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UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting	09/10
Shoppers Weekly 20 th Anniv	09/13
Business After Hours	none
Recycle Center	09/20
BPW Week begins	10/19
Proclamation by Mayor	10/13
October meeting	10/08
Region Five meeting	09/27

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Public Relations

Pam McKay533-1416

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Young Careerist/ID

Becky Ault533-4712



FROM THE PRESIDENT

BalloonFest is over and what a lovely weekend it was. The weather was just perfect. As always, it looks like a well oiled machine to me. I'm sure there are some glitches behind the scenes, but to the public it comes off as an extremely well thought out event. Thanks to all who participated in any way.

It is now time to get ready for BPW Week. The BPW committee has been busy planning a fun filled week for us. This is one of my favorite times of the year for us.

At the National BPW/USA Conference that was held in July, the six of us attended the campaign forum. Both parties realize the value of women as voters; especially BPW women. We can make a difference. It is our job to listen to the issues and vote our hearts. We are Women Helping Women - Hand in Hand - Together We Can.

Sharon Sanders
President

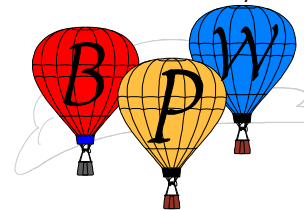
SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

September 10, 2008, 6:00p
Centralia House

How to be "Feeling Great in 2008" is the topic of the September program given by Galen Mahle, Program Coordinator for the Centralia Recreational Complex. He will talk about the many programs offered at the Centralia Recreation Complex and how you and your family can participate.

Cost of the meal is \$10.00 (Includes tax & tip.) the menu includes Fettuccini Alfredo with a vegetable, dessert & beverage. Our hostess is the Finance Committee, Karen Rogers, Chair.

Jackie Gray, Issues Management Chair



Thank you, thank you to all of the members, their family members and friends who worked the soda stands for BalloonFest. The weather was perfect; the launches wonderful; and the support of this LO fantastic. Every shift was covered and workers were on time and supportive. Your help makes this fundraiser so successful.

Kathy Eifert and Carol Manley worked hard to help make it run smoothly. Karen Rogers and Charles helped with the tent to keep us comfortable.

We will not have a final accounting until the bills are paid, but we know we did well.

Sylvia & Karen

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
New Business
Report on Cultural Society
Region Meeting

-- 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>



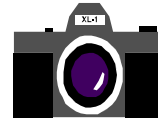
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Patty Brough 09/12
Nancy Greene 09/25
Dolores Mabry 09/29

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Bev Virobik 09/80
Mary Ann Dulumback 09/85
Chris Paskavich 09/93
Vicki Rogders 09/05
Kathy Eifert 09/07
Virginia Yates 09/07

ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS



We will be taking the rest of the pictures for the October Sentinel special section at the September meeting. Please plan to be there by 5:45. Some of the pictures may be taken following the meeting so please be patient.

Also, please get your article about your area of responsibility together. If you need last years article, please see Pam McKay.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

September 29, 2008

6:00 pm

655 Community Beach Road

Hosted by Bess Wesling



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Recycle Center

September 20, 2008

Scheduled to work so far:

Veneda Knolhoff

Karen Deering

Kathy Eifert

Lorraine Bassett

Michele Garrison

Diann Payne

Sharon Sanders

Everyone is welcome - come have fun and network with us.



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

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



FLAGS

Oops!

A belated thank you to Beth and Mario Galicia for helping with flags this year. Our apology for the omission in last month's letter.

SCHOLARSHIP SALAD LUNCHEON



After a successful BalloonFest, it's time to begin thinking of the upcoming BPW Week events, including the Scholarship Salad Luncheon. Once again, the Masonic Lodge has agreed to host our activity and help us in myriad ways. The luncheon will be on Friday, October 24th, and we will be circulating two sign-up sheets at the meeting next week--one will be a list of volunteers and the other will be to let us know which types of salads you are donating. As in the past, we ask that each member bring two salads large enough to feed 15 people, using disposable containers. We appreciate whatever type of salad you choose—let your imagination be your guide. This event is our major fundraiser for scholarships, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to make it another really great one. If anyone has any questions, please give one of us a call.

