



Business and Professional Women/PA

# GREATER CONSHOHOCKEN BPW

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## Conshohocken Calling.....

*The Official Newsletter of the Greater Conshohocken Business & Professional Women's Organization*



### UPCOMING EVENT

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Monthly meeting: TK Club, 500 E. Hector Street  
6pm-Networking; 6:30pm-Dinner; 7:15-Program

*Potluck Dinner -\$10 per person. Please contact Donna with what food you will be bringing to the meeting. Cash bar for sodas and drinks.*

**Program: Green Economy**

### GC BPW MARCH RECYCLING



Tote bags to Community Cares



Oodles of Books donated at 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!



*Let's Donate*  
We are now accepting donations for the "Colonial Prom Closet" to help students in the Colonial School District area to make Prom possible for all.  
Please drop off donations before April 17.

- Items we are accepting:**
- Formal "Prom-style" dresses (preferably on hangers)
  - Formal Shoes
  - Jewelry
  - Handbags
- Drop Off Locations:**
- Colonial Neighborhood Council
  - Tough Retail
  - Coldwell Bankers Realty, Conshohocken
  - Greater Plymouth Community Center
  - William Jeanes Memorial Library
  - Cost's Custom Framing
- All items should be clean and in good+ condition and specific to items one would wear to a prom.
- Questions: Melissa at (484) 686-5508
- Please check hours before drop off. Do not leave any donations outside.

**APRIL – Do you have formal dresses, shoes, jewelry or handbags in your closets that you aren't going to wear/use again?** Colonial Prom Closet is making Prom possible for all Colonial School District area students. **They are accepting donations before April 17<sup>th</sup>.** Go to [www.facebook.com/groups/1132632728159862/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1132632728159862/) for drop-off hours and locations; don't leave donations outside. Questions, call Melissa at 484-686-5508.



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. It was a great way to commemorate our people, events and experiences. Mayor and First Lady Sarah Aronson, Rep. Scott and Commissioner DiBello gave such nice speeches and proclamations to Greater Conshohocken BPW. They were truly appreciated.

We've been busy moving around Conshohocken with the parade and several other events. We continue to become more involved in the community with the hope of being able to do more and support more events and groups. Donations were made with books to the library, tote bags dropped off at Freedom House and hoping to do even more.

We will continue with the recycle, reuse and repurpose theme throughout the year.

Our BPW/PA Mid-Winter Board meeting was great. Mary, Ginny and I went to Penn State and mingled, listened and of course walked away with more ideas on what we can do as a local. Hopefully we can come up with some great ideas for our next year at our June planning meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the TK Club for our April meeting. Can't wait to get back to the face-to-face meetings.

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring.

Respectfully,  
**Donna**

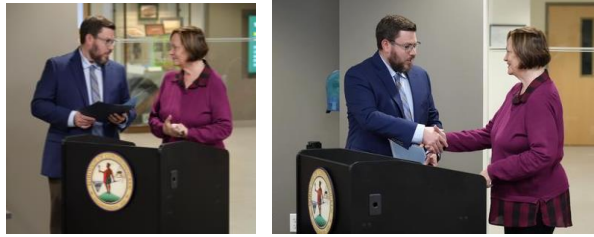
### **BPW/PA DISTRICT 11 SPRING MEETING – APRIL 13, 2024:**

**GC BPW IS HOSTESS LOCAL**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE- APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**Calling all members! Please come and support your GC BPW sisters who will be installed as District Officers for the 2024-2025 year!** The Spring District Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th at Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center beginning with registration at 8am. **The schedule starts with breakfast, followed by the business meeting and then installation of officers, including our President Donna Jones as District Director, Susan Parsons Knab as Parliamentarian and Ginny Bailey as Corresponding Secretary!** Our Local is hostess for the event. GCBPW pays for District Meeting registrations for those members who would like to attend. Please come and show your support for Donna, Susan and Ginny! **PLEASE CONTACT DONNA IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. DEADLINE DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

## GREATER CONSHOHOCKEN BPW 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Mayor Aronson presented the Proclamation to President Donna at March 20<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting, which was televised on the Conshohocken Borough Government Access TV Channel and posted to the Mayor's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/yanivaronsonconshohocken/](http://www.facebook.com/yanivaronsonconshohocken/).



