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UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival of Arts	12/07
Christmas Party/Meeting	12/10
Business After Hours	12/16

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Young Careerist/ID

Becky Ault533-4712



FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a full November for everyone...Election Day, Veteran's Day, & Thanksgiving. Even if the election did not get the results that you wanted, we now need to come together as a county, state, & nation. Our nation certainly has its problems but I would never want to live anywhere else. We have so much to be thankful for.

So now the season of goodwill is upon us. As an organization we donate to different entities such as...Salvation Army, Food Pantry, and Kids Hope. We have also helped ring bells for Salvation Army. Lets continue our good will as we go out into the community because we are Women Helping Women – Hand in Hand – Together We Can

Happy Holidays to all,
Sharon Sanders
President

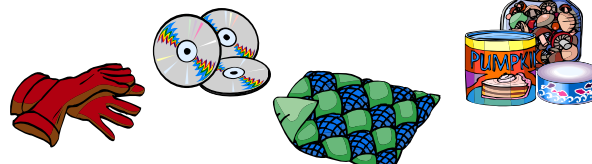
DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm at the Centralia House. The dinner menu consists of roast pork, mashed potatoes with white gravy, green beans, salad and dessert for the usual price of \$10.00 including tip. The program will be sponsored by the Celia M Howard/Foundation committees and will consist of a cookie and candy sale. Each member is asked to bring 3 dozen home baked cookies or candy which will be sold as a fund raiser. Several of us will be there early to set up the cookie and candy sale tables so feel free to come as early as 5:30 pm.

For those who wish to contribute to one or more of the charitable organizations we support such as the Salvation Army, Kids Hope United or the Food Pantry (CCBA), you may bring donations to the meeting for pick up that night. Both the Salvation Army and Kids Hope United have asked us to concentrate on gifts appropriate for children age 14 or over. Ideas include the following: music CD's, movie DVD's, bath and body gift sets, blankets, \$5 or \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Goody's or Wal-Mart, hats, gloves, scarves, inexpensive CD players, watches or other jewelry, age appropriate games, etc. The Food Pantry needs non-perishable goods such as canned goods, paper products (toilet paper, paper plates, paper towels, plastic silverware) or dry goods but nothing in glass jars. We would like to stress that charitable contributions are optional and you may support one or all three.

If you have any questions you are welcome to call my cell at 619-214-1347.

Jackie Gray
Issues Management



Agenda

Welcome
Collect & Pledge
Introduction of Guests
Birthdays
Dinner
Business Meeting
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Presentation of Bills
Correspondence
Standing Committee Reports
Celia M. Howard/Foundation
Finance
Issues Management
Membership
Public Relations
Young Careerist
Special Committee Reports
Cards/Memorials
Choices
Guest Night
Networking
NIKE
Scholarships
Old Business
Cultural Society Report
Interim Board Report
Civic Luncheon
Bell Ringing
New Business
Goal Review
By-laws

-- 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. Our membership awards are based on the record sheet, so please take a second to sign it no matter what time you arrive - it still counts!

CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Karen Deering 12/01
Sharon Sanders 12/02
Sylvia Mahle 12/07
Ernestine Foster 12/12
Virginia Yates 12/15
Margie Shanafelt 12/17
Connie Schwartz 12/18
Myra Owens 12/27
Jody Rice 12/29

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Myra Owens 12/89
Nancy James 12/93
Karen Deering 12/01

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2009
6:00 pm
Midland States Bank
Hosted by Jackie Gray

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



Thank you for ringing!
Lorraine Bassett
Karen Deering
Kathy Eifert
Beth Galicia
Michele Garrison
Sharon Griffin
Ray Griffin
Anna Humphrey
Veneda Knolhoff
Sharon Sanders
Pam McKay
Charles Neeley
Myra Owens
Karen Rogers
Virginia Yates

