



# The Banner

**Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club**

**Volume XCII – September 2019**

**Theme: Nevertheless, She Persisted**

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 19, 2019

Maggiano's Little Italy, 205 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, PA

**Networking:** 6-6:30 pm ♦ **Dinner:** 6:30 p.m. ♦ **Cost:** \$27.00

**Please, make your Dinner reservation Call Pat Angelucci 215-661-2949**

## President's Message:

**Central  
Montgomery  
County  
BPW Officers  
2019 - 2020**

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*Nancy Werner*

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Dear Members,

May I welcome all of you to another exciting year with the Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club. Using our local organization theme, "Nevertheless She Persisted," we will be continuing on with 'women helping women' through our programs, projects and events.

Our month of September will be one of getting to know one another. Learning our names and finding out at least one thing about YOU. We will also have our 8 Standing Committee Chairs share a very brief overview about their purpose and plans for this year. Finally, we are honored to have two representatives from the Montgomery County Community College who will receive our annual scholarship donation.

As your LO President, I am hoping that we will all learn more about the BPW organization. I have BPW materials to share with all of you. So please try to make it to Maggiano's on September 19. Can't wait to greet and meet each and every one of YOU! Let's make it another dynamic year!

Regards,

Nancy Werner

## **September Dinner Meeting** (served family style)

### **Starters**

Maggiano's Salad

Stuffed Mushrooms

Spinach & Artichoke al Forno

### **Main Course**

Four Cheese Ravioli

Braised Beef al Forno

Chicken Marsala

### **Dessert**

Vera's Lemon Cookies

Apple Crostada

### **State Theme:**

Reach Beyond the Stars –  
Stronger, Together, Advocating,  
Resources, Survivors

### **State Project:**

PCADV – Pennsylvania  
Coalition Against Domestic  
Violence

### **District 11 Theme:**

Be Kind

## **September Dinner Meeting**

At the upcoming meeting on Thursday, September 19, **YOU** are an important part of the program. We would enjoy providing an "Orientation" to our members. As such, we need you to deliver a 2-3 minute "elevator" speech about what your committee does and your plans for the 2019-2020.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please write out your presentation and email it to President Nancy. She will have it delivered in your absence. Please let me know by Monday, September 16. We want to make this an informational meeting about BPW. Thank you for all that you will be doing for CMC BPW. See you real soon.

## **District 11 Call to Fall District Meeting**

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Place: McCoole's Red Lion Inn  
4 South Main Street  
Quakertown, PA 18951

### **Schedule:**

8:15 am – 8:30 am    Registration  
8:30 am – 9:15 am    Breakfast Buffet  
9:15 am – 9:45 am    Memorial Service  
9:45 am – 12:00 pm   Fall District Business Meeting

Cost: Breakfast Buffet - \$20.00 + Registration - \$3.00 = Total - \$23.00

Deadline: Thursday, October 11, 2019  
Add \$2.00 if postmarked after the deadline date.

See Noreen if you're interested in attending.

## **Individual Development Program**

Saturday, September 29, 2019

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Address: West End Styles, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Quakertown, PA

Cost: \$25.00

Sponsored by Quakertown BPW – contact [trubic@verizon.net](mailto:trubic@verizon.net)

## **District 11 Project – Pill Bottle Donations**

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over the counter pill bottles.
- Large and small pill bottles.
- Pill bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant).

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Sort bottles by color and type.
- Remove labels leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dry bottles.
- Place clean, recapped bottles in large ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles". These will be blended with medical supplies.

Bring your pill bottles to CMC meetings or District meetings.

## **BPW/PA 2020 Women's Right to Vote Weekend was FANTASTIC!**

What a memorable weekend we just experienced with the many members and sisters and friends. Meeting at the Alice Paul House in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey was a moment in time to hear about the life of our Equal Rights Amendment creator. She was a remarkable woman with six degrees and believed that women have always been equal to men. Lucy Beard, the Director, and her staff welcomed us with tours and information that the Alice Paul Institute provides for our young women.

Thank you to all who drove to New Jersey and a huge thank you to Denice Robinson for coordinating the "Bus from the West" to the grounds in record time. Heard they had a great time even with leaving Greenville at 4 a.m. But not only did we view the home of Alice Paul, but Kate Campbell Stevenson brought her to life as she portrayed Abigail Adams, Rose Crabtree, and Alice Paul in her extraordinary one woman show.

We couldn't have asked for better weather as we enjoyed a Wegmans's luncheon under our tent. President Dawn Berkebile shared that we were experiencing a BPW/PA moment in time never to be forgotten and always remembered.

