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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!

**CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE**

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>

You will find a link to this newsletter at our website

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**



I can't think of a better way to start the new BPW year out than a walk in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday morning, 6/13 with Sharon Sanders, Mary Ann Norton and about 60,000 other cancer survivors and supporters. It was a wonderful sunny day, a well organized event and an incredible sight to see. There was a sea of pink and white shirts moving in mass through the downtown streets of St. Louis. Put it on your calendars for next year because you just have to experience this heart warming event for yourself.

In about a week you will be receiving an envelope in the mail asking you to vote on the resolution to secede from BPW/USA. This is a **very important** vote and you will have a very short deadline so please watch for the envelope and respond as quickly as you can. There is an article in the June Illinois BPW Bulletin and it has been reproduced in this newsletter. We are asking you to consider voting for this resolution and if you have any questions you are welcome to call me or any of the Board Members.

We also have a great start to our goal of at least five new members. In addition to welcoming Darlene Pettygrove in May we have received membership applications from Geri Langin and Judy Hug. Since our July meeting will be a Fun Night at Java Joe's (hope you have your ticket), new members will be inducted during our August General Meeting. Keep talking it up and asking your friends and coworkers to join BPW. Just tell them about the fun, networking opportunities and friends they will make for a mere \$39 annual membership fee.

If you are the Chair or Co-Chair of a Standing Committee, please email your goals for the new BPW year by July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need a copy of last year's goals to get you started, just let me know and I'll send you a copy.

See you at Java Joe's on the 8<sup>th</sup> for diamonds and chocolate!

From Your President's Heart  
Jackie Gray

**ICE/TEA AT FUN NIGHT**

**July 8 at Java Joes**

It's a tea party! Our program for the evening will be Karen Schmitt, owner of Straith's Jewelry. Karen will be speaking about gems and jewels (the "ICE"), and why we love them. She will also have some examples for us to ogle.

The "TEA" is our featured beverage for the party. You have your choice of hot tea, iced tea, or coffee. **We will not have a dinner meal for this event.** Instead, you will have your own plate filled with different scrumptious desserts home made by Valerie Angels. See you there!

Beth Galicia  
(you may want to carpool since the parking around Java Joes is limited)

## AGENDA

NO MEETING - FUN NIGHT



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU JULY 2009

Karen Rogers 07/13

Karen Piotroski 07/24

Anna Humphrey 07/25

Brenda Chesnek 07/28

**HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY**  
none

## OUTSTANDING WORKING WOMAN OF ILLINOIS

Our State OWWI Chair, Sylvia Mahle, has asked that we begin thinking of a deserving woman to nominate for this prestigious award. Direct your questions to her at 532-0545.

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 18, 2009

9:00a - 3:30p

Kaleidoscope of Kids

109 United Drive

Collinsville, IL

Cost: \$10.00

Attending will be Veneda Knolhoff, Sylvia Mahle, Jackie Gray and Sharon Griffin. If you would like to attend, call Jackie Gray to make a reservation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

07/02 Flags

07/08 Fun Night

07/15 Resolution voting  
deadline

07/18 Leadership Conference

07/25 Recycle Center

07/31 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration

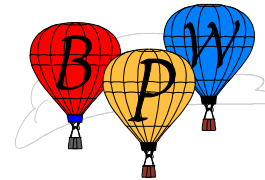
08/03 August Board, Sylvia  
Mahle, host

## BPW/IL DUES ALERT

Do not send your dues renewal to National

When you receive your dues notice, please make your check payable to *Centralia BPW* in the amount of \$39.00 (\$30 = State, \$9 = LO) and send to our treasurer Karen Deering

## IT'S BALLOONFEST TIME!



## BalloonFest is August 21, 22, 23

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 July Fun Night or call Kathy Eifert, 533-0150 before she calls you.

## AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 12, 6:00p

Centralia House

Our program features Dr. Steve Vanden Hoek who will speak on "How Alternative Medicine Can Compliment Traditional Medicine"



## FLAGS - FLAGS - FLAGS July 2, 2009



So far these are the folks who will help make our city look so patriotic:  
Sandra Neabuhr

Karen & Tom Walsh

Jackie Gray

Veneda Knolhoff

Sylvia Mahle & Ethan Hawkins,

Michele Garrison

Karen Rogers

Beth & Mario Galicia

Lorraine & Dale Bassett

Patty Brough

Annette Bevel.

You may pick up your flags and route anytime July 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 our June meeting.

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

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2009  
6:00p  
Host - Sylvia Mahle  
At her home

**WE ARE 58  
MEMBERS STRONG**

### BPW/IL WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

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

### PLEASE READ

TO: All Voting Members of the Illinois Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs  
FROM: Executive Committee  
DATE: April 28, 2009  
SUBJECT: Resolution Amending Charter

Delegates at the 2009 State Convention adopted a Resolution to amend the Corporate Charter (Articles of Incorporation) of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

The Corporate Charter and Articles of Incorporation are to be amended as follows:

"That the objective of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. shall be: to promote the interests of business and professional women, to secure combined action by them, and to stimulate local organization and cooperation among business and professional women, without any requirement to promote the interests of The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs".

