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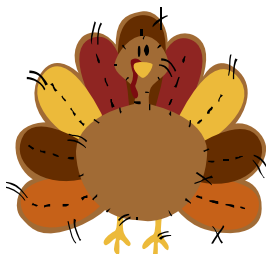
Brenda White532-1602

-- 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!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Collect was written by Mary Stewart in 1904 and adopted by Business and Professional Women/USA in 1920 and is used by other women's organizations throughout the world. Mary Stewart worked for women's suffrage nationally and attended the meeting in St. Louis in 1919 at which BPW/USA was launched and was elected as the first Corresponding Secretary. This is a special meditation that lends unity to ALL women. Take a few minutes to read and reflect on The Collect at home when you have a quiet moment and you will find words of wisdom that you didn't see or hear before. "Let us take time for all things;"

This phrase stands alone to describe BPW week and the many hours of volunteerism and networking that occurred in October. We took time to honor Evelyn Stover as our new Woman of the Year and to continue to honor all of the previous recipients. These former recipients come back to the brunch year after year for a special moment of recognition. We took time to honor Wham and Wham as the new Boss of the Year and read off the names of all of the previous recipients.

We took time to network with each other while driving from house to house during the Progressive Dinner while other members took time to cook, clean and open their homes to entertain us. We ALL took time to make salads, sell tickets and help with the annual Salad Luncheon so we could raise money for college scholarships.

And last but not least there were at least 11 women who rode, drove or walked in the Halloween Parade where we handed out 300 BPW membership brochures and brought positive recognition to our organization.

Thank you Susie Dewaele, IFBPW State President for attending both the Boss of the Year and Halloween Parade events and to Pam McKay, Brenda Chesnek, Vickie McDaniel and Sally Tiemann for providing the leadership to make this all happen. Thank you to all the members who took the time to participate in this special week in some way, big or small.

Thank you from my heart,

Jackie Gray
President

ISSUES MANAGEMENT

GENERAL MEETING

November, 2009, 6:00a

Centralia House

Guest Speaker: Pat McNicholas

"Celia M. Howard - Why This Matters To IL/BPW"

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
BPW Week
Cards/Memorials
Scholarship Salad Luncheon
Old Business
OWWI
Change of name
New Business
Holiday Festival of Arts
Bell Ringing

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

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



WOW - WOW - WOW



What more can we say for the wonderful, magnificent, super fantastic club we have. This was our most successful luncheon and we are so pleased to tell you that we had 90% participation this year.

The salads you provided definitely served more than the suggested 12 to 15. We're sure some probably served 50 or more. Those that were unable to make salads made very generous monetary donations. These donations were used to make additional salads and also paid for the supplies used.

Our recipe sales were \$140 and this contributed to the great success we had. Recipe booklets are still available for \$5. We're sure this will be done again next year so if you have not submitted your recipes, please send them to Sally who will gather them until next year's event.

Financial results will be given at the November 11th meeting and printed in the December newsletter. We can only say that we think you will be as happy with the results as we were.

Once again, the Masonic Temple and Jim Vandeventer went above and beyond with their generosity and assistance.

We thank everyone for their help and generosity in making the 2009 Scholarship Salad Luncheon a huge success.

Sally and Vickie, Co-chairs

LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

(as presented by Bev Virobik at the Woman of the Year Brunch)

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.' He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ... Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it! Have a garbage-free day!

CELIA M. HOWARD/ILLINOIS FOUNDATION BAKELESS BAKE SALE

We are having a bake sale that is zero calories, zero fat, zero cholesterol, and zero trans-fat! It's a bake-less bake sale. We will be accepting donations at our November meeting and through the end of November. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can send your check, payable to Centralia BPW, to Karen Deering, 15 Spruce Dr., Centralia. Please consider a donation to help support these two important funds.

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
 Joannetta 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
 Joannetta 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
 Chris Paskavich

IN SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of former member Virginia Fleming who recently passed away.

A NEW ADDRESS

Former member Arlene Luer has a new address:

Bridle Brook #214
 1505 Patton Drive
 Mahomet, IL 61853

BPW/IL WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

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

LEGISLATION



In case you didn't see the article in the October 19th Centralia Sentinel, here are some disturbing facts.

