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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Here we are on the verge of our biggest project of each year: Balloon Fest. Thank you to all of our members and non-members who have answered the call and filled our shifts to sell soda. We have so much support, and I am looking forward to our most successful year yet.

As I stated in last month's newsletter, the IFBPW continues to mold itself into a self-sustaining federation, with its own programs and leadership initiatives. President Lynette Jones has established a task force to structure these new programs, entitled Young Professional Leadership/Mentorship program (YP) and Professional Leadership Development program (PLD). Each Region is to provide members to this task force, and I truly hope that our Centralia membership will produce this representative. We have always been the LO that answers the call, and I am confident that we have many members with the skills and the dedication to craft these new and much needed programs into something of value to all women. Please consider participating and contact me if you are interested. The task force will begin toward the end of this month.

As we sweat out the last weeks of summer at Balloon Fest, let us get carried up and away with our commitment to Intelligence, Integrity and Ingenuity.

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

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 11, 2010, 6:00p

One Hope United - Hudson Region

1400 E. McCord Street, Centralia, IL 62801

Meal (free) - Pork Loin, Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, fruit tray, and peach cobbler

There will be a presentation and tour of our campus by Melissa Webster, Residential Supervisor.

### ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS



We will be taking pictures for the October tabloid at the August meeting. Please plan to be there by 5:30p. Some of the pictures may be taken following the meeting so please be patient.

## 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  
Finance  
Issues Management  
Legislation  
Membership  
Public Relations  
Young Professional Leadership (YP)

### Special Committee Reports

BalloonFest  
BPW Week

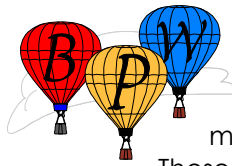
### Old Business

Leadership Training Conference  
WEPA Celebration

### New Business

Recycle Center

## BALLOONFEST IS AUGUST 20-22



Yes, it is August and our main fundraiser is upon us. All members have been asked to work multiple shifts. A schedule and a map are attached to this newsletter. Your volunteer passes, a schedule and map will be available at the August General meeting.

Those unable to attend the meeting will receive the "packet" in the mail shortly after the meeting.

Please arrive for your shift at the assigned tent on time. There will be two folding chairs, but you may want to bring your own lawn chair for comfort. Don't forget to wear your BPW shirt; BPW aprons will be provided. You may park free at the Gragg Street Parking Lot by showing your volunteer pass.

We rely on you as does the whole community. Let's hope our weather and sales are good. Come, work and enjoy the fun of BalloonFest.

Sylvia & Kathy

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

### DUE IN MAY

Myra Owens  
Tolleyne Ray  
Connie Schwartz  
Mary Ann Dulumback  
Ruth Sanders

### DUE IN JUNE

Ruth Antonoff  
Karen Piotrowski

### DUE IN AUGUST

Melinda Veller  
Cynthia Webber  
Annette Bevel

Please send your check for \$39.00 made payable to Centralia BPW to:

Karen Deering  
15 Spruce Drive  
Centralia, IL 62801

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Professional Leadership Development (PLD) the replacement for IDC
- Young Professional Leadership/Mentorship (YP) the replacement for YC

If you would like to serve on a task force that is charged with the assignment to create these new programs please contact Beth Galicia.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

Beth Galicia and Patty Brough attended the conference on July 17<sup>th</sup> in Fairview Heights. A report will be given at the August meeting.

## IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers go to Lynette Jones on the loss of her great aunt Connie Mae Reynolds.

## A BIG THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you goes to Karen Rogers for the outstanding job of coordinating the auction at the recent WPEA Conference. Well done Karen!

WE ARE 69 MEMBERS  
STRONG AND  
GROWING!

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



The newsletters are available on our website at [www.bpwcentralia.org](http://www.bpwcentralia.org).

### 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  
Choices  
Patty Hinton ..... 533-4430  
Club Properties  
Pam McKay ..... 533-1416  
Guest Night  
Tina Suarez ..... 247-3332  
Newsletter  
Michele Garrison ..... 533-8383  
NIKE  
Vacant  
Reality 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  
None in July & August

### BOARD MEETING

August 30, 2010  
6:00p

Hosted by Jackie Gray  
Midland States Bank

### BPW SHIRTS

Did you order a shirt? Please contact Anna Humphrey – she is waiting for you to pick it up.

## Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance (WPEA)



Eleven members attended the Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance event in O'Fallon, Illinois July 30 and 31. These were: Patty Brough, Beth Galicia, Anna Humphrey, Pam McKay, Mary Ann Norton, Karen Rogers, Sharon Sanders, Sally Tiemann, Karen Walsh, Brenda White, and Joanetta Wood. We also had the good fortune to be represented in the Exhibitor area by Sonya Germann and Patty Hinton.

The event began with a social and fashion show sponsored by Dillard's. Both clothing and fragrances took center stage and we were treated to some of the latest designs available. Models consisted of our very own BPW ladies and some of our event vendors as well.

