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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have almost made it through the winter & spring is almost here. . I am noticing green grass in my yard and some of my flowers are coming up.

As the seasons change, it appears BPW/USA is changing as well. BPW/USA is considering a merger with Foundation. Webinars are available for members to participate in to better understand these changes. I have the information if any of you

are interested.

The region V meeting will be held at Fazoli's in Mt Vernon at 11:00 AM on *March 21st*. Nine members have already signed up to attend. Also the IL/BPW Conference will be held in Bloomington, *April 24-26*. Six members plan on attending this annual conference. Both of these BPW events are wonderful ways to better understand how other LOs work and also how our region and state functions. The BPW/IL conference is the epitome of networking.

Keep some of our other upcoming events on your calendar: *Reality Store, April 24* and *Choices, May 5*. Both of these programs are excellent opportunities for the youth in our community. They are good networking opportunities for Centralia BPW, as well.

March is the month that we elect our new officers. Please attend so you can be part of this election.

Sharon Sanders  
President

### -- 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. Please take a second to sign it no matter what time you arrive - it still counts!

### CENTRALIA LO WEBSITE

<http://www.bpwcentralia.org>

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The March General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Centralia House at 6:00 pm. The menu is herb roasted pork, red potatoes, green beans, salad, and a special St. Patrick's Day cake. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 which includes your tip. Our program will be on the new Centralia Heroes program which provides mentoring to our junior high students presented by Don Beaty and Norman Schuchman. Come celebrate spring with your BPW friends and bring a potential member with you!

Jackie Gray  
Issues Management

### GUEST NIGHT

Women Helping Women - Hand in Hand - Together We Can



Our Annual Guest Night will be held at the First Christian Church on **April 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00p. Tickets will be available at the March meeting for \$10.00 each. The deadline for tickets is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information contact Karen Walsh or Maggie Irwin.

## 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  
Reality Store  
Scholarships  
**Old Business**  
Region 5 Meeting  
State Conference  
Nominating Committee Report  
Election of 2010 Officers  
**New Business**  
Tabloid Task Force  
BPW/USA - Foundation Merger  
Library Donation

*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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

### MARCH

Bess Wesling 03/01  
LaDonne Neudecker 03/10  
Mary Ann Dulumback 03/13  
Ruth Antonoff 03/21  
Geri Langin 03/30  
Veneda Knolhoff 03/31

### APRIL

Sandra Neabuhr 04/18  
Janie Smith 04/29

## HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Karen Rogers 03/86  
Ann Chappell 03/89  
Sylvia Mahle 03/00  
Becky Ault 03/04

## APRIL BOARD MEETING

March 30, 2009

6:00 pm

Hosted by Karen Walsh at her home

## CENTRALIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL GUEST NIGHT

- Two - \$750 scholarships to persons age 25 and older as of February 28, 2009
- Two - \$500 scholarships to members of the Centralia High School Class of 2009
- Two - \$500 scholarships to upperclassmen (students who have already started college and are at any level)

## GUEST NIGHT HONOREE'S

### Five Years

Becky Ault  
Peggy Beal  
Jackie Gray  
Barb Norstron

### Ten Years

Brenda White

### Fifteen Years

Sharon Sanders

### Twenty Years

Ann Chappell  
Dorothy Coleman  
Eunice Garrett  
Myra Owens  
Connie Schwartz  
Evelyn Stover

### Twenty-five Years

Janie Smith

### Forty Years

Delphine Baldrige



## 2009 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Your questionnaire is a separate attachment to this newsletter mailing. Please complete the form and return to Jackie Gray.

## REGION FIVE MEETING

March 21, 2009

11:00a

Fazoli's Restaurant

Guests are welcome to order as they come in. there will be a St. Patrick's Day theme. If you have not already done so, please let Sharon know if you plan to attend.

