BPW Members,

Welcome to the start of the 2017-2018 BPW year. I would like to thank BPW/PA for the opportunity to serve this year as your President. Many thanks go to the members of District 3, Director Tara and my Greensburg Local for all of your support and the wonderful reception. Also, thanks to Past State President Bernadette Koval for the Bridge to the Future installation ceremony.

Our future is before us, and we can cross the Bridge and make this vision happen. We need to use our influence, by improving communications to our members, increasing the use of technology and public awareness of our organization, and by providing educational and professional development opportunities to all. We must continue our strong commitment to advocacy and legislation that BPW/PA can empower all women to cross the Bridge to unlock their futures.

Check out www.bpwpa.org. Our website has lots of information for you...The Key, Bylaws, President’s Manual, and the Proclamation for National Business Women’s Week (October 16-21, 2017) just to name a few.

The State Project for 2017-2018 is Our Clubhouse (www.ourclubhouse.org). Our Clubhouse provides comfort, care and hope to those touched by cancer. This is FREE cancer support. Beyond cancer, it helps people to cope and maintain the best possible quality of life during this changing time.

August 11-12, 2017 was our Board of Directors’ Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn/ Southpointe with District 12 as our hostess with Pat Milioto, Director. 55 Members including 14 Past State Presidents were present.

Very informative reports were given by the Officers and Committee Chairs.

Looking forward to the next Board of Directors’ Meeting on March 9-10, 2018 at the Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA.

June 7-10, 2018 is our 98th Convention in our 99th BPW year. District 9 is our hostess at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

Together we can improve the personal and professional lives of Women by crossing the BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE.

Marilyn
97th Annual BPW/Pa Convention—Friday’s Events

An ERA with a Stellar Future!

President Susan Vladika called the 97th Convention of the Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women to order on Friday, June 10, 2107. The Past State Presidents presented the Emblem. Past State President Emily Holgash led the singing of the National Anthem. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Vice President Theresa Rusbosin.

Mayor Gabriel J. Campana welcomed us to Williamsport and Marc Schefsky, General Manager to the Genetti Hotel.

President Susan recognized 12 first timers, 2 - 25 year members, and 6 - 50+ year members.

Tiffanie Burger, Young Careerist Chair, presented 4 Candidates and Karen Schmiech, Individual Development Chair, presented 4 candidates. All spoke on “An ERA with a Stellar Future.”

12 Vendors were introduced and gave a synopsis of their booth.

Emily Holgash, Nominations Chair presented the slate of Officers: President Elect…Theresa Rusbosin Vice President…Dawn Berkebile Recording Secretary…Virginia Bailey Treasurer………..Jean Calabrace (Nominated from the floor).

Diane Richard, Recording Secretary, cast the ballot for the above nominees and they were elected. Angela Grimm, Vice President Fund Development, Greater PA Chapter of Alzheimer’s Association spoke briefly on the disease. Special Projects Chair Denise Robinson presented a check for $13,070.53 on behalf of the PA Federation.

President Susan introduced Lynn Evans, CFP spoke about having a better sense of money and her book The Power of the Purse.

Friday evening a Paddle Raffle was held for the Foundation Scholarship Fund.

97th Annual BPW/Pa Convention—Saturday’s Events

The business meeting was resumed by President Susan Vladika at 8:30 am.

Vice President Theresa Rusbosin conducted the Memorial Service.

Cassandra Coleman-Corcoran, Director of Governor Wolf’s Northeast Office in Pittson, PA brought greetings from the Governor’s Office.

Treasurer, Margaret Hildebrand reviewed the Financial Reports.

Past State President Catherine Caccia and Editor of the Manual of Policy, Protocol and Procedure presented proposed changes and all were adopted.

Finance Committee Recommendations were Adopted as amended.

The proposed Budget for 2017-2018 was adopted.

The proposed Bylaw changes were adopted.

2017-2018 Proposed Legislative Platform was adopted.

Awards:
Mary Clark Myers…………District 3
100% Attendance….
Districts 1,2,3,4,6,9,11,12
Adams/ Wescoat…………District 3
District 12 Tribute to Women….Denise Clawson
Presentation to outgoing President Susan Vladika by District 8.
Presentation to incoming President Marilyn Tallant by District 3.

97th Annual BPW/Pa Convention—Saturday’s Banquet

Woman of the Year….Ginny Shultz District 12
Employer of the Year….Lackawanna College
Young Careerist….Jill Yaich District 7
Individual Development….Ranee Grush District 5
Eleanor Briner….District 3

Past State President Bernadette Koval installed the 2017-2018 officers with the building of the Bridge to the Future Installation.

Following the installation there was a reception and receiving line for the incoming officers. A perfect ending to the 97th BPW/PA Convention!

See You in Reading in 2018!
Thank You from Immediate PSP Susan Vladika...

Members of the 2016-2017 BPW/PA Board, Local Presidents and Members--

It has been a pleasure to serve you as President this past year. It was such a great experience!

