



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club
Volume XCIV – March 2021

Next Meetings – Thursday, March 18, 2021
via Zoom at 7:00 pm – Details to follow

President's Message:

Dear CMC BPW Members,



Women's History Month is my favorite time of the year but I love it all year round. It is what BPW supports - women and all our great abilities and achievements. Our mission is to empower working women to achieve their full potential and to partner with employers to build successful workplaces. That is exactly what we are doing every day. "Women Helping Women."

But here we are in March - the month of CMC BPW officer elections and another induction of new members by Noreen Morello. Ginny Bailey and I are excited to present our playlet, "Women of the Suffrage Movement." Now I will be asking 10 of you to join in the cast. We are hoping to have the screen share open that you can read right from the prompter, the computer screen. I will send out the play so you can practice first. There will be NO rehearsal. Please say "YES" when I ask you. Should be an evening of learning and fun.

We are still zooming along as we wait for our members to receive the COVID vaccine. Know some of you have received the Shot #2 while others are trying you hardest to find a site. I spoke AGAIN to Maggiano's on 3/1 specifically about our upcoming Spring District Meeting on April 24. Looks like Zoom will be the way to go. But we will continue to Zoom for the Board and General Meetings.

What a fabulous presentation by member, Barbara Jean Maresca, who shared her knowledge of the Laurel Hill Mansion. Set in the Philadelphia Park, this mansion is a magnificent piece of architecture and a tribute to the Rawle Family who maintained the house and gardens for many years.

Our guests, the Women of Greater Philadelphia, who now maintain the property joined us for the program. They loved it so much that they asked if they might join us for our March program. What a great alliance but I did negotiate a free tour of the Laurel Hill Mansion for our CMC BPW sometime in

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the distant future. Win-win.

Mydera Tailiah, an inspirational poet, presented a fabulous poem for us. Her poetic words flowed as to the times that we are experiencing. She also shared the educational lessons that she is providing for the children at her Norristown School. Remarkable presentation.

Game plan - 7:00 p.m. Start our meeting. Cover the short business, do inductions and then do Elections. At 7:30 p.m., our guests will arrive for our program. Short discussion afterwards.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of using the Zoom. We are a testament that it can be done efficiently and effectively. Thank you everyone. I am so very proud of all of YOU.

Hugs, Nancy



Musical Talent Wanted

Anyone interested in leading our members in singing the *Emblem Benediction* at the close of our meetings?

No auditions needed, just be ready to sing to the tune, *Blest Be The Ties That Bind*. If you're interested, please send President Nancy an email.

Thank you Susan Parsons Knab for being our guest vocalist at CMC's February meeting!

March Dinner Meeting



President Nancy and Ginny at Alice Paul's House in Mt. Laurel Township, New Jersey

Our March program will feature "The Women's Suffrage Story" written by Nancy Werner and Ginny Bailey. This playlet was met with rave reviews when performed as a special program for the Montgomery Township Historical Society.

President Nancy will be looking for CMC volunteers to take on the roles of these historic and courageous women. From Abigail Adams to Lena Madasin Phillips, you'll find out how these women fought for the right to vote and why we're fighting now for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Also at our March meeting we will hold the election of the 2021-2022 officers. The following slate of officers has been put forth by the Nominating Committee:

President – Ginny Bailey
Vice President – Deb MacDonald
Recording Secretary – Vanessa Perez
Treasurer – Noreen Morello
Corresponding Secretary – Trish Corvo



Nominations for all offices may be accepted from the floor.

Membership Chair Noreen will induct our newest members – Laura Miller, Kourtney Walter, and Allison Stanco-Aguilar. Welcome to new members!



Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and our need for social distancing, Central Montgomery County BPW will discontinue in-person meetings at Maggiano's until further notice.

Our meetings will continue via Zoom. Zoom invitations for meetings, held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, will be sent out by President Nancy Werner.

State Theme:

May Your Dreams Take Flight

District Theme:

Just Be

CMC Theme:

Nevertheless, She Persisted

Spring District Meeting

Spring District Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, April 24th at 9:00 am. Since CMC is the hostess for the meeting, it would be nice to have many of our members attend. If you're a new member, attending Spring District Meeting is a great way to see what happens at the District level and how the 5 locals in District Eleven make our District a success. The meeting is open to all members.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwuc-ihRD8qHNIISMBFuepWnUQQT00goZRQ>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Documents needed for the meeting will be emailed to those registered closer to the meeting date.

BPW BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR A ROSIE THE RIVETER



Mae Krier will turn 95 on March 21st!

