



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club

Volume XCII – November/December 2019

Theme: Nevertheless, She Persisted

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 21, 2019

Maggianno'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:

**Central
Montgomery
County
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2019 – 2020**

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Members,

President's Message:

How fast the year travels and we have the busiest time of year upon us. BUT, before we go there, I am hoping that you are thinking of all your blessings. I am thankful for my family, friends, and neighbors, and even my two little Pekingese. But one comes to my mind that I live in a country that defines our freedoms and provides us the opportunity to pursue our dreams. None of our freedoms would be possible if it were not for our men and women in the armed forces. In 2014-2016, our BPW/PA focused on women veterans and the Mary Walker House located on the Veteran's Hospital Campus in Coatesville. I am so proud that our CMC BPW never forgot these women and that we still make them a priority each year. Mo Gillen has been coordinating this project for us and we will be visiting them on November 20. At the November 21 meeting, we will be again fortunate to have Mo Gillen, our member, speak to us about what it is like to be a veteran. Try to thank a veteran whenever you can. We will also be having our District Director Melissa Wieand joining us.

We have two big CMC BPW events coming: December 1 is our BINGO project. It has to be the best way to earn the funds for our MCCC Scholarship Fund. Then on December 14, we will have our Holiday Pot Luck Gathering. We are providing gifts for the residents of the Laurel House and I am thrilled to share that Beth Sturman and Alice Blennen will be joining us. We would enjoy you bringing your children and grandchildren to the party. We are hoping to have entertainment. Just let me know your food dish and the ages of the children.

Please read further in The Banner more details to both of these events. Yes, BPW does put some "busy and fun" into the coming few weeks but after December 14, you can bake, decorate, sing, and enjoy the Holidays with your family. It's definitely the most wonderful time of the year! Again, Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Fondly,
Nancy

November Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Maggiano's Salad
Mozzarella Marinara
Calamari Fritte

Main Course

Orecchiette Chicken Pesto
Mushroom Ravioli al Forno
Parnesan-Crusted Tilapia

Dessert

New York Style Cheesecake
Spumoni

State Theme:

Reach Beyond the Stars –
Stronger, Together, Advocating,
Resources, Survivors

State Project:

PCADV – Pennsylvania
Coalition Against Domestic
Violence

District 11 Theme:

Be Kind

Visit to the Mary Walker House

Mo Gillen, our Women Joining Forces Chair, has planned for us to visit the women veterans on Wednesday, November 20 from 12:00 pm to 2:00pm. Last week was rather busy for them so we are doing a pre-Holiday gathering. We will be providing a meal courtesy of the Grand Lux Café and doing a fun arts and craft activity with those veterans who can attend. Mo has shared that we have Bonnie Dudley, Pearl Smith, Sally Shaw, Cheryl Decoteaux, Deb McDonald, and Nancy Werner joining her. If you would be interesting, please give Mo a call – 757-602-9651 (cell).



November Dinner Meeting

Honoring the men and women who have served our country will be our focus as Maura (Mo) Gillen presents her look at the veterans of today. As a retired Army officer, Mo continues to dedicate her time and talent to fellow veterans.

District Eleven Director Melissa Wieand will be joining us for the evening for our Official Visit.

We will also welcome 7 new members to CMC: Linda Bean, Jessica Libor, Angela Lutz, Latoya Saulsberry, Bev Weinberg, Babette Walter, and Lorri Darbes. Membership Chair Noreen Morello will conduct the induction ceremony.

Please join us for this interesting program and come meet our District Eleven Director!

BINGO SOLD OUT!

All our 120 tickets have been sold! Yes, it's true! If you ordered any tickets, please come to the November Meeting ready to pay for them. Noreen Morello is in charge of the tickets sales. If you know that you might not make it BINGO, please let Becky or Noreen know. We have a waiting list.

Also, remind your guests to bring extra funds for the raffle tickets, more BINGO sheets, and the Norristown State Hospital tree. And, if you have daubers and good luck charms, bring them along! It will be a FUN afternoon as we work to earn funds for our Montgomery County Community College Scholarships.

