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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and wonderful Christmas. Our family, as always, had such a lovely Christmas. The four grandkids make Christmas a great time and they are so much fun!

It is now time to begin 2009. We have many things on the agenda for this year already...

Reality Store, Choices, and Guest Night. I am so excited to finally get to attend Reality Store and Choices. Retirement has certainly given me some new options.

January has another meaning as well - Year End Reports. Please get me a small report if you are a Standing Committee Chair or a Special Committee Chair by our General Meeting January 14th. I appreciate your cooperation.

Sharon Sanders
President

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Make it your New Year's resolution to attend every BPW meeting in 2009! The January meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14th at the Centralia House Restaurant at 6 pm and the cost is \$10.00 which includes a tip for our waitress. The menu is baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad and dessert. The program will be on local community support services for the blind. See you there.

Jackie Gray
Issues Management

JANUARY 22, 2009
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
ROE vs. WADE

THANK YOU SO MUCH

- Thank you to all who helped make the Celia M. Howard/Foundation Cookie Sale Fund-raiser such a success! You are greatly appreciated.
- Thank you Dolores for the adorable little Santa's and Sharon Sanders for sharing your favorite story with us!
- Thank you to all who donated goods to CCBA, Kid's Hope and The Salvation Army.
- Thank you to all who helped with the Cultural Society's Festival of Arts.



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Membership

Bess Wesling533-2694

Public Relations

Pam McKay533-1416

Bev Virobik.....532-8430

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
Cards/Memorials
Choices
Guest Night
Networking
Scholarships
Website
Old Business
Cultural Society Report
By-law Review
Audit
New Business
State Officer Nominations
Year End Reports Due

-- 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!

Evelyn Stover 01/06
Sally Tiemann 01/27
Norma Rueter 01/30

Barb Norstrom 02/02
Karen Walsh 02/05
Dorothy Coleman 02/11
Becky Ault 02/13
Brenda White 02/16
Pam McKay 02/20
Joanetta Wood 02/25

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Ruth Sanders 01/63
Geri Langin 01/71
Norma Rueter 01/81
Connie Schwartz 01/89
Tolleyne Ray 01/95
Brenda Chesnek 01/01
Maggie Irwin 01/03



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2009

6:00 pm

115 Golf Lane - Michele's Board Room

Hosted by Becky Ault

REALITY STORE

April 24, 2009

Centralia Junior High School

Patty Brough & Vickie McDaniel, Chairs

LEGISLATION

Here are a couple of interesting facts:

1. Pay Gap Deprives Women of \$434,000 in Lifetime Earnings

The Center for American Progress Action Fund has released a new report titled, Lifetime Losses: The Career Wage Gap. The report finds that the career pay gap -- the difference between the median wages of full-time working men and women over a 40 year period -- deprives women of an average of \$434,000 over the course of their working lives. The study finds that the pay gap persists across all income and education levels and widens over time. In fact, women with the most education lose the most comparatively in earnings.

2. BPW/USA Urges Administration to Appoint More Women

On December 3rd, BPW/USA joined with 41 other women's organizations to ask President-elect Obama and his transition team to appoint more women to Cabinet level positions than his predecessors. The letter also asks President-elect Obama to restore and strengthen all offices that in past administrations have played a fundamental role in protecting and advancing women's issues and opportunities including the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach and the President's Interagency Council on Women. On December 17th BPW was one of twenty organizations that met with the Obama team. The primary focus of the meeting was what immediate action could be taken by the



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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
Barb Norstrom.....533-0052

Administration to support working women and their families and what long term legislative action should be supported. The meeting attendees developed a three-page briefing paper with specific actions ranging from enacting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to repealing the recent FMLA regulations to directing the Department of Labor to conduct a pay equity analysis of federal jobs. The attendees encouraged the incoming administration to be a model employer when it comes to work and family issues. Ten members of the transition team were in attendance including the Director of the Domestic Policy Council Melody Barnes, the transition team members in charge of reviewing the Department of Education and Health and Human Services, a representative from the Vice President-elect's staff and other issue experts.

