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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to another exciting year of Centralia BPW! We have begun our work with a change-over meeting at Wham & Wham Attorneys on May 20. Following that was our June Board meeting, held at Anna Humphrey's home on June 1. I want to thank all of our members who stepped forward and agreed to serve as chairpersons of Standing or Special Committees. If you have not yet had the opportunity to connect with last year's chair to exchange materials, please do

so as soon as possible. She will be a wealth of knowledge and a good place to start off your 2010 – 2011 year.

We have a challenging year ahead of us as IFBPW continues to grow and build its brand absent the national federation framework. Names and concepts will change at state and local levels, but the heart of what we do will remain intact: Women helping women; politically, professionally and personally.

This is a vibrant time to be a member of our club, so please continue to share all that we are with your friends and family and ask them to join us. Patty Brough's diverse programs for this year create the perfect opportunity for you to bring guests to any meeting or function. I would like to see a 10% increase in membership this year, and with the phenomenal year Jackie Gray had in 2009 – 2010, that will mean a minimum of 7 new members! Together, we can achieve this goal.

The theme for this year is "Intelligence, Integrity and Ingenuity," three words which I believe describe the essence of our membership. Let us continue to strive towards making our communities, our workplaces, our world, richer for our presence in it.

Beth Galicia
President

-- MEETING MINUTES --

Since the complete meeting minutes appear in the newsletter, there will be no copies on the tables at the Regular Meetings. So, bring your newsletter to the meeting if you feel you need to refer to them.

SIGN IN PLEASE!

The "sign-in" sheet is on the table as you enter the meeting room. Please take a second to sign it no matter what time you arrive - it still counts!

CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>

You will find a link to this newsletter at our website

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Committee Assignments 2010-11

GENERAL MEETING

June 9, 2010, 6:00p

Centralia Elks BPOE Lodge #493

235 North Locust

Program: "Women & Retirement" by Jackie Gray

Buffet: salad, chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, rolls, dessert

FUN NIGHT

July 14, 2010

6:00p - ???

Centralia Area Historical Museum

"A Night of Centralia Area Trivia"

Catered meal by "Melinda"

Tickets \$11.00 – available at the June meeting

AGENDA

Welcome
Collect & Pledge
Introduction of Guests
Birthdays
Dinner
Program

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Presentation of Bills
Correspondence

Standing Committee Reports

Celia M. Howard/Foundation
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Special Committee Reports

Alta McCullough Fund
BalloonFest

Old Business

Recycle Center
Flags
Leadership Training
WEPA Celebration
Region Five Director
Audit Committee

New Business

Goals

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010-2011 OFFICERS



President: Beth Galicia

Vice President: Patty Brough

Treasurer: not present,

Recording Secretary: not present

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Kasten

Installing Officers: Anna Humphrey & Janie Smith

Change in Officers

With regret, Becky Ault has resigned her position as Treasurer for the Centralia BPW for the 2010 - 2011 year. Becky was recently installed as the President of the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association. That role has created a scheduling conflict with our general meetings. As the President, it is my duty to appoint her replacement. Karen Deering has graciously agreed to continue for a second term as our Treasurer. She and Susan Sloat will be installed at our June meeting. Please wish Karen and Becky well as they assume their roles.



FLAGS - FLAGS - FLAGS

July 1, 2010



We will again, in concert with Coldwell Banker Real Estate, decorate our town with the American Flag for the Fourth of July. You may pick up your flags and route the first part of that week. They could then be put out anytime on July 1st that is convenient for you. Suzanne Whittenburg has invited all who participate to come to her office for refreshments and photo op July 1, from 5:00-7:00p. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

WE ARE 69 MEMBERS
STRONG AND
GROWING!

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



BALLOONFEST

August 20, 21, 22

Every member (along with their families and friends) is needed to help sell soft drinks. Please plan to help by working at least three shifts – its fun and it is our major fundraiser. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting or call Kathy Eifert, 533-0150.

