



# The KEY



Newsletter of Business & Professional Woman of Pennsylvania

Summer 2021

## Be the Change

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BPW/PA Summer  
Board Meeting  
August 13-14, 2021  
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg  
Camp Hill, PA

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Happy Summer to all my BPW Sisters across the state! If you don't already know, I am your new 2021-2022 BPW/PA State President, Tiffanie Burger. I'm very excited to head up our organization this year! I have a passion to see our organization thrive and grow to reach the ultimate goal of equality for all women!

I hope you are having a great summer enjoying the sunny (yet hot) weather we have been experiencing. I hope you've been going on vacations (after this year, we all need that!) and enjoying more family time with less restrictions.

Speaking of restrictions, since some are lifting, I am confident we will be able to hold our first in-person state board meeting since 2019! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in attendance at the Summer Board Meeting on August 13-14th at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. Please see the Call to Summer Board for hotel and registration information.

Did you hear what the state project is this year? We are supporting *Girls on the Run* to empower the next generation of girls to become **Bold Positive Women**. My goal is for us to sponsor at least 200 girls into the program and volunteer as much as possible with local GOTR councils. I know those local councils across PA are excited to partner with us to accomplish this goal! How do you plan to be a SHE-ro this year?

I am hopeful for a positive BPW year full of membership growth, cooperation, and collaboration for all of us within the organization. Be Bold, Be Positive, Be the Change you Wish to See in the World!

*Tiffanie E. Burger, President*



## Summer Key 2021 Legislation Report

After the discussion at the State Convention about the Civil Rights Plank of the Legislative Platform, I thought this might be a good time to review the plank and perhaps clear up some of the confusion regarding it.

By definition, Civil Rights are an expansive and significant set of rights that are designed to protect individuals from unfair treatment; they are the rights of individuals to receive equal treatment (and to be free from unfair treatment or discrimination) in a number of settings – including education, employment, housing, public accommodations, and more.

With this definition in mind, let's take a look at each of the lines of the Civil Rights plank:

**To encourage and promote diversity in our membership and in others in our communities and actively oppose all forms of institutional and individual racism.**

This sentence was adopted at the 2020 State Convention, to bring attention to the systemic devaluing of black lives and to acknowledge that oppression takes many forms. For more information, please read my Legislation Report in the Summer 2020 *Key*.

**Actively promote full funding of the Violence Against Women Act to combat domestic violence and the electronic and physical stalking of women.**

Every 5 years, since 1994, policy makers have reauthorized and expanded **the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**. VAWA helps fund Domestic Violence programs, services, and shelters across the country. It must be renewed to ensure that survivors can continue to access these lifesaving supports. Before VAWA there were many more shelters for abandoned animals than battered women. In addition, the bipartisan 2020 House-passed version includes several essential and much-needed improvements—including housing and economic protections. According to the ACLU, a growing number of communities are adopting nuisance ordinances that impose fines and criminal penalties on landlords and tenants when the police are called too many times. These ordinances present two very serious problems for women who experience domestic violence or stalking, two crimes that often occur in one's home: They may prevent victims from calling the police when they are endangered by an abuser or stalker, and they may result in housing discrimination against victims of domestic violence. The House bill also contains a provision to close the so-called boyfriend loophole. By closing this loophole, this makes it illegal for a current or former dating partner convicted of abuse or stalking charges to own a gun and prohibits abusers from purchasing or possessing guns while under temporary protective orders. Such a provision is essential to securing survivor safety overall.

**Support background checks for gun purchases that prevent domestic abusers from purchasing and keeping firearms.**

This sentence was added in 2017 after the 2015 BPW/PA State Convention body adopted Policy Resolution: "Protecting Domestic Violence Victims from Gun Violence" by a vote of 79-39. Research shows that the presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500% and 54% of women killed with guns are killed by intimate partners or family members. Allowing abusers to keep guns in the home cause countless tragic deaths. Background checks that do not check for protection of abuse orders is a definite violation the woman's civil rights.

**Actively promote full funding for protection and services for victims and survivors.**

The Crime Victims Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives. Millions of dollars are invested annually in victim compensation and assistance in every U.S. state and territory, as well as for training, technical assistance, and other capacity-building programs designed to enhance service providers' ability to support survivors of crime in communities across the Nation.

**Ensure equal funding for female and male participation in high school and college athletics.**

Athletic programs are considered educational programs and activities. Title IX is a federal civil rights law stating no institution can discriminate against anybody on the basis of their sex or gender. Title IX is used to rectify long-standing inequities in funding for sports equipment, facilities, training, transportation, and uniforms, etc. Title IX may also increase safety for all students on college campuses from sexual harassment and assault.