I thank you for the wonderful monetary gift you presented to me at our State Convention. I was so touched by the extent of your thoughtfulness!!

Getting to know members across this Commonwealth was and is one of the great experiences of my life!

We are blessed to have the BEST Federation and I am blessed to have made such wonderful friends.

I look forward to working with Marilyn and the 2017-2018 Board of Directors as we take The Bridge to the Future!

Again, thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!!

Susan Vladika, Immediate PSP

MEET YOUR BPW/PA 2017-2018 STATE OFFICERS

Parliamentary Notes on Motions

Some may think that parliamentary procedures are not necessary and even out dated. After all the man who wrote “Robert’s Rules of Order,” Henry Martyn Robert first published his book in 1876. They are; however, essential for the running of a timely meeting.

“Robert’s Rules provides rules and procedures that allow a deliberative assembly to make its decisions efficiently, but with all due regard for the rights of the minority” from Robert’s Rules for Dummies, 3rd edition. This applies to all meetings whether it is your local meeting of 15, your district meeting of 45 or our state meetings of 50-200. Without parliamentary procedures even the smallest meeting can become chaotic. Chaos makes it impossible for the recording secretary to perform her duties and record the proceedings of the meetings.

One essential part of parliamentary procedure is in making a motion. A motion, its discussion and vote, formalizes the wishes of the body of the membership. Therefore, it is important that these motions be made in proper form.

When a member wishes to make a motion, she should first be recognized by the chair, she should state her name (the recording secretary may not know every member by sight) and her position on the Board. She then begins her motion by saying “ I move…..” It is never “ I so move or I motion what she said”

To help clarify your thoughts it is better to write out your motion beforehand. Don’t forget that you will need a second. Without a second the motion dies and will not be discussed or voted upon.

A well worded and properly made motion will keep the meeting running efficiently and provide the basis for a well informed discussion.

Parliamentarian Cathy Caccia
Issues Management—Look To The Future

Programs, Projects and Events? Those are the three words that are being heard across the BPW/PA as every organization and district begin their planning for the 2017-2018 year. Now is the time to explore our BPW/PA State Theme – “Bridge to the Future” - and see what comes to mind between your leadership and members. Use your creativity. Do some brainstorming. Conduct a survey that you can ask your members for input for potential programs, projects or events. When every member participates, it is a win-win.

Planning now for the year is the key to a successful and rewarding year for any district or local organization. The bottom line is that members and guests come for the friendships/networking but they also come for learning and participating. The member/guest involvement that you provide keeps them interested and wishing to continue as a member and/or join BPW. What we do says it ALL!

Now to read about Issues Management for 2017-2018, please refer to the bpwwpa.wildapricot.org website and find the President’s Manual for the year. There is an Issues Management letter from me that shares the overall information for the upcoming year. I have mentioned the BPW/PA theme, our signature events of National Business Women's Week and the Equal Pay Day, and our affiliation with the National Women’s History Project. Please read all about our State Project - Our Clubhouse (www.ourclubhouse.org) and become involved in the commendable work with providing comfort to those suffering from cancer.

There is a prepared list of the 2017-2018 Issues Management Contest topics. Please take a moment and determine if you could direct any program, project or event to one of these 7 categories. Please remember the Katherine S. Carpenter Award that is presented to a local organization for their community service to a group or individuals in one of the following categories: Youth, Aged Individuals, Special Needs Individuals. (Thank you to the Jersey Shore BPW who sponsors this annual award.)

There is also a Contest Entry Form available. Please read the directions and follow closely. Participation is the key word. If you plan ahead NOW, your ability to submit an entry will be so much easier. Plus Category 6 is open ended as you can submit your favorite program, project or event if it might not be under any other specific category. Every LO can have an entry. So start looking to our 2017-2018 future year with Issues Management and begin your Planning.

Nancy Werner
Issues Management Chair

Legislation

To all Members -

The Public Servant Award is an award given by the Legislation Committee for a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has demonstrated outstanding effort to support a plank of, or all of the BPW/PA Legislative Platform.

Please ask your local organizations to consider submitting a person for this award to be presented at State Convention.

Please contact me with any questions: rquiggle@krasno.com.

Submissions can be made via email or U.S. Mail to:
Rochelle Quiggle, Esquire
2513 Panther Valley Rd.
Pottsville PA 17901.