Members of the Centralia LO should be very proud of their accomplishment of a very successful fundraiser for IFBPW. Their generosity and hard work can not be matched. We also greatly appreciate the assistance of members of the Highland, Mt Vernon and LaGrange-Chicago clubs for helping on Saturday morning at the Illinois Breakfast and auction. Several clubs and individuals added to the items for the auction; but Centralia carried the heavy load in donations, in addition to organizing and implementing the plans. They do Centralia proud. The IFBPW knows when they look to Centralia for help, they will answer the call. Thank you, Centralia BPW Members.

The rest of the day was devoted to networking and learning how our sister organizations are progressing through this time of change. In the morning we heard a financial presentation given by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office and a report on BPW International from Chicago-LaGrange member, Kathy Ray. At lunch, we had the great fortune to listen to the Honorable Susan Tungate tell the story of Lena Madesin Phillips, who was instrumental in the founding of BPW here and internationally.

Throughout the day, we had ample time to visit 30 different exhibitors, with products and services ranging from beauty, to metal working, to photography, to chocolate, to planning for your financial future.

In the afternoon, we heard a presentation by Susan Solovic regarding WIPP (Women Impacting Public Policy) and a panel



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! AUGUST 2010

Melynda Wesling	08/05
Jackie Gray	08/12
Michele Garrison	08/13
Delphine Baldrige	08/17
Sharon Griffin	08/17
Lorraine Bassett	08/18
Mary Ann Norton	08/26
Sandy VanCleve	08/31

## HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Darlene Pettygrove	08/73
Kathy Smith	08/77
Sandy VanCleve	08/81
Lorraine Bassett	08/85
Evelyn Stover	08/89
Ernestine Foster	08/90
Anna Humphrey	08/92
Sally Tiemann	08/96
Carol Manley	08/01
Bess Wesling	08/06
Annette Bevel	08/07
Sandra Neabuhr	08/07
Judy Hug	08/09
Ruth Kasten	08/09
Melinda Veller	08/09
Cythia Webber	08/09

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

08/06	IL Bulletin deadline
08/11	General Meeting at One Hope United
08/20-22	BalloonFest
08/30	September Board
09/08	General Meeting at Elks
09/18	Recycle Center



New directories are now available. If you have not yet received yours, contact Patty Brough, 533-3051.

discussion regarding where the WPEA Alliance has been this year, and where it will go from here. Out of this meeting and sharing of information, the Minnesota delegation stepped forward and announced its hope and intent to host next year's event. On the heels of this excitement, Alaska stepped forward and announced its intent to host the event in 2012. Clearly, thousands of women are intent on keeping the best parts of what used to be BPW national alive.

We concluded our day with a formal dinner and speech from a retired female Navy officer who gave a fascinating recount of her years in the military, particularly graduating from the Naval Academy in 1980, with the second class that admitted women.

### LEGISLATION

#### Nomination to the Supreme Court

A plurality of Americans want Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan confirmed to serve on the high court, according to a poll released July 15th.

A Gallup survey showed that 44 percent said they would like the Senate to vote in favor of her confirmation, while 34 percent said they wanted the Senate to vote it down, and 22 percent said they had no opinion. The results nearly match Gallup's survey from May, when Americans favored her confirmation 46-32.

President Barack Obama's solicitor general is expected to be confirmed to the post. Though she has faced tough questions at her confirmation hearing, the proceedings have generated few front-page headlines.

The Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight Associate Justices, who are nominated by the President and confirmed with the "advice and consent" (majority vote) of the Senate. Ms Kagan's confirmation would have her joining two other women on The Supreme Court, Justice Ruth Badar Ginsburg and Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

#### Healthcare

When the new health reform law was signed into law in late March, it promised increased access to quality, affordable coverage for all Americans, a crackdown on the worst abuses of health insurance companies and a sharp new emphasis on wellness and prevention. It will be several years until the new law is fully implemented, but Americans are seeing major changes in all of these areas of reform. Changes are too lengthy to put into this newsletter, but according to one report, it is off to a fast start with plan years that start after September 23, the new law:

- Bars insurance companies from dropping people when they get sick;
- Bars insurers from refusing to cover children with pre-existing conditions;
- Eliminates lifetime coverage limits and phases out annual limits;
- Requires new plans to cover preventive services and immunizations with no cost to patients; and
- Extends young-adult coverage — regardless of marital or dependent status — up to age 26.

Additionally, the bill created a program to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions who have been without insurance for six months, and many states are already accepting applications.

And the new health reform law is already giving a tax credit to millions of small businesses that provide health care coverage to their employees. This credit is just the first step toward bringing down costs and making coverage affordable for employers.

There will be a lot of information coming in the next few months.

Karen Rogers, Chair

**Centralia LO of IFBPW  
General Meeting & Fun Night**

The July General Meeting was our annual "Fun Night" was held at the Centralia Area Historical Museum on July 5, 2010. Forty-two members and guests were in attendance. No business was conducted

**FUN NIGHT COMMITTEE**

