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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Last month I took my granddaughters, Ashlyn and Erin, to see the Hannah Montana movie. While there Miley Cyrus said to her boyfriend, Travis, "Life is a climb but the view is great." This year BPW has been a climb, but as I look back – what a view. We have had remarkable programs, an amazing BPW week, and an awesome Reality Store. Our members have recycled, rang bells, attended Region, State, and National meetings. As with every other year, we have also awarded scholarships, honored the

Woman of the Year, and Boss of the Year. These are a just a few of the activities that keep this great organization busy.

Now it is time for us to take a look back at the climb and enjoy the view. I have had a wonderful year serving as your president. You have been the most supportive group ever. I have had several of your phone numbers on speed dial. When I have called on any of you, you stepped up to the plate. We are Women Helping Women – Hand in Hand – Together We Can.

This upcoming year we have a wonderful slate of officers, which will make this year as successful as the past year.

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>

You will find a link to this newsletter at our website

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm at the Centralia House Restaurant. This will be a celebration of Sharon's last meeting as our President and induction of our new officers for the 2009 – 2010 BPW year.

Wear something pink or one of your pink ribbon pins to this meeting to show support for Breast Cancer awareness. I will be sharing information about the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure walk in St. Louis on Saturday, June 13, 2009 for anyone who is interested in making this 3.1 mile walk. Also, please support the Centralia Relay for Life event.

See you next Wednesday!

Issues Management
Jackie Gray

2009-2010 OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN MAY

Jackie Gray - President

Beth Galicia - Vice President

Treasurer - Karen Deering

Recording Secretary - Annette Bevel

Corresponding Secretary - Sharon Griffin

These officers will be installed at our General Meeting, May 13.

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
Cards/Memorials
Choices
Guest Night
Reality Store
Scholarships
Old Business
Tabloid Task Force Report
90th BPW Celebration-St. Louis
New Business
Merger Report

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

JUNE BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2009
Host - Jackie Gray
1396 Schwartz Road

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the 2009 Reality Store a huge success! Special thanks to Annette Bevel and Sally Tiemann for their help on the committee.

Patty Brough & Vickie McDaniel
Co-chairs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU MAY

Annette Bevel 05/14
DeVonne Starr 05/28

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY

Sharon Sanders 05/94
Brenda White 05/99
Peggy Beal 05/04

BPW/IL DUES ALERT

Do not send your dues renewal to National

When you receive your dues notice, please make your check payable to Centralia BPW in the amount of \$39.00 (\$30 = State, \$9 = LO) and send to our treasurer Karen Deering

LEGISLATION

Sally and I have enjoyed being your Legislation co-chairs this year. Here are a couple of items to keep you up to date on recent actions of interest to women and women in business:

Sibelius and Duckworth Nominations Finally Move Forward

The appointments of Governor Kathleen Sibelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services and Tammy Duckworth as Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs were stalled when the Senate left for its two-week spring recess. Now that Congress is back, both nominations are moving forward.

Duckworth's nomination was put on hold by Sen. Burr (R-NC), the ranking Republican on the Veterans Affairs Committee. Duckworth is a Major in the Illinois National Guard and served in Iraq before becoming Director of Veterans Affairs in Illinois. Duckworth's hearing was on April 1 and she was confirmed by the full Senate on April 22.

Sibelius' nomination was put on hold anonymously. On Tuesday, April 22, the Senate Finance Committee approved Sibelius' nomination. Some Republicans on the Committee opposed her nomination over concerns about her record supporting abortion rights, but her nomination ultimately passed with the support two Republicans on the panel – Sens. Roberts (KS) and Snowe (ME). The final vote is expected to happen Tuesday April 26.

Provisions in the Recovery Act for Small Business

Enacted two months ago, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) consists of many provisions to help small businesses and their employees. More information on all of these provisions can be found on the IRS's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 website.

Net Operating Loss Carryback - Small businesses with deductions exceeding their income in 2008 can use a new net operating loss tax provision in ARRA to get a refund of taxes paid over the past five years instead of the usual two.

Section 179 Deduction - A qualifying taxpayer can choose to treat the cost of certain property as an expense and deduct it in the year the property is placed in service instead of depreciating it over several years.

Reduction of Estimated Tax Payments - Normally, small businesses have to pay 110 percent of their previous year's taxes in estimated

CHANGE OVER MEETING

May 28, 2009
6:00-7:00p
Midland Sates Bank
200 S. Poplar

GET WELL

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

OUR SYMPATHY

To Beth Moore on the loss of her mother.
And, to Barb Norstrom on the loss of her mother-in-law.

WE ARE 58
MEMBERS STRONG

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Bess Wesling
533-2694

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE!