Rochelle Quiggle, Esquire
Legislation Chair
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

BUSINESS WOMEN’S WEEK
October 16-21, 2017

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was founded on the tenets of fairness, inclusion, and tolerance, and we must continue to pursue these ideals in an ever-changing global economy; and

WHEREAS, women in Pennsylvania are an integral part of our economic engine and have worked diligently in pursuit of equal opportunity, both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, women in Pennsylvania develop and lead successful businesses, are highly educated, and are trained professionals who distinguish themselves as leaders in specialized and challenging fields; and

WHEREAS, today, women in the workplace and their allies continue to advocate for programs and policies that will benefit all members of society, including equal pay for equal work, paid sick leave, paid family leave, and equal leadership and advancement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, our economy is strongest when we level the playing field by making opportunities available to all by establishing constructive partnerships between government, businesses, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, working women, allies, and advocacy groups throughout the commonwealth and the nation promote equality for all women and help create better conditions for working women through the study of social, educational, economic, and political issues affecting women in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, we reflect the highest ideals of our commonwealth and nation as we continue to strive for complete equality in business and the workplace – regardless of gender, race, or religion. Let us recommit ourselves to this goal, so that future generations may have the doors of opportunity opened even wider for them.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 16–21, 2017, to be BUSINESS WOMEN’S WEEK. In recognition of the critical role women play in the development and success of our commonwealth's business community, I encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the achievements of all working women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic, and cultural livelihood.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this seventh day of August two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.

[Signature]
TOM WOLF
Governor
Young Careerist

How can I be a Young Careerist?
What does the program involve?
Who do I tell if I would like to participate? How much of a commitment is it? Does it cost me any money and do I have to take a course to be a YC? Do I have to be a BPW/PA Member to participate in the Young Careerist Program?

These are all questions that I have been asked as the 2017-2018 BPW/PA Young Careerist Chair. The Young Careerist program is not a formal program and there is no course that has to be taken to participate. There is no fee to be a Young Careerist. In fact, BPW/PA Districts often financially assist Young Careerist candidates with Convention expenses when they decide to compete on the statewide level. If you know a young woman or if you are a young woman who wants to get involved in the Young Careerist Program, you simply need to tell your Local Organization President, your L.O. Young Careerist Chair, your District YC Chair or me.

To be a Young Careerist a woman must be between the ages of 21 to 35. She must prepare a speech using one of the six topics chosen for the 2017-2018 year. A YC candidate must be or have been employed in a business or profession or in a job with a minimum of one year of full time work experience. The YC participant presents her speech to her Local Organization. If the Local Organization believes the candidate is ready to present her speech to her District, the District YC Chair must be contacted as far in advance of the District’s Spring District Meeting as possible to make arrangements for the participant’s presentation. If more than one candidate from a District presents themselves as wanting to compete, there is a “speak-off” usually held at the Spring District Meeting. A winner is chosen and her name is submitted to the BPW/PA YC Chair who will include the District’s YC candidate with those from other Districts. Each of the YC candidates have an opportunity to give her speech to the Convention body. At Convention, the YC candidates participate in interviews with the YC Judges. By the time the YC Candidate is selected by the District to compete at our BPW/PA Convention, the YC Candidate must be a member of BPW/PA. The Young Careerist Candidate must submit a biographical information form and a digital photo and she must also agree to the BPW/PA Legislative platform.

In every Local or on the District level, there are many members who can encourage and coach a Young Careerist candidate. By participating in the Young Careerist program, the candidates grow professionally and personally and can make life-long friends. Sometimes participation in the Young Careerist program allows a young woman who was once too timid to “speak up” for herself in the workplace gain the confidence to do so.

Two questions have been added to the four previously placed in the BPW/PA website as Young Careerist speech topics. The additional questions are:

1. Who do I tell if I would like to compete on the statewide level? If you know a young woman or if you are a young woman you know who is interested in the Young Careerist Program will give it a try. BPW/PA members, let’s be the catalyst that encourages a young woman to engage in the YC program. It will be worthwhile – I promise! As your 2017-2018 Young Careerist Chair, I am happy to assist you in any way, so please let me hear from you.

Terry Miller
Young Careerist Chair

National Business Women’s Week—October 16—21, 2017

The purpose of National Business Women's Week is "to recognize women who have been the cornerstone of working in business in the United States in the past and to examine how far women in business have come."

Since 1938 National Business Women's Week has officially been celebrated the third full week in October of each year.

The first observance of NBWW was April 15-22, 1928. The first NBWW began with a nationally broadcast speech by Lean Madesin Phillips, the President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (NFBPWC).

Although Phillips launched the first NBWW event, the idea for NBWW should correctly be attributed to Emma Dot Partridge the Executive Secretary for NFBPWC (1924 through 1927.)

Phillips stated in her speech NBWW was created "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world."
Nominations

It is my pleasure to serve on President Marilyn’s Board of Directors as Nominations’ Chair.

Some rules for our candidates:

1. Candidates for President-Elect and Vice President must have served as District Director and/or two terms as BPW/PA Recording Secretary or Treasurer (Bylaws Article X, Section 2).

2. Candidates for Recording Secretary and Treasurer must be members in good standing.

3. Each candidate must be endorsed by both their Local and District.

4. Nominees for State office must submit their completed candidate form and conflict of interest form to me; Chair of Nominations, postmarked no later than January 15, 2018. The candidate form and conflict of interest forms are both on our website, www.bpwpa.org.

5. Prior to the 2018 Convention, all candidates must submit two photos: one for publication in The KEY and one for display at convention. Candidates will also be asked to answer two questions selected by me and approved by the Executive Committee. The questions will be sent to members by email blast after our Summer Board Meeting in August.

