FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here and I think every year I say this but this is the prettiest one. The flowers and the trees are beautiful. What God has made is amazing. April is a very busy month for our organization but please make time to look around and see the awesome beauty around us.

The March meeting was hosted by the Scholarship Committee. The program for the evening was hosted by the Membership Committee, Mary Ann Norton and Lorraine Bassett. It was a very informative meeting. We had a surprise guest in attendance, Celia M. Howard, made an appearance. Carrie Perkins-Schnicker portrayed Ms. Howard and did a wonderful job and gave us all a lot of information. We had others speak about different committees, positions and items that explained things about our organization. Thank you to Mary Ann and Lorraine for this wonderful presentation.

Our April meeting will be Guest Night. Diana Donahoo and Sharon Sanders have put together a great evening for us. This is our 90th Anniversary of Centralia BPW. It is amazing to know the most wonderful, prestigious women that have come and gone with this organization. It is quite an honor to be associated with BPW and to know the things that this group has accomplished. Thank you to Diana and Sharon for all your work on this meeting.

This month we will also be hosting two Reality Stores. Sylvia Mahle and Karen Walsh have organized these two programs. We have had a great response on workers and I want to thank all who have volunteered to help.

IFBW, our state organization, will be hosting the state convention April 22-24 in Champaign. It is going to be very exciting because we have our own LaQuilia Graham representing us as our Leadership Development Candidate. I wish her well and know she will do an awesome job! We also have a candidate for the OWWI Award which is the Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois Award and that is Ericka Sanders. I know she will do an outstanding job also. And last but not least is our own Tina Suarez who is running for President-Elect. I know we all are so very proud of her for stepping up to take this position.

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2015-16 EXPENSES

Please turn in any bills including reimbursements for the 2015-16 term no later than May 10th. They must be paid by the close of the books which is May 31st.
AGENDA
GUEST NIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
04/08 Reality Store
04/09 Recycle Center
04/12 Equal Pay Day Rally
04/13 Guest Night
04/22-24 State Convention
04/30 Great American Cleanup
09/24 Recycle Center

NEED A NAMETAG??
Call Mary Ann Norton
532-3613
Remember!! Wear your nametag to all meetings! It helps us to network better!

DIRECTORY UPDATE
Brenda White has a new phone number
(618) 339-8455

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS
President Michele Garrison
Vice-President Alishia Winkler
Treasurer Sally Tiemann
Corres. Secretary Diana Adams
Rec. Secretary Diana Donahoo
These officers will be installed at our May General Meeting

REALITY STORE
The 2016 Reality Store is just around the corner. It will be held on Friday April 8, 2016 at Centralia Junior High School. Please consider giving as much of the day as you can—we can always use volunteers. Contact Sylvia Mahle or Karen Walsh, Chairs, for more information.

DON’T FORGET
The annual questionnaire was attached to last month’s newsletter. Please take time to complete it as it is very important that we know what programs you liked/disliked and what committee you prefer to serve on for the upcoming year. Also, be sure to update your directory information for the yearbook! The deadline is Guest Night.

IN SYMPATHY
Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Tischa Daugherty and her family as they mourn the loss of her grandmother, Norma Nofrey.
And, to Karen Piotrowski and her family as they mourn the loss of her father, John Grzechowiak.

EQUAL PAY DAY RALLY
Tuesday, April 12th, 12:00 noon
Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL
This is the date that symbolizes how far into 2015 women had to work to earn what men earned in 2014. Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men’s and women’s wages.
You can find more information on the Facebook page, Equal Pay Day Chicago. (https://www.facebook.com/events/1561944127380658/)
We would like to have a group travel together to attend the rally and meet the women who spearhead this important cause to benefit our daughters, granddaughters, and ourselves. The Amtrak train leaves at 4:05am and the return train will arrive in Centralia at 8:06pm. The roundtrip cost is $62.00 or less if you qualify for discounts.
Carol McCrary, Chair