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If you forget the web address, just do a Google search for Centralia BPW
Barb Norstrom

taxes. The Recovery Act permits small businesses to reduce their estimated payments to 90 percent of the previous year's taxes. Extension of Bonus Depreciation Deductions Through 2009 - Bonus depreciation is extended through 2009, allowing businesses to take a larger tax deduction within the first year of a property's purchase. Capital Gains Tax Break for Investment in Small Business - Investors in small businesses who hold their investments for five years can exclude from taxation 75 percent of their capital gains.

Check with your accountant to see how this law benefits your business.

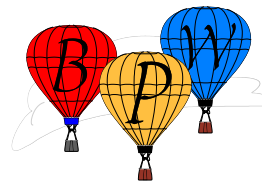
Sylvia Mahle

WE ARE SO PROUD!



Evelyn Stover was awarded the highest honor Kaskaskia College has to give--the Honorary Associate Degree. It was a complete surprise to her, and she was surrounded by her family (her daughter came up from Florida and didn't even tell her) and many friends. As you can imagine, the room was packed with well-wishers. Please extend your congratulations to Ev for over 40 years of service to the college and her community!

IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



BalloonFest is August 21, 22, 23

88th BPW/IL CONVENTION

These members represented Centralia at the State Conference in Bloomington at the Chateau Hotel, April 24-26.

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| Sharon Sanders | Anna Humphrey | Karen Walsh |
| Sylvia Mahle | Beth Galicia | Mary Ann Norton |
| Karen Rogers | Joanetta Woods | Brenda White |

DRESS FOR SUCCESS PEORIA

Several members of BPW/IL donated business clothing while they were at the State Convention. The mission of Dress for Success Peoria is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Centralia Business and Professional Women, Inc.

Guest Night, April 8, 2009

Guest Night was held at the First Christian Church in Centralia. Motion was made, seconded, that the regular Business meeting be postponed until May 13th.

Members and guests enjoyed a great meal, the speaker was Vickie Loomis, several membership service awards were given out along with the scholarship awards. Thanks to Karen Walsh and Maggie Irwin for a wonderful evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Deering
Recording Secretary

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

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Thank you to all who helped with the newsletter this year. Your input was timely, all events were well covered, and you helped to keep our members informed. It has been a joy doing our "green" newsletter this year!

Michele Garrison
Editor

Sylvia Mahle and Beth Galicia along with Paula Feigenbaum, our Region Five Director, attended the pre-conference board meeting on Friday morning.

The President's Roast was held Friday evening for President Peg Spear. We then attended the business session opened by Peg. Karen Rogers read the Report of Committee on Standing Rules in the absence of the Standing Rules Chair. After the business meeting we went to the Awards Ceremony. Centralia BPW received one of the twelve "Awards of Excellence." These awards were presented by Centralia native, Lynette Jones, BPW/IL Vice President. Mt. Vernon BPW received a "Milestone Anniversary Certificate" for 85 years of BPW.

Saturday the business session was called to order by President Peg Spear. There were eleven past State Presidents in attendance. Cindy Heflin, our Area Representative for BPW/USA gave the report that was provided from National. Several other committee reports were given including financials.

The most pressing issue this year was the impending merger of BPW/USA with Foundation. Beth Galicia, Resolutions Chair, read the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club Resolution. In this document it was resolved the Articles of Incorporation of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., be amended in the following manner: "That the object of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. shall be to promote the interests of business and professional women, to secure combined action by them, and to stimulate local organizations and cooperation among business and professional women, without any requirements to promote the interests of THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS." The resolution was adopted with 67 for, one opposed and one abstention.

The election results were announced that the Hilton Garden Inn and Regency Conference Center of O'Fallon would be the site for the 2011 BPW/IL Conference. The 2009-2010 officers are: President - Susie Dewaele, President-elect - Lynette Jones, Recording Secretary - Tina Rapp & Treasurer - Courtney Tegeler.

Chair of Nominations Sharon Sanders

The Celia M. Howard Fellowship Luncheon was held in the restaurant at The Chateau. The 2009 recipients thanked the Fellowship for their support and what it means to them. The speaker was Laura D. Clower who serves as an adjunct professor at the College of Law, teaching trial advocacy, negotiations, and other skill-based courses.

Saturday evening the OWWI Awards were received by Sherry Meadows, Mt. Vernon; Michelle Nichols-Humphrey, Kewanee; and Susan R. Sablan, Belleville. The chair of this committee was Amanda Harrison-Yearwood of Mt. Vernon. The installation of the 2009-2010 officers was conducted by Barb Yong.

Sunday the Post Convention Board meeting was called to order by President Susie Dewaele. Her "Back to Basics" theme will have a focus on membership, communication, participation in the American Cancer Society, and Going Green. Rene Williams was the speaker and asked "How Well Do You Know Yourself?" this was about us taking responsibility for our monthly breast exam.

This convention was a very important one to attend. We all need an open mind and as Susie Dewaele said "Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!"

Sharon Sanders, President

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