**Support female veteran's safety and equal treatment while in military service and in their return to civilian life.**

In 2000, the Equality amendment to the Military Service law granted equal opportunities in the military to women found physically and personally suitable for a job. Women started to enter combat support and light combat roles in a few areas, including the Artillery Corps, infantry units and armored divisions. Unacceptably high incidents of sexual harassment and assault in the military have only increased to where women fear reporting, retaliation, and threats to career advancement. Removing prosecution of perpetrators from the chain of command is now under consideration by the US Defense Department.

**Eliminate all form of sexual harassment and discrimination against women. Bring ALL laws into conformity with the Equal Rights Amendment of the Pennsylvania Constitution.**

Since its inception, and for over 100 years, the mission of BPW/PA has been to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. To this day, three major issues have shaped BPW's legislative agenda: elimination of sex discrimination in employment, the principle of equal pay, and the need for a comprehensive equal rights amendment.

If you still have questions or concerns about this or any other plank in the Legislative Platform, please contact me, PSP Emily Holgash or PSP Cathy Caccia.

PSP Cathy Caccia  
PSP Emily Holgash  
Legislation Committee Members



Members,

I have the honor of serving you as Historian for 2021-2022.

Your important *History* dates should include activities and events from 4-1-21 thru 3-31-22, (so, part of the *History* is in the last previous BPW year); LO *History* should be sent to the District Historian not before 4-1-22 and not after 4-15-22; the District Historian should send the District *History* and all LO *History* from the District, to me, not before 4-16-22 and not after 4-30-22 and finally, e-mailed *History* is preferred but mail *History* is acceptable (with timely postmark).

Your *History* guidelines are:

Local (or District) charter date (charter number may be included)

Name and location of Local (or District)

District number:

Officers: **2021-2022**

History year: **2012-2022**

Awards that Local (or District) received from **4-1-21 thru 3-31-22**

List of Local members serving at State or District.

Anniversaries, Special Projects and/or Events.

Also, I have a *History* template that I developed a few years back. I am willing to share it with anyone who may want or need it. You are not required to use this template with your submitted History. It is simply a helpful tool. Just e-mail me if you would like the word document. My e-mail is: [vladika@verizon.net](mailto:vladika@verizon.net)

Thank you.

Susan M. Vladika, PSP

2021-2022 BPW/PA, Historian





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### **BPW/PA STATE PROJECT: GIRLS ON THE RUN**

It is my honor to serve the Federation and President Burger as State Project Chair for 2021-2022. BPW/PA has designated **Girls on the Run** as its State Project for the upcoming year.

#### **WHAT IS GIRLS ON THE RUN?**

Girls on the Run (GOTR), a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a physical activity-based positive youth development (PA-PYD) program designed to enhance girls' social, emotional, and physical skills and behaviors to successfully navigate life experiences. The program's intentional curriculum places an emphasis on developing competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution in young girls through lessons that incorporate running and other physical activities. The life skills curriculum is delivered by caring and competent coaches who are trained to teach lessons as intended.

Girls on the Run was founded in 1996 and is celebrating its' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! With over 185+ local councils nationwide, 8 local councils serve our communities in Pennsylvania.



#### **HOW ARE WE PARTICIPATING?**

Girls on the Run relies on registration fees, donations, sponsorships, and other support to provide a safe, inclusive, and one-of-a-kind experience for each girl. The registration cost varies by council, and financial assistance is available.

In celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our state goal is to **sponsor financial assistance for 200 girls** in the program. While sponsorship varies by local council, we have decided each sponsorship for the purposes of recording and recognition will be valued at \$150.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**Any District, Local or individual member can make a monetary donation to the GOTR council of their choice.**

Please see attached for listing of councils.

- All checks and donations should be made directly through each council.
- Please also return the attached submission form to me directly for confirmation and recording of the donation





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**Any District, Local or individual member can volunteer time and service to the GOTR council of their choice.** Our local councils have many organized ways to support including coaching a team, helping with a local 5k, and administrative assistance.

- Please contact your local council directly for more information about volunteer opportunities.
- Please return the attached submission form to me directly for confirmation and recording of volunteer service hours.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND FORMS IS APRIL 16, 2022.**

#### **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GIRLS ON THE RUN?**

- You can visit the Girls on the Run website: <https://live-gotr.pantheonsite.io/>
- You can contact a local council directly (please see attached listing for Pennsylvania councils).
- Girls on the Run has agreed to provide speakers for District or Local BPW meetings in person when possible (depending on availability and location) or virtually.

