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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Centralia BPW has a busy month ahead of us. We began July with our annual partnering with Coldwell Banker/Allen Real Estate placing flags all across the city of Centralia. How wonderful they look as you pass through town. A big **"THANKS"** to those members who were able to participate.

Saturday, July 16th several of our members will be traveling to Effingham for "Leadership Training" and July 29th & 30th to Bloomington, MN for "Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance". We are women on the move involved in all levels of our IL Federation of Business Women's Clubs.

With the new name change coming down through state also brings changes to our by-laws. Please be watching for new by-laws and name change votes in the very near future. These are vital votes and will require member's participation.

If you are the Chair of a Standing Committee you should have received an e-mail from me with previous goals. Please revise and return your goals for the upcoming year by July 31st.

I look forward to see you all "Fun Night" as we take pleasure in decorating our desserts. As you continue to enjoy your summer remember to cherish the past and embrace the future!

Patty Brough
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:

Q&A on State Federation name change and how it affects the Centralia LO

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

JULY 13, 2011, 6 PM

FUN NIGHT

ST MARY CENTRALIA-CAFETERIA

Well the time for taking reservations for this FUN NIGHT has come to an end but the FUN is just beginning. Come prepared to enjoy a great meal prepared by Java Joe's. But that is not all. Our own Ann Chappell will prepare us to become cake and cookie artists. She will show us different decorating techniques to make your cookies and cakes have that professional look. Ask yourself this question, "Are you ready for some FUN?" See you on July 13th.

Tina Suarez
Issues Management Chair



BALLOONFEST

August 19, 20, 21

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 - it's fun and it is our major fundraiser. Sign-up sheets will be available at July Fun Night or call Kathy Eifert, 533-0150.

Karen Deering & Ruth Antonoff, Chairs

AGENDA
NONE – FUN NIGHT

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Lorraine Bassett
532-2892

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

WE ARE 71 MEMBERS
STRONG AND GROWING!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please send your check for \$39.00 made payable to Centralia BPW to:
Diana Donahoo
737 N. College Ave.
Centralia, IL 62801



DUE IN APRIL

Peggy Beal
Victoria Rice

DUE IN MAY

Connie Schwartz
Sandy VanCleve
Bess Wesling

DUE IN JUNE

Judy Hug
Sandra Neabuhr
Victoria Rice

DUE IN JULY

Beth Galicia
Sharon Sanders

DUE IN AUGUST

None

CONGRATULATIONS

Jackie Gray is a new grandmother - welcome Mathew Edward Gray

Arlene Duecker is a new grandmother – welcome Liam Abbott Dueker.

Special congratulations to Joyce (Jackson) and her husband, Steve Courter, on their recent marriage

FLAGS WITH COLDWELL BANKER



A great big thank you goes to Suzanne Whittenburg for donating the flags to decorate the city for the Fourth! She and her staff provided the workers with a delicious brunch after the work was done. And, the same big thank you to these folks who placed the flags all over the city:

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| Kathy Smith | Tina Suarez | Patty Brough |
| Karen Rogers | Becky Ault | Michele Garrison |
| Arlene Dueker | Joanetta Wood | Sharon Sanders |
| Frank Dueker | Sylvia Mahle | Stephanie House |
| Sharon Griffin | Cassie McKay | Ruth Kasten |
| Ray Griffin | Chandell Mashburn | Susan Sloat |
| Karen Walsh | Braeden Mashburn | Mike Sloat |
| Tom Walsh | Bev Virobik | Lynn James |
| Lorraine Bassett | CaitLynne Bryan | Jane Scheriger. |
| Dale Bassett | Robin Jones | Jordan Keef |
| Lauren Smith | Rachel Caveletto | Justine Goodiel |
| Courtney Sanders | Bethany Coffey | Natalie Bozett |
| Jenna Beckemyer | Katie Pennock | Stacey Keef |
| Andi Urban | Justin Keef | |



(2014 TRI-CHI HELPERS)

