



News & Views



APRIL 2024

Upcoming Events

- **April 11:** April Dinner RSVP Deadline — [LINK](#)
- **April 18:** Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6 pm Giannilli's II
- **May 2:** Board Meeting 6pm. Trinity Lutheran Church. All are welcome to attend.

President's Message:

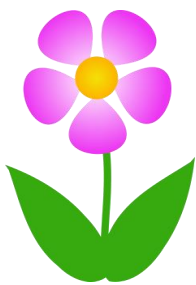
As we step into a new month, I am filled with excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. April invites us to pause and reflect on our personal and professional journeys. It's a time to reassess our goals, realign our priorities, and chart a course for the months ahead. As we contemplate the lessons learned and the challenges overcome, let's celebrate our achievements and acknowledge the progress we've made, no matter how small. With each passing day, we have the chance to grow, evolve, and become the best versions of ourselves.

Just as nature undergoes a transformation in April, so too can we by embracing new beginnings and fresh starts. Whether it's embarking on a new project, starting a new job, or pursuing a lifelong dream, I encourage you to step out of our comfort zone and embrace the unknown with courage and optimism. Seize the opportunity to take bold leaps of faith and embrace the endless possibilities that await you.

Now more than ever, it's essential to lean on each other for support and encouragement as we navigate the challenges and uncertainties of the world ahead. Our sisterhood is here to uplift, empower, and champion each other every step of the way. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve our goals with confidence and determination.

Here's to a month filled with growth, inspiration, and endless possibilities!

Tracy



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, May 3. Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com before that date.



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April 2024

Member Spotlight for April

Karen Laskie



We're thrilled to shine the spotlight on Karen Laskie! With seven wonderful years as part of Latrobe BPW, Karen brings a wealth of experience and warmth to our community.

For Karen, the heart of BPW lies in the connections it fosters. She cherishes the opportunity to make new friends and build lasting relationships within our organization.

Karen's sage advice for newcomers? Dive in! Joining a committee is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in all that BPW has to offer. Whether it's through the dinner committee or another avenue, getting involved is key to maximizing your BPW experience.

With a career spanning nearly three decades as a Giant Eagle Deli Team leader and a retirement spent as a beloved Travel Agent with Mystical Dream Travel, Karen's professional journey has been nothing short of adventurous. From planning dream vacations to Disney magic, she's made countless memories along the way.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Karen finds joy in the art of crafting. Whether she's exploring new techniques with her Cricut or diving into creative projects, crafting serves as her go-to for relaxation and self-expression.

While many may know Karen for her expertise in travel, few might realize her deep-seated love for history. She's a perfect fit as our club historian.

Family is at the heart of Karen's life. With 54 years of marriage she shares her journey with her husband, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, along with her son.

Karen's dedication, warmth, and passion for both BPW and life itself make her an invaluable member of our club. We're grateful to have her among us, shaping the future of Latrobe BPW with her unique perspective and unwavering enthusiasm. Here's to many more years of friendship, growth, and shared experiences with Karen.



April 2024

BPW ROUND-UP



Dinner Committee

BPW Logo Wear

Membership

April Dinner Meeting:

Date: **April 18, 2024**

Event Location: **Giannilli's II**,
Route 30 West, Greensburg

Deadline for Reservations:
Thursday, April 11

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
Cash/Check/Credit \$25
Prepay via PayPal \$27 (link on
dinner reservation)
LINK TO RESERVE: <https://forms.gle/imKvRepCPx748YJW9>

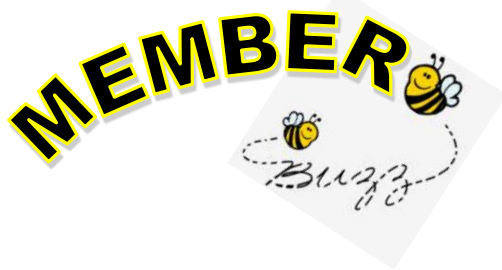
Questions about the dinner meeting?
Email: latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com

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Show your BPW spirit with our new line of logo wear! You can shop 24/7/365 online through our member partner Unity Printing. Order your gear by the end of each month and it will be delivered to you at the following month's meeting! Check out the great items at: www.unityprinting.com/bpw



Please invite your friends, co-workers, and wonderful women that you meet to dinner.
Ask our membership team: Maria Newill and Tina Grace Donkers, for our "business" card and membership application to share with your guests.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION will be held in May.