#### **WILL WE BE RECOGNIZED AT BPW/PA STATE CONVENTION FOR OUR PARTICIPATION?**

- There will be 4 prizes awarded for participating in this year's state project.
- District with Highest Number of Girls Sponsored
- District with Most Hours Volunteered
- Local with Highest Number of Girls Sponsored
- Local with Most Hours Volunteered

Girls on the Run reaches girls at a critical stage, strengthening girls confidence at a time when society begins to tell them they can't. Underscoring the important connection between physical and emotional health, this program addresses the whole girl when she needs it the most.

Please help me this year to empower the future females of our organization!



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**BPW/PA STATE PROJECT – GIRLS ON THE RUN CONTRIBUTION FORM**

- ♦ A monetary donation has been made in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Girls on the Run Council  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- ♦ # \_\_\_\_\_ hours of volunteer service have been completed with Girls on the Run Council  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Please also provide a brief description of your volunteer activities below:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BPW LOCAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT IS FROM (CHECK ONE): INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you have sent in contributions for more than one BPW level (i.e. yourself and your Local)  
PLEASE USE SEPARATE CONTRIBUTION FORMS.**

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## GIRLS ON THE RUN PA COUNCILS AND COUNTIES THEY SERVE

### Council Names

Executive Director/Contact Lancaster and Lebanon, Carrie Johnson [carrie.johnson@girlsontherun.org](mailto:carrie.johnson@girlsontherun.org)

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Berks, Kirsten Haas, [kirsten.haas@girlsontherun.org](mailto:kirsten.haas@girlsontherun.org)

Counties Served: Berks and Schuylkill

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Counties Served: Adams, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Palmyra/Lebanon

School Districts in Lebanon County, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Union and York

Pocono, Dolores Everett, [dolores.everett@girlsontherun.org](mailto:dolores.everett@girlsontherun.org)

Counties Served: Monroe, Pike, Northampton, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wayne

Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, Meredith Colaizzi, [meredith.colaiizzi@girlsontherun.org](mailto:meredith.colaiizzi@girlsontherun.org)

Counties Served: Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, Westmoreland and Venango

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Counties Served: Lehigh County, Bethlehem School district/Northampton County

Southeastern Suburban PA, Tracey Ashdale, [tracy.ashdale@girlsontherun.org](mailto:tracy.ashdale@girlsontherun.org)

Counties Served: Montgomery, Delaware, Chester







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### S.H.O.U.T

#### Sharing Helps Others Unit Together

Well...

**You know BPW makes me wanna Shout! Kick my heels up and Shout! Throw my hands up and Shout! Throw my head back and Shout! Come on now Shout!**

**Don't forget to say you will! Shout! Come on now Shout!**

My theme for BPW/PA this year is **S.H.O.U.T! Sharing Helps Others Unite Together.**

When we share our ideas, our experiences, our stories and our joy about BPW we can help each other in every district and local. Our goal is all the same – to promote the BPW/PA mission, to spotlight the great things we do and to invite interested women to join us in the fun!

This year I challenge districts and locals to share with each other to help spread the word about BPW in our communities. Share with our friends the exciting things happening in BPW and the reasons why they should join us in our mission.

Together we can create excitement!



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## PA BPW FOUNDATION NEWS

The PA BPW Foundation awards up to six scholarships per year - three for the Fall semester and three for the Spring semester. To be eligible to apply applicants can either be a member of BPW/PA or a resident of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to application. The following have been awarded scholarships for the 2021 fall semester in the amount of \$2,500 each:

**Kiersten LaSalle is attending St. Francis University, Loretto, PA. Her field of study is biology**

**Skyela Whetstone is attending Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina. Her field of study is animal and veterinary sciences.**

**Abigail Wright is attending Grove City College, Grove City, PA. Her field of study is psychology.**

These awards will be sent directly to their institution of learning. Applications and instructions are available on the BPW/PA website [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org).

The next deadline for application is November 1, 2021.

Edith Oler Flanigan (EOF) grants are also available to BPW/PA members who are experiencing emergencies such as catastrophic illness or accidents, disasters, or any other unusual financial loss. Applications and instructions are available on the BPW/PA website in the Members section.

Those serving on the PA BPW Foundation Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 year include: Cathy Collins, Chair; Nancy Werner, Vice-Chair; Laura Whetstone, Recording Secretary; Jean Towle, Treasurer; Joyce Turner, Finance Chair; Paula Maloney, Marion Waelchli, and Ginny Bailey, and from BPW/PA Melissa Wieand, Michelle Holler, and Roxanne Pease.