Mary, Rep. Scott, Donna



Commissioner DiBello



Mayor Aronson



First Lady Aronson



On Saturday, March 23, 2024, GC BPW celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with many BPW sisters and dignitaries in attendance. We were honored to have attend two of our former members, as well as our BPW State President-Elect, two Past State Presidents, our District 11 Director, several District Officers and Chairs, and members from District 11's four other Locals and District 10, Greater Downingtown. Mary put together a GC BPW history slide show and talked briefly about **our local WWII Rosie the Riveter, Mae Krier (see next page)**. Proclamations/Citation were presented to GC BPW by PA Representative Scott, Commissioner DiBello and Mayor Aronson. First Lady Aronson also spoke about Destination Conshohocken (see photos above).

In addition to an icebreaker and Who Am I? game, Donna held a contest to guess the number of miles she walked at her job; our new member, Nancy Matt won. Proceeds will benefit our State Project, Keystone Human Services, Intellectual Disability Services. Lots of fun and friendship highlighted the celebration!

Our thanks to BPW/PA President Elect, Jenn Van Ingen for taking photos and putting together a terrific video! You can view it and other birthday posts at our GC BPW Facebook page [www.facebook.com/GCBPW/](http://www.facebook.com/GCBPW/), or at [www.facebook.com/BPWPA/videos/392476930385085](http://www.facebook.com/BPWPA/videos/392476930385085).



## BUCKS COUNTY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AWARD

### RECEPTION HONORING MAE KRIER - THE PATCH DOYLESTOWN MAR21 (Abbreviated)

Mae Krier, Bucks County's very own "Rosie the Riveter," has been named the 2024 recipient of the Bucks County Women's History Month Award. She was honored at a reception on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and Rosie the Riveter Day, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Doylestown.

Ms. Krier, an original Rosie the Riveter, worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, producing B-17s and B-29s for the war effort from 1943 to 1945. Krier has spent the last 40+ years advocating for formal recognition of the role women played in supporting the war effort during WWII. Krier was instrumental in Congress's 2017 decision to annually recognize March 21 as National Rosie the Riveter Day and the passing of the 2020 Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act, which collectively awards the Gold Medal to more than 16 million women who built aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, and ammunition during the war.



## REPRESENTATIVE FITZPATRICK – ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY

[Fitzpatrick, Garamendi, Huffman, Mullin, Dingell, and DeSaulnier Introduce Bipartisan Legislation Honoring "Rosie the Riveters" | Press Releases | Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick \(house.gov\)](#)

I'm proud to help lead these bipartisan bills with [Congressman John Garamendi](#), [Congressman Jared Huffman](#), [Congressman Kevin Mullin](#), [Rep. Debbie Dingell](#), and [Rep. Mark DeSaulnier](#) on Rosie the Riveter Day to honor the patriotic women who played an integral role in America winning WWII, including Levittown's Own, our beloved constituent Mae Krier, who has been an incredible advocate for the Rosies. **I look forward to honoring them when they receive the Congressional Gold Medal next month at the U.S. Capitol! Mae Krier, will be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of all the Rosies for their contributions during World War II.**



**What a privilege and an honor it was for Donna and Mary to have met with Mae several times throughout the years. Greater Conshohocken nominated Mae for the Public Servant Award during PSP Marissa Harmon's year and she won.**

**Way to go Mae!**





## BPW LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



### BPW/PA LEGISLATIVE FORUM: MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> – ERA

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Nancy Werner, ERA activist, ERA Coalition member and BPW/PA Past State President (PSP) delivered an inspiring and informative “Equality Has No Deadline”. Our member Ginny and other attendees were captivated to hear about the memorable events on July 21-23, 2023 in Seneca Falls, New York for the Centennial Celebration Days of Alice Paul’s delivery of the Equal Rights Amendment. Members were inspired hearing about the latest strategies, plans and ideas that are in action across our country to move the ERA forward to publication in the Constitution. A recording will be available at the BPW/PA YouTube Channel.