Beth Galicia and Anna Humphrey
Co-Chairs



REGION FIVE MEETING

Saturday, September 27, 2008

10:45a

Wargo's at Greenview Golf Course

A sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting.

WHAT IS FOUNDATION?

Established in 1956, BPW Foundation became the first foundation dedicated to conducting research and providing information solely about working women. In the 21st century, BPW Foundation is striving to transform workplaces by focusing on issues that impact working women, their families and their employers. Every day Foundation aims to fulfill its mission to empower working women to achieve their full potential and to partner with employers to build successful workplaces.

As a neutral body, BPW Foundation uses the power of research, education, policy and knowledge to engage the public and key people in order to inspire collaboration, to create systemic change in the workplace, and to expand the options working women have for more equitable, flexible workplaces.

To assist in meeting this goal, Foundation Scholarships are given to females 25 years of age or older who are citizens of the United States and have been officially accepted into an accredited program of course study at a U.S. Institution, including institutions in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The students also must be graduating within 12 to 24 months from the date of the grant and demonstrate critical need for financial assistance. Scholarship applications must be received by National before April 15th.

For more information about Foundation, see the website at BPWUSA.org. (Foundation information is not protected in the "Members Only" section, so no user names or passwords are necessary.)

Diann Payne
Ann Chappell
Chairs

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
None in September

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

Notes.....

Congratulations! Thanks to
you and BPW BalloonFest '08 was
a huge success!

s/Bob Kelsheimer
Chamber of Commerce

SHOPPER'S WEEKLY CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to all at the Shopper's
Weekly and thank you for all you do
for our community!

OUR SYMPATHY

To Maggie Irwin on the loss of her
daughter-in-law Jamie who lost
her battle with cancer.

GET WELL

Dolores Mabry recently had knee
replacement surgery.

BPW WEEK

October 19-25, 2003

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

"ORCHARD EXTRAVAGANZA"
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.

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, September 10th,
meeting.

**WE ARE 62
MEMBERS STRONG**



Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

August General Meeting, August 13, 2008

Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at The Centralia House on August 13, 2008 with 29 members and 2 guests present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. after an informational presentation by Todd Tracy, Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Kaskaskia College. The June minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Sally Tiemann presented the June and July reports.

June	Balloon Fest Fund	\$100.00
	Education Fund	3,238.17
	Alta McCullough Fund	20,978.75
	General Assets	<u>5,399.27</u>
	Total Assets	29,716.19
July	Balloon Fest Fund	100.00
	Education Fund	3,238.17
	Alta McCullough Fund	18,404.75
	General Fund	<u>4,967.77</u>
	Total Assets	26,710.69

The Treasurer's Reports were filed for audit.

Bills presented

Lorraine Bassett, Fun Night Expense, \$27.75

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

Correspondence – Beth Moore presented the following correspondence:

- 1) A letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking BPW for the membership support.
- 2) A letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking for our help in recruiting help from other organizations for volunteers.
- 3) A letter from the office of John Shimkus, Congressman, regarding speakers for organizations about the DTV transition.
- 4) A monthly news flyer from Kids Hope United.
- 5) A letter from Kids Hope United regarding donations to support a child in school.
- 6) A thank you from Susan Wittenburg, Coldwell Realtor, for helping with flags.
- 7) A thank you from Brenda White for being able to attend the National Conference.
- 8) A thank you from Brenda White for the makeover and Fun Night.
- 9) A thank you to Alta Fund from the 6 Privilege Traveling Bunch.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celia M. Howard/Foundation – Diann Payne reported we should keep getting our recipes for cookies together.

Finance –Karen Rogers conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$13.50. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$28.00.

Issues Management – Jackie Gray reported that next month speaker will be Galen Mahle speaking on the Recreation Center Programs.

Legislation - Sally Tiemann reported on the recent House vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act. A BPW/PAC Webinar on August 21, 2008, from 7-8 PM. She also reported on the Draft of the 2008 Democratic National Platform about ERA.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balloon Fest – Sylvia Mahle report we are ready to go, keep hoping for good weather, bring lawn chairs, call if you have any questions.

BPW Week – Brenda Chesnek reported that October 19th will be the Brunch and announce Woman of the Year. We will have tickets at the September and October meetings. Friday is the Salad Luncheon; Saturday the Parade and Business after Hours Wednesday, there will be more information to come.