We held our first Virtual fundraiser on Friday, June 11, 2021. It was a VIRTUAL TEA PARTY. The Prime View Players (Foundation Board Members) were able to present a history of our PA BPW Foundation, and play some Tea Party games. We went down memory lane with tales of Foundation Friday night Fundraisers at past conventions. We had Bingo nights, Paddle Raffle nights, and even a Carnival night to name a few. We held basket raffles and even decorated tables in the past for the cause.

The first Tea party game consisted of true/false statements featuring proper etiquette from the early 1900's. The second game involved unscrambling 12 words relating to a Tea Party. Then a slide show of Conventions past was displayed on the Zoom screen.

What a great tribute to our members (past and present). The third game gave participants a chance to answer questions relating to holding a Tea Party event. Participants were then asked to share any Tea Party stories they may have experienced.

A big thank you to Nancy Werner, who developed the script, and to those Board Members who were able to test their acting skills as prime players. Also thank you to Past President Marisa for allowing us to register through the wild apricot site, and to Roxanne Pease, Jennifer Van Ingen, and Ginny Shultz for all their assistance in helping to make the event a success. A big thank you to the members who supported the event with their donations and participation.

The PA BPW Foundation Board of Directors thanks all those members for their donations to the Foundation this past year. As of the April 30 deadline we received \$11,566. It should be noted that from 2008 to 2021, the PA BPW Foundation has given a total \$ 144,960 in scholarships and a total of \$ 44,250 in Edith Oler Flanigan grants to members. Anyone wishing to donate can do so using the PA BPW Foundation donation form located on the BPW/PA website. Donations are greatly appreciated and enable us to continue to provide scholarships and EOF grants.

Submitted by: Cathy Collins, Chair, PA BPW Foundation Board of Directors



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# District 1

**On June 7, 2021, at the Silver Shores Restaurant in Conneaut Lake, PA,  
Meadville Local Welcomed 19 of their members to celebrate their  
District One & Local Officer Installation, 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Member Celebration**

Our special guest Mary Weeks, BPW/PA State Project Chair, performed the District One installation, with the assistance of our Scholarship recipient, and newest member, Kaitlyn Royal. The District One 2021-22 theme is *“Women Helping Women”* and Mary performed a beautiful ceremony referencing the many facets of a prism, taking us back in time and recalling the many achievements of the women who have paved our way. Installed were: Diana Fesenmyer, *Director* – LouAnne Bearfield, *Asst. Director* – Beth Forbes, *Recording Secretary* – Evelyn Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary* – Dawn Fronce, *Treasurer* and Susanna Westover, *Parliamentarian*.



Next, the Local Officers were installed. Their 2021-22 theme is *“Celebrating progress by honoring the past, embracing the present and moving towards the future”* and Mary performed a beautiful ceremony using the many spectrums of diversity in the rainbow of colors in a prism, taking us forward in time referencing the many opportunities we will have to continue to paved our way forward. Installed were: Angela Morton & LouAnne Bearfield as *Co-Presidents* – Michelle Lippert, *Recording Secretary* – Beth Forbes, *Corresponding Secretary* – Lynda Jacobs & Christine Krzysiak as *Co-Treasurers* and Susanna Westover, *Parliamentarian*.



They also celebrated their members who have given so much to BPW over the years as officers within a local as well as the district. Long-term members were remembered as well. And a special recognition for the members who made the 2020-21 term successful in spite of a world-wide pandemic

# District 3 BPW

## PA STATE KEY NEWSLETTER REPORT

We have elected our new officers for this year and they are:

District 3 Director – Laurie Hough

Assistant District 3 Director – Angela Apple

Recording Secretary – Karen Schmiech

Treasurer – Maggie Hildebrand

Parliamentarian – Marilyn Tallant

Corresponding Secretary – Jackie Elliott

We expanded on our Dream Big theme from this past BPW year and have added the word Hope to it. The poem listed below reflects it.

### HOPE

**If you only carry one thing throughout your  
entire life, let it be hope.**

**Let it be hope that better things are always ahead.**

**Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times.**

**Let it be hope that you are stronger  
than any challenge that comes your way.**

**Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are  
meant to be right now, and that you are on  
the path to where you are meant to be....**

**Because during these times, hope will be the  
very thing that carries you through. -Nikki Banas**

Plans are being made throughout the locals to participate in the state project – “Be the Change”, increase membership, invite interesting speakers, and spread the word about BPW to co-workers, neighbors, friends, and family.

