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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although "Old Man Winter" is upon us, the winter season certainly has been kind thus far.



The old saying "prepare for the worst and hope for the best" reminds me to remember my snow boots and dream of sunshine.

Thanks to Tina Suarez for her outstanding program with Cindy Auld last month on women's health and wellness issues. I am also looking forward to Tina's presentation on "Work Ethics" planned for our February meeting. I hope you are able to attend.

Committees have begun planning for our Reality Store, Choices and Guest Night programs. Reality Store has been set for Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Centralia Jr. High. Our Region 5 Spring meeting has been scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Centralia Elks with the Centralia LO hosting this event.

Congratulations and good luck to Pam McKay our nominee for Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois (OWWI). The award will be announced at the State Convention in Bloomington in April.

Happy Valentines Day and remember to cherish the past while embracing the future.

Patty Brough  
President

### GENERAL MEETING

February 8, 2012, 6 PM  
Centralia Elks

Our Own Tina Suarez will be our guest speaker. Her topic for the evening will be "Work Ethics." She will briefly discuss the ten modules to the work ethics program and how valuable a tool it is for women in the work force especially women that are supervisors.

Also on the agenda for the evening will be our Speak-Off Competition. Our own Cassandra McKay has graciously agreed to participate as our contestant. Let's come listen to Cassandra and root her on to the regional speak off held on March 24, 2012.

Tina Suarez  
Issues Management Chair

### -- 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

**NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY  
FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

### FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every year there's a different theme for February's celebration of African American History Month, also called Black History Month for short. The 2012 theme for African American History Month, celebrated in February, is "Black Women in American: Culture and History." This conveniently combines February's celebration of Black History Month with March's celebration of Women's History Month. The theme is announced annually by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Washington DC, which also offers "theme kits" for every African American History year.

## AGENDA

Dinner  
 Welcome  
 Collect & Pledge  
 Introduction of Guests  
 Birthdays  
 Program  
 ID Speak-off  
**Business Meeting**  
 Secretary's Report  
 Treasurer's Report  
 Presentation of Bills  
 Correspondence  
**Standing Committee Reports**  
 Bylaws  
 Celia M. Howard/Foundation  
 Finance  
 Issues Management  
 Legislation  
 Membership  
 Public Relations  
 YP/PLD  
**Special Committee Reports**  
 Choices  
 Reality Store  
 Scholarships  
 Guest Night  
**Old Business**  
 OWWI Candidates  
**New Business**  
 Nominating Committee  
 Year End Reports/Excellence Award

### 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!

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday March 5, 2012  
 6:00p  
 Hosted by Beth Galicia  
 Michele's Board Room  
 115 Golf Lane

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

Betsey Janowick  
 New phone: 780-8922

## INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

The menu: fried chicken, pork loin, scalloped potatoes, corn, carrots, salad, rolls, cherry and apple cobbler.

The host will be **Diana Donahoo, Treasurer** and will be collecting for the meal (\$10.00) at the door. Please be sure to sign in. The Elks will have the food ready by 5:30p so you can start to eat as soon as you are ready. The meeting will start as soon as the head table finishes eating. This new procedure is not to rush your meal but is to try to start the meeting by 6:00p.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is important that you send your check for \$44.00 made payable to



Centralia BPW to:  
 Diana Donahoo  
 737 N. College Ave.  
 Centralia, IL 62801

DUE IN JANUARY	DUE IN FEBRUARY	DUE IN MARCH
Patty Hinton	Karen Deering	Becky Ault
	Brenda Grable	Brenda Chesnek
	Nancy James	Joyce Courter
	Pam McKay	Audie Cowie
		Diana Donahoo
		Sylvia Mahle
		Barb Norstrom
		Delores Wanzo

## BPW SHIRTS & JACKETS

BPW apparel has been ordered and will be available at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lorraine Bassett  
 Membership Chair



## GUEST NIGHT

The annual Guest Night dinner and program will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the **Demaree United Methodist Church**, 736 S. Poplar, Centralia. The scholarship committee will be awarding scholarships and the membership committee will be recognizing membership longevity. John Shaw will be our guest speaker. His prose is always enjoyable.