Front Row: PA Representatives Jennifer O’Mara; MaryLouise Isaacson; Donna Bullock; Melissa Shusterman



Rep. Abigail Salisbury at podium

### EQUAL PAY DAY RALLY- MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, HARRISBURG STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Seven BPW/PA members along with members of AAUW, The Women’s Law Project and multiple PA Representatives from across the Commonwealth participated in the Equal Pay Day Rally on March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Capitol Rotunda. **GC BPW member and State Legislation Chair, Ginny Bailey and her Committee planned the event and PSP Mary Weeks was the Mistress of Ceremonies.** The Speakers included Amal Bass, Director, Policy & Advocacy, Women’s Law Project; Rep. MaryLouise Isaacson, Co-sponsor HB 356; Representatives Donna Bullock, Melissa Shusterman, Jennifer O’Mara, and Abigail Salisbury, all four Co-Sponsors of HB 98; and Ann Pehle, AAUW/PA Past State President. **To view a recording of the press conference, go to [www.pcntv.com/recent-videos/](http://www.pcntv.com/recent-videos/)**

**UPDATE: The PA General Assembly House of Representatives, Labor & Industry Committee considered House Bill 98 on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion to lay the bill on the table which failed. Two amendments were considered as well; one passed, one failed. The bill will now be revised and moved out of Committee. CONGRATULATIONS!**

To view the Committee session on Bill 98, go to <https://youtu.be/ytu5U8UuVC8?list=PLItqNtfs0bgU1KJyBM3DZtFh388I23HUy>

## LOCAL BPW UNHAPPY HOURS TO RECOGNIZE EQUAL PAY DAY—MARCH 12



### CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY BPW

CMC BPW President Mo Gillen put together a well-attended Unhappy Hour with many D10 members and guests joining their D11 CMC sisters at Wallace Dry Goods a new woman-owned enterprise in Ardmore focused on non-alcoholic options!

## QUAKERTOWN BPW -MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> OUTSIDE AT THE TROLLEY BARN, QUAKERTOWN



The Quakertown BPW held their "Unhappy Hour" outside on a beautiful spring evening at the Trolley Barn. Kudos to Crystal Smith, Dinae Sodano, Esq. and Jeanne Schlicher, Co-President, for their enthusiasm and promotion of this special event. Note-The wearing of red was our color for the evening.

## UPPER PERKIOMEN BPW – MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> - CARRIAGE HOUSE RESTAURANT



To view TikTok video, go to

[www.facebook.com/UpperPerkiomenBusinessAndProfessionalWomen/](https://www.facebook.com/UpperPerkiomenBusinessAndProfessionalWomen/)



## UPCOMING ELECTION DATES: REMEMBER TO VOTE!

- **Primary Election: April 23, 2024**
- **Primary Election Deadline Dates**
- **April 8, 2024:** Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration. Postmarks do not apply.
- **April 16, 2024:** Deadline to sign up to vote by mail ballot (mail-in or absentee ballot). Applications must be received by 5:00 pm.
- **April 23, 2024:** Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All Civilian Absentee or Mail-In ballots must be received.
  - For more information and to see a sample ballot for your District, go to
  - [www.montgomerycountypa.gov/4497/2024-Election-Information](https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/4497/2024-Election-Information).

## OTHER BPW/PA AREA LOCAL EVENTS



### CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY BPW MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> WOMEN IN HISTORY MEETING



### SOUDERTON-TELFORD BPW PPD WORKSHOP – MARCH 16, 2024

The BPW Personal and Professional Development Workshop was facilitated by Sheryl A. Nierneberg, MSM on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Members from CMC, Souderton-Telford and Upper Perkiomen BPW Locals attended the workshop.