6. Candidates will present a five-minute address to the 2018 Convention body to include President Marilyn’s theme, “Bridge to the Future” and two (2) ideas from our BPW Collect explaining why BPW is important to you.

What’s new with the PA BPW Foundation, Inc.

At the June 10, 2017 Meeting, we reorganized and elected the following as the officers for 2017-2018. Officers are: Nancy Werner, Chair; Cathy Collins, Vice Chair; Barbara Schmouder, Recording Secretary, Denise Robinson, Treasurer. We also have continuing on the Board are Denise Clawson and Jean White. Elected onto the Board for the next three years are Bemadette Koval and Diane Lewis. Representing the BPW/PA will be Theresa Rusbosin, BPW/PA President Elect, Ginny Bailey, BPW/PA Recording Secretary and BPW/PA Vice President, Dawn Berkebile.

We work to provide scholarships to those individuals seeking higher levels of learning. There is a scholarship application on the www.bpwpa.org web site that can be downloaded and completed. Please remember to read the criteria and submit five copies of the requested materials.

There are two deadline dates: May 1 and November 1.

We also maintain the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant which provides to our members emergency funds for the following: catastrophic illness or accident; extended unemployment; a disaster or any other unusual financial loss. There is an application on the “member only” section of the www.bpwpa.org web site. There is never a deadline for a request and never hesitate to ask if you are in need.

Both the Scholarship and the Edith Oler Flanigan Fund Grant Applications are mailed to Cathy Collins, the Chair of the Educational and Service Funds Committee.

But to maintain these two funds we rely on two ways. Every year at the State Convention, the PA BPW Foundation is able to hold a special function for the Friday evening event as well as a ticket raffle. This past Convention were are proud to announce that the Friday Night Paddle Raffle, Ticket Raffle and the Auction netted $5,245.50. Thank you to all our members who enjoyed and participated in this “fun event.” Plus a thank you to Jean Towle and her Committee for planning this special evening with our food selection, securing the quarters, making the “star paddles” and asking for the many donated baskets and giveaways.

Also during Convention, we were also delighted to hand out 31 certificates to the President Society’s Patrons who gave $100 or more to the PA BPW Foundation.

Lastly, the generosity of the local organizations and districts and mainly, you, the member, are what define our mission. We were able to recognize our local organizations with their level of giving with a bronze, silver, gold or diamond certificates. A donation form can be found on the www.bpwpa.org web site. We are always appreciative with whatever you are able to share. Remember you may donate in memory or in honor of a specific person.

Another item that I would like to mention. We do have a PA BPW Foundation Board Member application on the www.bpwpa.org “member only” section. If you would be interested in applying for a Board position, please read, complete and submit by March 15, 2018. Thank you.

We are continually looking for ways to share our information with you. Soon to be on the www.bpwpa.org will be the following:

- the story of Edith Oler Flanigan
- PA BPW Foundation game “Is That A Fact?” with script, true or false statements, answer key (donation sheet is already posted on www.bpwpa.org)
- a brochure sharing the PA BPW Foundation information
- What is the PA BPW Foundation? (a fact sheet)

THANK YOU for your willingness to help make the PA BPW Foundation a HUGE success!

Nancy Werner
PA BPW Foundation Chair
President Marilyn’s Special Project this year is supporting an organization called Our Clubhouse. This organization creates a community of support for everyone living with cancer - women, men, teens and children along with other family members and friends. A cancer diagnosis not only affects the patient but also the support system behind them. There are two Our Clubhouse locations in the state, one in Greensburg and the other in downtown Pittsburgh. [http://ourclubhouse.org/](http://ourclubhouse.org/)

This organization provides free emotional and social support to those touched by cancer. To name a few they offer workshops on yoga, healthy eating, one on one or group counseling sessions, gardening or painting classes, potluck dinners, and much more fun activities for adults and children who are members. They rely on volunteers, donations and grants to help offer these programs to the patients and families as no charge.

We will be raising money by filling up your clubhouse bank at your meetings and you are encouraged to get creative with the best program/project to raise money for Our Clubhouse. This could include volunteering or hosting an activity at the Clubhouse or shopping from their Amazon wishlist.

This BPW year, we will continue having contests to challenge you to participate and receive honors at the 2018 BPW/PA State Convention. Contest deadlines are May 1, 2018.

1. The best program/project on Our Clubhouse by a Local Organization or District.
2. The Local Organization or District that raises the most money for the clubhouse based on May 1st deadline totals.

The donation form can be found on the BPW/PA website ([www_bpwpa.org](http://www_bpwpa.org)). Donations are to be sent to me and will be forwarded to Our Clubhouse so they can record your donation. They can be submitted on an ongoing basis. Thank you in advance for being a vital part in this year’s BPW/PA State Project, Our Clubhouse.

Our Clubhouse Mission

Our mission is to create welcoming communities of support for everyone living with cancer — men, women, teens, and children — along with their families and friends.

Providing Free Cancer Support for those living with cancer at any age, as well as the family & friends who care for them.