### REALITY STORE

April 24, 2009

Centralia Junior High School  
Patty Brough & Vickie McDaniel,  
Chairs

### GET WELL

Nancy Greene  
Geri Langin  
LaDonne Neudecker  
Janie Smith  
Sandy VanCleve  
Bob Virobik

WE ARE 58  
MEMBERS STRONG

NEED A NAMETAG??  
Call Bess Wesling  
533-2694

**DON'T FORGET  
TO RECYCLE!**



The newsletters are available on our website at [www.bpwcentralia.org](http://www.bpwcentralia.org). If you forget the web address, just do a Google search for Centralia BPW.  
Barb Norstrom

## LEGISLATION

### A LETTER FROM DIANE POLANGIN, BPW/USA PRESIDENT TO ALL BPW/USA MEMBERS

In a historical moment for BPW/USA, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, the BPW/USA Board of Directors voted in favor of a merger with BPW Foundation and authorized the BPW/USA Executive Committee to negotiate a merger plan with BPW Foundation. This action will ensure that the mission and work of BPW/USA will continue. In addition, it will preserve our brand, visibility and reputation. This decision came after carefully evaluating four restructuring options. BPW/USA board members have determined that the appropriate business decision is for BPW/USA to merge with BPW Foundation.

Now, BPW/USA members have the unique opportunity to make a dynamic contribution to the history and future of Business and Professional Women by approving the merger plan and becoming a part of a special membership class of BPW Foundation.

Membership in State and Local Organizations will not be changed. State and Local organizations will carry on the business of their organizations with emphasis on state and/or community activities. BPW/USA has appointed qualified members to a State and Local Organization Transition Issues Task Force and this task force is ready and willing to begin assisting State and Local Organizations become autonomous organizations.

#### WHY A MERGER?

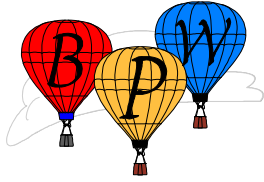
The missions of BPW/USA and BPW Foundation are inextricably linked. Since the establishment of BPW Foundation in 1956, the sister organizations have worked together to serve workingwomen and promote workplace equity. In this economic climate, it is critical that we unite by consolidating our assets, to further equity for workingwomen and families. As workingwomen, we must understand that it is good business to combine our respective strengths toward the fulfillment of a shared vision. A merger with BPW Foundation would continue and expand the work of both organizations in a fiscally sound manner.

Changing to meet the needs of working women and the market has been a reoccurring theme at BPW. Over the years, the names, looks, and configuration of our organizations have changed.

- In 1956 responsibility for research and scholarships moved to the new BPW Foundation and that same year our Headquarters moved from New York to Washington, DC.
- In 1963 we increased our lobbying efforts though the National Legislative Conference, which then became Policy and Action.
- In 1979, we started a political action committee (PAC).
- In the 90's, in response to the rise of the Internet, we launched [bpwusa.org](http://bpwusa.org).
- In 2004, BPW Foundation expanded its mission to include successful workplaces and policymaking and adjusted its governance to reflect that change.
- In 2007, the BPW/USA and BPW Foundation Webinar Series began using technology to provide cost-effective training and meetings.
- In 2008, BPW/USA created a new governance system based on knowledge, trust and nimbleness.

And now in 2009, we are at another crossroads for the future of working women and families...merging or rather uniting our two organizations for today's and tomorrow's realities.

IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



BalloonFest is August 21, 22, 23.

**SHINGLES VACCINE**

The Centralia Women's Club is presenting information on the shingles vaccine at Heritage Woods March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p and March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p. For more information contact Ann Chappell.

**CHOICES PROGRAM**

We will once again sponsor a Choices Program for the Seventh and Eighth Graders in the surrounding school area. The program will be held on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's School Gym.

**Notes ....**

A sincere thank you to all who sent get well cards to Norman for his recent hip replacement surgery. He is doing wonderful.

Sally Tiemann

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**



I urge you to participate in one of the informational webinars that have been scheduled over the next two weeks to ask questions and learn more about this important decision. Invitation to these webinars will be sent directly to your email address on record with BPW/USA. It will be important for members to be informed of this exciting opportunity since adoption of the merger plan requires a vote and the approval of BPW/USA members. Voting ballots will be sent in late March.

BPW/USA and BPW Foundation are not fearful of making changes to meet present and future needs and adapt to the issues of the day and the vision for the future. As Dr. K. Frances Scott, past national president 1946 - 1948, said "As Clubs and as a Federation, we are subject to the same laws as all living things: we grow; we change; or we die." BPW cannot die...there is still too much to do!

