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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!

**JANUARY 22, 2010
THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNIVERSARY
ROE vs. WADE**



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am going to resist the temptation to write about the usual New Year's resolutions such as losing weight and becoming a better person. Instead, I wanted to share with you a few lessons I learned or re-learned over the past year.

1. When you enter into a relationship be it family, friendship or membership in an organization, you get out of it what you are willing to put into it.
2. The best way to learn how to recycle is to volunteer just one Saturday at the Centralia Recycle Center.
3. Traditions built through the years add depth and character to an organization that makes you feel proud to be a member.
4. It feels good to give back to your community.
5. Many working hands make the task seem much easier. Just look at what we have accomplished together.

Thank you for all the hours you volunteered in 2009 and for opening up your hearts and minds to new opportunities in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Jackie Gray
President

GENERAL MEETING

January 13, 2010, 6:00p
Centralia House

Menu: Dinner Salad, Beef Stroganoff served over Noodles, Green Beans & Fruit Cocktail for dessert.

ISSUES MANAGEMENT

Wow! A brand new year and a brand new decade all at once! Time sure flies while we are having FUN! Our new year starts off with a visit from the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. Ms. Villi Appoo will fill us in on all the changes to the Girl Scout Council structure as well as what scouting is teaching girls and young women today.

With our February program, I will be deviating from what was published in our year book. As Ericka Sanders has just been appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court as Associate Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit (Marion, Clinton, Clay, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Shelby, Montgomery and Christian Counties), I hope to have her join us in February to share her professional success at such a (relatively) young age.

Come in out of the cold for our meetings and warm your heart with your BPW sisters.

Beth Galicia

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

Cards/Memorials

Old Business

BPW Shirt & Jacket Orders Board

New Business

Clean & Green Schedule

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!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Karen Deering
Work # 327-3022 ext. 221

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated to these organizations!



CCBA



THE SALVATION ARMY



KIDS HOPE

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
 Joannetta 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
 Joannetta 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
 Barb Norstrom 533-0052

GET WELL

Nancy Greene
 Janie Smith
 Sandy VanCleve
 Bess Wesling
 Chris Paskavich
 Louise Knolhoff

BPW/IL WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwil>

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

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Coleman.
 A memorial will be given at the January meeting.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

A big thank you goes to Ushers Jackie Gray, Sharon Sanders, Cynthia Webber and Sandra Neabuhr and Cookie Servers Veneda Knolhoff, Patty Brough, Karen Rogers and Beth Galicia. Also, thank you to Bev Virobik and Anna Humphrey for representing BPW on the Judge Panel.

The winners of the Ornament Contest were:

1-3 grade - Jake Little, grade 2, Mrs. Tate, Schiller
 4-5 grade - Trevor Marcum & Chelsey Varela, grade 4, Mrs. Tate, Irving
 6,7,8 grade - Courtney Sanders, Mr. Schaflien, CJHS

THANK YOU FOR RINGING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Annette Bevel, Patty Brough, Anna Humphrey, Pam McKay, Jackie Gray, Michele Garrison Lorraine Bassett Sharon & Ray Griffin Karen Deering, Tina Suarez, Cynthia Webber, Sandra Neabuhr, Melinda Veller, Sharon Sanders, Veneda Knolhoff, Sylvia Mahle, Beth Galicia and Anna Humphrey

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you for saving the pink Yoplait lids. I mailed 65 lids. If they do this again next year maybe we can save more.

Thanks
 Mary Ann Norton

NOTES.....

I personally want to thank each and everyone of you for all the Christmas Gifts! WOW...You all are just wonderful! Every gift is very much appreciated by all of us at Kids Hope United and the children and families we serve. So again THANK YOU for all you do to help us make this Christmas Season a Happy one for all of our Kids!!!