Sylvia & Kathy

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
Joanetta Wood 532-0765
BalloonFest
Kathy Eifert..... 533-0150
Sylvia Mahle 532-0545
BPW Week
Ann Chappell..... 532-2508
Joyce Jackson..... 249-8270
Bylaws
Ruth Kasten 533-1838
Cards Memorials

Choices
Patty Hinton 533-4430
Club Properties
Pam McKay 533-1416
Guest Night
Nancy James 532-7465
Newsletter
Michele Garrison 533-8383
NIKE
Vacant
Realty Store
Annette Bevel 533-0910
Pam McKay 533-1416
Scholarship Salad Luncheon
Sally Tiemann 249-8101
Vickie McDaniel 249-6678
Scholarships
Maggie Irwin 533-1975
Website
Barb Norstrom 533-0052

GET WELL

Nancy Greene
Louise Knolhoff
Janie Smith
Bess Wesling

IFBPW WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

Visit it often to stay informed on happenings around the state.

Business After Hours
Wednesday, June 16, 2010
5:00p – 7:00p
Heritage Woods

BOARD MEETING

July 5, 2010
6:00p
Hosted by Karen Walsh
Michele Garrison's Board Room
115 Golf Lane

LEGISLATION

THE LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT OF 2009: ONE YEAR LATER

(taken from National Women's Law Center article)

On January 29, 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a bill that restored the law to the way it had always been, allowing workers to be able to bring their pay discrimination claims to court. The Act had a limited and targeted focus: to reinstate the law stripped away by the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* and make clear that pay discrimination claims on the basis of sex, race, national origin, age, religion and disability "accrue" whenever an employee receives a discriminatory paycheck, as well as when a discriminatory pay decision or practice is adopted, when a person becomes subject to the decision or practice, or when a person is otherwise affected by the decision or practice.

The law is retroactive to May 28, 2007, the day before the Court issued its ruling in *Ledbetter*. In the last year, citing to the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, courts have implemented the bill, and straightforward pay discrimination claims around the country have been reinstated, as courts have made clear that the Act restores the longstanding rule that each discriminatory paycheck renews the limitations period for filing pay discrimination claims.

Karen Rogers
Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



SONYA GERMANN

Sonya joined us in May 2010. she is the Facility Director of the Centralia Recreation Complex. She is also a member of SINA, Centralia Chamber of Commerce (board member,) Halloween Parade Committee, and Fantasy of Lights Committee. She enjoys woodworking, landscaping, gardening and fishing. Her future plans include increasing her network circle, encouraging others to develop their full potential and to become more active in Centralia. Patty Hinton brought Sonya to us. Her information for the yearbook is:

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Cell – 322-5612
Fax – 532-3411
Email – sonyagermann@sbcglobal.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

JUNE 2010

Eunice Garrett 06/06

Diana Donahoo 06/16

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Polly Hicks 06/75

Joanetta Wood 07/78

Karen Walsh 06/82

Nancy Greene 06/87

Eunice Garrett 06/89

Beth Galicia 06/02

Veneda Knohoff 06/07

Vickie McDaniel 06/07

Ruth Antonoff 06/08

Karen Piotrowski 06/08



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

06/09 General Meeting, Elk's Lodge

06/19 Leadership Training Conference

07/01 Flags

07/05 Board Meeting

07/14 Fun Night at the Museum

07/30-31 WPEA Celebration

08/02 Goals due

The newsletters are available on our website at www.bpwcentralia.org.

STATE CONVENTION PICTURE

Sylvia Mahle has a group picture from state convention on a disc from the photographer. If anyone would like a copy please let her know and she will make the copies and have them at the next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!



THANK YOU FOR HELPING

These folks worked at the Recycle Center May 22nd



Bev Virobik, Michele Garrison, Sharon Sanders, Beth Galicia, Anna Humphrey, Patty Brough, Sharon Griffin, Sylvia Mahle & Ray Griffin. What a great time of fun and networking!!

Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance (WPEA)

The Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance (WPEA) Celebration and auction is approaching fast. It will be held July 30 and 31st at the Hilton Garden Inn in O'Fallon. Our Centralia LO is in charge of the Saturday morning breakfast and auction which is the only fundraiser that State President, Lynette Jones will have to help defray costs for IFBPW. We need volunteers to help with the auction and auction items. Registration, hotel and meals will be paid for you from the Alta McCullough Fund so it won't cost you anything to attend. We can auction just about anything with a minimum value of \$10. A sign up sheet will be available at the June General Meeting and you may bring your auction item to the meeting. We are providing pictures and descriptions of the items to be listed on the website so attendees can preview them prior to the auction. Please contact Karen Rogers or Jackie Gray if you have any questions.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Region 4 and Region 5

June 19, 2010

Registration Opens at 8:30 A.M.

Starting at: 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

At: Holiday Inn,

313 Salem Place,

Fairview Heights, IL 62208-1314

Cost: \$15.00

Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

RSVP to Tina Rapp at tmrapp.bpw@gmail.com by June 11, 2010

Join us in a full day of learning the roles and responsibilities of being a BPW leader. Breakout sessions to go over responsibilities for President and Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the end of the conference we will be conducting a round table discussion on what is happening with IFBPW.

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

General Meeting

May 12, 2010

Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on May 12, 2010 with 32 members and 11 guests present. Hugh Moran from Styninger Funeral Home and Mandy Wiedman from the American Red Cross announced the Memorial Blood Drive on May 27th in Centralia. April and May birthdays were recognized and guests were introduced. Following dinner the meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

Minutes: the minutes of the March and April General Meetings were accepted as presented in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: the reports from March and April 2010 were presented, accepted, and filed for audit. Account balances are: BalloonFest - \$100.00, Education - \$6,926.84, Alta McCullough - \$7,866.56 and General Fund - \$3,047.42.

Bills: no bills were presented. Members were reminded that this meeting is the deadline for all 2009-10 bills.

Correspondence – thank you cards from Lynette Jones, Bev Virobik, all convention delegates, Myra Owens, and three scholarship winners were read by Sharon Griffin, Corres. Secy.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Celia M. Howard: no report
- Finance: Karen Rogers, Chair, held the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$21.00 which was won by Veneda Knolhoff. The brag basket was passed with \$54.00 collected.
- Issues Management: Patty Brough reported that the new Issues Management Committee will meet this week. "Women in Retirement" presented by Jackie Gray, will be the program in June.
- Legislation: the Equal Pay Day event was a reported success and plans are to continue the event each year.
- Public Relations: no report
- Membership: Sonya Germann became our fourteenth new member this year. She was welcomed by Veneda Knolhoff, Chair.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Cards & Memorials: Nancy Greene reported that she and Mary Ann Norton had sent several cards during the past two months including four to new grandparents.
- Choices: Joannetta Wood reported the Choices program was attended by six schools and welcomed a new speaker from Illinois State Police.
- Reality Store: Patty Brough reported that the expense to the three participating clubs was 52.40 each keeping the budget at \$167 under the estimate. Eighty-nine volunteers were present; thirteen schools participated which included 354 students.
- News Letter: no report.
- Guest Night: Sharon Sanders and Anna Humphrey reported that Guest Night a success. A motion, seconded to make a donation in Ericka Sanders name, carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- State Convention: Karen Walsh reported on the events at the recent convention held in Bloomington, IL. Twelve members (ten are past presidents of this local) attended; total attendance was 76. Patty Hinton received the OWWI Award, Centralia LO received a Recognition of Excellence certificate, all new members received certificates, and participating members received recognition for the Active for Life program. The new state president's theme for the 2010-11 year is "Extreme Makeover." Jackie presented the New Member Certificates to Darlene Pettygrove, Ruth Kasten and Patty Hinton.
- WPEA: the Women's Professional Empowering Association will hold its celebration July 30-31 at the Hilton Garden in Fairview Heights. Centralia LO is responsible for the Saturday morning breakfast and auction. Auction items and volunteers are needed. Members are asked to drop items at Jackie's office as soon as possible as they will be photographed and posted on the IFBPW website. The committee will meet May 19th at 5:30p at Midland States Bank. The Alta McCullough Fund Committee has agreed to pay for rooms and registration for Friday night and two rooms for Saturday night. A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending the event was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Leadership Training: training will be held June 19th from 900a to 3:00p at the Holiday Inn, Fairview Heights. The Cost is \$15 and all new officers should attend. A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending the event was passed
- Change of General Meeting Location: Patty Brough presented details of moving our General Meeting to the Elks Club in Centralia. A board recommended motion carried with one dissenting vote. The June meeting will be held at the Elks Club at 6:00p. Cost of the meal will be \$10.00 which includes tip and tax.
- Flags: we will decorate our city with flags in concert with Coldwell Banker Real Estate on July 1st. A sign-up sheet was passed.
- Recycle Center: a sign-up sheet for those wishing to work May 22nd was passed.
- History Report: Jackie shared a PowerPoint presentation on the events of the past year and thanked everyone for their support.
- Installation of Officers: the 2010-2011 Officers were installed by Janie Smith and Anna Humphrey. Stand-in for Treasurer was Karen Rogers and stand-in for Recording Secretary was Mary Ann Norton. Following the installation, Beth Galicia, President shared her plan for the upcoming year.

