and included cost of gobs, parking, tax, insurance, booth rent and water. Profit realized was \$7305.15. Great job – and thanks to all who donated ice, water, and paper towels. We are getting low on plastic bags, so start saving for next year's fall foliage.

**Meet our new member Courtney Leydig** – Courtney Leydig graduated from Bedford high School and received an associate degree in science from Allegany College of Maryland. She currently works for First National Bank as branch manager of the Juliana Street and North Richard Street locations. Courtney has been with FNB for 3 years. Prior to that she worked for One Main Financial in Cumberland, MD. Courtney and her husband own ProCare Fitness in Bedford, located at Willow Grove Drive on Mile Level and have been small business owners for the past 2 years. She has been married for 14 years husband Blair and has 2 daughters, Darby, age 18 and Isabel, age 9. Courtney enjoys running outdoors, working out at our health club facility & reading when at home. Courtney and Blair love to attend concerts throughout the year, mostly country music and love to travel. They have been to Jamaica, Mexico and are planning a trip to Costa Rica for February or March of 2020.

Hope everyone had a chance to see the **National Business Women's Week Newspaper Feature** in the Bedford Gazette. Bedford members shared it at the District meeting and received many compliments. Thanks **Leigh Shank and Sherri Growden** for leading this project. Club members also attended the Commissioner's meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the reading of the NBWW proclamation.

**Save the Date for Our Christmas Party.** Our party will be held at Bedford Elks on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost of meal will be \$15.00. Spouses, friends, significant others welcome. Entertainment is musician Phil McCaulley. Signup sheet at November meeting. This year we will be collecting donations for Your Safe Haven.

Send newsletter information to Joan LaSalle [jasalle929@gmail.com](mailto:jasalle929@gmail.com)

# Congratulations

**Congratulations to Maura Whetstone and Justin Rushde who were married on September 27, 2019.**

**They reside in Oro Valley, Arizona**

**Best Wishes to the newlyweds.  
If you wish to send a card, their address is  
8851 N Oracle Rd, Apt 4  
Oro Valley, AZ 85704-7448**



**Congratulations to Deb Baughman who was elected Bedford County Commissioner on November 5, 2019.**

**Chamber Awards** dinner is November 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to our members and their employers who are receiving awards.

Excellence in Education Award: **Health By Choice** (Dr. Ella McElwee (founder) and Faith Zembower)

Excellence in Business Award, medium (no more than 60 employees): **Howard Hanna Bardell Realty** (Karen Baum, Christina Bollman, Rita Bush)

**Update on our meeting location/meals:** The executive committee made a decision to try something different for November. To keep meal costs at \$12.00, we will have soup, salad and dessert, coffee, iced tea and water. The meal will be set up buffet style and you may eat from 6 pm – 7 pm. The plan is to have our speaker begin as close to 6:45 pm as possible. Our goal was to keep cost down and make overall meeting time shorter while still allowing for networking and flexible arrival times. Comments, suggestions can be directed to the executive committee after the November meeting. We are working with the staff at the Elks, and also exploring other options.

## **District News**

The Fall Meeting and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cresson was held October 19, 2019. Members Ella McElwee, Laura Whetstone, Rita Bush, Leigh Price and Joan LaSalle attended. We were awarded the travelling gavel (for most total miles travelled). We are looking for ideas for a district fundraiser. If you have any ideas, please share them. Along with the meeting a great celebration for Cresson's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held. Joanne Hogue gave an interesting history of the club and Pat Gildea shared some remarks on the early years through the future for local clubs, Cresson in particular. Robin Cadwallader, PhD professor of English/Communications and Women's Studies at St Francis gave a presentation about Women's Suffrage.

**Condolences** Long time BPW member Denise Clawson has passed away on November 2, 2019. She was a huge part of our State, District, and Locals and will be greatly missed. She was a member of Kittanning, District 2 BPW .

## Happening In Our Community

It's time to get ready for the holidays! If you or your organization has an event to list or If you wish to include a personal holiday wish in the December newsletter, please sent me the information, [jlalalle929@gmail.com](mailto:jlalalle929@gmail.com).

November 7- Breakfast Seminar, Learn More about Lyme Disease, 8am, Homewood at Spring House Estates. Register at the Chamber website: <http://www.bedfordcountychamber.com> or call 623-2233

November 8 – Government It's Your Business Legislator's Breakfast – Annual Breakfast with Updates from Harrisburg. Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Rep Carl Metzgar, Rep Jesse Topper 7:30-9:00 am. Cost is \$25/person. Register at the Chamber website: <http://www.bedfordcountychamber.com> or call 623-2233

November 7,8,9- Fall (Indoor) Yard Sale, 8:30 am -5 pm at Bedford Legion benefits Fix-A-Pet, Mom's Pets and other low cost spay & neuter programs in Bedford County

November 16 – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 6:30-10:30 am, Everett Church of the Brethern to benefit Everett Lions Club. Eat in or take out.

November 21- Annual Chamber Awards banquet, Bedford County Airport hangar, 5:30 pm. BPW is again co-sponsoring the Atena award. More information at their website: <http://www.bedfordcountychamber.com>

November 23- Christmas Craft Show, Manns Choice Church of God 8am-3pm

November 30- Home For Christmas in Everett- 3 pm-7pm. Main street will be shut down to ring in the season on small business Saturday. Christmas parade with Santa's arrival, craft areas, ugly sweater contest, music, Christmas tree lighting asynd goodies handed out by local shops. Luminaries available for purchase, and they will light the way to Live Nativity at Love INC that evening.

November 30 - 12 noon – 5pm. Small business Shop Hop, Masonic Lodge, Main Street, Everett. Several small businesses will be in one location for you to shop. Vendors include 31, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, LC's Bath Bombs, Paparazzi, Scentsy and others. Vendor space still available. More information available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2516953578361531>

December 7 – Winter Christmas Vendor Show, Bedford 4H Building, Bedford Fairgrounds. Confirmed vendors list can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/3232331710130057> and includes: Made With Love by Nana, Rada, D&R Crafts, Novex, Mary Kay, Kelsi's Unique Crafts, Paparazzi, and many more. The venue is full.

December 13-15, 19-23 - Eight Nights of Lights -- A new Bedford County Holiday Tradition! A community-based, drive-thru holiday light display will celebrate the season and the Bedford County region: December 13-15 and 19-23, 6-9pm at the Bedford County Fairgrounds. All are welcomed to design and set up a display - businesses, organizations, school groups, churches, families. Sponsorships are also available by calling 623-2233. Admission: \$10/car

Dedember 12 – Holiday Business After Hours & Open House at the Russell House, Bedford PA. No registration fee if regisetered before December 5th, \$10 after Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, \$20 at the door. More info at Chamber Website.

**If you have not read the Key** – the official newsletter of BPW PA, you can find it at the BPW PA website: <https://bpwpa.wildapricot.org> , along with information on upcoming BPW PA events, pictures from events, and information such as bylaws and contest information. All members have access to this site. If you need help with your account, contact Joan LaSalle.