Our Clubhouse News Update

Our Clubhouse is very excited to be partnered with us this year and truly appreciates everyone’s support and kindness they have felt upon some of their meeting visits. They do have one small request from our members. If you would please send all requests for information, visits to the clubhouse, and requests for guest speakers at your meetings to me at sjkitchen13@gmail.com or by phone at 724-422-8472. They are getting a little overwhelmed and confused on their end replying to everyone’s requests. Thank You for your cooperation!

*** CONGRATULATIONS ***

Our Clubhouse is proud to announce that their own Colleen Dwyer, Director of Outreach & Program Development, is receiving a 2017 Health Care Hero award! Colleen was instrumental in developing Living Life Post Cancer Treatment, a nine-week workshop that has helped over 100 participants transition to life beyond cancer. Under her direction and guidance, Our Clubhouse is set for an October 2017 launch of Living Life with Metastatic Breast Cancer, a new monthly experience that will incorporate gentle exercise, healthy meals, expert speakers, and group discussion/support.

Thanks Colleen for everything you’ve done to improve the lives of people in our community touched by cancer!

Ligonier Valley BPW Sept. Meeting
(L-R: Colleen Dwyer, BPW President Marilyn Tallant, & Christine Lee-Zirkle)

Sarah Kitchen
Special Projects Chair

THE KEY

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**District 3 News**

**Greensburg BPW:** The Greensburg Business and Professional Women awarded 2 Scholarships on May 10th at Hoss’s Restaurant in GREENSBURG to the following: OLIVIA KISSELL of Greensburg, a Senior at Hempfield HS will graduate this year. She will attend Carlow University and major in Nursing and then go on as a Nurse Practitioner. EMILY ANN FRYE of Munhall, is a Junior at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, majoring in Management. Her goal is to be a Human Resource or Global Manager then proceed to attain an MBA.

In June, several of our members, Cathy Caccia, Karen Schmiech, Mary Catherine Motchar, Susan Reimer, Denise Fait and President Shirley Wolinsky attended the June Convention in Williamsport where our very own, Marilyn Tallant was installed as Pa State President. When Marilyn introduced Greensburg as her “family,” it brought tears to our eyes. Cathy Caccia spearheaded a wonderful program highlighting Marilyn’s 56 years as a BPW Member. Each local did a presentation for every 10 years from 1960 to the present. Marilyn has been our LEADER, ROLE MODEL and a faithful FRIEND. Best wishes, Marilyn we are so PROUD of you!!!

In July, we gathered at the Tallant home for our annual picnic. It was pot luck, everyone brought a covered dish. We had good food and great conversation.

On August 9th, 18 of us attended the St Vincent Play, “MY WAY”. It was very enjoyable and many of us left signing the "OLE BLUE EYES " songs.

**Latrobe BPW:** Latrobe BPW is hitting the ground running for 2017-18. We have welcomed back 75% of our membership. That’s an impressive 83 members and renewals continue to roll in. We are so excited that Latrobe BPW continues to be one of the strongest locals in the state. But it’s not just our size that is impressive (we know size doesn’t matter, right!) Big or small we have a membership that is connected. Active members that support the mission and projects on the state, district and local level. Movers and shakers that are invested in Latrobe BPW and continuing the legacy started so many years ago. Though some things have changed over the years, the heart and soul of our group beats strong. We are women helping women. Women from all walks of life coming together to

**Meadville BPW:** District One’s Meadville local held its third Female Firepower on Friday, June 23. Keynote speaker JJ Degeronimo told those attending how to **Accelerate Your Impact** and each attendee received a copy of her most recent book of the same title. Other presenters included Bonnie Artman Fox who talked about **Six Behaviors to Put Out the Fires of Conflict**, Melissa McGavick who outlined how to **Fire Up After Burning Out**, and Andrea Peters who showed everyone **How NOT to Look Old**. Meadville member Lisa Pustelak acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. A structured networking session, led by Christa Lunda, Executive Director of Meadville Eastern Crawford County Chamber of Commerce and Meadville Member Lisa Puste...
District 5 News

District 5 BPW: District 5 had a successful Individual Development Program in 2016-2017. Ranee Grush, member of the Windber Local and District 5 IDP candidate, was selected as the BPW/PA 2017 Individual Development winner. On behalf of District 5 we offer Ranee our sincere congratulations on this achievement. The district plans to sponsor a district IDP course in February 2018.

Bedford BPW: Bedford Local has an active start to the fall season. The local is an established and long-time participant in the Bedford County Fall Foliage days held the first and second weekends in October. The local sells many gobs (whoopie pies). The proceeds benefit the local’s scholarship fund. Bedford has started planning for their 70th anniversary celebration in May 2018.

Cresson BPW: As part of a campaign to retain members and encourage new members, the Cresson Local hosted a French wine tasting and education evening in July. Member Sandy Nairn opened her home to the group. Conducting the evening of French wine tasting and pairings was Cresson member Dr. Sue Shoemaker. Sue has studied and traveled in France. She gave a tour of the various wine territories in France and educated attendees on the reason the wines had the flavors they did. It was an enjoyable evening of tasting, knowledge, and friendship.