Amy Mowl Fauth
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My first official edition of the Greene County Messenger as editor is in the books! Can't wait to continue to grow the paper and fill it with lots of community news every week.



Congratulations to **Amy Fauth** on her new role as Editor of the Greene County Messenger!

April 2024



Nomination Committee

Congratulations to the 2024—2025 Latrobe BPW Officers:

President-*Barbara Baldwin*

Vice President-*Stacey Lemmon*

Recording Secretary-*Alice Brasili*

Treasurer-*Lynnette Fajt Hamilton*

Correspondence Secretary-*Karen Laskie*



They will begin planning and setting goals for the club year. Look back on the events, activities, programs that we had this year and evaluate our progress. We want to celebrate our successes and recognize where we can do better. Be willing to offer your skillset when and where needed, the officers can't do it all on their own and rely on the cooperation of the membership to get things done.

Keep in mind to be willing, be positive, be kind, your actions create a perception of who we are,
WE ARE LATROBE BPW !

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Foundation

The Edith Oler Flanagan Disaster Fund is available to any BPW/PA member who has suffered a financial hardship caused by any reason, such as uninsured medical expenses, fire loss, termination of employment, etc. The awards are based on financial need. www.bpwpa.org

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The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event will be held on **Saturday, April 13**, at St. Clair Park, Greensburg.

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Registration is \$5 for each participant.
Children 12 and under are free.
Family-friendly event.
Everyone is welcome.
Pets on a leash are welcome.

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://www.blackburncenter.org/walk-a-mile>
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Important Social Media and Website Links!

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(Business Site)

www.facebook.com/groups/latrobebpw
(Private Member Group—more informal;
Business Owners can run ads and share info
once weekly; Share Community Events)

Search for us on YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn

ISO: Chairwomen and Committee members for the 2023-2024 year.
Please email latrobebpw@yahoo.com if interested.

Editors Note:
*Please send me content.
Lots of articles make the newsletter more interesting!*

Thank you ~Carol Palmer

Committee chairs: Send your round-up items in for the next newsletter's Round Up. Committee Reports are due by first Friday of each month. Send them to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com

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April Students of the Month

Business



Rebecca Huss

Rebecca Huss is a senior at Derry Area High School. She is involved in many honor societies at school, such as Business, Spanish, Science, and Math. She hopes to continue her education in the Spanish language in college as a minor. She is currently employed as a pharmacy technician at Keystone Pharmacy, New Alexandria, and is majoring in chemistry in college and pursuing a Pharmacy program through the University of Pittsburgh after high school.

Keira is a senior at Greater Latrobe High School. Throughout her high school years, she has been actively involved in many extracurricular activities. Community service and the opportunity to help others have been an important and rewarding part of her life. For the past 3 years, Keira has volunteered at the Latrobe Excelsa Health Hospital, logging more than 150 hours assisting hospital staff and visitors. She has also volunteered at the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Keira is an active member of Key Club and Interact Club. She has also been a Link Leader for incoming 9th graders. In addition, she has earned membership in the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Math National Honor Society.

Competitive dance has been a passion of Keira's since she first started dancing as a 4-year-old. This has allowed her to perform in both Hershey and Disney World. She has cheered on the varsity squad for the last three years, having served as one of the team captains her senior year. She also participated in competitive cheer for several years with the TGZ cheer team.

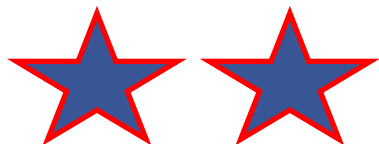
Over the past several years Keira has worked part-time jobs at Dairy Queen, Idlewild, and most recently has started a position at Dino's in Latrobe.

This fall, Keira will be attending Penn State University where she plans to major in Accounting. She looks forward to continuing an active schedule with involvement in community service such asTHON, joining a business fraternity, and one of the PSU dance teams.

