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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting	06/11
Leadership Training	06/21
Business After Hours	06/24
Flags	07/03
National Conference	07/23
BalloonFest	08/15-17

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy Fourth of July. Summer is here and all our activities for BPW are gearing up as well - flags for the Fourth of July, Fun Night, National BPW/USA Conference and BalloonFest. I wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer.

America had a great loss this month with the passing of Tim Russert, the host of Meet the Press. It seems no more fitting time to quote his dad "what a country!" Tim Russert had many influential women on his show over the years. He will be missed even more with this being an election year.

I have received most of the goals so keep up the good work! Women Helping Women - Hand in Hand - Together We Can have a remarkable year.

Sharon Sanders
President

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEAR'S FUN NIGHT!
JULY 9, 2008**

So far we have 39 members and guests signed up for this year's Fun Night to be held on July 9th at the Centralia Cultural Society building at 6 pm. The dinner menu includes Gazpacho soup, Seafood Casserole Almandine, Curried Chicken Salad, Broccoli and Cauliflower salad, Fruit Salad with Creamy Yogurt Topping, Romaine and Spinach Salad, Breadsticks and Dreamsicle Pie. Brenda Grable from our Centralia Goody's store will teach us about the latest in summer fashion with our own Sharon Sanders, Ruth Antinoff, Sally Tiemann, Vicki Rodgers and Pam McKay as models. Brenda White has volunteered to be our candidate for an EXTREME MAKEOVER provided by Sonja Gettinger at Hollywood Hair. The cost of this entire evening is just \$12.00 and you may make reservations simply by calling Lorraine Bassett by 7/7. Make your reservations today for a great relaxing girl's night out.

We had an overwhelming response to our request for volunteers and I wish we could have used each and every one of you. For those who volunteered and didn't get a call from me because we had already met our needs, THANK YOU!

Jackie Gray, Issues Management Chair

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 13, 2008, 6:00p

Centralia House

Our speaker will be

A representative from the Illinois Small Business Development Center & Institute for Entrepreneurial Success at Kaskaskia College will present "Get to Know Your Business Plan."

Cost of the meal is \$10.00 (Includes tax & tip.) Host: Issues Management

Jackie Gray, Issues Management Chair

Agenda
NO MEETING IN JULY!

-- 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>



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

NEED A NAMETAG??

**Call Bess Wesling
533-2694**

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

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

July 17, 2008
Karchmer's
5:00 – 7:00p



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

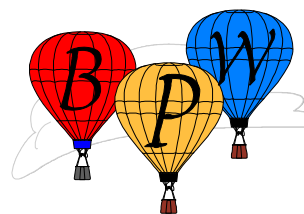
Karen Rogers 07/13
Karen Piotrowski 07/24
Anna Humphrey 07/25
Brenda Chesnek 07/28

**HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY
NO JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

August 04, 2008
16 Edgewood Lane North
6:00 pm
Hosted by Anna Humphrey

IT'S BALLOONFEST TIME!



It's just around the corner! Every member (along with their families and friends) is needed to help sell soft drinks.

Please help by working at least three shifts - its fun. This is our only fundraiser, so come out and help.

To sign up call Kathy Eifert (533-0150) before she calls you!

**FLAGS! FLAGS! FLAGS!
Coldwell Banker Allen Real Estate**



We will decorate our city with the American Flag
July 3, 2008

Flags and routes may be picked up anytime July 2nd or 3rd starting at 7:30a at the office. If you prefer to place them during the day please do so. Regardless of when you help please come for a photo-op and refreshments at 4:00p, July 3, courtesy of Coldwell Banker Allen Real Estate.

**BPW/USA
HAS A WEB PAGE!
www.bpwusa.org
LOG ON!
SO DOES BPW/IL
www.bpw-il.org**

Special Assignments

Alta McCullough Joanetta Wood.....	532-0765
BalloonFest Karen Deering	318-0753
Sylvia Mahle	532-0545
BPW Week Patty Brough	533-3051
Brenda Chesnek	485-6690
Bylaws Beth Moore	548-3446
Cards Memorials Bev Virobik.....	532-8430
Choices vacant	
Club Properties Pam McKay	533-1416
Guest Night Karen Walsh	533-1607
Maggie Irwin.....	533-1975
Historian Norma Rueter	226-3238
Networking Mary Ann Norton.....	532-3613
Nancy Greene	532-7968
Newsletter Michele Garrison.....	533-8383
NIKE Ernestine Foster.....	533-2329
Reality Store Vickie McDaniel.....	249-6678
Patty Brough	533-3051
Scholarship Salad Luncheon Anna Humphrey.....	533-3900
Beth Galicia	533-2167
Scholarships Barb Norstrom.....	533-0052
Website Barb Norstrom.....	533-0052

**2008 BPW/USA
National Conference**



July 23-26

Dare to Change - Step into Leadership

Hilton Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Deadline for reservations is June 23, 2008

Representing you to date are Sharon Sanders, Sylvia Mahle, Anna Humphrey, Mary Ann Norton, Karen Walsh and Brenda White.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our two new members:

Ruth Antonoff is with Centralia Dental. She is married to Dr. Ken Antonoff and they have four children - Zachary, Chelsea, Eva & Joe. She is a member of Lady of the Elks, Women of the Moose, and Mom-2-Mom. She enjoys event planning, floral arranging and crafts. Annette Bevel brought Ruth to BPW. Please update your yearbook with her information

