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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!

CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>

You will find a link to this newsletter at our website

FROM THE PRESIDENT



After the 90th Anniversary Celebration in St. Louis last weekend I am motivated, enlightened and ready to tackle the changes that are coming soon. If you haven't read the e-mail from Susie Dewaele, our State President yet, the vote to separate from BPW USA/Foundation was a resounding **YES!** There are several other states that are in the process of voting to separate from BPW USA/Foundation so Illinois will not be alone.

One of the challenges ahead of us is how to stay connected with other states so we can continue to feed off each other in terms of ideas, legislative support and women to women networking. One of the ideas that came out of a brainstorming session last weekend was to create a Facebook page where we can post timely articles, discuss issues and keep members informed. Technology will lead BPW into the future and we will be providing training on the new technology tools in an upcoming meeting. Twelve members represented the Centralia LO and as usual, Centralia was undoubtedly the largest contingency. My thanks to all those who accompanied me and introduced me to the larger BPW family.

THANKS to all the volunteers who helped put out 4th of July Flags and sorted plastic from paper at the Recycle Center. These are the types of projects that showcase how important our LO is to this community. Great job ladies! Kathy Eifert tells me she is close to having all of the booths at the Balloon Fest staffed so I will send an early thank you to all of you who stepped to the plate and volunteered. This is our largest money maker and we can't give out those valuable college scholarships without first raising money. Now let's cross our fingers for good balloon flying weather.

Last and most importantly, a big thank you goes to Beth Galicia who will lead the next two General Meetings as I have business that takes me out of town that could not be rearranged. I will be attending the Board Meetings prior to each meeting and handing off the Agenda for Beth to follow so I assure you I will stay informed and involved. I know you will give Beth your attention, support and heartfelt appreciation for stepping in for me. I won't see some of you until October but you are always in my thoughts and in my heart!

Lead With Your Heart
Jackie Gray, President

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
BalloonFest
Cards/Memorials
Old Business
Recycle Center
Flags
90th BPW Celebration-St. Louis
Goals
Leadership Training
OWWI
New Business
Merger Report

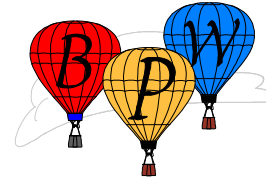
REGION V MEETING

September 26, 2009
Carbondale, IL
Lunch
Time- tba
Let Sylvia Mahle, Region V
Director, know if you will attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

08/12 August General Meeting
08/21-23 BalloonFest
08/31 September Board
10/24 St. Louis LO Fashion Show
03/26/10 Reality Store

IT'S BALLOONFEST TIME!



BalloonFest is August 21, 22, 23

Yes, it is August and our main fundraiser is upon us. All members have been asked to work multiple shifts. A *schedule and a map are attached to this newsletter*. Your volunteer passes, a schedule and map will be available at the August General meeting. Those unable to attend the meeting will receive the "packet" in the mail shortly after the meeting.

Please arrive for your shift at the assigned tent on time. There will be two folding chairs, but you may want to bring your own lawn chair for comfort. Don't forget to wear your BPW shirt BPW aprons will be provided. You may park free at the Gragg Street Parking Lot by showing your volunteer pass.

We rely on you as does the whole community. Let's hope our weather and sales are good. Come, work and enjoy the fun of BalloonFest.

Karen & Kathy

BPW/IL DUES ALERT

Do not send your dues renewal to National

If you were waiting to pay your dues until the voting was complete, you should pay them now.

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

90th Celebration

Two hundred and fifty women from 27 states and The Virgin Islands met in St. Louis at the Hilton Hotel across from the airport to network and celebrate the 90th anniversary of the first BPW national convention. The Missouri delegation did themselves proud in providing great speakers, an opportunity for women to discuss their future as former BPW members, good food and fun.

Twelve Centralia LO members drove over to join the celebration and enjoy the activities as well as their time together.

Friday's speaker was an accomplished teacher, NEA staff member and BPW member who described her battle to overcome prejudice in the work place while working and raising a family. She had energy, purpose and humor to describe her battles and successes.

Saturday we joined Missouri for their breakfast and auction. Many great items including a lot of BPW memorabilia was auctioned off to raise funds. It was fun as well as interesting.

The rest of the day had several good activities: a very good speech by Missouri House and BPW member Sara Lampe, a good discussion on where the states and members should go from here now that BPW/USA has merged with The Foundation, YC and ID speeches, Tina Rapp's video on women who advanced women's rights, an entertaining speech by a published author of mystery

Special Assignments

- Alta McCullough
- Joanetta Wood.....532-0765
- BalloonFest
- Karen Deering318-0753
- Kathy Eifert533-0150
- BPW Week
- Pam McKay533-1406
- Brenda Chesnek485-6690
- Bylaws
- Sharon Griffin532-7760
- Cards Memorials
- Mary Ann Norton.....532-3613
- Nancy Greene532-7968
- Choices
- Joanetta Wood.....532-0765
- Club Properties
- Pam McKay533-1416
- 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 Brough533-3051
- Annette Bevel.....533-0910
- Scholarship Salad Luncheon
- Sally Tiemann249-8101
- Vickie McDaniel.....249-6678
- Scholarships
- Barb Norstrom.....533-0052
- Website
- Barb Norstrom.....533-0052

GET WELL

- Nancy Greene
- Janie Smith
- Sandy VanCleve
- Bess Wesling

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Veneda Knolhoff
532-8104

DON'T FORGET TO
RECYCLE!



novels based around scrap booking and finally a banquet with wonderful skit and dancing.

