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| General Meeting | 10/08 |
| Proclamation by Mayor | 10/13 |
| BPW Week begins | 10/19 |
| Business After Hours | 10/22 |
| November Meeting | 11/12 |



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall has arrived! The leaves are changing colors and falling. The grass has finally started to look like "October grass" and not "June grass." Less mowing will give us more time for our fall BPW lineup! We have Fall Clean Up, Woman of the Year Brunch, Orchardextravaganza, Boss of the Year, Scholarship Salad Luncheon and Halloween Parade. BPW is an extremely active

group.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you have not had your mamogram this year schedule it today. Please call your friends and family and encourage them to schedule their mamograms today if they have not done so this year. I have lost a mother, a grandmother, and a sister-in-law to this disease. Our leadership directories are pink this year with cancer ribbon. We are Women Helping Women - Hand in Hand - Together We Can fight for this cure.

Sharon Sanders
President

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SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

Nancy G. Brinker promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, who was dying of breast cancer, that she would work her hardest to help end breast cancer. In 1982 *Susan G. Komen For the Cure* became a reality. This is the largest grassroots network of cancer survivors and activists all working together to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cure. One woman, Nancy B. Brinker, joined hands with other women and is making a difference. *Women Helping Women - Hand in Hand - Together We Can!*

WATCH THE VP DEBATE WITH FRIENDS

As of right now, the scheduled VP Debate is on. As legislative chairs, Sylvia and I invite all members to view the debate as a group to "discuss/cuss" their proposals. Please feel free to bring along a guest - the more the livelier the discussions. Sylvia is preparing a worksheet of questions to listen for and refreshments.

We'll meet at Sylvia's house, 617 Oakdale, anytime after 7:30. We would like to have an idea of how many to plan for - please email me (sjtiemann@frontiernet.net) if you plan to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Sally & Sylvia

Our 2008-2009 Officers

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Bev Virobik532-8430

Young Careerist/ID

Becky Ault533-4712

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

BalloonFest
BPW Week
Cards/Memorials
Networking
NIKE
Scholarship Salad Luncheon

Old Business

Cultural Society Report
Region V Report
Recycle Center Report

New Business

BPW Week Tabloid Report
PAVE, SAFE, NIKE Presentations
Audit Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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|-----------------|-------|
| Ann Chappell | 10/07 |
| Maggie Irwin | 10/14 |
| Leona Jones | 10/16 |
| Chris Paskavich | 10/16 |
| Kathy Eifert | 10/28 |
| Ruth Sanders | 10/28 |
| Tolleyne Ray | 10/30 |

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

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|-------------------|-------|
| LaDonne Neudecker | 10/28 |
| Delphine Baldrige | 10/69 |
| Michele Garrison | 10/95 |
| Eunice Garrett | 10/03 |
| Patty Brough | 10/03 |

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2008
6:00 pm
115 Golf Lane
(Michele's Board Room)
Hosted by Mary Ann Norton

-- 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>



Recycle Center

September 20, 2008

Thanks to those who helped recycle:

Veneda Knolhoff
Lorraine Bassett

Karen Deering
Sharon Sanders

Kathy Eifert



THINK PINK!!!

October is Breast Cancer
Awareness Month.

Hollywood Hair is pitching in to help the fight against breast cancer. Receive temporary pink ink or an artificial pink hair piece and \$2 of your service cost, plus any donations, will go directly to breast cancer research!!



Business and
Professional
Women/IL

*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

Special Assignments

| | |
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| 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 |
| 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 |



SCHOLARSHIP SALAD LUNCHEON

Our Salad Luncheon is fast approaching on Friday, October 24, 2008. All members should have received their tickets by now. If you have not received yours, please telephone a co-chair to let her know. Any unsold tickets should be returned to either Anna or Beth.

Currently a little more than one-third of our members have signed up to bring salads. We need our remaining members to sign up at the next general meeting. Any members who have been unable to attend the meetings to sign up to bring salads will be called and asked for their two choices.

Finally, if we have a few more ladies who have the time to work the event, we could use your help. Again, a sign up sheet will be available at the general meeting. Remember to promote the luncheon to all of your friends and colleagues. If you would like a flyer to hang at your place of business or your church, please let us know.

With your help, we are well on our way to make this year's event another great success!

Beth Galicia and Anna Humphrey
Co-Chairs



REGION FIVE MEETING

Those attending the meeting were Anna Humphrey, Lorraine Bassett and Sharon Sanders. A report will be given at the October General Meeting.

