



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club

Volume XCII – March/April 2020

Theme: Nevertheless, She Persisted

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 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

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President's Message:

Dear CMC BPW Members,

Happy Springtime! What a wonderful time of the year when "new life" is appearing in our gardens and our small animals are reappearing. The weather is cooperating for walks. Couldn't be a nicer time of the year.

Hoping to see you next Thursday Night for a very informative evening with Amanda Owen, the researcher and historian of the Justice Bell. This was no ordinary bell but one forged in Troy, New York for all the women in Pennsylvania. The year was 1915 and on the ballot was the question of "VOTES TO WOMEN." It was a challenging time as the bell traveled through all 67 counties, visiting at town halls, factories, farms to speak to the MEN. It took the whole summer of 1915 but our foremothers persisted. Well, there is more to this story. Please come and bring a guest. Make sure to touch base with Becky Shoulberg and/or Pat Angelucci.

We are also thrilled to have Barbara Price, AAUW/PA Public Policy Chair, coming on April 16. Ginny Bailey was able to contact her for our Pay Equity Month. Our Pay Equity Rally in Harrisburg is being cancelled due to the PA Legislatures not being in session.

Hoping that some you will consider joining us for the Spring District Meeting on Saturday, April 18. There is so much learn about our next level of BPW. Plus you make a lot of new friends in the area of Bucks and Montgomery County.

While I am on that note, those York Peppermint Candies do add to our monthly dinner meetings but they are a reminder that we have our 100th BPW/PA Convention on June 11-14 in York, PA. I sure would love for you to consider coming for a day or two. It is so close for travel. I gave out forms and directions at the February meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please give me an email. Again it is all about the BPW learning on the highest level of our state and again, you make more friends than you can imagine. They will be back the following year(s) just looking to say hello to you. Trust me on that little note.

One more item, I truly wished to conduct an Individual Development Class that provides 15 modules of professional development. You learn about your behavior styles and how you relate to others, interviewing, networking, negotiating, and the list continues. Priscilla Brandon also was going to donate some of her time with the

March Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Chopped Salad

Mozzarella Marinara

Calimari Fritte

Main Course

Fettuccine Alfredo

Taylor Street Baked Ziti

Parmesan-Crusted Tilapia

Dessert

Apple Crostada

New York-Style Cheesecake

April Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Italian Tossed Salad

Crispy Zucchini Fritte

Sausage & Peppers

Main Course

Mom's Lasagna

Mediterranean Spaghetti

Chicken Parmesan

Dessert

Chocolate Zuccotto Cake

Spumoni

teaching but at this point, I think we should give a pass due the topic of the virus. Next year we will have a new updated IDP program that I hope to share with you.

Lastly, the Coronavirus is number one on our minds. We are planning to go ahead with next Thursday but I will seek the direction of Maggiano's. I have spoken to our speaker, Amanda Owen, and she lives in Ardmore. She will do whatever we ask. But I must be frank, I am still on the mend from open heart. Plus I have RA. Yes, I fit into the senior level of our society who have a compromised health situation. We need all be well and taking care of our hygiene. So let's see what happens by in our community by midweek.

Fondly,
Nancy

Sad News



It is with sadness we report the passing of long-time member Helen McDonald on February 20, 2020 at her home at Shannondell Retirement Community.

Helen was born in Philadelphia and retired from Unisys as a supervisor.

March Dinner Meeting



Our Justice Bell Program for the March Meeting is nationally known. Speaker Amanda Owen discovered the Justice Bell at the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel. Being a researcher and writer, she started the journey of learning about this famous bell of Pennsylvania. Her investigation led to a very informative period of the "Votes for Women" in the PA history of 1915. Come to the March meeting and learn about our foremothers who fought for

our freedom to vote. If you wish to know more about the bell and support its journey during 2020, please visit www.justicebell.com

Also at the March Dinner Meeting we will vote on the slate of officers for 2020-2021:

President – Nancy Werner
Vice President – Ginny Bailey
Recording Secretary – Cheryl Austin
Treasurer – Noreen Morello

Nominations may also be taken from the floor.

April Dinner Meeting



Without simple corrective policies that close gaps in current equal pay law, Pennsylvania women won't earn equal pay until the year 2068. Join us in April to hear AAUW/PA's Public Policy Chair, Barbara Price who will speak on pay equity, raising the minimum wage and the Family Care Act. Find out what we can do now to make sure Pennsylvania women see equal pay become a reality before 2068.