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SHARON GRIFFIN

Sharon and her husband Raymond are owners of Griffin Homes. She has two grown children, Nicole Burkett and Nick Barbare. She is a member of Family & Friends Council, Odin Care Special Projects Chair, Calumet St. Christian Church Support - Pregnancy Care Clinic, Santa at Christmas for Pre-school for Pediatrics at Hospital, Member CWF, and more. She is a very busy lady! Sharon enjoys reading, crafts, and travel. Her future plans are to help make Centralia a beautiful place to live and raise our children. "We restore houses and give people a chance to live in a nice home." Jackie Gray brought Sharon to BPW. Please update your yearbook with her information:



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

DUES

Watch the mail for your coupon from National. **You should pay your dues directly to Signet Bank in the envelope provided.**

Members not paying by the due date will be dropped from the National database. So please try to pay on time.

Direct your questions to Bess Wesling, 5332694

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough
Joanetta Wood.....532-0765
BalloonFest
Karen Deering318-0753
Sylvia Mahle532-0545
BPW Week
Patty Brough533-3051
Brenda Chesnek485-6690
Bylaws
Beth Moore548-3446
Cards Memorials
Bev Virobik.....532-8430
Choices
Karen Deering318-0753
Ruth Antonoff533-0431
Club Properties
Pam McKay533-1416
Guest Night
Karen Walsh533-1607
Maggie Irwin533-1975
Historian
Norma Rueter226-3238
ID
Becky Ault533-4712
Networking
Mary Ann Norton.....532-3613
Nancy Greene532-7968
Newsletter
Michele Garrison.....533-8383
NIKE
Ernestine Foster.....533-2329
Reality Store
Vickie McDaniel249-6678
Patty Brough533-3051
Scholarship Salad Luncheon
Anna Humphrey.....533-3900
Beth Galicia533-2167
Scholarships
Barb Norstrom.....533-0052
Website
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3480 Bernard Road, Walnut Hill, IL 62893

Home: 532-7760

Business: 292-7511

Cell: 292-7510

Birthday: 08/17

JODY RICE

Jody is the Director of Marketing at Heritage Woods. Her husband Mylon is a Repair Tech at AT&T and they have three children, Cody, Zac, and Kayelyn. She is a member of VFW and Grace Church. She enjoys singing at Grace Church where she is Praise & Worship Leader with her husband. Her future plans include "...to make a difference in someone's life daily." Annette Bevel brought Jody to BPW. Her information for your yearbook is:

27834 W. Seventeenth St. Road, Centralia, IL 62801

Home: 532-3542

Business: 532-4590

Cell: 918-1540

Email: jodyri06@yahoo.com or marketing@hw-centralia-slf.com

Birthday: 12/29

DEVONNE STARR

DeVonne is Director of Nursing at Heritage Woods of Centralia. She is married to Marvin who is a Union Carpenter and they have two children; Amanda (16) and Devin (6). She is a member of the Moose, Illinois Army National Guard Veteran, and Illinois Nurse's Association. She enjoys the clarinet (a past private instructor of college music majors) and soccer with her son. Her future goals include "to become a part of the corporate nursing team with Heritage Woods and to make my children proud of their mother." Annette Bevel also brought DeVonne to BPW. Her info is:

215 East Seventh St., Centralia IL 62801

Home: 532-5473

Business: 532-4590

Cell: 367-3425

Email: dlstarr21@yahoo.com

Birthday: 05/28

WELCOME LADIES!

LEGISLATION

Well the election is over--no more negative advertisements. I'm especially glad for that.

Whether your candidate won or lost, I hope you were able to vote. Now the work begins for the winning team. It will be interesting to see how much progress this new administration will make with the wars and the economy. We need to be vigilant and vocal both when we agree and disagree.

Here are some interesting facts:

Women's Groups Weigh-in on Cabinet Nominations Only 33 women have held Cabinet or Cabinet-level appointments, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Bill Clinton holds the record for female nominees, appointing 14 during his two terms in the White House. He's followed by George W. Bush, who put eight women in top-level posts. BPW/USA along with our partners in the women's community are closely monitoring the Cabinet selections and weighing where appropriate. Backlash from women's groups may have pushed former Clinton Treasury Secretary Larry Summers off the short list for Treasury Secretary.