Tyrone BPW: Tyrone Local will host the District fall meeting Saturday, October 28. The program speaker is Bedford President Dr. Ella McElwee. Ella has a degree in Naturopathy and Homeopathy along with a PhD in Natural Sciences. Ella has been in the clinical field of nutrition for over 30 years and has served as a nutritional counselor to many in holistic health care.

Windber BPW: The Windber Local celebrated their 70th anniversary in 2017. The members support many worthwhile projects. Members participated and donated in the Alzheimer’s Association walk last year and plan again this year to sponsor a team in the Cambria/Somerset Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Windber Recreation Park Saturday, September 23.
District 6 News

District 6 BPW: Jersey Shore and Wellsboro members were honored to host the 2017 Convention in Williamsport where 157 were registered. We were so thankful for the help given by Districts 8 & 9 to make the Convention go smoothly. We were especially appreciative for Terri Detrick, who co-chaired with Georgia Tracy after the death of District Director, Grace Lucas. We are now planning for our Fall District Meeting, which will be held at Fry’s Turkey Ranch on October 7. The fundraiser for this year is a Garageless Garage Sale, for which District members will each donate $10. The District was represented at Summer Board by Georgia Tracy and Bev McKnight.

Wellsboro BPW: President Bev McKnight is planning the first meeting on Sept. 11, ready to welcome at least 2 new members. Wellsboro will hostess Fall District Meeting on Oct. 7, which will be conducted by District Director Georgia Tracy. She installed the new Jersey Shore officers at their picnic in August. Fund-raising plans for Wellsboro include the Dickens-of-a-Christmas Booth, where bread-in-a-jar, homemade fudge and cookie are sold. Proceeds are used to give $100 awards to 7 graduating Seniors. The local plans to increase their membership and support the State President’s project.

District 9 News

Pictured in Photo: (L) Left to (R)
Pottsville Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Pascuzzo; Treasurer, Rochelle Quiggle, Esq.; Crystal Lehr, Vice President; Renee Hudec, President; Allie Andrews, Schuylkill United Way; Lisa Kauffman, Recording Secretary and Debra Smith, Esq., Parliamentarian

Pottsville BPW: The Pottsville Local of District Nine welcomed their new 2017-2018 BPW year by donating to the Schuylkill United Way of Schuylkill County during their first meeting held in September. Accepting the check on behalf of the Schuylkill United Way is Allie Andrews, Director of Community Relations. The Pottsville Local has donated approximately $2,000.00 to this worthy cause since 1999.

District 10 News

District 10 BPW: District 10 is honored to have Keny Holman as our District Director this year. Keny has been very active in the serving at various positions with Greater Downingtown BPW. Keny and members of her Board, Terry Miller, Jean White and Frances Farrell, attended the Summer Board of Directors Meeting in Cannonsburg. District 10 is planning a Fundraiser and will be presenting Scholarships this year. We will also participate in Wreaths Across America again this year.

Pictured L to R:
Legislation Jean White, District 10 Director Keny Holman, BPW PA President Marilyn Tallant, Corresponding Secretary Terry Miller and Treasurer Frances Farrell.
District 10 News (Continued)

Delaware County BPW: Our President this year is Pat Puleo. Pat has served in many positions in Delaware County BPW. We have had the pleasure of increasing our membership this year and will look forward to having a New Member Induction. We will start off with our September speaker Brenda Dawson, President and CEO of PathWays PA, who will speak on the programs that PathWays PA offer for Self-Sufficiency for Women and Children and accept our donation to their cause. October speakers are two young ladies who are members of the Llanarch Fire Fighters. Our November speaker will be Stylist Ashley Meyers. Our December meeting, to help inspire the spirit of Christmas, we will be listening to Holiday tunes played by Tom Surynt on keyboard.

Greater Downingtown BPW: Dr. John Medaglia, Research Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania was the guest speaker at the Greater Downingtown BPW meeting on April 12, 2017. A clinical neuropsychologist by training, Dr. Medaglia studies brain networks to identify personalized targets for brain stimulation treatments for stroke and dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Medaglia also aims to understand the basis of cognitive problems associated with stroke and dementia, such as why some individuals are more resilient than others or respond better to treatment. Dr. Medaglia’s work has been features in major journals in the neurosciences and neurology. His research is supported by the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health, which recognizes him as one of a few “early career scientists with the intellect, scientific creativity, drive, and maturity to flourish independently”.