Kudos to Becky and her committee, Patti Klemp and Vanessa Perez for helping to get all the prizes prepared. Pat Angelucci for being our BINGO caller, Noreen Morello for the ticket sales, and finally a huge thank you to Maggiano's for their willingness to make our meal, add another table, and provide our attendees with a little box of candy and a coupon.

Holiday Gathering – Come One, Come All, Bring your children and grandchildren!

We are planning a wonderful afternoon for you, our members and children on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 pm to 4:00. It will be held at the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center, 1030 Horsham, Road, Montgomeryville, PA (North Wales if using GPS). We would like to try a Pot Luck Meal where everyone brings something to enjoy. We will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting. We will have two special guests: Beth Sturman and Alice Brennen from Laurel House. We are sharing their wish list with you in hopes that you might purchase something for the women, men and children who are residing at the Laurel House. **DO NOT WRAP!** They have elves who are just waiting to wrap for them for us.

Laurel House Holiday Wish List

- Boy Pajamas (all sizes –Toddler-Junior)
- Girl Pajamas (all sizes –Toddler-Junior)
- Children’s Thermal Undershirts & Long Underwear (all sizes)
- Slippers (women and children’s)
- Warm Blankets (twin beds)
- New Twin-sized Sheets
- Blow Dryers
- Pantyhose (darker colors – med., large, and plus size)



Beth has secured entertainment for us and he will be joining us.

Barbara Jean Maresca is forming a decorations committee so the room will be festive.

For reservations, please contact Nancy Werner at 215-679-6687 or alnancy47@verizon.net. Let her know your dish and if you have any children coming. Nancy has already made connection with Crayola in Easton, PA for items for the Laurel House children and items for our children. We want to give Becky and Pat this month off since they are doing the BINGO event. They will be back on duty in January.

Please complete the attached sheet on how much you spent on your item(s) for the Laurel House. We are “Women Helping Women” but also their families at this special time of year. This is voluntary but if you could share the amount with Treasurer Noreen, it would be helpful.



CMC in the News!

Did you read the BPW BUZZ? It is sent out to every member in the BPW/PA organization every Monday via the internet. We must have your email address for you to receive this email. CMC has been featured in the BUZZ a few times. Thank you to PR Chair Becky!

How about the latest edition of The Key? Did you find the Star? Hint: Find the CMC BPW article and maybe it might “Sparkle” for you!

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.

Condolences for two special people



BPW/PA was saddened by the passing of Past President Denise Clawson on Saturday, November 2. Denise has served the state organization well over the past 15 years. She was responsible for starting the BPW/PA Pay Equity Quilt in her Indiana local. After serving as BPW/PA Treasurer she went on to become President. Always willing to assist, she really kept our state organization alive during some trying times after BPW/USA folded. She will be missed and we extend our prayers and sympathy to her husband, sons, the Indiana LO, and District 2.

CMC BPW is saddened to report the passing of Philip M. Zarfoss, of Dallastown on Sunday, October 27. Philip is the brother of CMC member Norma Zarfoss. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Norma and her family.

Happy Birthday to Our Members:

November

- 7 – Patricia Klemp
- 14 – Becky Shoulberg
- 23 – Pearl Smith
- 27 – Barbara Jean Maresca



December

- 7 – Maria Mastrosante
- 12 – Virginia Frantz
- 18 – Bev Weinberg

Dates to Remember:

- December 1** CMC BPW BINGO, Maggiano's, 2:00 pm
- December 14** CMC Holiday Gathering, Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center, 1:00 pm\
- January 3, 2020** CMC Board Meeting, Regina Nursing Center, 6:30 pm

Individual Development Program

Saturday, January 11 and 18, 2020

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Place: Family Caregivers Network, 901 Main Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073

Sponsored by Upper Perkiomen BPW – contact gforiglio@family-caregivers.com or call 610-390-7531

- January 17, 2020** CMC Dinner Meeting, Maggiano's, 6:30 pm
- March 13-14, 2020** BPW/PA State Winter Board, State College, PA
- June 11-4, 2020** BPW/PA 100th State Convention, York, PA