3. Here are some positive facts:

Obama Appoints Five Women to Cabinet – One is BPW/USA Member With his Cabinet nearly filled, President-elect Obama has tapped five women – New York Senator Hillary Clinton (Secretary of State), Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano (Homeland Security Secretary), New Jersey official Lisa P. Jackson (head of the Environmental Protection Agency), Susan E. Rice (U.N. Ambassador) and BPW/USA member U.S. Representative Hilda Solis (Secretary of Labor.) Representative Solis is a member of BPW/EI Monte, California and was a Young Careerist. The press release hailing Solis' appointment is on the BPW/USA website.

In addition to the Cabinet level positions, President-elect Obama has appointed women to key administration positions as well, including Melody Barnes as Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Christina Romer as Director of the Council of Economic Advisors and Ellen Moran as Director of Communications. BPW/USA has joined with other women's organizations to urge President-elect Obama to appoint more women than his predecessors.

We need to continue to watch how the new administration treats policy towards women. Although we are anticipating a much better political climate, we need to be vigilant.

Sylvia and Sally, Legislation co-chairs

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.
December General Meeting, December 10, 2008
Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on December 10, 2008 with 32 members present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Sally Tiemann presented the October and November reports.

October Report

Balloon Fest Fund	\$10,699.03
Education Fund	938.17
Alta McCullough Fund	16,299.78
General Fund	<u>4,583.38</u>
Total Assets	\$ 32,520.36

November Report

Balloon Fest Fund	\$100.00\$
Education Fund	2,586.17
Alta McCullough Fund	16,299.78
General Fund	<u>7,809.82</u>
Total Assets	26,795.77

The budgeted items were reviewed, no bills to present. The treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Correspondence – Karen Deering presented the following correspondence:

- A Thank you from Jim Vandeventer for the gift card.

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

January 21, 2009

Centralia Cultural

Society

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

LaDonne Neudecker

Margie Shanafelt

Janie Smith

Sandy VanCleve

WE ARE 64
MEMBERS STRONG

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Bess Wesling
533-2694

- A letter from Kids Hope United requesting donations for Christmas. (Individuals may donate.)
- Kids Hope United Fall Newsletter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celia M Howard/Foundation – No report, Cookie Sales.

Finance –Karen Rogers conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$13.50. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$19.00. The Finance Committee reports everything is on target.

Issues Management – Jackie Gray reported that the January speakers will be Rita Howell and Tina Sander on the Blind Services of Mt. Vernon.

Membership – Veneda Knolhoff introduced our three new members who were installed, Sharon Griffin, Jody Rice and Devonne Starr.

Young Careerist – Becky Ault reported the candidate she had dropped out. Looking for a new candidate if anyone has an idea, some suggestions were discussed, checking with the Kaskaskia College speech class and the Nike girls.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cards & Memorials – Sharon Sanders reported for Bev Virobik that several cards were sent.

Choices – Karen Deering reported that Ruth Antonoff agreed to Co-Chair the event. Discussing several ideas, date has not yet been set.

Guest Night – Karen Walsh reported they are still working on a few things; Vickie Loomis will present an excerpt from the play "Crowns".

Networking – Mary Ann Norton thanked everyone for all they do.

Scholarships – Barb Norstrom reported on the amount and number of scholarships being presented. The applications are on the web site and there will be an article in the Sentinel.

OLD BUSINESS

Interim Board Report – Sharon Sanders reported she does have notes of the meeting if anyone wishes to read them.

Civic Luncheon – Sharon Sanders reported there were 13 members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Goal Review – Sharon requested that committee chairs go over your goals, will have to do year end reports.

By-Laws – Sharon will get with Beth Moore on this.

UP COMING EVENTS

December 16th – Business After Hours – WILY 5PM to 7PM

January 5th – Board Meeting – Midland Bank 6 PM

January 14th – General Meeting – Centralia House 6PM

With there being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Deering, Recording Secretary

Notes.....

Dear BPW Members,

Thank you for the get-well cards and the sympathy cards. They helped me a lot. I appreciate being in your thoughts.

Lorraine brought the cookies today. That was so thoughtful of all of you.

I hope to be back to BPW soon! I miss you.

LaDonne Neudecker

To BPW

Thank you for your gift. Because you shared with us, now we can provide food for those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you very much.

Nell Blastick, CCBA Treasurer