A copy of the approved Resolution is included on page 6. All members, in good standing as of January 31, 2009, of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. will vote by written ballot for their approval of the Resolution. This is to be taken in accordance with current bylaws of the State Federation and the laws of the State of Illinois regarding amending Corporate Charters and Articles of Incorporation.

To comply with the requirement of our state bylaws regarding amendments to our Charter, Ballots and voting instructions will be mailed via United States Postal Service/Email on or about June 30, 2009. Members with a valid email address will receive their Ballot via Email and will be required to follow the special instructions contained therein to ensure privacy of their vote and return it to the Elections Judge at the address indicated. You may submit your ballot between June 30, 2009 and July 15 at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). The ballot must be received no later than 5 p.m. CST on July 15, 2009 to be counted.

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### RECYCLE CENTER

JULY 25, 2009

Those signed up so far are:

Sharon Sanders  
Jackie Gray  
Veneda Knolhoff  
Karen Deering  
Sylvia Mahle  
Kathy Eifert  
Michele Garrison  
Beth Galicia



There is still time to sign up - a sheet will be at Fun Night. Come help even if you don't get your name on the list. We have a lot of fun so join us!

## A NOTE FROM.....

Dear BPW Friends,  
Thanks to all the members for the many sympathy cards I received due to the death of my sister. They gave me peace, comfort and strength. I appreciated it more than words can ever say.

Sincerely,  
Polly Hicks

Centralia BPW,  
Jackie Gray, Mary Ann Norton and I walked (Fun Walk - 1 mile) in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure thanks to you. It was an inspiring experience. Thanks to all of you for making this happen. Sylvia (my grandmother,) Helen (my mom,) and Paula (my sister-in-law,) would have been proud of us! Thanks to all and God bless.

Sharon Sanders

p.s. Special thanks to Jackie Gray for coordinating all of this and making it happen!

## GET WELL

Nancy Greene  
Janie Smith  
Sandy VanCleve  
Bob Virobik  
Bess Wesling

**NEED A NAMETAG??**  
**Call Veneda Knolhoff**  
**532-8104**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
RECYCLE!**



The newsletters are available on our website at

[www.bpwcentralia.org](http://www.bpwcentralia.org).

If you forget the web address, just do a Google search for Centralia BPW

Barb Norstrom

## "90 YEARS OF BUILDING POWERFUL WOMEN"

BPW Missouri is hosting a 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for all BPW members on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> in St. Louis, Missouri. The following members have signed up to attend:

Sylvia Mahle	Mary Ann Norton	Joanetta Wood
Karen Rogers	Anna Humphrey	Sharon Sanders
Sally Tiemann	Jackie Gray	Beth Galicia
Brenda White	Lorraine Bassett	Karen Walsh

We will meet at 4:00p, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Wal-Mart parking lot to car pool to St. Louis.

## "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" DARLENE PETTYGROVE



Jackie, Darlene & Veneda

Darlene is back! She rejoined at the June meeting. Her information for the directory is:

#2 Charles Drive  
Home phone: 532-1419  
Business Phone: 533-1599 & 532-5224  
Email: [ddpett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddpett@sbcglobal.net)

Darlene is Office Manager at Village Greenery Florist and Secretary at Faith United Methodist Church. She has three children, Sharon, Donald & Kim and three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is a member of First United Presbyterian Church and Lady Elks. She enjoys reading, bridge, computers, movies, and shopping. Her plans are to "just to stay alive and healthy and keep active."

WELCOME BACK DARLENE!

## ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Your committee's goals will be due very soon!

## LEGISLATION

### Supreme Court Rules Against Female Workers

The Supreme Court ruled against female workers in a recent case, AT&T Corp. v. Hulteen. Four women had sued AT&T after learning that their pension benefits were lower than they would have been if they had received credit for pregnancy leave that they took before the passage of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. AT&T continued to deny them that credit when it set their pension benefits many years later. But a majority of the Court found that AT&T's conduct penalizing the women did not violate the law. As Justice



Chris Marler speaks on "Putting Youth First" at our June meeting.

Lead with  
your Heart

Ginsburg stated in a strong dissent in the case, the majority's ruling authorized the employer to pay the women, "for the rest of their lives, lower pension benefits than colleagues who worked for AT&T no longer than they did." NWLC submitted an amicus brief in the case.

The AARP newsletter reported in Jan/Feb issue that Households headed by women report half the median income of all households: \$22,592 versus \$43,130. ....But their overall net worth was only one-third of all households--\$32,850 versus \$93,001. This is data from 2004. Another finding was that women living on their own following divorce, separation or the death of a spouse, or who never married had more trouble saving for the future. These facts show that we have not reached parity. There is still work to do. Get your friends to join BPW so that we can inform them.