Cards & Memorials – Bev Virobik reported on several cards that have been sent. Cards were being passed around for all to sign.

Scholarship Salad Luncheon – Beth Galicia reported the luncheon is Friday, October 24th. She will have the tickets and signup sheet at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sharon Sanders reported the goals were sent in on the 8th.

Sharon reported the Leadership Conference is August 16th at Collinsville.

NEW BUSINESS

Sharon Sanders brought pictures from the National Convention if anyone would like to look at them.

UP COMING EVENTS

September 2 – Board Meeting – Hosted by Karen Rodgers at Michele Garrison's home.

September 10 – General Meeting will be at Centralia House

September 20 – Recycling Center – Bev Virobik discussed the recycling containers that will be used at the Balloon Fest this year.

Beth Galicia stated this is a pilot program; when we are selling products ask them to look for the recycle bins for the empty bottles.

There being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Deering, Recording Secretary

LEGISLATION

Sally Tiemann, Chair

BPW/PAC Presidential Voter Guide

[*Expanded*]

Established in 1979, the Business and Professional Women Political Action Committee (BPW/PAC) helps shape the national agenda on workingwomen’s issues. Through education, endorsements and financial contributions, BPW/PAC supports federal candidates who will be strong advocates for equity for all women in the workplace. 2008 is a critical election for workingwomen. Our wages, our ability to take time off, our access to health care and our retirement security are at stake. BPW/PAC encourages you to review the statements and voting records of all candidates and decide for yourself who will be the best candidate to ensure equity for all workingwomen.

Senator Barack Obama Democrat

Senator John McCain Republican

ECONOMIC EQUITY		
Pay Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted in favor of Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act [Roll Call 110, 04/23/08] • “I will also increase funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, so that those agencies have the resources and staff they need to process charges filed and effectively remedy equal pay violations.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] • “[B]y increasing the minimum wage and indexing it to inflation, we can help close the wage gap by increasing the pay of low-wage workers who are disproportionately women.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipped the vote on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, but told reporters he would have voted against it. [Associated Press, 4/28/08]
Workplace Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I will support [working parents] by doubling funding for after-school programs and expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover more employees and make the reasons for taking leave more family friendly. ... I will also require employers to provide at least seven paid sick days per year and create a new fund to help states provide paid family/medical leave programs. ... Other ways we can help include protecting against caregiver discrimination, providing low-income families with a refundable tax credit to help with their childcare expenses, and encouraging flexible work schedules.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of family and medical leave should “be subject to negotiations between management and labor.” [Federal News Radio, 7/10/08] • Voted in favor of Family and Medical Leave Act, but also voted to gut the bill before passage. [S.Amdt. 16, S. 5, Vote 7, 2/4/93; H.R. 1, Vote 11, 2/4/93]
Retirement Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I will stop any efforts to privatize Social Security and will work in a bipartisan way to preserve it for future generations.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] • “[M]y Automatic Workplace Pension program will offer working women left out of the retirement savings system an easy, automatic and productive way to build wealth for retirement. Employers who do not currently offer a retirement plan will be required to automatically enroll their employees in a direct-deposit IRA account (employees will retain the option of opting-out).” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I’m totally in favor of personal savings accounts... As part of Social Security reform, I believe that private savings accounts are a part of it – along the lines that President Bush proposed.” [Wall Street Journal, 3/3/08]
Small Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I will increase women’s access to federal contracting opportunities by implementing the Women Owned Business contracting program. ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted against the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Amendment that would repeal a program that sets aside

	[M]y plan to eliminate capital gains taxes on start-up and small businesses will provide meaningful tax relief to 8.7 million women small business owners...” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08]	10% of highway funds for minorities/women’s business enterprises [Roll Call 23, 3/6/98]
Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Obama will also provide affordable and high-quality child care to ease the burden on working families.” [www.barackobama.com] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted in favor of the Snowe Amendment to TANF reauthorization to provide an additional \$6 billion in child care funding. [Roll Call 64, 3/30/04]