Despite the troubles of National, there was an air of commitment and optimism. There will be future talks, meetings and a network to promote what BPW was all about. It has morphed, but is not dead.



RECYCLE CENTER

JULY 25, 2009

Thank you for your help!

- Jackie Gray
- Veneda Knolhoff
- Karen Deering
- Sylvia Mahle
- Beth Galicia



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR CITY LOOK SO
PATRIOTIC!!
July 2, 2009



ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS



We will be taking pictures for the October tabloid at the August meeting. Please plan to be there by 5:45. Some of the pictures may be taken following the meeting so please be patient.

Also, please get your article about your area of responsibility together. If you need last years article, please see Karen Walsh.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
AUGUST 2009**

Melynda Wesling	08/05
Jackie Gray	08/12
Michele Garrison	08/13
Delphine Baldrige	08/17
Sharon Griffin	08/17
Lorraine Bassett	08/18
Beth Moore	08/19
Mary Ann Norton	08/26
Sandy VanCleve	08/31

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Kathy Smith	08/77
Sandy VanCleve	08/81
Lorraine Bassett	08/85
Evelyn Stover	08/89
Ernestine Foster	08/90
Anna Humphrey	08/92
Sally Tiemann	08/96
Bess Wesling	08/06
Sandra Neabuhr	08/07
Annette Bevel	08/07

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

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

August 31, 2009
6:00p
Host - Karen Walsh
Midland States Bank

**WE ARE 58
MEMBERS STRONG
& GROWING!**

THE BPW-IL WEBSITE HAS HAD A MAKEOVER!

Same website, new look - www.bpw-il.org. Our state leadership has been hard at work improving and modernizing our state website. Join us for a brief 15 – 20 minute presentation to discuss the new capabilities and tools at our disposal. The presentation will be in the same meeting room as the general meeting, just off to the far side. ***This presentation will begin at 5:30 pm.***

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. The application is available on our state's website; the fee is \$50.00. Direct your questions to Sylvia at 532-0545.

REALITY STORE

It's not too early to begin plans to help with our Annual Reality Store. Patty Brough and Annette Bevel, chairs, have set the date for March 26, 2010 at the Centralia Junior High School.

LEGISLATION

This is interesting--a religious man and politician who does stand on his beliefs:

After more than 60 years together, Jimmy Carter has announced himself at odds with the Southern Baptist Church -- and he's decided it's time they go their separate ways. Via Feministing, the former president called the decision "unavoidable" after church leaders prohibited women from being ordained and insisted women be "subservient to their husbands." Said Carter in an essay in *The Age*:

"At its most repugnant, the belief that women must be subjugated to the wishes of men excuses slavery, violence, forced prostitution, genital mutilation and national laws that omit rape as a crime. But it also costs many millions of girls and women control over their own bodies and lives, and continues to deny them fair access to education, health, employment and influence within their own communities."

And, later:

"The truth is that male religious leaders have had -- and still have - an option to interpret holy teachings either to exalt or subjugate women. They have, for their own selfish ends, overwhelmingly chosen the latter. Their continuing choice provides the foundation or justification for much of the pervasive persecution and abuse of women throughout the world. "

The question for Carter -- and for others who find themselves at odds with leadership -- is, when a group you're deeply involved in starts to move away from your own core beliefs, do you stay and try to change from within or, at some point, do you have to look for the exit? Carter did give the former a shot -- in recent years publicly criticizing and distancing himself from church leadership, while staying involved with his church. Now, he's seeing if absence might do what presence did not.

Sylvia Mahle
Legislative Chair

BPW/IL WEBSITE

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

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www.bpwcentralia.org.

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

BPW

Barb Norstrom

SEE YOU AT THE PARK!



AN EXCITING PROJECT

Do you have a story birthed from a state convention that you tell over and over and over again to side splitting laughter from your friends and/or fellow members? Email, fax, or mail me your story! Be sure to include as much contact information as possible, but at least a phone number. We will be printing them in a booklet form and making them available at 2010 State Convention for a nominal amount that will cover our costs. Please keep your submission to either about 325 typed words for 1 page or 650 words for 2 pages. A limited number of hand written submissions are requested within a 4x6 1/2 inch area. Photos will be considered. Electronic photo submission is preferred. We reserve the right to withhold a story for any reason including redundancy and booklet length. The tentative title is "Stories from Convention", but suggestions are welcome! Our hope is to get at least one story from each convention that we have living members from. This might be a good opportunity to talk to a former member who has let their membership lapse!
Go, BPW Illinois!

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St. Louis Metropolitan Business & Professional Women

Invite you to attend:

Annual Fashion Show

With Fashions by Christopher & Banks and C.J. Banks

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Place: Holiday Inn Southwest - Viking Lodge

Time: 11a - 3p

Price: \$25.00 per person

Includes lunch and attendance prizes (cash bar)

See Jackie for more information

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

Fun Night

July 8 2009

No business was conducted