WHAT IS CELIA M. HOWARD FELLOWSHIP FUND?

As we proceed with the 2008-2009 BPW year with President Sharon Sanders we hope you will feel you know Celia Howard and the opportunities afforded through the Fellowship Fund as well as the BPW-USA Foundation Fund

Celia M. Howard was a law clerk and a secretary to Judge Phillip L. Sullivan of the United States District Court, Chicago in Elgin, Illinois. After finishing high she completed a business college course which led her into the business world. She accepted her first opportunity and started to work as a secretary to a retired judge. She gradually learned the language of the law and soon found herself assisting a court reporter.

She was the only woman to be graduated in a large class of male lawyers at the John Marshall Law School and she was named valedictorian. So far ahead of her time was she that when she received a scholarship to Harvard University Law School she could not use it because women were not admitted to Harvard. Thus began the career of a woman you will be hearing more about.

The Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. presented the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund resolution at the convention on April 21, 1948 at Springfield, Illinois. Among the charter contributors from the convention floor was Centralia with a \$50.00 donation, one of the largest donors. It was adopted at the 1949 convention on April 23rd. A later amendment renamed it the Celia M. Howard Scholarship Fund.

Diann Payne & Ann Chappell
Chairs

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

See BPW Week Schedule for
details for October

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

Bob Virobik
Patty Hinton
Margie Shanafelt
Dolores Mabry

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Brenda White's cell phone is
780-3671

WE ARE **62**
MEMBERS STRONG

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 8, 2008, 6:00p

Centralia House

Our program this month is a presentation from Senator John O. Jones.

Cost of the meal is \$10.00 (Includes tax & tip.) Our hostess is the Membership Committee, Bess Wesling, Chair.

Jackie Gray, Issues Management Chair



FLAGS

Oops again!

A belated thank you to Bess & Melynda Wesling, Ann Chappell, Nathan Grimes and Courtney Sanders for helping with flags this year.

Our apology for the omission in previous letters.

LEGISLATION

Sally Tiemann, Chair

Questions and Answers concerning Registering to Vote in Illinois

What are the voter registration requirements?

- Must be a US citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age by election day
- Must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to election

When may I register to vote?

- Registration is open year round except: During the 27-day period just prior to an election and during the 2-day period after each election (1 day after in Chicago). This year, last day to register is **October 7th**.

Where can I register to vote?

- County Clerk's Office
- Board of election commissioner's Office
- City and Village Offices
- Township Offices
- Precinct committeemen
- Schools
- Public Libraries
- Military Recruitment Offices
- Driver's License Facilities

What forms of identification may be needed when registering to vote?

- Two forms of ID with at least one showing your current residence address is needed when you register in-person.

Will I automatically be registered to vote when I renew my driver's license?

- No, but you will be given the opportunity to register to vote. If you are already registered to vote, there is no need to register again unless you change your name or move.

When can I consider myself officially registered to vote?

- As soon as you receive a voter ID card in the mail, you can consider yourself registered. If you do not receive an ID card within 3 weeks after you registered, contact your election authority.

What if I change my name after being registered?

- If you changed your name more than 27 days before the election and did not re-register, you cannot vote – unless you live in the same precinct. If you live in the same precinct, you may sign an affidavit at the polling place attesting that you are the same person, in which case you will be given the full ballot.

BPW WEEK

October 19-25, 2008

MONDAY - OCTOBER 13

"PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR"

Centralia City Hall Council Meeting
6:00p

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19

"37th ANNUAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR BRUNCH"

Bogies on the Lake
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH SERVICE

Bogies on the Lake
Guest Speaker: Rev. Linda Gordon
10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21

"ORCHARDEXTRAVAGANZA"

Schwartz's Orchard
6:30p

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 22

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Centralia Home Center
5:00 - 7:00p

"Boss of the Year" Award to be presented at 6:00p

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 24

WITHERS BROADCASTING/WILY RADIO

9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

*Sharon Sanders, Patty Brough, Brenda Chesnek
"Woman of the Year" & "Boss of the Year"*

SCHOLARSHIP SALAD LUNCHEON

Masonic Temple
236 S. Poplar
11:00a - 1:00p

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 25

HALLOWEEN PARADE

*"Woman of the Year" "Boss of the Year"
"President Sharon Sanders" "NIKE"*

For information or tickets for BPW Week
contact Patty Brough @ 548-3853 or
Brenda Chesnek @ 533-7869 #120

DEADLINE - OCTOBER 8TH

For information or tickets for the Scholarship Salad Luncheon
contact Beth Galicia or Anna Humphrey.

