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-- 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!

HAPPY SPRING!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all of you are planning on attending Guest Night on April 14th which takes the place of our regular meeting. It is always a nice evening with a delicious meal, a magnificent speaker, where recognize members who are reaching five year membership mile marker and watch our young scholarship winners receive their awards. The deadline for tickets is 4/9 by 1:00p so call Anna Humphrey or Sharon

Sanders and order your tickets.

Congratulations to the Reality Store Committee including Co-Chairmen Annette Bevel and Patty Brough and members Vickie McDaniel, Evelyn Stover and Geri Langin. Thanks to all of you who donated time to help make this year's Reality Store one of the biggest we have ever had with 354 students from 13 schools. That's 100 students more than we had last year! The committee did such a good job of getting all of the materials donated that they even came in under budget by \$167. This joint effort between BPW and Rotary has earned the reputation of a valuable real life lesson for our local students which is why we the community supports this event.

What would Centralia do without the volunteerism and support of our Centralia LO? You truly make a difference.

Sincerely,
Jackie Gray
President

GUEST NIGHT

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS

Guest Night will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church on April 14th at 6:00p. Tickets are \$12.00. The menu includes:

Chicken breast with wine sauce

Hash brown potato casserole

Peas & carrots

Layered salad

Frozen cheesecake with strawberries

Our speaker will be the Honorable Erica Sanders. We also will be awarding seven scholarships totaling \$4,100. Nine BPW members with a total of 195 years of membership combined will be honored.

You do not want to miss this annual event. Please contact Anna Humphrey (533-3900) or Sharon Sanders (755-6397) by 1:00p April 9th for tickets.

Anna Humphrey
Sharon Sanders
Chairs

AGENDA
GUEST NIGHT

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Veneda Knolhoff
532-8104

*Remember!! Wear your
nametag to all meetings! It
helps us to network better*

CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>

You will find a link to this
newsletter at our website

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



CENTRALIA BPW
Is scheduled to work the
Recycle Center
May 22, 2010
9:00a to 12:00p

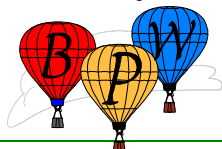
Bev Virobik was the speaker at the Noon Rotary Club last week and she talked about how many tons of cardboard, plastic and glass they recycle each year at the Centralia Recycling Center. At the same time she also spoke about how difficult the past year was financially because of the low prices they were being paid for scrap and that at one point in time they even thought they might have to close down the Recycling Center.

Please support the center with a personal tax deductible donation.

Keep Centralia beautiful and thank you for supporting Centralia Clean & Green!

IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

BalloonFest is August 20, 21, 22.



CENTRALIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN TO
AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL GUEST NIGHT

Centralia LO of Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women are pleased to announce that their organization will be awarding a total of \$4,100 in scholarships at its April 2010 Guest Night.

Scholarships to be awarded are:

--2-\$750 scholarships to persons age 25 and older as of February 28, 2010

--2- \$500 scholarships to members of the Centralia High School Class of 2010

-- 2-\$500 and 1 \$600 scholarships to upperclassmen (students who have already started college and are at any level)

Barb Norstrom
Chair

GUEST NIGHT HONOREE'S

Ten Years: Sylvia Mahle (03/00)

Fifteen Years: Tolleyne Ray (01/95), Michele Garrison (10/95)

Twenty Years: Ernestine Foster (08/90), Barb Norstrom (09/90)

Twenty-five Years: Lorraine Bassett (08/85),

Mary Ann Dulumback (09/85)

Thirty Years: Bev Virobik (09/80)

Thirty-Five Years: Polly Hicks (06/75)

ISSUES MANAGEMENT

"Give the people what they want..."

This old movie quote ("Give the people what they want, and they'll come out for it.") is usually attributed to Red Skelton, but could have been said by any number of people during the late 1950's. Still, the concept is simple, especially as it relates to BPW.