As part of District 11's Adopt A Senior project, Greater Conshohocken BPW (GC BPW) has adopted Mae Krier, an original Rosie the Riveter. GC BPW is asking BPW/PA members across the State to take part in a birthday card shower for Mae and send her a card for her 95th birthday on March 21, 2021. It is a surprise, so please send birthday cards by **March 17th** to: Donna Jones, 33 Corson Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Include "For Mae" on the back flap of the envelope

NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY -MARCH 21 ST

Mae worked hard over the years, lobbying members of Congress. And in May and June 2004, the US House Con. Res. 413 and S. Con. Res.103, honoring the contributions of the "Rosie the Riveters" were passed. Mae continued her campaign, and finally got Congress to unanimously vote for a National Rosie the Riveter Day in 2017. National Rosie the Riveter Day officially began on March 21, 2017 (Mae's birthday), seven decades after World War II ended

Women's History Month

For Women's History Month, let's focus on a little known group who assisted the suffragettes and are helping women today – the Boy Scouts!

Then ... Boy Scouts at the 1913 Suffrage Parade (National Park Service)



In early March of 1913, 1,500 Boy Scouts from DC, Maryland, Georgia, New Jersey, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Virginia traveled to Washington, DC. They were there to help the Inaugural Committee handle crowds in the nation's capital during the inauguration of President-Elect Woodrow Wilson. On March 3, 1913, however, they found themselves keeping the peace and rendering aid at a very different event.

March 3 was the day before President-Elect Wilson's inauguration. It was the day targeted by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns and the National American Woman Suffrage Association for the Woman Suffrage Procession. The Procession, comprised of more than 5,000 marchers

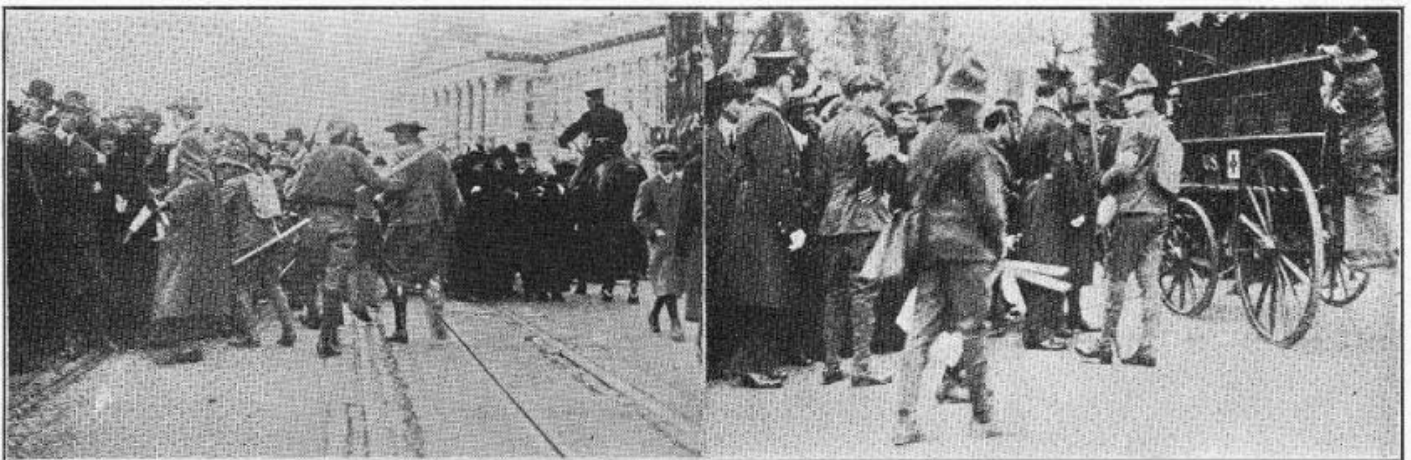
from across the country, was held to pressure Wilson to guarantee women's access to the vote. As well as the thousands of people present for the Procession, DC was also bursting with those in town for Wilson's inauguration. Thousands of them filled the streets. A photo (above) taken from the Willard Hotel shows a sea of people. Suffragists were heckled, blocked from marching, and subject to violence. Unable to escape the massive crowds, people were also fainting in the streets.

DC police were unable to control the crowds or to protect the suffragists. Into the fray went the 1,500 Boy Scouts, armed with batons and first aid kits. With their batons, they held back crowds and fashioned stretchers to carry those who had fainted. Afterwards, suffragists and anti-suffragists expressed their gratitude to the Boy Scouts for imposing order and rendering aid. The DC police were subject of a congressional inquiry into their inability to control the crowds.