Spring District Meeting

District Eleven's Spring District Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Family Heritage Center in Franconia. Please let Treasurer Noreen Morello know by April 2 so she can send in our reservation. The cost is \$20. Come and learn about the district level and what the other locals in District Eleven are doing.

PA BPW Foundation Giving and the BPW Foundation



At our January Meeting, Norma Zarfoss presented information on the two Foundations that we support. There is a form to complete for each one. Please consider asking Noreen Morello for the form (s) of your choice. The PA BPW Foundation provides \$15000 worth of scholarships in a given year and CMC BPW has been most fortunate to have received funds from candidates from our LO. We need to hear from you in the next week for the BPW Foundation (National Level) by

March 15. Our PA BPW Foundation is due at our April 16 meeting. Thank you.

2020 BPW/PA State Convention

IT IS ONLY 2 HOURS AWAY. Our BPW/PA State Convention will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary on June 11-14, 2020 at the Wyndham Garden/York, 2000 Loucks Road, PA 17408. It should be quite the celebration. Please go to the <http://www.bpwpa.org> website and on the first page is the registration form. You can register online. For hotel reservations, you must call them directly. Call 717-846-9500.

You may select how long you wish to attend. The business days of the meeting are on June 12 and 13. Friday night is the fund raiser for the PA BPW Foundation and there will be a Basket Auction and Bingo Night. Our Saturday Night Banquet will be the awards and installation of new BPW/PA officers. Come and learn about the BPW and make many new friends. You will be surprised how many friends come back each year to find you.

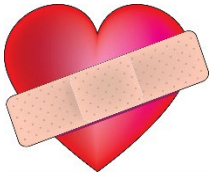
Convention Registration Instructions for member only

1. Click on 2018 Convention in Upcoming Events Box (middle of the home page). On the next page, scroll down and click on register in the blue box on the left side of screen. This will take you to a screen where your email address will show up. Click "next".
2. Click on whatever type of registration you want. Click "next".
3. Fill in Local, District, Official Capacity, don't enter anything in member name box at this time, then chose lunches, trips, Friday night event, banquet, etc. that you want. Click "next".
4. Next will be the "Review and Confirm" screen. If you made a mistake, click on "Back" and correct, then click "next". To pay online, click the blue pay online box; this will take you to PayPal. To pay by check, click on Invoice #XXXX (in blue). Print this screen. Remit with your check to: Jean Ann Towle, 248 West Rowe Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Conshohocken Irish Parade will hopefully be held on Saturday, March 28. Our Noreen Morello is very active in the planning and coordinating this very special day. Might it be that she is 100% Irish?



Get Well Soon!

In February, Barbara Jean Maresca also underwent heart surgery and we will her a speedy recovery.

****LAST CALL** District 11 Project – Pill Bottle Donations**

The March 19th Dinner Meeting will be the LAST DAY to bring your empty pill bottles.

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:

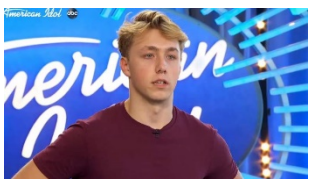
- Prescription and over the counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

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.

We Knew Him When ...



If you attended our Holiday Pot Luck in December, you'll remember our entertainment for the day, Louie Knight. Little did we know that Louis was about to become a contestant on American Idol. For his audition, he performed one of the songs he sang for us and was given a Golden Ticket! We wish Louie the best of luck so we can say we knew him when.



Happy Birthday to Our Members:

March

1 – Carol Szollose
18 – Lillian Coleman
27 – Priscilla Brandon



April

2 – Amy Kokoles
10 – Ginny Bailey
10 – Deb McDonald
11 – Nancy Werner
15 – Cheryl Decoteaux
19 – Jacqui Watson

Dates to Remember:

- March 13-14, 2020** BPW/PA State Winter Board, State College, PA – **Cancelled**
- March 19, 2020** CMC Dinner Meeting, Maggiano's, 6:30 pm
Speaker: Amanda Owen, Justice Bell and Women's Suffrage
- March 28, 2020** Locally Grown Showcase 2020 – **Postponed**
- April 16, 2020** CMC Dinner Meeting, Maggiano's, 6:30 pm
Speaker: Barbara Price, Pay Equity, Raising the Minimum Wage, and Family Care Act
- 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 11-14, 2020** BPW/PA 100th State Convention, York, PA

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