District 12 News

Canonsburg BPW: On June 9th thru 11, the BPW PA convention was held at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsport, PA. Those attending from Canonsburg were Beverly Dellapina, Sherry Herceg, and Kathy Smith as delegates. Also attending were Pat Milioto and Marilyn Mastrangelo. The following awards were won by the Canonsburg Club: PA BPW Foundation Gold Award for donations totaling $250-$499 and Public Relations for the Best Local Organization or District Event utilizing 2016-2017 BPW/PA State Theme, “An ERA with a Stellar Future” via any Media Outlet. Beverly Dellapina also won the PA BPW Foundation President’s Society award for her contribution of $100.00 or more. New BPW/PA officers were elected: President, Marilyn Tallant; President Elect, Theresa Rusbosin; Vice President, Dawn Berkebile; Recording Secretary, Ginny Bailey and Treasurer, Jean Calabrace. Ginny Shultz was named Pennsylvania Woman of the Year.

On June 14th the Canonsburg BPW celebrated their 86th birthday. There were 32 members and guests in attendance. Before enjoying a delicious dinner, the 2017-2018 Woman of the Year, Mary “Patricia” Milioto was announced. Following dinner, recognition of our Past Presidents in attendance was held. Those recognized were Vi Bender, Beverly Dellapina, Jessica Hrabovsky, Patricia Milioto and Kathy Smith. There was also a special recognition of the following members that have 15+ years of membership in the club. They are Vi Bender (52 years); Connie Terling (41 years); Marge Dellorso and Louise Mroz (40 years); Kathy Emery (35 years); Jill A. Shook (34 years); Marilyn Mastrangelo (30 years); Julie Burnell (28 years); Jessica Hrabovsky (19 years); Beverly Dellapina, Terri Star- tare and Kathy Tirimacco (18 years); and Kathy Smith (17 years). These 13 women have a total of 390 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP. HOW AWESOME IS THAT!!! A brief memorial service was held for Dr. Mary Cavasina, and Erin Banda was announced as our Scholarship winner. Installation of the 2017-2018 officers was held with District 12 Director Pat Milioto officiating. Those installed were: President-Beverly Dellapina; Vice President-Kathy Smith; Recording Secretary-Marilyn Mastrangelo; Treasurer-Sherry Herceg; Corresponding Secretary-Bernice Polasky and Parliamentarian-Jessica Hrabovsky.

Thank you to all of the members, guests and BPW sisters: Pat Carter, Dr. Medaglia spoke on the topic of Alzheimer’s. He gave the group a broad view of what Alzheimer’s is, how it effects the brain and the groups that are more vulnerable to be targeted by this disease. Dr. Medaglia entertained questions and provided information on how to maintain a healthy brain through exercise and healthy living.
Bobbi Dobler, Denice Robinson and Ruth Walters (and guest) who were in attendance, and those who helped in any small way to make the evening such a great occasion.

Our Summer Outing was held on Thursday, July 20th at the All Star Sports Bar and Grill on Main Street in Southpointe.

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 17th at Quail Acres Pavilion in North Strabane Park. The cost person is $12.00 which includes the chicken, and drinks. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish.

On September 8, Kathy Smith, Vice President, will repel 26 stories from the top of the Oliver Building in Pittsburgh. The “Over the Edge Fundraiser” is for Our Clubhouse, a cancer support center in Pittsburgh’s Strip District. To participate in the fundraiser, Kathy had to raise $1,500. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK KATHY!!

**Connellsville BPW:** During the year 2016-2017, we honored two women from the community as “Let Your Light Shine” honorees. We had fundraisers for our scholarships and collected money for the Alzheimer’s Disease project. We also celebrated our 85th Anniversary with a dinner and program. As members, we make ourselves visible in the community to encourage women to join our club.

We were saddened to lose one of our members, Marilyn Fink, age 91, who had been a member since the 1970’s. The club honored her with a BPW service during the viewing.

The 2017-2018 year began with a picnic to plan for the year’s activities. At our September meeting, we will host a speaker from the Chamber of Commerce in Connellsville.

We plan to participate in the Mum Festival using it as a bake sale fundraiser. Our second fundraiser is a Casino Bus Trip on September 16th. We have two other fundraisers in the planning stages.

Members will decorate a local store front for National Business Women’s Week as advertisement for membership. We will also receive proclamations from the City Council and County Commissioners.

Our October meeting is a Crafting meeting with members working on a project to increase our visibility in the community.

We plan to invite a speaker to provide information concerning local cancer treatment centers and have made a donation to “Our Clubhouse” for Kathy Smith’s Leap!!

December is party month, however, we still be collecting items for our troops being deployed during the year.

Plans are being made to have a meeting at the Senior Towers to share our presence in the community.

March is the month chosen for each member to invite a former member to join us for a meeting. Hopefully, this will be an avenue for membership building.

A female veteran will join us for our April meeting, sharing her experiences with the members. We will also be taking nominations for a new slate of officers.

May is Scholarship Month with a senior from each of two local high schools being honored.

Our new slate of officers will be installed in June.