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BOYS' LIFE

April, 1913



CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE BOY SCOUTS MADE THEMSELVES USEFUL

And now ... Nearly 1,000 girls become first female Eagle Scouts

By **NORAH O'DONNELL CBS NEWS** February 23, 2021, Last Updated Feb 23, 2021 7:22 PM EST



Becoming an Eagle Scout is a rare honor. But they don't just give it out — a Scout has to earn it. Two years after [girls were first allowed into the Boy Scouts](#), almost 1,000 of them rose to the top rank of Eagle Scout. CBS News spoke with some of the first young women who can call themselves Eagle Scouts.

"I don't think any of us really thought this day would come," said Kendall Jackson. "For me to be a part of that first class and say that I did it, I'm really proud of myself."

Only 6% of Scouts ever make it to the top. It takes at least 21 merit badges, a large service project and a commitment to leadership. Some of the girls were set on proving that they were just as capable of doing everything that boys could accomplish.

"As a girl, when I stepped up to leadership positions I was often called bossy, which is a terrible thing to tell any young girl who is stepping up and trying to help out a group. Scouting taught me how to be a great leader," Isabella Tunney said.

For many of these young women, scouting is part of their history.

"My brother's Eagle, my grandpa and his brother are Eagle, my great grandfather, had he not been called off to go to World War II, would have gotten his Eagle," Gabby Mayrend said.

On Sunday, the Scouts hosted an online ceremony to welcome the new group of female role models.

"Eagle Scout is so much more than a medal or an award. It's an expectation and a lifestyle. It means that you're a role model to your community every day of your life. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle," said Lyndsey Nedrow, who earned the rank with her sister, Lauren.

"Everyone that's in Scouts has a little bit of 'I want to change the world' in them," said Lauren Nedrow.

MCCC Scholarship Recipients:



Dear Most Generous Donor,

I would like to thank you for all that you are doing to help students at Montgomery County Community College through the Montgomery County Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship. I was filled with so much joy when I learned that I was selected to receive this scholarship. It is an honor to be chosen and I am sincerely moved by your support.

My current major is computer science and I am working hard towards graduating with my Associate's in Science so that I can apply all that I've learned towards getting my Bachelor's degree. Once obtained, I plan on working as a software engineer, with the goal of making someone's life easier through technology. I also want to give back by providing beginner friendly classes to younger students who may have no experience with computer science or may just need that extra support to pursue it.

As a female in technology, it is easy to see that there are far less women in tech than men. Many times, I am one of three or four women in a class of 30 so I am really grateful that I have so many

wonderful, established, female tech leaders to turn to when I need it. This has helped me realize that others need that support also, hence, why I'd like to teach and provide support.

This all wouldn't be possible without your financial assistance so thank you so much for your generosity. It really does help tremendously and eases my mind so that I can focus on my studies. I will continue to work hard and strive to be the best that I can be.

Sincerely,
Olivia Watson-Bonthu

Dear Foundation Donor,

I am beyond grateful to hear that I was selected for the amazing *Central Montgomery County Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship*! I am honored by your support! I am currently attending classes full-time and working towards a Fine Arts degree with intentions to further my study in sculpture and design. I am paying college out of pocket and doing my best to graduate without large loans and debt over my head. Your financial help is a true blessing in bringing me closer to my goals. I will continue to work hard and keep my grades in good standing along the way. Your generosity is inspiring. I will extend my hand and help others when and where I can. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,
Deanna Husk
(No picture was included)



Dear CMC BPW Donor,

My name is Rosemary Miller and I am one of the recipients of the 2020 Central Montgomery County Business & Professional Women's Club Scholarship. I am writing today to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am currently majoring in Accounting with the hopes of completing a bachelor's degree as well as the requirements to test for my CPA. I have worked hard to maintain my Grade Point Average of 4.0 while running a small business and caring for my children. The financial assistance you are providing will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses and achieving my goals.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I will continue to work hard, strive for academic excellence, and eventually give back to others, both as an accountant and possibly with a scholarship for future students like myself.

Sincerely,
Rosemary T. Miller

CMC Member News

This Month we'll hear from CMC member and REALTOR® Crystal Metzler:

Hello Fellow BPW Members!

The last time I was asked to write an article like this it was for the: American Women's Group in Amsterdam where I served as the Membership Director. It was the start of an 8 -year journey abroad where I would serve mostly in a supportive role for my husband in the Pharmaceutical Industry. It was an amazing experience and

eventually we ended up here in Malvern, Pennsylvania where I have finally begun to put down roots and become an Independent working woman for the first time in 42 years.