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
Joanetta Wood 532-0765
BalloonFest
Karen Deering 318-0753
Ruth Antonoff 533-0431
BPW Week
Sylvia Mahle 532-0545
Karen Walsh 533-1607
Bylaws
Becky Ault 533-4712
Choices
Ann Chappell 532-2508
Brenda White 532-1602
Club Properties
Pam McKay 533-1416
Guest Night
Sally Tiemann 249-8101
Vickie McDaniel 249-6678
Newsletter
Michele Garrison 533-8383
Reality Store
Brenda Chesnek 485-6690
Pam McKay 533-1416
Scholarship Salad Luncheon
Brenda White 532-1602
Ruth Kasten 533-1838
Scholarships
Maggie Irwin 533-1975
Website
Barb Norstrom 533-0052

GET WELL

Nancy Greene
Louise Knolhoff
Janie Smith
Sandy VanCleve
Bess Wesling

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family on the passing of Margaret Sapp. A memorial service will be held at the June meeting.

STATE WEBSITE

ifbwc.org

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

BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 1, 2011
6:00p

Hosted by Karen Rogers
115 Golf Lane
(Michele's Board Room)

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Lorraine Bassett conducted a memorial service for Margaret Sapp at our June meeting

LEGISLATION

There are many things happening in Washington and Springfield. It can sometimes be hard to keep track of it all, and the space available in our newsletter as well as the frequency of our newsletter are both limited.

In this digital age, news is available as soon as it happens, and it may not be practical to wait until we report each month. I would like to acquaint you with the resources I use to keep track of the legislation which I believe would be of interest to our members.

The first is Congress.org. If you are not familiar with this site, it is a clearing house for all of the legislation voted on, or being considered, or in committee in Washington. It even lets you keep track of some of the legislation in your state. If you subscribe (there is no charge), they will e-mail you every time a vote is taken, and let you know how your Representative and Senators voted. This is an incredibly valuable tool. The second is the National Women's Law Center at www.nwlc.org. Again, if you subscribe (no charge) to their newsletters, they will e-mail you of pending legislation, votes, movements, Supreme Court decisions, and the like. Obviously, this site is geared towards women's issues.

There are others I use as well, and I will go over those next month. In the meantime, consider subscribing to these sites and know about the legislation affecting you as soon as it happens. And please read the e-mails that come from State, such as the one from Emily Battin regarding HJ Res 47. This would extend the deadline for the passage of ERA indefinitely, and if you have not read this e-mail, you need to do so. This is one of our platform issues. You can make a difference, but only if you are in the know.

Beth Galicia, Legislation Chair

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

July 16, 2011

KC Hall

1501 W. Fayette Ave
Effingham, IL 62401

Attending are Patty Brough, Tina Suarez and Lorraine Bassett



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
JUNE 2010**

- Karen Rogers 07/13
- Karen Piotrowski 07/24
- Sonya Germann 07/25
- Anna Humphrey 07/25
- Brenda Chesnek 07/28
- Audie Cowie 07/31
- Judy Hug 07/31

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY
none



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 07/13 Fun Night
- 07/16 Leadership Training
- 07/29-30 WPEA Celebration
- 07/31 Goals due to Patty
- 08/01 Board Meeting
- 08/05 Submit information for Sept IB
- 08/10 General Meeting
- 08/15 Goals due to Region & State
- 08/19-21 BalloonFest
- 09/17 Recycle Center

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



CYDNEY RICHARDSON, JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

Cydney Richardson, director of the Workforce Education Center/Kaskaskia College informed us of all the services that are provided to the public by Kaskaskia College including community educations classes that can be taken throughout the year for a nominal fee and the KICK program (Kids In College at Kaskaskia).

ATTENTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS

Your goals are due to patty no later than July 31st!

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



**Centralia LO of IFBW
General Meeting
June 8, 2011**

Patty Brough, Presiding Officer

The general meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at the Centralia Elks Lodge on June 8, 2011, with 28 members and 1 guest present. Following dinner, President Patty Brough called the meeting to order. Arlene Dueker, Stephanie House and Diana Donahoo were announced as having June birthdays. Following celebration of June birthdays, Tina Suarez introduced Cydney Richardson who presented her program on an overview of services available through Kaskaskia College, including but not limited to the KICK Program.