Please consider coming to the Fall District 3 meeting at Rizzo’s Restaurant in Crabtree on Saturday, October 16 hosted by the Ligonier Valley BPW Local.

**Dream Big – Hope**

**Laurie Hough - District 3 Director**

# District 3 BPW

## LATROBE BPW

We are having a Christmas in July party for all members in the district on July 17th and our crossover meeting will be that day as well. Our theme for the year remains: Bee a Better You.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and board meetings are the first Thursday. Locations are changing so stay tuned for details. New officers were installed at June meeting. Picture is attached. Missing from photo is VP Tracy Grace

Events planned for upcoming club year:

- § Vendor show in November
- § Spring Tea in March 2022
- § Events for community outreach are still developing.

**Deb Bowman**  
**Latrobe president**

## BPW OF LIGONIER VALLEY

### Summer KEY 2021

The BPW of Ligonier Valley currently has 83 Members.

May was our new member induction, presented by Laurie Hough. Our theme for the meeting was 1950s. Jessica Rafferty spoke about Estate planning. We presented achievement awards and scholarships to the students. We also presented the Woman of the Year plaque to the Rachel Roehrig.

In June, we set up a window display at the Town Hall in Ligonier. It was called "The First 20 years". We also scheduled a trash pickup through the Loyalhanna Watershed. We cleaned up 3 miles of roadway. A few of us attended the State Convention on Zoom. We also had our New Officer Installation. Our theme for the meeting was 1960s-70s. We had a lot of hippies show up lol. Raven Cintron won our clubs Member of the Year.

Julys meeting them is Wild Wild West. I can't wait to see what members are wearing! We have a speaker scheduled from the new State Project "Girls on the Run".

We will be having another LIVE Bash on Facebook September 12th, so keep a look out for tickets! We will also be hosting the Fall D3 meeting on October 16th at 9am at Rizzos Malabar Inn. I am looking forward to more fun themed meetings this year and community outreach!

**Tara Hassler**  
**Ligonier Valley President**



# District 4



Woman of the Year presentation. Jan Reisinger (front left) was awarded the 2021 Juniata County Business and Professional Woman of the year at the May 18th meeting. Jan is currently finishing her second year as president of the local chapter. Reisinger is shown here with her family. Front row: Reisinger and Maxine Varner. Second row: Lyn Willison, Greg Reisinger, Jean Cashman, Ann White.

Woman of the year, Jan Reisinger



On June 13, District 4 held a reception for President Tiffanie Burger. Thirty-four women from around the state joined in celebrating as Tiffanie begins her term as state president. Representative John Hershey joined the group to celebrate the first state president from Juniata County local!



Also on June 13, Joan Fulkroad (seated) was honored by the women of her district completed 1357 acts of kindness over this last membership year. Joan was joined by her husband Jim Sr., her children Jim Jr., Judy and Jeff.



Joan was presented a citation from House of Representatives John Hershey. Joan has volunteered in many organizations within her community all while balancing a supportive role in her family.

## District 4



Juniata County Business and Professional Women met on May 18 for their monthly meeting at Lily Manor. Local author Julie Doherty (center) was the speaker for the evening, sharing excerpts from her recent novel *A Valley too Far*. Shown here are District Four Director Michelle Holler, Juniata County local Treasurer Michele Fry, Doherty, Juniata County local President Jan Reisinger, and Lily Manor owner and member Danielle Shellenberger.

The club meets the third Tuesday from September to June at 6:30 pm.

For any working or retired woman interested in the organization, please contact [juniatacountybpw@yahoo.com](mailto:juniatacountybpw@yahoo.com).

# District 5

## DISTRICT 5 NEWS -

Director Ella McElwee ND, HmD, PhD announces arrangements for a seminar planned for Fall District Meeting Saturday October 16, 2021.

Hostess: Windber BPW Local.

Place: Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center Windber, PA.

Speaker: Dr. Sherry L. Cain PhD.

Dr Sherry L. Cain, has her PhD in Counseling Psychology from West Virginia University, a M.A. Degree in Counseling and a B.A. Degree in Biology. She has been employed as a therapist for the past 30 years. You will not want to miss this motivational speaker!! Topic "Achieving Greatness". This seminar will teach members how to be mentally tough when tough times call for it and to stay focused on what is truly important. Participants will learn some action steps to put into place immediately and leave with a game plan for greatness

## ***BEDFORD BPW***

Bedford BPW installed new officers for 2021-22 at their May meeting. The new officers are:

President: Katie Fink

Vice President: Courtney Leidig

Recording Secretary: Sherri Growden

Treasurer: Faith A. Zembower

Co- Treasurer: Karen Everhart

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Mellott

Bedford BPW awarded annual Scholarships at the June meeting. Winners are:

Hope Thornton from HOPE for Hyndman Charter School,

Mary Elizabeth Hood from Everett Area HS and

Larissa Nicole Cooper from Bedford HS

Larissa and Mary were guests at the June meeting and are pictured with their mothers

Hope was unable to attend the meeting. Due to Covid, none of the usual scholarship fundraisers were held.