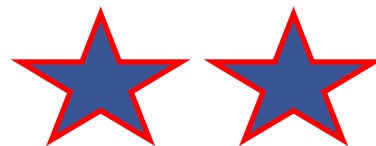


Keira Rauco

April 2024



Guest Speakers



Piper Anke

Piper Anke, a senior at Derry Area High School, brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for community engagement.

Daughter of Jodee Harris and Thomas Anke of Derry, Piper has been actively involved in various leadership roles and extracurricular activities throughout her high school career. As the Membership Coordinator for the Greater Latrobe Laurel Valley Chamber of Commerce, Piper has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and a strong work ethic.

Notably, Piper is also a passionate aspiring actress with a desire to mentor and uplift young girls. Her commitment to community service and empowerment has earned her numerous awards and recognition, including the prestigious PMEA All-State Choir, Class Office (Secretary), Spanish Honor Society, Arion Award, Carson Scholars Awardee, and National Society of High School Scholars.

In addition to her academic and extracurricular achievements, Piper has already completed a Minor in Spanish from St. Vincent College. She will be pursuing her passion for performing arts at a college in the fall.



Jackie Zemba

Joining Piper at the April meeting is Jackie Zemba, Director of the Miss 4th of July Pageant since 2021. Jackie, a former Miss 4th of July herself, has been an integral part of the Latrobe 4th of July Celebration for many years, volunteering for various events including the pageant, parade, and midway.



Wear your Red, White, and Blue to the meeting in support of these 4th of July Ambassadors.



April 2024

LATROBE BPW

BPW/PA State Convention Grant Application

The purpose of the grant is to encourage members to attend State Convention, especially those who might be concerned by the expense.

This grant, in the amount of \$200, will be reimbursed to a member who attends State Convention in person for the FIRST time. The member MUST attend full time, including all meetings. The members will be reimbursed after State Convention, following submission of receipts for payment. The Grant will assist in covering accommodation and travel expenses. Members who have previously attended even a portion of State Convention do not qualify for this grant.

NAME: _____

DATE JOINED LATROBE BPW: _____

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED STATE CONVENTION: _____ YES _____ NO

Activities / Committees you have participated in since joining Latrobe BPW (brief description of what you did / do)

Please submit a 50 – 100 word essay on why you should be awarded the \$200 grant. Please attach your essay to your application.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please mail your application to Dawn Hughes, Latrobe BPW Convention Grant Committee, 193 Stewart Road, Derry, PA 15627. Deadline for entries is our May Membership meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2023.

BPW/PA State Updates

State Convention
June 6—9
Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center
Harrisburg, PA

2024 BPW/PA State Convention Friday Night Event Shirts

The 2024 BPW/PA State Convention Friday Night Event shirts are now available for order! This year, both BPW/PA official printers will be producing the same shirt, ensuring quality and consistency.

Don't miss out—place your order today and secure your shirt for the convention. All orders will be conveniently delivered to the State Convention for pickup during registration.

Click here to order: <https://www.unityprinting.com/bpw>

Hurry, as **orders must be placed by May 19th!** All orders will be delivered to the convention and can be picked up at registration.

\$4.00 from each shirt sold will be donated back to the PA/BPW Foundation EOF Fund.



BPW/PA State Resources:

<http://www.bpwpa.org>


Watch for THE BUZZ emailed every Monday morning.

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the monthly meeting Thanks for
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 *May Day is Pay Day!* 

All membership dues are renewed in May, regardless of your original join date. The membership committee will be running a contest from now until May 1st - 31st.

Everyone who renews their membership in the month of May, will be entered into a drawing. On June 1st, a Facebook Live event will be posted with a randomly generated wheel of names revealing the winner of a \$50 Chick-fil-A card.

Keep inviting guests to attend meetings and to join our Sisterhood. Looking forward to our Sisterhood growing in the 2024-2025 year.

RENEW HERE: <https://frms.glerenewbpwmembership>

April 2024

Spring Tea 2024

Thank you and Great Job to Lorie Planinsek and Deb Bowman, Chairwomen of the 2024 Spring Tea! We are all so grateful for your dedication to this event!



Congratulations to . . .



Lynnette Fajit-Hamilton
New Member of the Year



Lorie Planinsek
Woman of the Year



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20—Lisa Frederick
22—Angela Rose O'Brien

25—Jean Calabrace
25—Dawn Hughes



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