GUEST NIGHT
April 13, 2016 6:00p
Cornerstone Methodist Church
736 S Poplar St. (formerly Demaree United Methodist Church)
90 Years of Centralia BPW
1926-2016
Our annual Guest Night will celebrate 90 years of Centralia Business and Professional Women. Dr. Penny Quinn, President and CEO of Kaskaskia College, will be our speaker. Scholarships will be awarded and members will be recognized for their years of membership in BPW.
The menu for the evening will be: marinated baked chicken breast, potato soufflé, country-style green beans, dinner salad with sweet & sour dressing, coffee, tea and water. Dessert will be cake made by Ann Chappell.
The price of the dinner is $15 and the deadline for your reservation is April 6th.
Sharon Sanders & Diana Donahoo, Chairs

HAPPY SPRING!
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS 2016
Natasha Kauling 04/20
Betheny Hall 04/29

HAPPY BPW ANNIVERSARY
none

GET WELL
Peggy Beal
Sandy Van Cleve
Polly Hicks
Geri Langin
Pam Logullo
Darlene Pettygrove

STATE WEBSITE
ifbwc.org
Visit it often to stay informed on
happenings around the state.
STATE FACEBOOK
https://www.facebook.com/Illinois-
Federation-of-Business-Womens-
Clubs-Inc-
104577213031359/timeline/?ref=hl

2016 STATE CONVENTION
April 22-24, 2016
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham,
101 Trade Center Dr., Champaign
217-398-3400
Deadlines:
Registration – April 7th
Hotel – March 24th

BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2016, 6:00p
Location: One Hope United

2016 GUEST NIGHT HONOREES

Five Years
Diana Adams
Stephanie House
Chandell Mashburn

Twenty-Five Years
Tina Suarez

Fifteen Years
Brenda Chesnek

Thirty Years
Mary Ann Norton
Karen Rogers
Delores Wanzo

Twenty Years
Sally Tiemann

Thirty-Five Years
Ann Chappell
Norma Rueter
Sandy Van Cleve

Fourty-five Years
Geri Langin

MARY ANN NORTON AND LORRAINE BASSETT PRESENTED THE PROGRAM, “GETTING TO KNOW BPW”. THEY INTRODUCED “CELIA M HOWARD” PORTRAYED BY CARRIE PERKINS-SCHNICKER. OTHER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SHARED THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

LORRAINE BASSETT AND MARY ANN NORTON CONDUCTED A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LOST MEMBER DELORES WANZO. DELORES WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
MEMBERSHIP DUES
It is important that you send your check for $49.00 made payable to Centralia BPW to:
Sally Tiemann
12678 U.S. Highway 51, Richview, IL 62877

DUE IN MARCH
Carrie Perkins-Schnicker
Beverly Caudill
Brenda Chesnek
Barb Norstrom
Chris Paskavich

DUE IN APRIL
Peggy Beal
Ann Chappell
Cary Day

WE ARE 64 MEMBERS STRONG AND GROWING!

LIBRARY DONATION

President Melodie presents the check for our annual donation to the Centralia Regional Library to Director, Diana Donahoo

CENTRALIA BPW TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS
Centralia Business and Professional Women is pleased to announce that they will be awarding 2016 scholarships at the April Guest Night. We are able to make these awards as the result of the highly successful BPW Annual Scholarship Luncheon held during BPW week last October.

QUANTUM VISION PLAN (FORMERLY GOLDEN VISION PLAN)
As a member of BPW you are entitled to discounts at any Quantum Vision Center. Discounts include your general exam by an optometrist and 15% on frame/lenses. No membership card is needed – just tell them that you are a BPW member.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00a
Meet at Fairview Park

From the President (cont’d from page 1)
Even though we do not have an official meeting this month, it is never too late to ask someone to join our wonderful group. We need to all Grow Our Future together for this community. It is the time of year that we think about starting a garden or just planting flowers around our houses. Just as we do that, we also need to plant the seed to grow members into our wonderful “90 year old” organization. This organization has gone thru a lot of changes during the years but change is good and helps us grow. We all need to continue to work together to help each other and those around us in the community. We do so many things right and we need to pass that on to others in our organization and community. Remember, the only way we can grow is to ask someone to join us. Plant the Seed!

