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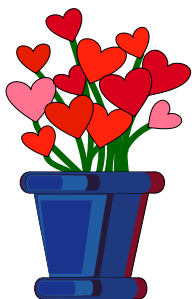
Brenda White ..... 532-1602

**-- 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!



**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As cupid draws his bow and red hearts abound there are many people asking for help such as survivors in Haiti, charitable organizations such as One Hope United (formerly Kids Hope United) who have lost government funding, students who need help paying for college and the list goes on. The need for volunteers in our own organization is also growing including a new Regional Director, Regional Treasurer, LO

Officers and Committee Chairpersons for next year and there are several openings at the State IFBPW level. If you have the desire to help others by holding a leadership role within the BPW organization, please let me know and I will help you find a position that matches your time constraints and talents. We have an immediate need to identify a Co-Chairman of next year's Balloon fest Committee because the planning for next year's event begins now.

Please give generously and from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,  
Jackie Gray  
President

**GENERAL MEETING**

February 10, 2010, 6:00p  
Centralia House

**Menu:** Dinner salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and fruit cocktail for dessert.

**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February is Black History Month, and in light of our city's recent losses of Dorothy Coleman, Doris Clark and Mable Meeks, we should take a moment and reflect on what these women meant to our community. The remembrance of the contributions of African Americans to the national fabric was begun in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a historian, as "Negro History Week." Woodson chose the second week of February, because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: President Abraham Lincoln, and abolitionist and former slave, Frederick Douglass. Black History Month is also celebrated in Great Britain during the month of October <sup>1</sup>. Our program this month will focus on black history, with our speaker bringing some of our local history to our attention.

(1) Information taken from Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia

Beth Galicia  
Issues Management Chair

## 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  
Choices  
Guest night  
Reality store  
Scholarships

### Old Business

OWWI candidate  
Region Five Meeting  
Equal Pay Day

### New Business

## OUR JANUARY SPEAKER...



Beth, Villi Appoo, Girl Scout Council & Jackie

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit with Villi Appoo from the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. She filled us in on all the changes to the Girl Scout Council structure as well as what scouting is teaching girls and young women today.

## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH



### Region 5 Meeting

Join us as Centralia hosts the March 20th Region 5 Spring meeting at Winter's Restaurant (formerly Marilyn's in Central City). Social time is 10:00-10:30a with the meeting beginning at 10:30. We will order lunch from the menu.

Wear green (we will have the green aprons) since our state President encourages us to "Go Green". We will celebrate with a green theme.

Consider that we need a Region Director and a Region Treasurer or Secretary. To have IFBPW grow we have to support it.

Let's be a part of something bigger than the LO.

Sylvia Mahle  
Region 5 Director

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

The 2010 Reality Store is just around the corner. It will be held on March 26th at the Jr. High. Please if you haven't done so already, sign up to volunteer! We have already heard back from our area schools and have 14 schools participating this year for a total of 363 students. Due to early dismissals we need more volunteers for the morning shifts.

For more information you can contact either Annette Bevel or Patty Brough. Thank you in advance for your help!

Annette Bevel & Patty Brough co-chairs

### 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!



### 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.

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

### NEW MEMBER



### WELCOME SUSAN SLOAT

Susan joined us in January. She is a Title Professional at Quad County Title Company, Inc. Her husband, Michael, is a Case Manager at Kaskaskia Workshop, inc. their children are Sean Maxey who is going to college at Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Il, Ben Sloat who is a freshman at CHS and serves as Freshman Student Council member, Cindi Sloat is a sixth grader at CJHS and is a member of Tigerettes Softball Team and Super Sonics Traveling Softball team.

Susan is a member of PIMA, and Parents Advisory Council at CJHS, and is a licensed insurance agent. She loves to cross-stitch, cheer on her daughter at games, and attend band and student council functions.

Janie Smith, former boss and friend and Beth Galicia, "one of my best friends" brought Susan to BPW. We are so happy to have you with us!!

Yearbook information for Susan is:

Address: 933 West Fifth St  
 Home: 533-4662  
 Work & Cell: 322-9386  
 Email: mssbc@charter.net  
 Birthday: 12/14

### GUEST NIGHT

Our annual Guest Night will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, our regular meeting night. In keeping with tradition, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church, with dinner being prepared and served by the Young Adult Class. BPW members with anniversary dates of 5-year increments will be honored.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest or guests. The guest can be a friend(s), a spouse, or your boss. Tickets will be available at the February and March meetings at a cost of \$12.00 each, and there will be no sales at the door. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Sharon Sanders and Anna Humphrey  
 Co-chairs



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

**FEBRUARY 2010**

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

**HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY**

- Melynda Wesling 02/03
- Barb Norstrom 02/04 (09/90)
- Mary Ann Norton 02/86
- Pam McKay 02/97



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 02/10 General 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
- 03/01 March Board Meeting
- 03/10 Reports due to Region & State
- 03/20 Region Five Meeting - Centralia hosts
- 03/26 Reality Store
- 04/20 Equal Pay Day
- 04/22-25 IFBPW State Convention

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

**REMINDER**



These member's dues are due in February. Please mail them to Karen Deering, 15 Spruce Drive.  
 Nancy James  
 Pam McKay  
 Karen Deering

**MARCH BOARD MEETING**

March 1, 2010  
 6:00p  
 Host - Annette Bevel  
 Patty Brough's home - 1604 Joy Lane

**CENTRALIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN 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 \$4,100 in scholarships at its April 2010 Guest Night. The club is able to make these awards as the result of a highly successful National Business and Professional Women's Week Scholarship Luncheon in October, 2009.