1. In Illinois, women make only \$.74 compared to each \$1 a man earns.
2. No state has equal earnings between men and women
3. Only in Puerto Rico does a woman make more than a man (1.1% more)
4. The District of Columbia has the next best rate at \$.88 to \$1.
5. Wyoming has the worst competitive rate--\$.64 to \$1.

We need to advocate for equal pay. We need to teach our daughters and granddaughters so they understand the need for continued pressure on legislators, politicians and businesses.

Other news on pending legislation:

Defunding Military Contractors Who Force Arbitration on Rape Victims

On October 6, Sen. Franken (D-MN) proposed an amendment to the 2010 Defense Appropriations bill that would prohibit federal funding from being used to pay defense contractors that force binding arbitration on their employees in cases of sexual violence, sexual harassment, and sex and other unlawful job discrimination under Title VII. The amendment passed by an overwhelming 68-30. The amendment is intended to address cases such as Jamie Leigh Jones who was gang-raped by her co-workers while she was working for Halliburton/KBR in Baghdad. Jones was prevented from bringing charges in court against KBR because her employment contract stipulated that sexual assault allegations would only be heard in private arbitration. The amendment is in danger of being stripped in conference.

Can you believe the above! Why is it even debatable? Once trusting business to be fair and police itself is found to be bad for employees, fix it! Lily Ledbetter all over again and again and again.

Sylvia Mahle
 Legislative Chair



BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

December 12th

9:00a - 6:00p

Schnuck's (both ends)

December 19th

2:00p - 8:00p

Schnuck's (both ends)

A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Centralia Cultural Society
 December 6, 2009

Sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting for 4 ushers and 4 cookie servers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

NOVEMBER 2009

Peggy Beal	11/06
Beth Galicia	11/07
Kathy Smith	11/09
Nancy James	11/10
Bev Virobik	11/11
Vickie McDaniel	11/19
Polly Hicks	11/21
Carol Manley	11/26

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Leona Jones	11/93
Jackie Gray	11/04
DeVonne Starr	11/08
Sharon Griffin	11/08

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

November 30, 2009

6:00p

Host - Veneda Knolhoff

14 Crestwood

(her son's home)

Business After Hours

November 17, 2009

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5:00-7:00 PM

WE ARE 58 MEMBERS

STRONG

& GROWING!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

11/20-22	Interim Board, Bloomington
11/11	General Meeting
11/11	Veterans Day
11/17	Business After Hours
11/19	Great American Smoke- out
11/26	Thanksgiving
11/30	Board Meeting
12/06	Festival of Arts
12/12	Ring Bells
12/19	Ring Bells

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

NOTES.....

Dear BPW Friends,

I wish to thank all my BPW friends for their cards, prayers, concerns and visits during my stay at Centralia Manor and now Centralia Estates. My new address is: Centralia Estates, 1916 E. McCord, Centralia, IL 62801. My new phone is 532-8521. You are a great group of ladies and I have enjoyed my 40 year membership.

Delphine Baldrige

Ladies of BPW,

It makes my heart warm to belong to such a group! Thank you for the food for Connie & Jason from both the dinner and the salad lunch. Also thanks to Sylvia for taking it Friday evening.

Ann Chappell

Mt. Vernon BPW is raffling a quilt at their December Christmas Party. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. The quilt was hand pieced, machine quilted, and donated by Kathy Dial, Mt. Vernon LO 2009-10 President who owned & operated the Sewing Mart for many years. See Jackie Gray or Amanda Harrison Yearwood (231-1976 or amandayearwood@yahoo.com) for tickets.

The Centralia Area Historical Society recently honored all local organizations for their contribution to the community at a chili dinner. They also are in need of donations to meet their goal of an additional \$50,000 for a passenger elevator. If you can help, contact the Museum at 545-0657.

Dear Jackie,

We wanted to tell you how much we appreciate the honor given Wham & Wham when your committee saw fit to name us Boss of the Year. The entire evening was so nice. Pam and Brenda were so gracious in their comments when they presented the award we could scarcely believe they were speaking about us!

The clock now occupies a prominent spot on our vestibule and we will treasure it, not only as a lovely object, but as a tangible reminder of one of the nicest events that has ever occurred in the history of our firm.