The Issues Management Chair is charged with the responsibility of scheduling programming for all of the business meetings, save Guest Night and Installation. What a daunting task this is, trying to plan programs and obtain speakers to stimulate the sophisticated tastes and backgrounds of our members.

That is why it is so important that we have your input on the survey forms every year. Did you like a certain program? Were you bored to tears by another? Do you know of a program or a speaker that we simply must see and hear? Let us know!

So far, I have received roughly 20 surveys from our members. Please, if you have not yet returned yours, complete it and bring it with you to Guest Night. I will have a box in which to place them. New members, this means you, too! We need everyone's input to continue bringing quality programs to our club meetings.

Thank you!
Beth Galicia, Chair

UNHAPPY HOUR

Centralia BPW is sponsoring an "Unhappy Hour" on Tuesday April 20th at Characters Book store and Coffee shop from 4:30 to 6:00.

Wear red and join us to advertise the fact that women must work from January 1 to April 20 to make what men made the year before! Yes that is what it takes. I will have handouts with facts and a little attendance gift. I hope to get some publicity also.

So join us and visit with other women. Buy a coffee or dessert as comfort food and help us spread the word of the continued inequity in the workplace.

Sylvia Mahle, Legislation Chair

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
Joanetta Wood 532-0765
BalloonFest
Karen Deering 318-0753
Kathy Eifert 533-0150
BPW Week
Pam McKay 533-1406
Brenda Chesnek 485-6690
Bylaws
Sharon Griffin 532-7760
Cards Memorials
Mary Ann Norton 532-3613
Nancy Greene 532-7968
Choices
Joanetta Wood 532-0765
Club Properties
Pam McKay 533-1416
Guest Night
Sharon Sanders 775-6397
Anna Humphrey 533-3900
Historian
vacant
Newsletter
Michele Garrison 533-8383
NIKE
Ernestine Foster 533-2329
Reality Store
Patty Brough 533-3051
Annette Bevel 533-0910
Scholarship Salad Luncheon
Sally Tiemann 249-8101
Vickie McDaniel 249-6678
Scholarships
Barb Norstrom 533-0052
Website
Barb Norstrom 533-0052

GET WELL

Nancy Greene
Louise Knolhoff
Janie Smith
Bess Wesling

BPW/IL WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

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

WE ARE 65 MEMBERS
STRONG AND
GROWING!

Region 5 Meeting



The BPW Region 5 Spring Meeting was held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Winter's Restaurant in Central City. The meeting was hosted by the Centralia LO, Karen Walsh and Sharon Sanders, hostesses. Members from the Centralia and Mt. Vernon locals were present. Members attending from Centralia were: Jackie Gray, Bev Virobik, Anna Humphrey, Mary Ann Norton, Beth Galicia, Michele Garrison, Karen Walsh, Sharon Sanders, Veneda Knolhoff, Tina Suarez, Sharon Griffin, Lorraine Basset and District Director, Sylvia Mahle.

President Jackie Gray gave the semi-annual report for Centralia, and President Kathy Dial reported for Mt. Vernon.

IFBPW State Representatives visiting were: Tina Rapp, Secretary; Lynette Jones, President-Elect; Susie Dewaele, State President. Information about changes which will be discussed and voted on at State Convention was presented to the group.

New officers elected for the 2010 - 2011 year are: District Director, Kathy Dial (Mt. Vernon); First Associate Director, Jackie Gray (Centralia); Second Associate Director, Paula Feigenbaum (Carbondale); Secretary, Amanda Wheeler (Mt. Vernon); Treasurer, Anna Humphrey (Centralia).