The meeting was adjourned with singing of the Emblem Benediction.

UP COMING EVENTS

05/22	Recycle Center
05/27	Memorial Blood Drive
06/01	June Board Meeting
06/09	General Meeting, Elks Club
06/12	Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
06/19	Leadership conference, Fairview Heights
07/01	Flags
07/30-31	WPEA Celebration

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Garrison, (for) Recording Secretary

2010-2011 Standing Committees

(Board of Directors consists of elected officers and Standing Committee Chairs)

Celia M. Howard

Sandy Neabuhr, Chair
Delphine Baldrige
Brenda Chesnek
Norma Rueter
Janie Smith
Sandy Van Cleve

Finance

Jackie Gray, Chair
Diana Donohoo
Judy Hug
Darlene Pettygrove
Karen Rogers
Melinda Veller

Issues Management

Patty Brough, Chair
Audie Cowie
Victoria Harvey
Polly Hicks
Carol Manley
Mary Ann Norton
Karen Piotrowski

Legislation

Karen Rogers, Chair
Leona Jones
Sylvia Mahle
Chris Paskavich
Bess Wesling
Virginia Yates

Membership

Anna Humphrey, Chair
Lorraine Bassett
Sonya Germann
Sharon Griffin
Veneda Knolhoff
Cynthia Webber

Public Relations

Karen Walsh, Chair
Michele Garrison, Chair
Peggy Beal
Nancy Greene
Myra Owens
Dr. Ruth Sanders
Bev Virobik

Young Careerist/ID

Vacant, chair

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough Fund

Joanetta Wood, Chair
Sally Tiemann, Chair
Sharon Sanders
Beth Galicia
Becky Ault,
Treas., Ex-Officio

BalloonFest

Kathy Eiffert, Chair
Sylvia Mahle, Chair
Karen Deering
Ruth Antonoff

BPW Week

Ann Chappell, Chair
Joyce Jackson, Chair
Mary Ann Dulumback
Brenda White

By-laws

Ruth Kasten, Chair
Anna Humphrey
Joanetta Wood

Choices

Patty Hinton, Chair
Geri Langin
Dolores Mabry
Tolleyne Ray

Club Properties

Pam McKay

Guest Night

Nancy James, Chair
Tina Suarez, Chair
LaDonne Neudecker
Connie Schwartz
Evelyn Stover

Newsletter

Michele Garrison

NIKE

Vacant, Sponsor

Reality Store

Annette Bevel, Chair
Pam McKay, Chair

Registered Agent

Joanetta Wood

Scholarships

Maggie Irwin, Chair
Ernestine Foster
Barb Norstrom
Kathy Smith
Delores Wanzo
Melynda Wesling
Jackie Gray,
Fin.-Ex-officio

Scholarship Salad Luncheon

Sally Tiemann, Chair
Vickie McDaniel, Chair

Website

Barb Norstrom – Chair