I love what I do for work and I truly think I finally found my calling as a REALTOR® It did not come easy to me, but most things worth having don't – the fact that it took me so long to really gain any traction in the Industry gave me the time to learn that this is absolutely the Career I want. Being a REALTOR® gives me the chance to utilize all the skills and things I love most: design, marketing, homes, people. I have a BA from University of Boston in Psychology, which helps me tremendously in this Industry. It also makes me a great person to talk to if you have any friends or family thinking about a career in Real Estate. My brokerage is eXp which is the true Amazon of the Real Estate world and the fastest growing brokerage in the world.

I do not specialize in any particular types of homes; I specialize in relationships with people and helping them buy or sell with the least amount of stress and for the best price. Feel free to contact me with any question Real Estate related and also reach out just in general. I'd love to get to know you all better! See you all at the next Zoom (Can't wait to see Ginny and Nancy's skit.) I hope you are all enjoying this Spring weather as much as me!

More Member News

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers - Alexis Werner on the passing of her grandmother and Cheryl Austin who is still commuting to Florida to take care of her mother and father. Also send thoughts and prayers to Susan Parsons Knab on the passing of her husband Ben. Susan is not a member of CMC but is active in District Eleven, even after moving to Costa Rica, and has been a frequent guest at CMC meetings.

Standing and Special Committee Reports

In order to conduct our Zoom meetings in a timely manner, President Nancy will be asking all committee chairs to submit a brief report to be included monthly in *The Banner*. Whether you have some news to share or would just like to give our members (especially our new members) a brief overview of your committee, all reports are welcome.

CMC Directory

Please make note of President Nancy's new email address – nancy.werner73@gmail.com Don't forget to add the period between Nancy and Werner and please use this email address for all correspondence.

Social Media

Just a reminder that the CMC and BPW/PA Facebook pages and websites are open to the public. If you're on Facebook, enter Central Montgomery County BPW or BPW/PA in the search bar. Many locals in District Eleven and Pennsylvania also have Facebook pages which provide interesting information about their locals. The Central Montgomery County website is www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org and for BPW/PA – www.bpwpa.org.

Public Relations – Becky Shoulberg

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce member events, news and programs/offere are in the Chamber weekly email newsletter and shared on their Facebook and website. It is nice to see our events included.Your CMC membership gives you access to events. Be sure to RSVP to them directly as a CMC BPW member. I look forward to some in person outdoor meet ups. I am double dosed, double masked and ready to mingle...at a distance! Who wants to join me?

Be sure to follow our club FB page too and invite your peers and family to our Zoom meetings! Everyone can do PR!

Ways and Means – Becky Shoulberg



Benefit

CMC Members, we need more of you to participate in Benefit Mobile free phone app. Online purchases or in person purchases earn back a percentage from participating merchants. When we met at Maggiano's, 8% of our total bill that we got back reimbursed our tip and speaker expenses! That was a huge financial windfall! Use Benefit Mobile to pay at Amazon, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart and almost 200 more stores, restaurants, airlines, grocery stores..too many to list! This week, I earned \$ 5 for CMC on a \$45 pillow purchase at Boscov's. \$.50 at Starbucks. \$4 at Target. I am averaging well over \$20 month, not including Ray's purchases. Mo and others are earning for us too! Please sign up and know that Escrips is alive and well for you too and they are the "parent" to Benefit Mobile. Designate Central Montgomery County BPW.

www.benefitmobile.org

Empty Medicine Vials – Nancy Werner

SAVE THOSE MEDICINE VIALS, PLEASE. Some of you have asked about where they are going. There is a business in Cincinnati, Ohio called Matthew 25: Ministries which accepts these donations of empty plastic pill bottles. They in turn recycle them to European sources to be used in the distribution of pills. We will meet again, and I am ready to accept all your unwanted vials. I am sure that they will appreciate our contributions. I have their address.

Happy Birthday to our Members!



March

Carol Szollose – March 1

Bayley Saffier – March 10

Trish Corvo – March 11

Lillian Coleman – March 18

Mae Krier – March 21


Mae is one of the original "Rosie the Riveters" and will be turning 95!

Priscilla Brandon – March 27

Dates to Remember

Women's History Month

March 18 – CMC Monthly Meeting via Zoom

March 20 – First Day of 

April 8 – CMC Board Meeting via Zoom
**** NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE ****

April 15 – CMC Monthly Meeting via Zoom

April 15 – Contest entries for Issues Management, Legislation, Public Relations

April 24 – Spring District Meeting via Zoom

June 10-13 – BPW/PA 101st Annual State Convention via Zoom

Save The Dates

Sunday, December 5, 2021 - BINGO! This is our fund raising event for our two scholarships for the Montgomery County Community College. At Maggiano's. More information to come later.

Important Websites:

- 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
- Twilight Wish Foundation – twilightwish.org