To fund the scholarships club member Leigh Wilson Price led the sale of Tastefully Simple products by holding Tastefully Simple raffle along with monetary donations from members and their businesses.

Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause, and special thanks to Rita Bush (pictured with the recipients) for chairing the committee. All girls received \$500.

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Regards,

**Joan LaSalle**



# District 10

## DISTRICT 10 NEWS

When I first became District 10 Director, I never dreamed that we would have such a crazy BPW year and a half. I never heard of ZOOM and I never would have realized I would be spending so much time in a little box looking at my BPW Sisters all in their own little boxes, but those little boxes and ZOOM kept us together. I am proud to report that the Locals in District 10 didn't miss a beat. We had dynamic speakers, great District meetings, participated in the BPW/PA State Project, attended Summer and Winter BPW/PA Board meetings, two virtual conventions and held virtual fundraisers for our scholarship funds and our local projects.

Both Lois Hall and I had successful official visits to the locals via ZOOM.

I want to thank the Executive Board of District 10 for helping to keep it all together:

Lois Hall (Downingtown BPW) Assistant Director and Incoming Director

Fran Farrell (Downingtown BPW) Treasurer

Tricia McLaughlin (Delaware Co BPW) Recording Secretary

Donna Weinstein (Chesmont BPW) Corresponding Secretary

Terry Miller (Delaware County BPW) Parliamentarian

In addition to the Executive Board, credit to all our Local Presidents who ran great meetings and were the glue in keeping District 10 intact.

I wish everyone great summer and looking forward to in person meetings very soon.

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BPW/PA District 10 Director 2019-2021

## D10 GREATER DOWNINGTOWN KEY – July 1, 2021

Through June, Greater Downingtown BPW continued its support for BPW/PA President Marissa's State Project, Twilight Wish and made a donation to Ryan's Case for Smiles for the purchase of Coping Boxes for families dealing with a child facing cancer. In April, our guest speaker was Jennifer Horan, Director of Coatesville Youth Initiative (CYI), an organization whose mission is to give children experiences that support their success in school and life; it also unites a wide range of partners making the community better for everyone. Our club also made a donation to the CYI and looks forward to supporting their programs in the future.

We are happy to learn that our favorite restaurant, Thorndale Inn is open and will be able to accommodate our monthly meetings starting in September. Greater Downingtown's 2021-2022 slate of officers were installed at our June 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting. Thank you, Paula Gambrell for the beautiful installation. The clubs audit and Summer Board Meeting have been scheduled for August. We are looking forward to meeting face to face in September.



## NEWS FROM DELAWARE COUNTY

Delaware county BPW had a very productive Spring. Lots of great speakers, including Lauren Psimaris, one of the Directors at Girls on the Run (Delco/Montco Division). We were so glad to hear GOTR will be BP/PA State President Tiffanie Burger's State Project. Delaware County has sponsored some girls over the past few years though our fundraising efforts.

A huge thank you to outgoing President Jen Bravo who did an outstanding job as Local President while becoming a new Mom in October.

Congratulations to our new Executive Board:

President-----Patty Snyder

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-----Rachelle Nocito

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-----Nadine Atkinson

Recording Secretary-----Tricia McLaughlin

Treasurer-----Terry Miller

Happy Summer Everyone

## CHESMONT BPW SUMMER 2021 KEY SUBMISSION

The Chesmont Local Organization was proud to present our 2021 "Most Improved Student Award" to Jasmine Jackson, Phoenixville Area School District Senior. We have presented this award for the past several years to a Senior who has shown a significant change in their Grade Point Average (GPA) from their Freshman year through the first semester of their Senior year.



# District 11

To President Marisa and the BPW/PA Board,

As your time on the BPW/PA Board draws to a close, we wanted to express our sincere gratitude for your service. Board service is the toughest volunteer role, and you all took on your Board duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness. We are most grateful for your active involvement as the leadership of our organization.

District 11 Summer Meeting will be held on Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in person at Maggiano's in King of Prussia at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone in person.

We will be continuing our D 11 theme for the year of "Just Be" and embracing President Tiffanies theme of "Be the change you want to see in the World." We look forward to working with Girls on the Run and are already tossing around fundraising ideas.