Scholarships to be awarded are:

- 2-\$750 scholarships to persons age 25 and older as of February 28, 2010
- 2- \$500 scholarships to members of the Centralia High School Class of 2010
- 2-\$500 and 1 \$600 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) or you can just Google Centralia BPW. Applications will also be available at Centralia High School, Kaskaskia College Office of Financial Aid, or by contacting committee chair Barb Norstrom at 618-533-0052 or [norstroms@charter.net](mailto:norstroms@charter.net) and must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2009.

Barb Norstrom  
Chair

**UNHAPPY HOUR**

Centralia BPW is sponsoring an "Unhappy Hour" on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Characters Book store and Coffee shop from 4:30 to 6:00.

Wear **red** and join us to advertise the fact that women must work from January 1 to April 20 to make what men made the year before! Yes that is what it takes. I will have handouts with facts and a little attendance gift. I hope to get some publicity also.

So join us and visit with other women. Buy a coffee or dessert as comfort food and help us spread the word of the continued inequity in the workplace.

Sylvia Mahle  
Legislation Chair

**LEGISLATION**



Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> was the one-year anniversary of the signing of the historic Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. It was very significant information.

But our work is not done! In 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act passed the House with the Paycheck Fairness Act and together these bills are a one-two punch in the fight for equal pay. But a year later, the Paycheck Fairness Act remains stalled in the Senate.

There is some good news. The Senate leadership has promised that there will be a Senate committee hearing on the Paycheck Fairness Act in the next few months! A hearing gets us one step closer to a vote. Urge your Senators to cosponsor and move to quickly pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

Illinois districts and redistricting:



**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND**  
**IFBPW State Convention**  
 April 22-25, 2010  
 The Chateau, Bloomington

Here is a link to a site that you should visit: <http://www.ilfairmap.com/>  
 It brings up an important issue about how the Illinois legislature draws up districts. Our state has a very, very political and gerrymandered system. It is only one page so take a look. Here are some excerpts from that site:

"For the last three decades, legislators have created their own districts after drawing a name out of a hat!

Illinois is the ONLY state in the nation that allows this magic trick to determine such an important issue.

We need your help to change this process and take it from the legislators and put it in the hands of an independent commission in order to make redistricting more transparent, fair, and accessible to the public.

In order to do this, we need to collect 500,000 signatures in Illinois by April 1, 2010!

Why Sign the Petition?

If you could do just ONE thing to help end corruption in Illinois, this is it!

For the last three decades, Illinois legislators have created districts that ensure their re-election by drawing their own maps behind closed doors.

The result is that 98% of elections for the Illinois legislature are won by the incumbent.

The legislature could change this process – but they haven't – and they won't.

It's up to us, the people.

A fair map is the first step in taking Illinois back from the politicians.

If you're not happy with Illinois government, sign the petition."

I will have a petition at the BPW meeting Wednesday if you would like to sign it. You must be a registered voter in Marion County for the petition that I will have.

Sylvia Mahle  
 Legislative Chair

General Meeting  
 Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.  
 January 13, 2010  
 Jackie Gray, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at The Centralia House on January 13, 2010 with 27 members and one guest present. A quorum was present.

President Jackie Gray called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. following a very informational presentation from Ms. Villi Appoo, Chief Executive Office of The Girl Scouts of Southern IL. The December minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Karen Deering presented the following:

Balloon Fest Fund	\$ 100.00
Education Fund	\$ 7,059.24
Alta McCullough Fund	\$ 11,220.68
General Fund	\$ <u>4,006.06</u>
Total Assets	\$ 22,385.98

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

There were no bills to present.

**Correspondence** – Sharon Griffin read a Thank You from Celia M Howard Fund.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** –Lorraine Bassett conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$13.75. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$15.00.

**Issues Management** – Beth Galicia announced next meeting will be February 10th. There will be a presentation given by Spring Thomas on the Even Start Program. Beth also provided information on Women-Owned Businesses that can be found on Forbes.com.

**Membership** - Veneda Knolhoff installed new member Sue Sloat.

**Public Relations** – Karen Walsh reported we will have an ad to solicit new members in the February issue of Visions in the Morning Sentinel.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cards & Memorials** –Nancy Greene reported on the cards that were sent last month. Nancy Greene and Mary Ann Norton held a very nice memorial in honor of Dorothy Coleman.

**Reality Store** – Patty Brough gave an update on the progress of Reality Store which will be held on March 26th.

**Scholarships** – Barb Norstrom reported the scholarship applications would be available very shortly.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Gray announced we would have a candidate for OWWIL (Outstanding Working Woman of IL), Patti Hinton. Veneda Knolhoff made a motion that we nominate Patti and pay the \$50 application fee. Tina Suarez seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Gray announced the Region 5 meeting will be Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Marilyn's restaurant. She also announced our State Vice President, Lynette Jones is looking for someone from our LO to be the Volunteer State Education Foundation Chairman. If anyone is interested, please see Jackie. The State of IL National Women's Conference aka WPEA-Woman's Professional Empowering Alliance will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairview Heights. Centralia has been asked to chair the Saturday morning Breakfast and auction.

**UP COMING EVENTS**

February 1<sup>st</sup> February Board Meeting, hosted by Becky Ault at Michele Garrison's.

February 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for articles in March Issue of the Illinois Bulletin

February 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for IFBPW Logo Contest

February 14<sup>th</sup> OWWI Applications due

March 10<sup>th</sup> Reports due to Region and State

March 20<sup>th</sup> Region Five Meeting – Centralia Hosting at Marilyn's

March 26<sup>th</sup> Reality Store

April 20<sup>th</sup> Equal Pay Day

April 22-25<sup>th</sup> IFBPW State Convention

There being nothing further to come before the club President Jackie Gray adjourned the business meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Brough, for

Recording Secretary, Annette Bevel