Sylvia Mahle  
Chair

**ATTENTION  
BALLOON FEST FANS!**

**Do you have a favorite Balloon Fest Photo?**  
**Do you have a Story to share?**  
*(Like your First Balloon ride, Chase-Crew Tale, Bumpy Landing...)*  
**Maybe you have a Unique Balloon Fest  
Piece of Artwork or Collection...**

**IF SO WHY NOT ENTER IT IN**



**CENTRALIA  
CULTURAL SOCIETY'S  
"20 YEARS OF BALLOON FEST"  
NOSTALGIC EXHIBIT, AUGUST 8 - 23**

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Celebrating the  
**20TH  
ANNIVERSARY"**  
of Centralia's Annual  
Hot-Air Balloon Event

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
AWARDS**  
PRIZES FOR EACH  
CATEGORY PLUS A  
**"BEST OF SHOW"**

**\*PHOTOGRAPHY\***  
**\*STORY/COLLECTIONS\***  
**\*CHILDREN'S DIVISION\***

**THREE CATEGORIES:**

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRALIA CULTURAL SOCIETY,  
FARMERS STATE BANK & THE CENTRALIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FOR INFORMATION, PHONE 532-2951 OR 533-ARTS

## Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

### Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

General Meeting

June 8, 2009

Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on June 8, 2009 with 26 members and 5 guests present. A quorum was declared.

Program: Chris Marler presenting a moving program by on the loss of her two sons to overdose and her life-goal to educate parents, grandparents, teachers, etc., on the signs to look for in their children. She is also active on the Drug Task Force and is an advocate to legislators and the various law departments.

President Jackie Gray called the business meeting to order at 6:46p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 13, 2009 were accepted as presented in the June Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** the treasurer's report for May, as presented by Karen Deering, will be filed for audit. Following is a summary of the account balances:

#### May

Balloon Fest Fund	\$100.00
Education Fund	5,066.93
Alta McCullough Fund	3,514.20
General Fund	3,020.89
Investments	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Assets	\$21,702.02

**Bills:** none

**Correspondence** – Sharon Griffin read a thank-you note from herself.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Celia M. Howard:** no report
- **Finance** – Karen Rogers conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$13.00. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$29.00. Karen then presented the 2009-2010 Budget for approval. A motion from the Finance Committee (no second required) to accept the General Fund Budget, carried unanimously. A motion from the Finance Committee (no second required) to accept the Education Fund Budget, carried unanimously.
- **Issues Management** – Beth Galicia reported our program for the July Fun Night will be a presentation on “ice” - jewels from Straith's Jewelry by Karen Schmitt, owner. It will be held at Java Joe's July 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meal but decadent desserts will be served. Tickets are \$11.00. A limit of 50 attendees is required but there is still plenty of room. The deadline for tickets is July 3.
- **Legislation:** no report
- **Membership:** Veneda Knolhoff welcomed Darlene Pettygrove as a returning member. Darlene was sponsored by Beth Galicia who will receive a \$5.00 credit at the next State Convention for bringing a new member to BPW.
- **Public Relations:** no report
- **Young Careerist:** no report

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Balloon Fest** - Karen Deering encouraged all members to work at least three shifts and to invite their family and friends to help. A sign-up sheet was circulated and Kathy Eifert will contact those who have not signed up.
- **Cards & Memorials** – Mary Ann Norton reported that she had sent two cards and asked that she be notified of anyone who should be remembered; illness, death in family, congratulations, etc. she will in turn notify Sally Tiemann so that email notifications can be sent..

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Recycle Center:** the date for BPW to work the Recycle Center has been moved to July 25<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was available.
- **90<sup>th</sup> BPW Celebration St. Louis:** Twelve members have signed up to attend this two day event. The Alta McCullough Fund will cover most of the fees.
- **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure:** Jackie, Sharon Sanders, and Mary Ann Norton will participate in the walk June 13.
- **Audit Committee Report:** Sylvia Mahle reported that the audit is now complete and the books were found to be in good order.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Leadership Training:** Sylvia Mahle, Region Five Director, announced that Region Five has been invited to attend Leadership Training with Region Four. It will be held in Collinsville, July 18 and will be a one day event. All officers and committee chairs are encouraged to attend. All members are welcome.
- **Goals:** Jackie reported that the Goals are due to the State August 15<sup>TH</sup> therefore she needs them by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **UP COMING EVENTS**

06/11 - Business After Hours – Centralia Dental  
06/13 - Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure walk  
06/20 - Taste of the Orchard, 10a-2p, Schwartz's Orchard  
06/20 - Balloon Fest Lift-Off @ The Courtyard 6:00 p.m.  
07/02 - Flags  
07/08 - Fun Night at Java Joe's  
07/18 - Leadership Training  
07/25 – Recycle Center  
07/31 - 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
10/10 - Recycle Center

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Jackie Gray adjourned the business meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Griffin & Michele Garrison for Recording Secretary