



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club

Volume XCII – January/February 2020

Theme: Nevertheless, She Persisted

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2020

Maggiano's Little Italy, 205 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, PA

Networking: 6-6:30 pm ♦ Dinner: 6:30 p.m. ♦ Cost: \$30.00

To make your Dinner reservations, please call Pat Angelucci 215-661-2949

President's Message:

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Montgomery
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2019 – 2020*

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Nancy Werner

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President's Message:

Looking back to our CMC BPW, 2019 was a very eventful year. Full of programs, projects, and new members. We couldn't have asked for a more successful time. Our accomplishments were also noted at State Convention and we were thrilled the Alexis Werner become the State Young Careerist. It was definitely a Banner year as we celebrated 100 years of BPW! Our District Director thought so too.

But now, let's look forward to 2020. The 100th year of women receiving the right to vote. Back to back 100's that we get to celebrate. Let's embrace the moment for just maybe we will see Virginia become the 38th state to ratify the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment). Alice Paul would be delighted that it may finally become law. Keep listening and reading because it may happen soon.

We have so much to look forward to in the upcoming months. Our programs being presented by our members – Our Foundation, creating a career, elder care abuse, Then we have programs from individuals who consented to speak to us on topics such as: "Justice Bell of 1915, children's book author, pay equity, and Cribs for Kids. We are covered.

Our Montgomery County Community College scholarships have been covered by the BINGO event on December 1st. Our monthly raffles help to provide funds for the monthly programs.

One other important component is our membership totals. Thank you for spreading the word that we are an awesome group of BPW members who love to be "Women Helping Women",

So may we all have a healthy year and a year of BPW fellowship. Love being your CMC BPW President.

Fondly,
Nancy aka "Sparkles"

January Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Maggiano's Salad

Stuffed Mushrooms

Spinach & Artichoke al Forno

Main Course

Gnocchi & Italian Sausage

Eggplant Parmesan

Chicken Piccata

Dessert

Gigi's Butter Cake

Chocolate Zuccotto Bites

February Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Caesar Salad

Crispy Zucchini Fritte

Sausage & Peppers

Main Course

Four-Cheese Ravioli

Braised Beef al Forno

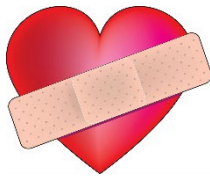
Chicken Marsala

Dessert

Vera's Lemon Cookies

Double Chocolate Brownie

News About Nancy



CMC President Nancy Werner underwent triple bypass surgery on Wednesday, January 8th. We are pleased to report that the surgery was a success and Nancy is resting and recovering. Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

January Dinner Meeting

We're lucky to have two great speakers at our meeting on January 16th!

- Jessica Lynn Libor is an artist, curator, event planner and CMC member and will talk about "Creating A Career".
- Our other speaker for January is CMC member Norma Zarfoss who will tell us the difference between the BPW Foundation and the PA BPW Foundation with "The Tale of Two Foundations".

February Dinner Meeting

Montgomery County Orphans' Court judges Lois Murphy and CMC member Cheryl Austin will talk about elder care abuse. More details to come.

Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

Did you watch the Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day? If you did, you saw the beautiful float celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. The float won the trophy for best interpretation of theme.

If you missed the parade, you can read about the float in the Winter Key, written by CMC President Nancy, on the BPW/PA website or you can watch the video on the Central Montgomery County BPW Facebook page.



ERA News

The Commonwealth of Virginia is poised to become the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment:

- On January 8th, ERA supporters greeted the Virginia legislators on as they entered the Virginia Capitol to begin the new sessions of the Senate and House of Delegates.
- On January 9th, the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee met and passed the amendment (SJ1) by a vote of 10 ayes and 5 no's to send SJ1 to the Senate floor.
- Next up – Senate Debate and Vote

New Year's Tips

- Police Departments are recommending that when writing the date 2020, write the year in its entirety. It could possibly protect you and prevent legal issues on paperwork and checks. For example, if you just write 1/1/20, someone could easily change it to 1/1/2017 and now your signature is on an incorrect document.
- To declutter your closet, turn your hangers so the hooks are pointing out. As you wear an article of clothing, hang it back up the correct way (hooks pointing in) and at the end of 6 months or at the end of the season, donate any clothes with the hooks facing the wrong way.

Happy Birthday to Our Members:

January

12 – Bonnie Dudley
22 – Pat Angelucci
22 – Maura (Mo) Gillen
30 – Renee Golden



February

12 – Agnes Ferrara

Dates to Remember:

- January 16, 2020** CMC Dinner Meeting, Maggiano's, 6:30 pm
- March 13-14, 2020** BPW/PA State Winter Board, State College, PA
The Board Meeting is open to all members. Please see President Nancy if you're interesting in attending.
- March 28, 2020** Locally Grown Showcase 2020!, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Indian Creek Foundation, 420 Cowpath Road, Souderton, PA
- April 18, 2020** District Eleven Spring District Meeting
Franconia Heritage Restaurant, 508 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA
- April 19, 2020** Quakertown BPW Annual Paddle Raffle, 12:00 pm
2183 Milford Square Pike, Quakertown, PA
- April 21, 2020** Power With Purpose Women's Summit, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie, PA
- June 11-4, 2020** BPW/PA 100th State Convention, York, PA

District 11 Project – Pill Bottle Donations

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over the counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments are recycled and may generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Sort bottles by color and type
- Remove labels leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.

Rinse and dry thoroughly.

Important Websites:

- Business and Professional Women's Foundation – www.bpwfoundation.org
- Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women's Clubs – www.bpwpa.org
- Central Montgomery County BPW – www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – www.montgomerycountychamber.org
- The Patch – patch.com/Pennsylvania/Norristown
- Benefit Mobile App – www.benefit-mobile.com