**Masontown BPW:** Masontown BPW installed new officers at our monthly meeting held June 13, 2017. A Garden induction ceremony was led by Debbie DeMasi. The 2017-2018 officers are: Dorothy Gruskowski, President; Charlene Smochinsky, Vice President; Beverly Jenkins, Secretary, Barb Harmon, Treasurer; Debbie DeMasi,
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Corresponding Secretary; and Denice Robinson, Parliamentarian. A special note of appreciation was extended to our outgoing officers. The six members who attended the BPW/PA State Convention shared a recap of events and proudly announced that our local won 8 awards, and our own Denice Robinson received the Presidents’ Society Award from the Pennsylvania BPW Foundation. Our 21st Annual Planning/Pool Party was held on Sunday, August 20th at the home of Denice Robinson. We look forward to incorporating this year’s theme “Bridge to the Future” in our projects and programs, and especially, as we plan our 70th anniversary celebration in 2018.

Denise Robinson, 2016-17 BPW/PA Special Project Chair presents Angela Grimm, Executive Director of Greater PA Alzheimer’s Association with a check for $13,070.32.

38th Annual BPW/PA and BPW/OH Ecumenical Event

Saturday October 21, 2017
Hilton Garden Inn - Southpointe
1000 Corporate Drive
Canonsburg, Pa.
Hosted by BPW/PA Districts 3 and 12
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

The Bridge Between Us & God
Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength & dignity.
And she laughs without fear of the future.

Schedule:

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Cost: $38
Deadline for Reservations is October 10, 2017

Mail to: Denice Robinson, District 12 Ecumenical Event Chair
80 Oakland Ave., Uniontown, Pa. 15401
Email: drobinson1966@gmail.com, Phone: 724-557-5552

Make checks payable to: BPW District 12

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The Bridge to the Future

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Wyomissing, PA

BPW/PA 98th
Annual Convention

June 7 - 10, 2018

** Bylaws
** Finance
** Individual Development / Young Careerist
  ** Pretzels
** Federation Business
** Scholarship Fundraiser
** Networking
  ** More Pretzels
** Friendship Renewals
** Good Food
** Sights to See
  **Did We Mention Pretzels?
  ** LOADS of FUN **

Mark Your Calendar!
Upcoming Events!

Saturday, September 30, 2017—District 4 Fall District Meeting at St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 217 East Pine Street, Clearfield, PA 16830. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with Continental Breakfast. Cost is $12.00 per person. Reservations to Mary Jane Rowles, 111 Latimer Street, Clearfield, PA 16830 (814) 765-3538.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017—PA Conference for Women in Philly at the Convention Center. For additional information check out their website at: www.paconferenceforwomen.org.

Saturday, October 7, 2017—District 6 Fall District Meeting at Fry Brothers Turkey Ranch Restaurant in Trout Run, PA 17771. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Cost is $5.00, includes breakfast drinks & sweets. More info? Bev Mc Knight, (570) 724-4582.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017—Tamaqua 70th Anniversary Celebration at Tamaqua Station Restaurant, 18 N. Railroad Street, Tamaqua, PA. Cost $25.00, includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and desserts. More info? Jean Ann Towle, 248 W. Rowe Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252.

Saturday, October 14, 2017—District 7 Fall District Meeting at Refectory at the Lutheran Seminary, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17326. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Cost is $12.00, includes brunch. More info? Bea Schultz, (240) 215-5844 (C).

Saturday, October 14, 2017—District 9 Fall Conference at Oak Hill Inn, 655 PA-61, Onwigsburg, PA 17961. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $24.00, includes brunch. More info? Deborah A. Bensinger, 492 Schuylkill Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 (570) 385-4727 (H).

Saturday, October 14, 2017—District 10 Fall District Meeting at Concord Country Club, 1601 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Cost is $22.00, includes Plated Breakfast. More info? Terry Miller, 8 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063.

Monday, October 16, 2017—District 3 Fall Meeting at Comfort Inn Conference Center, 699 Rodi Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., Cost $30.00, includes Italian Dinner Buffet. More info? Contact: GPBPW at (412) 670-8974.

Saturday, October 21, 2017—District 8 Fall Conference at Moose Lodge #1276, 809 Hunter Hwy. (Route 29), Tunkhannock, PA. 18657. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost $19.00, Includes Breakfast Buffet. More info? JoAnn Durdach, 205 Willow Road, Dalton, PA 18414.

Saturday, October 21, 2017—38th Annual Ecumenical Event hosted by BPW/PA and BPW/OH at Hilton Garden Inn—Southpointe, 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA. Cost: $38.00, includes Breakfast Buffet. More info? Contact Denice Robinson, 80 Oakland Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401, (724) 557-5552. Reservation form is included in this issue of The KEY and available on the state website. Deadline is October 10, 2017.

Saturday, October 28, 2017—District 11 Fall District Meeting at Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center, 1030 Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost: $19.00, includes Breakfast Buffet. More info? Judy Guise, 728 Juniper Street, Quakertown, PA 18951, (215) 536-5196.

Monday, November 6, 2017—District 1 Fall District Meeting at Chevy’s Italian Casual, 18228 Conneaut Lake Road, Meadville, PA, Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.. Cost is $16.50. More info? Contact Mary Ellen Bayuk at meb5@psu.edu or (412) 916-6923 by Sunday, November 5, 2017.

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