Minutes: The minutes of the May General Meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The report for May, 2011, was presented and will be filed for audit.

Presentation of Bills: Diana Donahoo advised she received bills from the Winning Edge in the amount of \$11.27 and Karen Walsh in the amount of \$36.60 for payment, both of which were budgeted items. A motion was made by Michele Garrison to pay said bills and was seconded by Darlene Pettygrove. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Becky Ault advised that she mailed a Congratulations card to Steve and Joyce Courter. Lorraine Bassett conducted a memorial service for Margaret Sapp.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

•**Bylaws:** No report.

•**Celia M. Howard/Foundation:** No report

•**Finance:** Karen Rogers announced the winner of the 50/50 drawing who would receive \$14.00 was Arlene Dueker. The brag basket total was \$26.00. Karen Rogers then went over the proposed 2011-2012 Budget. A motion was made by Karen Rogers, on behalf of her committee, to recommend that the proposed 2011-2012 Budget be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Michele Garrison. The motion passed unanimously. Next, Karen reviewed the Education Budget with the members present. A motion was made by Karen Rogers, on behalf of her committee, to approve the proposed 2011-2012 Education Budget. The motion was seconded by Beth Galicia. The motion passed unanimously.

•**Issues Management:** Tina Suarez advised that our next general meeting would be our Annual Fun Night which would be held at the St. Mary's Gym on July 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The event would be catered by Java Joe's. Tina indicated that she would need 3 or 4 volunteers to help Ann Chappell prepare the necessary cookies and cakes for decorating on July 12, 2011. Anyone available to help should let Tina know as soon as possible. Tina also advised that anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the event could see her following the meeting.

•**Legislation:** No report.

•**Membership:** Lorraine Bassett advised that we have 71 members. She also reminded any members owing membership dues to give their checks to Diana Donahoo.

•**Public Relations:** Cassandra McKay advised that she was interested in assembling testimonial videos for the website on the topic "What can BPW do for you and your time in the work place". Anyone interested in providing a video for use on the website should let Cassandra know.

•**YP/PLD:** No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Alta McCullough Fund:** No report.

• **BalloonFest:** Patty Brough advised that everything was on schedule for BalloonFest. She further advised that Kathy Eifert was hard at work scheduling the necessary volunteers for the event and that members will be asked to take three shifts.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Meet-up.com:** Patty Brough advised that the Meet-up.com website would not be renewed on October 1, 2011, due to lack of interest by members.

• **WPEA Event in Minnesota:** Patty Brough advised that the minimum charge to attend this event would be \$500.00 per member. Anyone interested in attending should place their name on the Sign-up Sheet.

• **Scholarship Fund (Perpetual):** Patty Brough advised that there had not been enough positive feedback from the membership to move forward with a perpetual scholarship fund at this time.

• **Amend Charter:** Beth Galicia handed out a "Question & Answer" outline for review by members.

• **Flags:** Patty Brough advised anyone interested in helping put out flags with Coldwell Banker on July 2, 2011, should place their name on the Sign-Up Sheet as soon as possible. She indicated that Suzanne Whittenburg of Coldwell Banker requested that members not put out the flags until Friday, July 1, 2011, at the earliest. She further advised that Suzanne Whittenburg would be hosting a brunch at 10:30 a.m. at Coldwell Banker for those individuals helping to display flags around town.

• **NIKE:** Patty Brough indicated that she had contacted four teachers at Centralia High School and none of them was willing to commit to being the sponsor for the NIKE Club. A motion was made by Karen Rogers, with regret, to disband the NIKE Club at Centralia High School and was seconded by Carol Manley. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Audit Committee:** Becky Ault advised that she hopes to meet with her committee and have the audit completed within the next two weeks.

• **Leadership Training:** Patty Brough advised that the Leadership Training would be held in Effingham, Illinois on July 16, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost for attending the Leadership Training would be \$28.00 per member. Patty further indicated that \$13.00 per member was budgeted already and Joannetta Wood advised that the remaining \$15.00 per member would be pay by the Alta McCullough Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m., with the singing of the Emblem Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D. Sloat, Recording Secretary