



**Our 2009-2010 Officers**

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Jackie Gray ..... 532-0606

**Vice President**

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Annette Bevel..... 533-0910

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Sharon Griffin ..... 532-7760

**Treasurer**

Karen Deering ..... 318-0753

**Parliamentarian**

Anna Humphrey..... 533-3900

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Becky Ault ..... 533-4712

**Finance**

Karen Rogers ..... 532-3565

**Issues Management**

Beth Galicia..... 533-2167

**Legislation**

Sylvia Mahle ..... 532-0545

**Membership**

Veneda Knolhoff..... 532-8104

**Public Relations**

Karen Walsh..... 533-1607

**Young Careerist/ID**

Brenda White ..... 532-1602

**-- MEETING MINUTES --**

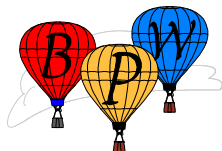
Since the complete meeting minutes appear in the newsletter, there will be no copies on the tables at the Regular Meetings. So, bring your newsletter to the meeting if you feel you need to refer to them.

**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!

**BALLOONFEST**

August 20, 21, 22.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for the hard work, the generous donation of your time and talents and for your constant support. We accomplished much this year which I will review with you in detail at our next General Meeting. I would however like to take this opportunity to review just a few of our major accomplishments for the 2009 - 2010 year. With your help we...

- Increased membership by 13 after setting a goal of 5 and then raising it to 10,
- Officially and legally changed our name to the Centralia LO of IFBPW in support of state leadership in breaking away from national,
- Generated record receipts at our Annual Scholarship Salad Luncheon allowing us to award an extra \$600 scholarship, and we
- Saw record attendance at what has become our flagship educational program, Reality Store.

All of our success is the direct result of you and your generosity. Pat yourself on the back because you are a member of one of the premier LO's in the State and the most active community volunteer organization in Centralia. You truly make a difference and you make Centralia a better place to live because you **Lead With Your Heart**.

Best wishes to Beth Galicia, our soon to be President, our new Officers, Chairs and Committees for a great 2010 - 2011 year!

Respectfully,  
Jackie Gray  
President

**MAY GENERAL MEETING**

Centralia House  
May 12, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

Menu: dinner salad, Asian beef and vegetable stir fry served over rice, egg roll and a mystery dessert (possibly cheesecake or fruit cobbler).

**2010-2011 OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN MAY**

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

## 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 Careerist

### Special Committee Reports

Cards/Memorials  
Choices  
Guest night  
Reality store  
Scholarships

### Old Business

Meeting Location  
State Conference  
State Auctions  
Audit Committee

### New Business

Susan G Komen Race  
Recognition of Excellence Award  
Active for Life Recognition  
Region Five News

### 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

## ISSUES MANAGEMENT

There is nothing like BPW State Convention to remind us of what BPW is about not only in Centralia, but throughout the State of Illinois. I strongly encourage all members to attend State Convention in April 2011, not only because every member benefits from the networking opportunities, but also because you help decide the course of many issues for the year ahead. If you feel strongly about BPW's core values, or if you would like to change them, I urge you to put this on your calendars now.

The goal of an Issues Management Chair in any organization is to provide relevant news and programming to its membership. But this person cannot operate in a vacuum. Share your thoughts and suggestions with your Chair at any time. I greatly appreciate the support I received from all of our members this year. With your guidance, I have had the opportunity to grow personally, professionally and politically. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Beth Galicia, Chair

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT ANNUAL GUEST NIGHT



Centralia LO of Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women awarded a total of \$4,100 in scholarships at its April 2010 Guest Night.

- 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  
(see more Guest Night pictures on pages 4 & 5)

## CHOICES

The Choices program was held April 14, 2010 at St. Mary's School in Centralia. A total of approximately 175 students from North Wamac, St. Mary- Centralia, Trinity Lutheran-Hoffman, Central City and Raccoon Schools, along with a number of teachers were in attendance.

Trooper Mike Link, of the Illinois State Police District 11 Media Liaison/Safety Education Office spoke on Internet Safety and Centralia Police Officer Mason Jackson spoke on the choices related to using drugs and alcohol.

The students and teachers seemed to enjoy the presentations and comments we received were very favorable.

Joanetta Wood, 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  
Realty 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  
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### GET WELL

Nancy Greene  
Louise Knolhoff  
Janie Smith  
Bess Wesling

Eunice Garrett is in  
White Oaks Rehabilitation & Health  
1700 White St.  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

### BPW/IL WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

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

WE ARE **61** MEMBERS  
STRONG AND  
GROWING!

### UNHAPPY HOUR



Members enjoy Un-happy Hour on Equal Pay Day, April 20, 2010



### FLAGS - FLAGS - FLAGS

July 1, 2009



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 1<sup>st</sup> that is convenient for you. Suzanne Whittenburg has invited all who participate to come to her office for refreshments and photo op July 2, from 5:00-7:00p. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

### ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Present:

Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance (WPEA)

July 30 - 31, 2010  
The Hilton Garden Inn  
360 Regency Park Drive  
O'Fallon, IL 62269  
Phone: (618) 624-4499  
Begins Friday at 5:00 PM

THE FOUNDATION FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE OUR LEGACY.....  
ARCHITECTED TO APPRECIATE YOUR LIFE'S MISSION

### BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2010

6:00p

Hosted by Beth Galicia

We will host the Board meeting on Tuesday, June 1 at Anna  
Humphrey's home  
16 Edgewood Lane North  
A light supper will be served

### CHANGE OVER MEETING

Thursday, May 20  
Wham & Wham  
212 East Broadway in the Library.  
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served, open house format



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!  
MAY 2010**

Annette Bevel 05/14  
DeVonne Starr 05/28

**HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY**

Sharon Sanders 05/94  
Brenda White 05/99  
Peggy Beal 05/04



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 05/12 General Meeting & Installation of Officers
- 05/22 Recycle Center
- 06/05 Susan G Komen Race
- 06/09 General Meeting
- 05/03 Board Meetign
- 05/20 Change Over Meeting
- 07/01 Flags
- 07/30-31 WPEA

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

**BPW CONNECTION**

A Publication of Business & Professional Women, Centralia, IL

Thank you to all who helped with the newsletter this year. Your input was timely, all events were well covered, and you helped to keep our members informed. It has been a joy doing our "green" newsletter this year!

Michele Garrison  
Editor

**DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!**



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

**GUEST NIGHT**

Thanks to all who attended Guest Night. Thanks to our guest speaker, The Honorable Ericka Sanders, for a great message. We had seventy-nine in attendance, honored BPW members with a total of 195 years of membership, and gave \$4,100 in scholarships. As always, the Young Adult Class at the First Christian Church served an excellent meal. Thanks to Dolores Mabry for the favors and Michele Garrison for the tickets and programs.

Anna Humphrey & Sharon Sanders  
Chairs



**THE HONORABLE ERICKA SANDERS**



**OUR PRESIDENT JACKIE GRAY**



**A DEVOTIONAL BY BEV VIROBIK**



**OUR CHAIRS – ANNA HUMPHREY AND SHARON SANDERS**



**VENEDA KNOLHOFF PRESENTS MEMBER AWARDS**

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Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.  
General Meeting & Guest Night  
April 14, 2010  
First Christian Church  
Centralia, Illinois

Our Annual Guest Night was held April 14, 2010 at the First Christian Church in Centralia. A motion to dispense with the regular business, seconded, carried. Members were honored for their years of membership, scholarships were presented, and all enjoyed the message from guest speaker The Honorable Ericka Sanders.