Beth Galicia
(for) Region 5 Director

IFBPW 89th Annual State Convention

April 23-25, 2010

The Chateau

1601 Jumer Drive,

Bloomington, IL 61704-0902

The following members will represent our LO:

Jackie Gray

Bev Virobik

Karen Rogers

Beth Galicia

Anna Humphrey

Joanetta Wood

Sylvia Mahle

Mary Ann Norton

Lorraine Bassett

Karen Walsh

Sharon Sanders

Brenda White

(Carpooling at 8:00a at Wal-Mart)

JACKIE'S FINAL BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2010

6:00p

Hosted by Beth Galicia

Crooked Creek Winery

24585 West Tenth Street

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Virginia Yates

Phone Numbers

Home - 247-3806

Cell - 322-7343

CHOICES PROGRAM

April 14th

St. Mary's School Gym

1:00p until 2:30 p

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



REALITY STORE – A HUGE SUCCESS

WOW! What a wonderfully successful 2010 Reality Store. Thank You to all the volunteers that gave of their time and talents that made this years store so great! We had a total of 89 volunteers that covered 236 time slots which enabled 13 schools with 354 students to experience a dose of reality for the day. A special thanks to Co-Chair Annette Bevel who single handedly obtained all the donations, Committee member, Ev Stover who sought out so many of our volunteers and to Committee member, Vickie McDaniel who was there to pick up the pieces when they fell. With the generosity of our local sponsors we were once again able to come in under budget by \$167.80.

Thanks Again!

Patty Brough

Reality Store Co-Chair

LEGISLATION

Yea! Yea! for health care reform (or as I heard one political commentator say," insurance reform - It is not perfect, nor does it go into effect soon enough. But it is a beginning and every thing has to have a beginning."

Health care reform is necessary to achieve successful workplaces where women and families can succeed and businesses can profit.

Write or call your Representative and thank him or her support health care reform (or ask them why they did not).

Whether you are currently insured or uninsured, women pay more to get less within the current health insurance system. Families are buckling under the high cost to maintain health coverage. Women-owned businesses are struggling to cover employee health benefits.

Saying thank you is one of the most important and overlooked parts of the legislative process. The vast majority of mail your Member of Congress receives is either asking for something or complaining. A thank you is always appreciated and always remembered!

We need to support those who finally lead on this issue and let them know we appreciate this.

Also, wear red and join us at Characters Tuesday April 20th from 4:30 until 6 pm. We need to stand up and out for Equal Pay for Women.

Sylvia Mahle

Legislation Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
APRIL 2010

Sandra Neabuhr 04/18
 Joyce Jackson 04/18
 Janie Smith 04/29

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Dolores Mabry 04/82
 Janie Smith 04/84



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 03/26 Reality Store
- 04/14 Choices
- 04/14 Guest Night
- 04/20 Un-happy Hour
- 04/20 Equal Pay Day
- 04/23-25 IFBPW State Convention
- 05/03 Board Meeting
- 05/12 General meeting
- 05/22 Recycle Center

OUR MARCH SPEAKER...



State President Susie Dewaele, Jackie, Barb Yong, & Beth
 What a great message on WAGE (Women Are Getting Even). Barb gave us many ideas how we can contribute to the reduction of the Wage Gap!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Beth Galicia
 Vice President: Patty Brough
 Treasurer: Becky Ault, Recording
 Secretary: Sue Sloat

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Kasten

These officers will be installed at our May General Meeting

NEW MEMBERS



WELCOME AUDIE COWIE

Audie joined us in March. She is retired and has three children; Chris, Tracy and Nicole Bass Gibbons. She is a member of the Light & Lens Club and enjoys digital photography and reading. Patty Brough brought Audie to our LO. Her information for your book is:

Address: 330 Marvin
 Home: 918-0726
 Cell: same
 Email: audieraecowie@yahoo.com
 Birthday: 07/31

WELCOME JOYCE JACKSON

Joyce also joined us in March. She is the Director of Centralia Regional Library District. She has two children: Jessica and Julie. She also has three grandchildren: Kevianna, Jackson and Wyatt. She is a member of Noon Rotary, Moose, Richview Community Club, Richview Homecoming Committee, American Library Association and Illinois Library Association. She enjoys reading and scrapbooking. Her future plans include obtaining Bachelors in Business. She wants to be more involved in the community that she works in. Her information is:

Address: 379 West First South St., Richview, 62887

Home: 249-8270

Bus: 532-5222

Email: jjackson@shawls.lib.il.us

Birthday: 04/18

WELCOME DIANA DONAHOO

Diana joined us in March. She is responsible for Programming/Public Relations for the Centralia Regional Library District. Her information is:

Address: 737 North College

Cell: 972 839-9969

Bus: 532-5222 Ext. 228

Email: djd1795@yahoo.com

Birthday: 06/16

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

General Meeting

March 10, 2010

Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on March 10, 2010 with 30 members and 7 guests present. A quorum was declared.

Program: Past State President, Barbara Yong gave a very informational presentation on WAGE (women are getting even) project and wage gaps.

Minutes: The minutes of the February General Meeting were accepted as presented in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Bills: No report.

Correspondence - A thank you note from Bess Wesling and an invitation from The Lady Elks for a vendor fair and luncheon were received.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Celia M. Howard: no report
- Finance: Lorraine Bassett held the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$15.00 which was won by Sylvia Mahle. The brag basket was passed with \$33.00 collected.
- Issues Management: Beth Galicia reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be guest night. She encouraged everyone to fill out the questionnaire in the March news letter and return it.
- Legislation: Sylvia Mahle reported on Equal Pay Day event and a redistricting petition.
- Public Relations: no report
- Membership: Three new members were installed, Joyce Jackson, Diana Donahoo and Audie Cowie bringing our new membership for 2010 to 13. We now have a total of 71 members.
- Cards & Memorials: A get well card was sent to Bev Virobik.
- Choices: Joanetta Wood reported that the Choices program is scheduled for the 14th of April at St. Mary's School Gym. From 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Scheduled speakers are the State Trooper from last year and Mason Jackson.
- Reality Store: Patty Brough stated that the date is set for March 26th at the Centralia Junior High. She also stated that everything is ready to go.
- 91st Anniversary: Centralia will be in charge of the morning breakfast and auction. Jackie Gray asked that anyone who can donate an auction item to please let her know. She also needs help organizing the auction.
- News Letter: no updates.
- Guest Night: Sharon Sanders and Anna Humphrey reported that Guest Night would be held April 14th. Tickets are \$12.00. Honorable Judge Erica Sanders will be the speaker. It will be held at the First Christian Church.
- Scholarships: The committee has met and selected 7 recipients and 1 alternate. 61 applications were received.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jackie Gray encouraged everyone to bring an item for the auction that will be held on Friday night at the State Convention. The 91st Celebration will be held in Fairview Heights on July 30th and 31st. Our chapter is in charge of the Saturday morning breakfast.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2010/2011 slate of officers was presented with no further nominations coming from the floor. The slate of officer's is as follows: President: Beth Galicia, Vice President: Patty Brough, Treasurer: Becky Ault, Recording Secretary: Sue Sloat, Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Kasten. Sylvia Mahle made the motion that the nominations be accepted with a second made by Veneda Knolhoff. The officers were voted on and unanimously accepted.

- Region 5 meeting will be held at Winter's restaurant for 10am till 1pm on March 20th. Nominations are needed for treasurer, secretary, and director.

UP COMING EVENTS

3/20 Region 5 meeting

3/26 Reality Store

4/5 Board Meeting – hosted by Sharon Griffin at Midland States Bank 6pm

4/14 Guest Night – First Christian Church

4/14 Choices

4/20 Equal Pay Day Characters 4:30 to 6pm

4/22-4/25 IFBPW State Convention

5/22 Recycle Center

The meeting was adjourned with singing of the Emblem Benediction.

Respectfully submitted.

Annette Bevel

Recording Secretary