Menu is pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, tossed salad, and Jell-o cake.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest or two or more!!!! The more, the merrier. Tickets will be available at the February and March meetings or you can call either of us. Ticket price is \$12.00. There will be no sales at the door. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Sally Tiemann & Vickie McDaniel  
 Chairs

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

The **2012 Reality Store** is just around the corner. It will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Centralia Junior High. We need volunteers – a sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting or contact Pam McKay or Brenda Chesnek, chairs

### Special Assignments

Alta McCullough  
 Joannetta 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 ..... 780-3671  
 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 ..... 780-3671  
 Ruth Kasten ..... 533-1838  
 Scholarships  
 Maggie Irwin ..... 533-1975  
 Website  
 Barb Norstrom ..... 533-0052

### GET WELL

Delphine Baldrige  
 Ann Chappell  
 Nancy Greene  
 Louise Knolhoff  
 Sandy VanCleve  
 Bess Wesling

### STATE WEBSITE

[ifbwc.org](http://ifbwc.org)

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

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

### DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



### IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Leona Jones and her family with prayers and cards on the loss of her mother-in-law Josephine Jones who died Monday, January 9, 2012.

### JANUARY SPEAKER



Cindy Auld spoke to us on Women's Health issues

### CENTRALIA BPW TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Centralia LO of Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women are pleased to announce that their organization will be awarding a total of \$4,000 in scholarships at its April 2011 Guest Night. The club is able to make these awards as the result of a highly successful Scholarship Salad Luncheon which was held in October, 2010.

Scholarships to be awarded are:

- Two \$500 scholarships to persons age 25 and older as of February 28, 2012
- Three \$500 scholarships to members of the Centralia High School Class of 2012
- Three \$500 scholarships to upperclassmen (students who have already started college and are at any level)

All applicants must provide an academic transcript with the application and have and maintain a 3.0 GPA. Other qualifications are outlined in the application form.

Applications are available on our website at [www.bpwcentralia.org](http://www.bpwcentralia.org). Applications are also available at Centralia High School, Kaskaskia College Office of Financial Aid, or by contacting committee chair Maggie Irwin at 618-533-1975 or [margaret.irwin@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret.irwin@yahoo.com) and must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2012.

### GUEST NIGHT HONOREES

#### Five Years

Veneda Knolhoff (06/07)  
 Vickie McDaniel (06/07)  
 Sandra Neabuhr (08/07)

#### Ten Years

Beth Gallicia (06/02)

#### Fifteen Years

Pam McKay (02/97)

#### Twenty Years

Anna Humphrey (08/92)

#### Twenty-five Years

Nancy Greene (06/87)  
 Sylvia Mahle (11/87)

#### Thirty Years

Dolores Mabry (04/82)  
 Karen Walsh (06/82)

#### Thirty-five Years

Kathy Smith (08/77)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Melynda Breeze and her husband on the birth of their son, A J (Alan Joseph) born on Jan. 14th weighing in at 8 pounds.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

### FEBRUARY 2012

Barb Norstrom	02/02
Karen Walsh	02/05
Becky Ault	02/13
Melodie Ainslie	02/13
Brenda White	02/16
Pam McKay	02/20
Joanetta Wood	02/25

## HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Mary Ann Norton	02/86
Patty Hinton	02/88
Pam McKay	02/97
Melynda Breeze	02/03
Karen Deering	02/06

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

02/08	General Meeting
02/08	OWWI Deadline
02/10	Year End Reports due to Region
03/05	March Board Meeting
03/14	General Meeting
03/24	Region 5 Meeting
03/30	Reality Store
04/17	Equal Pay Day Rally
04/20-22	State Convention, Bloomington

## 2012 STATE CONVENTION

April 20 - 22

Bloomington, Illinois

Let Patty know if you plan to attend.

## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH



## REGION FIVE MEETING

March 24, 2011, 11:00a

Centralia Elks

Hosted by Centralia LO

## LEGISLATION

Legislative session in Springfield resumes in earnest this week. I had the opportunity to hear Representative John Cavaletto speak last week, when he was a guest at the Centralia Sunrise Rotary Club. Mr. Cavaletto spoke plainly and openly in a small setting about the challenges facing Illinois, and I found him to be earnest and genuinely interested in what his constituents think.