We are so fortunate to work alongside Beth, Pat, Vicki, and Sarah; they truly deserve our gratitude. As one or more of the partners stated last night we could not do what we do without them. They are incredibly professional, smart, kind and loyal and we are especially proud that these particular ladies nominated Wham & Wham for this honor.

Thank you, again, and please thank Pam, Brenda and the membership for a wonderful night.

Sincerely,

Jim Wham, Dick Cary, Dan Price, Jennifer Price

DON'T FORGET THE PINK!

Remember to bring your pink Yoplait Yogurt lids to Mary Ann Norton at the November meeting. And she will send them in for the Yoplait donation to Breast Cancer Research.

BPW WEEK IN PICTURES



Evelyn Stover
2009 Woman of the Year



Jim Wham, Jennifer Price, Richard Cary & Daniel Price
2009 Boss's of the Year

THE HALLOWEEN PARADE



General Meeting
October 14, 2009

Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on October 14, 2009 with 27 members and 2 guests present. Jackie Gray led the members in the Collect and Becky Ault led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program: Following dinner, Rick Marlow, with Youth Build in Centralia and Mt. Vernon presented the program on how they are able to take troubled youth and help them become responsible citizens. President, Jackie Gray, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was declared.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 9, 2009 General Meeting were accepted as presented in the September Newsletter.

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

BalloonFest Fund	\$8,243.12
Education Fund	\$2,906.93
Alta McCullough Fund Checking & Investments	\$1,324.26
	\$10,000.00
General Fund	\$2,762.70
Total Assets	\$25,227.01

Bills: Bills in the amount of \$65.00 for the past president's pin and \$20.00 for the YCA assessment fee were presented. They had already been budgeted. Jackie Gray announced that the website, that was free, will now cost the club \$75.00 per year. Beth Galicia made a motion that we accept this offer and the membership voted unanimously that it be accepted.

Correspondence: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Celia M. Howard: Becky Ault reported that there will be a no bake bake sale at the November meeting.
- Finance: Pam McKay conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$12.50. The brag basket was passed collecting \$29.00.
- Issues Management: Beth Galicia reported our program for the November General Meeting will be Pat McNicholas, Past State President and a Board Member on The Cecilia M Howard Foundation.
Beth and Pam Mc Kay continue work on the Christmas party.
- Legislation: no report
- Membership: no report
- Public Relations. Karen Walsh reported that the Tabloid is now ready.
- Young Careerist: no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- BalloonFest: Karen Deering gave a brief report stating that we are waiting on the ice bill. The BalloonFest Committee should be getting a check to us by the next meeting.
- BPW Week: The schedule for the week was shared.
- Cards & Memorials: Mary Ann Norton reported that Nancy had sent out 5 cards this month.
- Proclamation: Becky Ault read a Proclamation made by the City of Centralia, proclaiming October 18 – 24 as BPW Week.
- Scholarship Salad Luncheon: Sally Tiemann reported that she had numerous people signed up to bring salads and she and Vickie McDaniel would be at the Masonic Temple the Thursday before the luncheon from 5:15 pm until 6:45 pm so members may drop off their salads.

OLD BUSINESS

- Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois: Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois deadline for applications is 2/14/10. There have been three names submitted and Jackie has formed a committee that will make a recommendation.
- Fall Region Meeting: the meeting will was held September 26th in Carbondale. Five members attended and fun was had by all.

NEW BUSINESS

- Highland LO Ladies Night: Our membership has been invited to attend this event on Thursday, October 22nd. It is one of their BPW Week events.
- Stories: Amanda Harrison is looking for any stories from previous conventions. Please email any stories you would like to share to Jackie Gray.
- Name Change: Jackie Gray reported that we must legally change the name of the club. Centralia LOIFBPW was suggested as the name change. She encouraged everyone to fill out your ballots and get them sent in, so that we can move forward with this change.

UP COMING EVENTS:

October	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
10/16	National Mammography Day
10/18-24	BPW Week
10/24	St. Louis LO Fashion Show
10/31	Centralia Fall Festival & Halloween Parade
11/2	Board Meeting at the home of Anna Humphrey

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Jackie Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Bevel, Recording Secretary