BUT we persevered and traveled to the Valley Forge Hotel and Casino in King of Prussia for a night of fun and fellowship. Some did very well as the casino, while others called it an early night. The next morning, we had a delicious breakfast brunch that was followed by the "Justice Bell of 1915" by Amanda Owen. Her passion and research on this bell was remarkable and sharing the suffragists work in PA. We couldn't thank her enough for presenting on a Sunday morning and sharing her postcards and pins with us.

Lastly, the "Bus from the West" and some added members, returned to their bus so we could visit the Valley Forge National Park. It was my pleasure to share what I knew about the "encampment" grounds of the 1779-80 Revolutionary Campaign. It was great being in the "teacher mode" again.

This weekend was a labor of love over the past year and half and to see it happen and everyone HAPPY made me very happy. Thank you to the many lovely remarks that were extended. A huge thank you to Denice Robinson, PSP, and Terry Miller, Esq. for being there to assist me. Oh, and one more item happened, Trish McLaughlin, from D10, shared that our event on Saturday was “tweeted” and we heard back from news celebrities of the Philly area that evening.

Thank you again everyone who attended from across the Federation. CMC members Ginny Bailey, Cheryl Austin, Becky Shoulberg, and Cheryl Decoteaux were present for some or all of the events.

Love to you all, Nancy Werner, PSP, your co-coordinator and tour guide. May you remember this weekend forever as the Spirit of the Suffragists and that we still have much work to do.



**Reuse. Repurpose. Restore a Life.**

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 Fashion Show & Luncheon   
 To Benefit Laurel House

Support the Laurel’s Loft Fashion Show and help support President Dawn’s State Project!

When? Saturday, September 28th, 2019.  
 Show is 12 pm. to 3pm. Doors open at 11 am.

Where? PineCrest Country Club  
 101 Country Club Drive  
 Lansdale, PA 19446

Who? Fashions featured by  
 Laurel’s Loft. A thrift shop  
 supporting Laurel House



Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased  
 at [www.laurel-house.org](http://www.laurel-house.org)

There will be a cash bar and raffles



## Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 to October 15



The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM), announced the 2019 Hispanic Heritage Month theme: **“Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving Our Nation.”** The theme invites us to reflect on Hispanic American’s service and contributions to the history of our Nation.

There is no formula to make an American. Our diversity is what makes us stronger, and this month we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Celebrating diversity is what strengthens our democracy. This month we celebrate Hispanic heritage and we continue to listen to our voices now more than ever!

### CMC Bingo – Save the Date!

Sunday, December 1, 2019

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Maggiano’s Ballroom

For \$35 you get buffet meal with three entrees, salad, appetizers and dessert. Each person gets a box of truffles, a \$10 off of \$30 coupon for a future visit and the club earns a \$50 gift card for every \$500 we spend! Raffles and prizes will be donated by area merchants, restaurants and entertainment vendors. Extra sheets will be available for sale. Invite family and friends and reserve your tables ASAP by telling me. We do sell out!

All proceeds benefit MCCC scholarships and remember the NSH money tree for their Patient Fund.  
Thanks!

### Norristown NAACP 5K Multicultural Unity Day



Join us on Saturday, September 21, 2019 to celebrate diversity and inclusion in our community. Our theme for this event is “MultiCultural Unity Day... We Are Stronger Together.”

This is an opportunity to bring our law enforcement and the legal community, community organizations, businesses, crafters, religious groups and people from all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds together in a day-long celebration.

The day will begin at 8: 00 with a 5k Run/Walk that will culminate in Elmwood Park and Zoo. At 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the festivities continue with a celebration of Family Games and Activities, Food Trucks, Arts and Crafts, Entertainment and vendors that represent all ethnicities in our community. It will be a day to unify our community and send the message that by embracing our differences we become stronger together and show people the pride and strength that is Norristown!

For more information, call 484-393-5052.

### H.E.R. Empowerment Workshop

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Washington, PA

The countdown continues...**only 44 days** until H.E.R. (Her Empowerment Retreat). We don't want you to miss out so we are offering a NEW reserve your seat option. **Pay just \$75** now to save your seat. Pay the balance later. (Balance due by October 15th). Don't miss this opportunity!!! Who knows, this retreat may just change your life. Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Washington, PA 19034

For Details follow us on Facebook, [www.williamspeatassoc.com](http://www.williamspeatassoc.com) or 267-992-0088

### **Important Websites:**

- Business and Professional Women's Foundation – [www.bpwfoundation.org](http://www.bpwfoundation.org)
- Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women's Clubs – [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org)
- Central Montgomery County BPW – [www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org](http://www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org)
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – [www.montgomerycountychamber.org](http://www.montgomerycountychamber.org)