We wish all members of BPW/PA a healthy, happy, and carefree summer. See you in August!

**Love Through BPW, Jennifer Van Ingen, District 11 Director**

## CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY (CMC) BPW

Central Montgomery County BPW continued using Zoom for their meetings from April, May, and June. In April, we were delighted to have Barbara Price from the AAUW/PA speak to us on Pay Equity. Her recent statistics on Equal Pay for Equal Work showed that women -Caucasian, Afro American, Asian showed a definite drop due the pandemic. We have lots of work to do in the coming months to boost these statistics.

In May, we had a member, Amanda Mortimer of Innovative Development, share her power point as to what her company provides for those individuals seeking employment. Again, the pandemic has created a renewed interest in seeking new job opportunities. We also had a presentation by Alexis Werner, member, of her 5-minute Individual Development Program speech. She competed in the State IDP Program in June and was recognized as the winner.

Our June meeting was sharing a program with the Cribs for Kids and Chris Berkowitz, the Montgomery County Director. We also had a Birthday celebration of our 94 years in a fabulous power point program. Finally, we shared the BPW/PA Convention highlights with everyone.

Spoiler Alert - We are returning to Maggiano's, King of Prussia, in September. We meet on the third Thursday of the month.

Technology is one challenging part of life but Zoom held CMC BPW together for another successful BPW year.

**Thank you Zoom!**

**Nancy Werner, President**



**SALLY SHAW**

Our gal Sally Shaw is 94 years young and we celebrate her birthday every year with the CMC—BPW. Nothing like being born in the year 1927 when CMC BPW was chartered.



# District 11



## CMC BPW CRIBS FOR KIDS DONATION

Chris Berkowitz, Director of Cribs for Kids in Montgomery County, trying to gather the items donated by the CMC BPW. More items and funds are coming her way.

## GREATER CONSHOHOCKEN (GC) BPW

This has been such an amazing year. To say that Greater Conshohocken BPW stepped up and really showed what we can offer is an understatement. We submitted multiple entries in the various contests and were so honored when our efforts were recognized with a number of winning entries.



## GC BPW JUNE DINNER MEETING

Our June 28<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting was our first in-person meeting of the BPW year and we were honored to have present our Director, Jennifer Van Ingen, Assistant Director, Sheryl Nierenberg and BPW PA President Elect, Melissa Wieand who installed our incoming officers:

**President – Donna Jones**

**Vice President – Rose Marie Berkezhuk**

**Recording Secretary – Barbara Frankl**

**Treasurer – Bernadette Mulvey**

**Corresponding Secretary – Mary Lynn Gullette**

**Parliamentarian – Mary Weeks**

At that meeting, we had a new member join and also began discussing plans for the upcoming BPW year. Several members are planning on attending the BPW PA State and District Summer Board Meetings in August, and GC BPW is excited to hostess the District Fall Meeting on October 23, 2021. The Local will hold a member orientation and induction at our September 27<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting and we are planning on a Candidates' Forum at our October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# District 11

## QUAKERTOWN

### QUAKERTOWN BPW IS HAPPENING!

Quakertown BPW is stepping up the tempo as to meeting face to face on the fourth Wednesday of the month at McCooles's Arts and Entertainment Center in Quakertown. (Note that day change.)

Our April meeting was a night of learning and fun as the "Not So Ready Prime Time Players of the Quakertown BPW," presented the play, "Women of the Suffrage Movement." The play was written and produced by Nancy Werner and Ginny Bailey, CMC BPW. Ten talented BPW members portrayed our famous suffrage women for a night of learning and fun.

Our May Meeting shared an important moment in time of honoring Nancy J. Werner, as our Woman of the Year. "This IS Your Life" presentation by Judy Guise shared of Nancy's service and dedication to BPW especially to Quakertown BPW. Almost fifty years were shared from many members and friends. Nancy is wishing for another 50 years!

The June meeting was our annual picnic and installation. We were delighted to have our two Quakertown Community High School Scholarship recipients join us with their parents. They were Sierra Doyle and Isaac Detweiler. Mary Weeks, BPW/PA PSP, did the honor of providing a beautiful "Garden" Installation for us.

Our Twilight Wish Projects were enjoyed by the Independence Court and the Rockhill Mennonite Home. Jean Carcanague and Lyn Treffinger led the BINGO collection of items for the senior citizen residence. Baskets full of puzzle books, small edible items and fun items were gathered. Karen Creghan collected numerous kitchen baking items for the residents of the Home.