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

December 16, 2008

WILY/WRXX

5:00 - 7:00p

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

If you forget the web address,
just do a Google search for
Centralia BPW.
Barb Norstrom

GET WELL

Nancy Greene
Geri Langin
Dolores Mabry
LaDonne Neudecker
Margie Shanafelt
Janie Smith
Sandy VanCleve

WE ARE 64
MEMBERS STRONG

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Bess Wesling
533-2694



BPW/USA also sent the following information. You may find it interesting.

November 21, 2008

1. Outgoing Administration Issues Last Minute Regulations that Hurt Women Congress came back this week for a "Lame Duck" session that turned out pretty lame. The House and Senate met to elect leadership, but came to no agreement on a second economic stimulus plan or automaker bailout. Meanwhile, with just 60 days left in office, President Bush continues to leave his mark on policies that impact women and families.

FMLA Regulations - On November 17, the Department of Labor (DOL) released regulations that modify the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The regulations will go into effect on January 16. Earlier this year, BPW/USA encouraged DOL to move quickly to extend FMLA to military families, but not make it harder for other workers to take leave. The good news is that there are two types of military family leave established by the regulations. 1) Wounded Service member Leave - Extended leave (26 weeks) for a family member or next of kin caring for a wounded service member and 2) Qualifying Exigency Leave - Use of the original 12 weeks of FMLA leave for families to address issues arising from deployment. However, despite strong opposition by workers, advocates for women and families, and members of Congress and a complete lack of data to support the need for any changes the DOL has effectively made it harder for employees to take FMLA leave. We will look to the new Congress and Administration to undo the damage caused by these harmful regulations, as well as to expand the FMLA.

Family Planning Regulations - In light of reports that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is preparing to enact a rule that would undermine critical health care services for women and families, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced legislation that would prevent the HHS rule from going into effect. The proposed HHS rule would require any health care entity that receives federal financing to certify in writing that none of its employees are required to assist in any way with medical services they find objectionable. The proposed bill would keep HHS from moving forward with this rule. While we do not expect the legislation to move, it sends a strong message to administrative agencies that their authority comes from Congress, and Congress may act when agencies exceed that authority as they have done with this ill-conceived, midnight regulation.

2. Milwaukee Approves Paid Sick Days Law On November 5, Milwaukee became the third city with a paid sick days law, and the second one to include paid safe days, when its ballot initiative passed by a vote of 68% to 32%. Milwaukee's new law requires all private employers in the city to provide workers with one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Full-time workers in large businesses will earn up to nine paid sick days a year and workers in smaller businesses with fewer than 10 employees will earn up to five days a year. Workers may use their sick days for their own care and medical treatment, to care for a sick family member or for safety needs related to those experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault. The initiative will be implemented within 90 days.

The momentum is building on paid sick days, at both the state and federal level, and we're excited about the potential for more progress in the months to come. Working people shouldn't be forced to choose between their jobs or their paychecks—and their own or their family's health and safety.



Civic Luncheon

Thank you to all of our members that represented BPW at the luncheon

Notes.....

Dear BPW members,

It is my pleasure to invite you to be our guests at The Women of the Moose Holiday Bazaar, Lunch and Fashion Show presented by the Educational Advancement Committee.

On Saturday, December 13th 2008 the bazaar will open at 10a.m. with lunch served at 12 noon and the fashion show to follow.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for our Moose Charities. Some of these charities include our local library and schools.

Please join us as our guest by ordering your \$10 dollar ticket today by calling 533-0431 or the Moose Lodge at 532-7751. If you are purchasing tickets at the door please remind us that you are a guest of the Education Committee.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Antonoff

Educational Advancement Chairman
W.O.T.M. #223



Enjoy the holidays and look forward to a new administration.