Tickets for all events will be sold at the Wednesday, October 8th,
meeting.

**Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.
September General Meeting, September 10, 2008**

Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at the Centralia House on September 10, 2008 with 27 members and 1 guest present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. after an informational presentation by Galen Mahle, the Sports Coordinator of the Centralia Recreation Complex. The August minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sally Tiemann presented the August report.

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| Balloon Fest Fund | \$13,214.01 |
| Education Fund | \$1,238.17 |
| Alta McCullough Fund | \$16,337.23 |
| General Assets | <u>\$5,020.02</u> |
| Total Assets | \$35,809.43 |

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Bills presented

An insurance bill for \$143 was presented, but a vote was not required as it is a budgeted item.

Correspondence – Beth Moore presented the following correspondence:

- 1) A letter from Kidshope thanking BPW for its support.
- 2) A thank you card from Dolores Mabry.
- 3) A thank you card from Pam McKay for the many cards, calls, etc. during her illness.
- 4) A congratulations card for Balloon Fest from Bob Kelsheimer, President of the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Brenda White conducted the 50/50 drawing, with the winner receiving \$11. The brag basket was also passed, collecting \$18.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations – Pam McKay requested reports from the heads of various committees for the newsletter to be placed in the Centralia Sentinel during BPW week. She needs a report on Balloon Fest from Sylvia Mahle and Karen Deering, the Salad Luncheon from Beth Galicia, Scholarships from Barb Norstrom, Legislation from Sally Tiemann and Sylvia Mahle, Finance from Karen Rogers, Guest Night from Karen Walsh and Maggie Irwin, and Reality Store from Patty Brough and Vickie McDaniel. The deadline is September 28. Michele Garrison requested those members listed on page four of the "Pink Book" pose for pictures.

Sylvia Mahle will be attempting to get information from the National Convention ready for the newsletter.

A general discussion took place at this time regarding the possibility of having a debate party at Sylvia Mahle's house or at the Senior Center. Those interested should let Sylvia know and indicate whether they would be more interested in the Vice Presidential or the Presidential Debate. A discussion was also held regarding the deadline to register to vote, which is thirty days before the election. Applications for Absentee Ballots may be filed beginning September 22. One may do so at the Marion County Courthouse. The County Clerk's phone number is 548-3400 to get further information.

BPW Week – Patty Brough and Brenda Chesnek distributed agendas for the week. The tickets for Bogies on the Lake are \$10 and those for the orchard are \$8. Brenda has tickets, which will be sold up to and including at the next general meeting.

Balloon Fest – Sylvia Mahle reported that 61 members worked at Balloon Fest. Eight members were on the Steering Committee. 31 members worked selling Pepsi. 23 members were ill or otherwise unable to work. She does not yet have all the bills in order to give a complete report.

Cards & Memorials – Bev Virobik reported on several cards that have been sent.

Scholarship Salad Luncheon - Beth Galicia distributed tickets as people arrived. Tickets will be mailed to those not in attendance. Sign up sheets were on each table for salads and volunteers. The luncheon will be held

October 24, 2008 at the Masonic Lodge. Any unsold tickets should be turned in to Beth Galicia.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Walsh reported that BPW had received an invitation to participate as ushers in the Community Concert now called "Holiday Festival of the Arts" to be held on the first Sunday in December from approximately 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event is no longer sponsored by the Cultural Society, nor are Kaskaskia College and the Centralia Junior High participating in it. The group may have found a new sponsor. Updates will be given as the information arrives.

Pam McKay had a question concerning an issue that was discussed at the previous board meeting. Anna Humphrey consulted Robert's Rules and informed the membership that the issue must be brought before the board again before it is presented to the general membership. Patty Brough requested to attend the next board meeting in regard to this issue and was informed that the board meeting is an open meeting; therefore, she may attend.

Michele Garrison, for Jackie Gray, requested volunteers to hand out "pink books" to those member who have not yet received them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20, 2008 – Recycling Center. A sign up sheet was made available.

September 25, 2008 – Chamber of Commerce After Hours at Karen Pietrowski's business.

September 27, 2008 - a Region Meeting will be held Saturday, at 10:45 a.m. at Wargo's at the Greenview Country Club. There were sign up sheets on each table.

September 29, 2008 – Board Meeting at Diane Payne's Insurance Partnership.

October 8, 2008 – General Meeting will be at Centralia House

October 18, 2008 – Fall clean-up

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moore, Corresponding Secretary