See you at the meeting,
Melodie Ainslie, President
The general meeting of the Centralia BPW was held at the Centralia Elks Lodge on March 9, 2016, hosted by the Scholarship Committee, with 27 members and no guests present. Following dinner, President Melodie Ainslie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. All were led by Tischa Daugherty in the recitation of the Collect, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Diana Donahoo.

President Ainslie announced two additions to the Agenda: a memorial service for Delores Wanzo and a donation to the Centralia Regional Library. Then President Ainslie gave the floor to Mary Ann Norton and Lorraine Bassett for the memorial. Following the memorial, President Ainslie presented the check to the Centralia Regional Library. Diana Donahoo accepted the donation on behalf of the library.

President Ainslie then introduced the evening’s speakers, Mary Ann Norton and Lorraine Bassett – members of the Membership Committee, along with Carrie Perkins Schnicker, who presented “Getting to Know BPW.”

**Birthdays:** Members in attendance celebrated the member with a March birthday – Mary Ann Dulumback – by singing “Happy Birthday to You.”

**Minutes:** Alishia Winkler reported that the minutes from the February General Meeting were published in the newsletter. Patty Brough made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mary Ann Norton seconded. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Not present.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sally Tiemann reported that the Treasurer’s Report had been emailed to members. There being no questions, the report was filed for audit. There were two bills: $30 from Office Products Center for Reality Store and $80.10 from the Sentinel for the Visions ad. Bev Virobik made a motion to pay the bills, and Ann Chappell seconded. The motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Bylaws:** No report.
- **Finance:** The 50/50 drawing was held by Stephanie House, with the winner, Mary Ann Norton, receiving $13.00. Stephanie then passed around the Brag Basket, which netted $32.00.
- **Issues Management:** No report.
- **Legislation:** Not present.
- **Membership:** Mary Ann Norton reported that 13 members will be recognized at Guest Night. They will be receiving certificates instead of pins this year.
- **Public Relations:** Patty Brough congratulated Cary Day on the article she had written for the Visions section in the Sentinel. The membership agreed that she did a great job.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Scholarship:** Tischa Daugherty reported that she had gone through the applications. There were 20 received from Centralia High School, one undergraduate, and two for the Over 25 category. She scheduled a Scholarship Committee meeting for March 12 at 11 a.m. at Monical’s to discuss how to distribute the $5,000. Because of the lack of active committee members, Tischa invited the general membership to the meeting.
- **Reality Store:** Sylvia Mahle reported that sign-up sheets were available for both the April 8 and April 26 Reality Stores. Rotary was helping recruit volunteers, as well, and Sylvia passed out flyers for members to hand out seeking additional volunteers.
- **Guest Night:** Diana Donahoo reminded members that the April General Meeting would be Guest Night. The theme is 90th Anniversary. The event will be at Cornerstone Church and tickets are available until April 6 for $15. They could be purchased at the meeting and also at the Centralia Regional Library from Diana.
- **Nominating Committee:** Mary Ann Norton presented the committee nominations and submitted the report to Recording Secretary Alishia Winkler. The nominations were as follows: President – Michele Garrison; Vice President – Alishia Winkler; Recording Secretary – Diana Donahoo; Corresponding Secretary – Diane Adams; and Treasurer – Sally Tiemann. There being no nominations from the floor, Sylvia Mahle made a motion to accept the candidates as nominated and to approve them by acclimation. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Archived Items:** Michele Garrison took the scrapbooks to the Centralia Historical Museum. The rest of the items were at President Ainslie’s home. It was recommended that the club purchase an inexpensive bookcase to display the scrapbooks at the museum. Mary Ann Norton made a motion to spend up to $50 on a bookcase. Patty Brough seconded. The motion carried. Michele Garrison agreed to pursue the bookcase with the Museum and to advise the members if the
cost would exceed the $50 limit as passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Leadership Development:** LaQuilia Graham’s paperwork was in order and had been submitted.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 4 – April Board Meeting
- April 8 – Reality Store at Centralia Junior High School
- April 12 – Equal Pay Day Rally
- April 13 – Guest Night
- April 26 – Reality Store at Alternative School

Lorraine Bassett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cary Day seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with the Emblem Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Alishia Winkler, Recording Secretary