Sylvia Mahle



FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Centralia Cultural Society

December 7, 2008

Members who will usher and serve refreshments at this event which "replaces" the annual Candlelight Concert are Sharon Sanders, Karen Walsh, Jackie Gray, Ann Chappell, Bev Virobik and Michele Garrison. Those who signed up to bring three dozen cookies are Beth Galicia, Pam McKay, Michele Garrison, Jackie Gray, Karen Rogers, Sharon Sanders and Karen Walsh.

The doors open at 1:30p and the program begins at 2:00p

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.
November General Meeting, November 12, 2008

Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Heritage Woods on November 12, 2008 with 26 members and 5 guests present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. after an informational presentation by Jody Rice, Director of Marketing for Heritage Woods and a tour of the facility. September minutes were approved as printed with one correction; the mid-year audit will be completed after November 30th not November 3rd.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Sally Tiemann was unable to attend due to death in family, will present the October & November reports at the December meeting.

Correspondence – Karen Deering presented the following correspondence:

- 1) A Thank you from the SAFE staff for our donation, also a flyer regarding their Cheese Ball Fundraiser and a flyer about their Purse Fundraiser.
- 2) A request for donations from Kevin Ray for his daughter Kevyn Ray to attend a Cheerleader Competition. (can donate as individuals)
- 3) A Thank you from Patty Brough for the honor of being voted "2008 Boss of the Year".
- 4) A Thank you from PAVE for our donation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celia M Howard/Foundation - Ann Chappell reported, would like 4 dozen cookies or candies from members for the December General Meeting, December 10th, they can be dropped off that day at The Insurance Partnership office of Diann Payne, or bring to meeting that night.

Finance –Karen Rogers conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$24.00. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$36.00.

Issues Management – Jackie Gray reported that the December General meeting will be held at The Centralia House, there will be no program, and we will have our Christmas cookies and candy sales. Sharon Sanders also reminded us we will take donated items for Kids Hope and the Food Pantry, the gifts must be unwrapped. Discussed possible gift exchange, Sharon stated should let the December committee decide and post in December newsletter.

Membership – Sharon Sanders reported we have 3 new members joining.

Young Careerist – Becky Ault reported you don't have to be a member to participate, ages 21-35, but if they do win state, then they must join BPW to participate further.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balloon Fest – Karen Deering reported our net profit was \$3,485.64, Karen Rogers asked Sharon Sanders to remind Treasurer, Sally Tiemann to transfer \$2,500 to the Education Fund for the scholarships.

BPW Week – Brenda Chesnek gave a recap of the events that took place BPW Week.

Cards & Memorials – Bev Virobik reported on cards that were sent on behalf of the club.

Scholarship Salad Luncheon – Beth Galicia reported the net profit being \$1,648.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Cultural Society Report – Holiday Festival of the Arts - Sharon Sanders reported the signup sheet is available for those who want to sign-up for donating cookies and we need 6 to 8 volunteers to work. Sharon also discussed the ornament contest.

Scholarships – Barb Norstrom reported on the number and amounts of Scholarships to be given by the club.

Alta McCullough Flowers – Joanetta Wood reported she and Sally Tiemann took care of the Alta grave flowers this year, usually Margie Shanafelt takes care of this but was unable to this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army – November 22nd at Schnuck's, Michele Garrison passed around a signup sheet.

Presentation of Balloon-Fest Check – The club presented a check in the amount of \$2,865.64 to the Chamber of Commerce, Bob Kelsheimer and Becky Ault accepting on behalf of.

Woman of the Year pin – Brenda Chesnek presented to Becky Ault.

UP COMING EVENTS

November 15-16- Interim Board

November 19 – Chamber After Hours – Rejeuvine MedSpa – 5-7PM

November 22 – Ringing Bells @ Schnuck's

November 24 – Civic Luncheon

December 1 – Board Meeting 6:00pm @ Advanced Business Concepts/McKay's Hazmat

December 7 – Festival of the Arts Christmas Program @ Cultural Center

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Deering, Recording Secretary

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from your editor**