Ruth Antonoff
11 Crestwood
Home - 533-0431
Office - 532-5151
Cell - 335-0551
Birthday - 03/21

Karen Piotrowski is owner/President of Quad County Title Company, Inc. She is married to Wayne who is a pharmacist. They have one child, Alex. She enjoys gardening and her future plans are "staying healthy." Jackie Gray brought Karen to BPW. Her info is:

Karen Piotrowski
1497 E. Tuttle Road
Woodlawn, IL 62898
Home - 249-6941
Office - 532-1000
Cell - 246-4285
Birthday - 07/24

LEGISLATION

Thank you to Sally Tiemann for accepting the position of Legislation Chair. She reminds everyone that with the presidential election is just around the corner everyone should make sure they are registered properly so that they will be eligible to vote.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that there is a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group? The next meeting is July 17, 2008 at the Fairview Park Pavilion in Centralia at 11:00a.

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren increased by 700,000 between 2000 and 2006. So grandparents and all extended family of all ages who are caring for grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or siblings, join us. This group is open to all kinship caregivers and any interested persons with no family, age, or residency restrictions. There is no obligation and no charge. For more information, call Kay Crooks

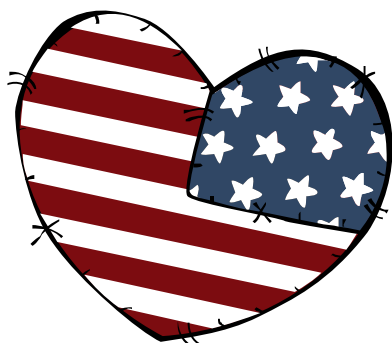


WE ARE 62
MEMBERS STRONG

**DON'T FORGET
TO RECYCLE!**



**HAVE A SAFE
HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY**



at 533-4300. This group is presented by Senior Services of Marion County with the cooperation of local agencies and schools.

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FREE AMPLIFIED PHONE

Senior Services of Marion County has FREE amplified phones available to those who can no longer hear well on a standard phone.

Applying is ease and the requirements are simple. A person must"

- Be a legal resident of Illinois (need drivers license or state ID
- Have phone service at place of residence (present a copy of the phone bill)
- Be hard of hearing (doctor must sign application)

This program is provided through a program sponsored by the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC). ITAC programs are required and governed by Illinois law.

For more information contact Melanie Cortelloni at 533-4300.

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

June General Meeting, June 11, 2008

Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at The Centralia House on June 11, 2008 with 25 members and 2 guests present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. after an informational presentation by Karen Piotrowski on her personal experience of surviving cancer. The May minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Sally Tiemann presented the May reports.

May	Balloon Fest Fund	\$ 100.00
	Education Fund	\$ 5,488.17
	Alta McCullough Fund	\$ 20,978.75
	General Fund	\$ 5,175.60
	Total Assets	\$ 31,742.52

The Treasurer's Reports were filed for audit.

Bills presented

Sally Tiemann/Ream of paper for Treasurer report handouts, \$3.58

Community Art Center/Culture Society use for Fun Night, \$150.00

Bev Virobik made a motion to pay the bills as presented and Beth Galicia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – Beth Moore presented the following correspondence:

1) The Community Resource Center sent us some information on the requirements of the Illinois Smoke Free Act.

2) A flyer from the Chamber of Commerce for the Balloon Fest Lift-Off Party to be held Saturday, June 28th, if you are interested in purchasing tickets for this event, please contact Sylvia Mahle or Karen Deering.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celia M. Howard/Foundation – Diann Payne reported the Foundation's National Employee Summit will be held June 20th at Washington D.C., the tickets are \$400 if requested by June 14th.

Finance –Karen Rogers conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$13.25. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$28.00.

Issues Management – Jackie Gray reported on the July Fun Night which will be held at the Centralia Cultural Society building, it will be catered by the Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. A fashion show will be provided by Goody's and an extreme makeover provided by Hollywood Hair. Cost is \$12.00. Lorraine Bassett will be hosting the event since Jackie will be out of town. Jackie reported she needs 4 or 5 volunteers to be models; she also needs a volunteer for the extreme makeover. Jackie also reported on some of the upcoming speakers for the General Meetings.

Membership – Bess Wesling installed 2 new members, Karen Piotrowski and Ruth Antonoff, bringing our membership to a total of 64 members.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cards & Memorials – Bev Virobik reported one card was sent to Nancy Allen.

Networking – Mary Ann Norton requested that we please wear our name tags.

COMPLETED BUSINESS

Norma Rueter reported that the Audit Committee met June 3, 2008, and reviewed the entire books of the LO. They found them to be in good order.

OLD BUSINESS

Sharon Sanders reported on the Leadership Conference, she is not sure of the date for they keep changing it, she will let us know as soon as she gets a definite date. She does have signup sheets if anyone is interested.

National Convention will be held July 23-26, so far 6 are attending, the deadline for reservations is June 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Rogers presented the 2007/2008 General Fund budget, explaining some of the changes from last year and why. Sharon Sanders called for any discussion, none, vote was taken, all in favor, the budget was approved. Karen Rogers presented the 2007/2008 Education Fund budget, Sharon Sanders called for any discussion, none, vote was taken, all in favor, the budget was approved.

Sharon Sanders reported that she has received several of the goals and would like to have them all by the June 30th Board Meeting.

UP COMING EVENTS

June 30th Board Meeting at Midland Bank

July 3rd Flags

July 9th Fun Night

August 15th, 16th and 17th Balloon Fest

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Deering, Recording Secretary