Mr. Cavaletto stressed that the pressing issue for this legislative session (and for the foreseeable future) will be the budget. He spoke of the committees he sat on, the efforts of those committees to make difficult but necessary cuts (many of which would affect northern cities), only to have them put back in at a later date by another representative or the Governor's office. Even the things that could obviously be removed with little detriment seem to make their way back into the proposed budget after the committee recommendation comes through without them. He said that much of the serious work does not seem to get done until the last minute, allowing a greater opportunity for spending items to mysteriously make their way back into the proposed line items before vote.

I left our meeting feeling that there are those in Springfield who are trying their best to do right by Southern Illinois, but I cannot say that I came away with hope that we will ever experience a time when we are not relegated to the position of ugly step-sister to metropolitan Chicago's Cinderella. Mr. Cavaletto wants to know your opinions, so please share them with him. His contact information may be found on page 10 of our BPW Yearbook.

Beth Galicia  
Chair

**Centralia LO of the Illinois Federation  
of Business Women's Clubs, Inc.,  
d/b/a Centralia BPW  
General Meeting  
January 18, 2012  
Patty Brough, Presiding Officer**

The general meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at the Centralia Elks Lodge on January 18, 2012 with 32 members present. President Patty Brough called the meeting to order. Following the celebration of January birthdays, Mary Ann Dulumbuck led the members in The Collect with Lorraine Bassett leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tina Suarez introduced Cindy Auld, Director of Nursing at Kaskaskia College. She gave a very informative talk about Women's Health Issues.

**Minutes:** Beth Galacia made the following corrections to the December Interim Board minutes: Civic Luncheon: Patty Brough advised that our club was very well represented with 16 members in attendance; Finance: Finance Chair, Karen Rogers gave her midyear review and stated our finances are in good condition and anticipates no surprises; and all members enjoyed the reading of a Christmas story by PR Chair, Cassandra McKay, while passing Christmas presents between each other. Hearing no other corrections the December General Meeting was approved as presented.

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

**Presentation of Bills:** Diana Donahoo advised that she had received a bill from the Sentinel pertaining to an ad for Visions for \$78.75. This was the same cost as last year. Michele Garrison made the motion to pay this bill with Bev Virobik making the second. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** Becky Ault received correspondence from AAUW asking for nominations for the Community Service Award. A Christmas card was received from Lynette Jones, and a Thank You card from One Hope United. Cards were sent to Bess Wesling, Janie Smith, Ann Chappell, LaDonne Neudecker and Sue Sloat.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bylaws:** No Report

**Celia M. Howard/Foundation:** No Report

**Finance:** Jackie Gray announced the winner of the 50/50 drawing was Diane Adams.

**Issues Management:** Tina Suarez announced that she would be the speaker at the February General Meeting. She will be talking about Work Ethics.

**Legislation:** Beth Galacia announced that those that wish to go to the Equal Pay Day Rally in Chicago on April 17<sup>th</sup> could ride the train with the Alta McCullough fund would be helping with expenses. Sign-up sheets were available.

**Membership:** Lorraine Bassett announced that the last day to order T-shirts is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations:** No Report

**YP/PLD:** No Report

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Choices:** No Report

**Reality Store:** Pam McKay announced that March 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for this event. There will be 420 students coming from 18 different schools. That means there will be 86-89 in each group. A lot of volunteers will be needed.

**Scholarships:** Maggie Irwin announced that everything has been sent to Kaskaskia College, Centralia High School and that the following week the application will be available on line.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**OWWI:** Patty Brough announced that one application had been received. Hearing no other nominations the membership voted to nominate Pam McKay as our candidate.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Spring Regional Meeting:** Jackie Gray announced that the Regional Meeting will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> in Centralia at the Elks Lodge. Details will follow.

**State Chairman Nominations:** Beth Galacia announced that February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for those that wish to submit their name to run for state office.

President Patty Brough announced that all year end reports are due by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to the fact that Sally Tiemann's computer is inoperable, Michele Garrison will handle any emails that need to be sent to the membership until Sally's computer is up and running.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30p.m., with the singing of the Emblem Benediction.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Becky Ault, Corresponding Secretary**