Lastly, we did participate in the annual Quakertown Arts Alive Celebration on Saturday, May 15. Lyn and Jeanne continued to do a great job coordinating this event. We sold kiffels, cookies, baskets, paintings, and our famous PA lottery tickets for June.

### Quakertown BPW is BACK!

### Nancy Werner



Twilight Wish Baskets being delivered by Lyn Treffinger and Jean Carcanague to Suzanne Benner at the Independence Place.



Ellen Miron, Scholarship Chair, Issac Detweiler, Sierra Doyle and President Linda Moskal being presented their Quakertown BPW Scholarship Awards.

# District 11

## SOUDERTON/TELFORD (S/T BPW)

### SOUDERTON / TELFORD (S/T) BPW

- Souderton-Telford had a successful Locally Grown Showcase event this May 1<sup>st</sup> with more than 40 vendors representing locally produced artisan goods, service clubs and non-profits. We had more than 800 guests through. Mary out-did herself again with the raffle presentation. We had karate demonstrations, live music and Waffle Mamas food truck. The township would like to have us back again and we were very pleased with the outdoor venue so it will likely be held at Upper Salford Park again next year.
- In June our membership and Women-Helping-Women committee donated baskets again to Keystone Opportunity Center. This is a staple activity for our club that it at the core of our values. There were 19 complete starter baskets that will be given to women in transition to new housing where there are starting from scratch on the next phase of their journey. We are always proud to support this program.
- At our June meeting we voted to support more than 10 local organizations. Most were financial contributions and some go a step farther, such as:
- Purchasing t-shirts from 'Sweatshirt of Hope' to give to 'Angels Sharing the Warmth'. Both organizations help individuals struggling with addiction.
- We purchased library pass to Pearl Buck so that community members may visit at no charge.
- We are also planning to sponsor a table at Dinner In White to help raise funds for our local library. We are donating a basket to the raffle as well.

Just to name a few. We will share more as we execute the plan we made at our 6/28/21 meeting. The last week of June, we will host a table at our local Telford Night Market (6/30) which will be fun for all in attendance. In July we will facilitate Concert Sundaes on 7/25 at Souderton Park where we vend food, ice cream and drinks while live music plays in the amphitheater. In August we will host our Summer Board meeting and will be inducting at least a handful of new members as well as our Board for next year.

**All the best for a joyous and healthy summer! Dana Vesey, President**



### LOCALLY GROWN SHOWCASE – RAFFLE TABLE



### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN BASKETS



# *District 12*

## *MASONTOWN*



Dorothy Gruskowski used the “HAT” for installing the new for Masontown BPW for 2021-22 year

Left to right—Denice Robinson, Parliamentarian  
Linda Ramirez, Corresponding Secretary  
Lois McDonald, Finance Chair  
Dorothy Gruskowski, Recording Secretary  
Sharlene Lehman, Vice President  
Charlene Smochinsky, President



# *District 12*

## *Masontown*



### **MASONTOWN SPORTING THEIR LOVELY HATS FOR THE VIRTUAL TEA PARTY !!**

Left to right—Sharlene Lehman, Nanci Myers, Barbara Harmon, Dorothy Gruskowski, Denice Robinson

**Look at the lovely table Dorothy Gruskowski set for the tea !! Great times were had by all**



# District 12

## CANONSBURG LOCAL

On June 17, 2021, Canonsburg BPW was excited to celebrate its 90th Birthday Party at Jackson's Restaurant at South Pointe. A memorial service was held for two of our dear members, Vi Bender and Jill Shook. After dinner, our new officers were installed: Marilyn Mastrangelo, President; Beverly Dellapina, Vice President; Pat Milioto, Secretary, and Sherry Herceg, Treasurer. Outgoing President Kathy Smith conducted the candle installation.

On April 29, 1931, an article appeared in the Canonsburg Daily Notes: "LOCAL WOMEN INTERESTED IN ORGANIZATION OF NEW CLUB, BRANCH OF NFBPWC, TO BE FORMED HERE THURSDAY." Women were invited to attend the meeting at 8 o'clock fast time.

The next day, April 30, a meeting was held with teachers, nurses, doctors' attendants, hospital employees, clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and insurance agents in attendance. It was stressed that BPW would give opportunity for self-expression, for wholesome recreation, and an opportunity for development of initiative and leadership, and for mental, physical and spiritual growth.

The women were in favor of the organization and the Canonsburg branch named temporary officers. On May 19, the constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers were elected. Canonsburg BPW was chartered May 21, 1931 with 26 women who were "INTERESTED IN THE CAUSE."

Canonsburg remains "interested in the cause."