### SOUDERTON-TELFORD 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LOCALLY GROWN SHOWCASE – MAY 4TH



### QUAKERTOWN BPW PADDLE RAFFLE – APRIL 28, 2024

Join BPW members and guests at Benner Hall on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual paddle raffle. Proceeds from this event benefit Quakertown High School Scholarships and Community Outreach projects.



**UPPER PERKIOMEN BPW MEMBER PEG PENNEPACKER INDUCTED**

**INTO PSADA HALL OF FAME** Congratulations to UPBPW member, Peg Pennepacker on being inducted into the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Peg is Founder of High School Title IX Consulting Services. Please join us in celebrating Peg!!

**BPW/PA DISTRICT 11 GET TOGETHER TEA – SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

Ginny has arranged for our District 11 Tea at The Village Teahouse in West Point, PA starting at 12:15 pm in the Victorian Room. The menu selection is the Minnie which includes: quiche, house salad, fresh scone w/seasonal curd and Devonshire cream, assorted tea sandwiches, and petite sweets. Cost is \$43, which includes tax and tip. **If you would like to go but have not made a reservation, Ginny can still add people and have to give a final count by Spring District Meeting on April 13th.** Ginny’s email is [muffygin@aol.com](mailto:muffygin@aol.com).

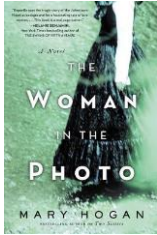
**GREATER DOWNTOWN BPW NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES – APRIL 20TH**

**TAMAQUA BPW & LCCC TO HOLD PPD WORKSHOP -APRIL 20TH**





## BPW/PA STATE NEWS



### BPW/PA APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> BOOK CLUB – THE WOMAN IN THE PHOTO

In this compulsively readable historical novel, from the author of the critically-acclaimed *Two Sisters*, comes the story of two young women—one in America’s Gilded Age, one in scrappy modern-day California—whose lives are linked by a single tragic afternoon in history. *Questions? Please contact Carole Turk* ([caroleturk@comcast.net](mailto:caroleturk@comcast.net))



### PA BPW FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS- DEADLINE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Up to three scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each are granted for fall and spring semesters. **Deadline for the Fall semester scholarships is May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Scholarship applications can be found at [BPW/PA - Foundation / Scholarship \(wildapricot.org\)](http://BPW/PA - Foundation / Scholarship (wildapricot.org)) .



**NOW AVAILABLE! THE KEY - [Winter 2024 Edition](#)**

## BPW/PA 2024 STATE CONVENTION - June 6 - 9, 2024



**Hop on the Bus to the Best Western Premier, The Central Hotel and Conference Center, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg!**

**\*Updated documents, forms, and announcements are posted below in anticipation of the 2024 Convention. You can also find these updates on our website in the Members Only section or click:**

**[CONVENTION 2024 INFO, FORMS, FLYERS! CLICK HERE](#)**

**[Convention Registration Form \(click here\)](#)**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



President Donna represented GC BPW at the “She Means Business, Women in Business Expo” on March 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Titus Church.



Vendors Wanted for SHE 4: Womans Empowerment Music & Vendor Festival on April 28<sup>th</sup>.



### NIX CANCER DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT – MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

To honor Nicholas Mincarelli’s life, NixCancer Foundation was established to assist families fighting cancer & funding research for Rhabdomyosarcoma. On Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation held a dodgeball tournament at Plymouth Whittemarsh High School. A portion of the money raised supported PW Senior, Luke Winterbottom. **President Donna volunteered at the snack bar for the event.**



### NIX CANCER BAG BINGO – MAY 5, 2024

The NixCancer Foundation will hold a designer & couture bag bingo at the LuLu Shriners Ballroom, Plymouth Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



**CONSHOHOCKEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**



**CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH BOOK SIGNING – APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Stop into some of your favorite businesses on April 6<sup>th</sup> to meet many of the amazing local Authors at The Discover Conshohocken Borough Wide Book Signing!



**DISNEY THEME QUIZZO NIGHT AT IMH CHURCH HALL- APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**

All proceeds benefit **Lisa's Army**, comforting those battling cancer.