HEALTH CARE		
Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I will see that research is undertaken and attention given to combating diseases and illnesses that disproportionately affect women, like heart disease, ovarian cancer, and breast cancer.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “We need to strengthen health care quality by promoting research and development of new treatment models, promoting wellness, investing in technology and empowering Americans with better information on quality, treatments and costs.” [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org]
Reproductive Freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I have been and will continue to be a champion of a woman’s right to choose... [I] have consistently had a 100% pro-choice rating... I will continue to defend this right by passing the Freedom of Choice Act as president.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “John McCain believes Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision that must be overturned, and as president he will nominate judges who understand that courts should not be in the business of legislating from the bench. Constitutional balance would be restored by the reversal of Roe v. Wade, returning the abortion question to the individual states. The difficult issue of abortion should not be decided by judicial fiat.” [www.johnmccain.com]
Birth Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I believe in and have supported common-sense solutions like increasing access to affordable birth control to help prevent unintended pregnancies.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] “In the U.S. Senate, I’ve worked with Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) on a bill that would make birth control more affordable for low-income and college women, and introduced the Senate version of Representative Hilda Solis’ bill to reduce unintended pregnancies in communities of color.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] Voted in favor of Unintended Pregnancy Amendment that would allocate \$100 million for the prevention of unintended pregnancies. [Roll Call 75, 3/17/05] Voted in favor of Teen Pregnancy Education Amendment that would authorize grants to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. [Roll Call 214, 7/25/06] Voted in favor of insurance coverage for prescription birth control. [Contraceptive Equity in Health Insurance Act, Illinois State Senate, 07/03] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted against Unintended Pregnancy Amendment that would allocate \$100 million for the prevention of unintended pregnancies. [Roll Call 75, 3/17/05] Voted against Teen Pregnancy Education Amendment that would authorize grants to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. [Roll Call 214, 7/25/06] Voted against insurance coverage for prescription birth control. [Roll Call 45, 3/11/03]
Eldercare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Obama will work to give seniors choices about their care, consistent with their needs, and not biased towards institutional care. He will work to reform the financing of long term care to protect seniors and families. He will work to improve the quality of elder care, including by training more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted against Bayh Amendment that would provide a \$3000 tax credit for elderly care. [Roll Call 193, 7/14/00] Voted against a new program for home and community-based long-term care. [Roll Call 533, 10/27/95]

	nurses and health care workers.” [www.barackobama.com]	
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CIVIL RIGHTS		
Equal Rights Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-sponsor of the Women’s Equality Amendment (S. J. Res. 10), a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted against passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. [Roll Call 504, 11/15/83]
Violence Against Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I will pass my plan to provide millions of dollars to strengthen programs aimed at preventing domestic violence and caring for those affected by it. I will also expand government efforts to offer domestic violence counseling in urban areas. ... I will ensure that we fully fund the Violence Against Women Act. ... I led the fight to ensure that victims could seek shelter or treatment without losing their jobs, passing one of the strongest job protection laws in the nation. ... I would ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which... affirms the reproductive rights of women, supports women’s political and economic rights, and highlights the importance of eradicating violence against women.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced the Restoring Safety to Indian Women Act which amends the Federal criminal code to cover domestic assault by a habitual offender in Indian country. [S.987 5/10/05]
Affirmative Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “In order for women to better compete in the workplace, I will continue pushing for increased female representation in jobs where women have been underutilized and will ensure that tax dollars are not underwriting employment discrimination: federal contracts should only go to companies that obey the law.” [Letter to BPW/USA Membership 07/17/08] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers himself a “strong supporter of affirmative action,” but only when “properly structured so that it is not just a quota.” It should “take into account class and hardship [to assess] whether or not a young person is deserving of opportunity.” [Los Angeles Times, 08/01/08]
Women Veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “As a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Barack Obama has introduced legislation to force the Pentagon and VA to better track the newest generation of veterans – including the number of women veterans – so that the VA can better plan their care. Obama also introduced legislation to fight homelessness among veterans, with a special focus on treating women who may have been victims of sexual trauma. As president, Barack Obama will fight to ensure that women can get the care they deserve at the VA.” [www.barackobama.com] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The VA must also broaden its care for the women who are entering the armed forces in greater numbers than ever. The growing ranks of women in uniform have left the VA lagging behind in the services it provides. And here the Veterans Care Access Card will prove especially valuable, affording women medical options while the VA improves capacity and expands services. ... The VA must respond to the specialized health care needs of women veterans, including victims of sexual assault.” [www.johnmccain.com]