Vickie McDaniel
 Kids Hope United

Please express thanks to the members of Centralia for the generous donation to the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund. The annual meeting will be in January and we are expecting to interview five applicants. Centralia members have always shown exceptional support of the Fund and its goal. Thank you all

Chris LaFrance
 CMS Fund Trustee

LEGISLATION



January 22nd is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Whether you are pro abortion or simply pro choice, this is a landmark decision allowing women the right to ultimately control their reproduction and therefore their finances. The new health care reform act may stand in the way of that. It will be a real balancing act--we need health care reform, but we don't want to abridge gains women have made in the past. I hope Congress doesn't add so much to the bill that no one can support it (one way of killing it without opposing "health care reform.")

Continue to follow the issue and make your voice known to Congress. They seem to hear the side they favor so the opposition has to be loud enough for them to pay attention.

The two Illinois Senators seem more open to women's rights. Our Congressman does not seem to be that favorable to these issues.

Sylvia Mahle
 Legislative Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

JANUARY 2010

- Evelyn Stover 01/06
- Sally Tiemann 01/27
- Tina Suarez 01/28
- Norma Rueter 01/30

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

- Ruth Sanders 01/63
- Geri Langin 01/71
- Norma Rueter 01/81
- Connie Schwartz 01/89
- Tolleyne Ray 01/95
- Brenda Chesnek 01/01
- Maggie Irwin 01/03



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 01/13 General Meeting
- 01/13 Deadline for shirt/jacket order
- 02/01 February Board Meeting
- 02/10 Deadline for Illinois Bulletin
- 02/10 Deadline for IFBPW Logo Contest
- 02/14 OWVI Applications due
- 02/14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 03/10 Reports due to Region & State
- 03/20 Region Five Meeting - Centralia hosts
- 04/20 Equal Pay Day
- 03/26 Reality Store
- 04/22-25 IFBPW State Convention

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

REMINDER



These member's dues are due in January. Please mail them to Karen Deering, 15 Spruce Drive.

Leona Jones

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 1, 2010

6:00p

Host - Becky Ault

Michele Garrison's home

**WE ARE 67 MEMBERS
STRONG & GROWING!**

General Meeting
December 9, 2009

Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on December, 2009 with 28 members present. Carol Manley led the members in the Collect and Joanetta Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 11, 2009 General Meeting were accepted as presented in the newsletter.

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

BalloonFest Fund	\$3,725.67
Education Fund	\$5,059.24
Alta McCullough Fund	\$1,164.26
Checking	
Alta McCullough CD	\$10,000.00
General Fund	\$2,956.72
Total Assets	\$22,905.89

Bills: none presented.

Correspondence: Sharon Griffin shared a letter from the Centralia Regional Library requesting help reaching their goal to receive a grant for computers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Celia M. Howard:** Becky Ault reported that the "bakeless bake sale" rendered \$228.00. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the Celia M. Howard and fifty percent goes to Illinois Foundation Educational Fund.

• **Finance:** Lorraine Bassett conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner, Sally Tiemann receiving \$12.50. The brag basket was passed collecting \$38.00. Karen Rogers reported "the Finance Committee makes a recommendation, in the form of a motion to provide an additional \$600.00 toward scholarships to be used as the Scholarship Committee sees fit." No second was required; the motion carried.

Issues Management: Beth Galicia reported our program for the January meeting will be a representative from the Girl Scouts.

• **Legislation:** no report

• **Membership:** Veneda Knolhoff reported that we have eight new members so far this year. She also reported that t-shirts, both long and short sleeves, crew-neck sweatshirt, golf shirt, and jacket are available for ordering. Forms and prices are available from her.

• **Public Relations:** no report.

• **Young Careerist:** Jackie reported that she has received the speech topics and will forward to Brenda White.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **BPW Week:** Brenda Chesnek reported attendance at the events throughout the week: Proclamation 5, Woman of the Year Brunch 38 (sixteen of which were Past Women of the Year), Boss of the Year Presentation 30, Progressive Dinner 25, NIKE at the Parade 10-12, and walkers at the Parade 10-12. She reported that the committee is \$45.63 under budget.

• **Cards & Memorials:** Mary Ann Norton reported that Nancy had sent three sympathy cards this month. She will forward the pink Yoplait lids and thanked everyone for collecting them.