**RENATA'S GELATO KICK OFF EVENT FOR LISA'S ARMY– APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Come out and support Renata's Gelato kickoff event on April 21st! This event will be \$10 per ticket for unlimited gelato. All proceeds from this day will be donated directly to Lisa's Army! To reserve your ticket, please email Renata at [renatagelato@gmail.com](mailto:renatagelato@gmail.com).

We can't wait to see you there!



## WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP DAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Join us from noon to 5 pm at Victory Fields for a fun-filled fall day in celebration of Whitemarsh Township! This family-friendly event will have games, raffles, inflatable attractions, businesses, local organizations, food trucks & vendors, and much more!! **GC BPW is working on getting a table at this event!**



## SKIPPACK FRENCH MARKET – APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

Come enjoy an outdoor market with a French Flair with food, desserts, hand crafted items, vendors, music and more. **Please support our GC BPW member Dana will be a vendor at this event!**

David Spilko, Artistic Director  
Kelly Wronowski, Associate Director

The Most Operatic Mass Ever Composed!

Giacomo Puccini's  
*Messa Di Gloria*

Plus  
Felix Mendelssohn's  
*Tu Es Petrus Psalm 42*

Kathryn Radakovich, Soprano Soloist  
Alexander Mason, Tenor - Frank Mitchell III, Baritone

Saturday  
April 27, 2024  
at 7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1000 W. Main Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446

For more information or to purchase tickets,  
go to [www.thechoristers.org](http://www.thechoristers.org)  
or scan the QR code

Tickets purchased before the concert are discounted

## THE CHORISTERS CONCERT: PUCCINI AND MENDELSSOHN – SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LANSDALE

Our members Barbara and Mary are singers in this group. To purchase tickets online, go to [www.thechoristers.org](http://www.thechoristers.org) and click on concert info/tickets.

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27th Annual Gift of Life Donor Dash

Learn more

## GIFT OF LIFE DONOR DASH – APRIL 28, 2024

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gift of Life Donor Dash will be at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. For official details/registration, go to [www.donors1.org](http://www.donors1.org) and click on Dash To Save Lives.



## KEEPING CONSHOHOCKEN GREEN

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Keeping Conshy clean just got easier with our newly customized Street Sweeper. It will service all Borough roadways - look out for it on your street!



**KEEPING CONSHOHOCKEN STREETS CLEAN**



**FREE SHREDDING EVENT- APRIL 20, 2024**

State Rep. Scott and State Sen. Collett are hosting a free shredding event at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. Avoid identity theft and safely dispose of personal documents! Also accepting new toiletry items for the Hedwig House, which helps individuals with mental illness achieve independence and personal fulfillment.



**CONSHY GREENFEST- MARY WOOD PARK -APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**

The event brought to you by the Conshohocken EAC, will include an E-waste pickup limited to small items; no monitors, TVs or alkaline batteries.



**MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!**



**ARBOR DAY IS APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – PLANT A TREE!**

## APRIL OBSERVANCES

- WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – APRIL 2
- ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY – APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>
- TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY – APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

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- NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK – APRIL 1-7
- MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
- NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
- DONATE LIFE MONTH
- NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL MONTH
- CARE WORKERS RECOGNITION MONTH
- NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

To see the Presidential proclamations for these observances, go to  
[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/)

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- WOMEN'S EYE HEALTH AND SAFETY MONTH
- PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
- MOVE MORE MONTH
- ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH
- NATIONAL STRESS AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH
- NATIONAL POETRY MONTH
- NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH



## NO APRIL BIRTHDAYS



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBER GINNY BAILEY** on her new job as Office Manager, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Wales!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**04/13 District XI Spring District Meeting – GC BPW IS HOSTESS**

04/22 Conshohocken Monthly Meeting

04/24 Administrative Professionals' Day

04/25 Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day

05/01 Deadline for PA BPW Scholarship Application Submissions

06/06-06/9 BPW/PA STATE CONVENTION – Harrisburg, PA