I urge your support of the merger.

Hon. Diane Polangin

More information about the merger is posted online in the MemberCenter. Please follow this link and sign in to access the information.

**WONDER WHAT ALL THOSE RIBBON COLORS MEAN?**

These are the colors that represent the different cancers.



**Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.**

February General Meeting, February 11, 2009

Sharon Sanders, Presiding Officer

The regular meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at Centralia House on February 11, 2009 with 26 members and 2 guests present. A quorum was present.

President Sharon Sanders called the business meeting to order at 7:16 pm after an informational presentation by Christy Herzing on Increasing Economic Opportunities for Disabled Individuals. The January minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sharon Sanders presented the Treasurers report for Sally Tiemann. With there being no questions, the Treasurers report was approved.

January report

Balloon Fest Fund	\$ 100.00
Education Fund	6,586.17
Alta McCullough Fund	16,164.78
General Fund	<u>3,858.88</u>
Total Assets	\$ 26,709.83

The treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

**Correspondence** – Beth Moore presented the following correspondence:

- 1) A Thank you from Ann Chappell to members who made cookies and brought goodies, also Bev Virobik, Michele Garrison and Sally Tiemann for their help. \$205 was raised.
- 2) Information was sent by The Centralia Area Community Services regarding the Senior Citizen Community Service Award, nomination forms are available, see Sharon Sanders, they are due by February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) A Thank you from the Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund, Christine La France, Trustee, for the generous contribution.
- 4) Kaskaskia College Reading Link sent information regarding their Volunteer Tutor Program.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** – Michele Garrison conducted the 50/50 drawing with the winner receiving \$12.75. The brag basket was also passed collecting \$12.00.

**Issues Management** – Jackie Gray reported the March speaker will be speaking on the Junior High Tutor Heroes Program.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cards & Memorials** – Bev Virobik reported several cards that were sent. Jackie Gray lead us in a Memorial Service for Margie Shanafelt, a Poem written by Margie's granddaughter, Christen Jent, was read. We shall miss her.

**Choices** - Karen Deering reported a date has been set for May 5<sup>th</sup>, it will be held at St. Mary's gym at 1 PM.

**Guest Night** – Karen Walsh reported the date is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the First Christian Church; tickets are available \$10 in advance only. Entertainment will be provided by the Culture Center.

**Networking** – Sharon Sanders, in honor of February being National Heart Month, brought everyone Coke, the cans have the new Red Dress in honor of Red Dress Day, also chocolate hearts to share.

**Reality Store** – Patty Brough reported everything is going well. A sign up sheet was passed around.

**Scholarships** – Barb Norstrom reported applications are available on the BPW website, the KC Financial Aid office and the High School. She has had 13 returned. They are due by February 28<sup>th</sup> and a decision will be made March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Year End Reports** – Sharon Sanders reported they were due to the Region by February 10<sup>th</sup> and she thanked Michele Garrison for helping her get them completed and sent.

**Region V Meeting** – Sharon Sanders reported it will be held March 21<sup>st</sup> in Mt. Vernon at Fazoli's at 11 AM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee** – President Sharon Sanders appointed Anna Humphrey and Karen Walsh to the Nomination committee. Nominations from the floor were Nancy James, Vickie McDaniel and Becky Ault, President Sharon Sander called for a vote that Nancy James, Vickie McDaniel and Becky Ault be on the nominating committee for the Centralia LO officers for 2009-2010 year, it was unanimously passed.

**State Conference** – April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Bloomington – a sign-up sheet was passed around.

**UP COMING EVENTS**

February 16 – Salvation Army Volunteer Recognition Dinner

March 1 - Outstanding Working Woman Awards applications due, Sharon has applications available.

March 2 – Board Meeting – Kaskaskia College

Flags – July 4<sup>th</sup> will be on Saturday this year, we will be participating again.

February 24 – Diversity Dinner at Kaskaskia College, tickets are \$5.00 in advance.

With there being nothing further to come before the club, President Sharon Sanders adjourned the business meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Karen Deering, Recording Secretary