



The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club

Volume XCII – October 2019

Theme: Nevertheless, She Persisted

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 17, 2019

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 reservation, please call Pat Angelucci 215-661-2949 by October 14th.

President's Message:

Dear Members,

What a busy month we have in October! Domestic Violence Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our State BPW project for the year is the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This statewide collaborative membership organization is committed to ending intimate partner violence. Founded in 1976, PCADV is the oldest statewide domestic coalition in the nation. The statistics are more than startling when we read that 10 million people are abused each year in the US. That's 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience severe physical violence. The list of stats continue. Our BPW/PA President Dawn Berkebile selected this project in tribute to her sister.

We have invited Beth Sturman, Executive Director, and Britni Harris of the Laurel House to be our speakers at the October 17th Meeting. They will provide information on what they are doing for the women in our community. We are asking if you might consider providing a gift card of \$10, \$15 or \$20 that can be extended to these women. (Ginny will provide a list of venues in the newsletter.) Also, might you wear purple and/or pink? BOTH ARE VOLUNTARY. I am only asking that you consider.

But we persist, it is also National Business Women's Week during October 20-26. Proclamations have been secured from Governor Wolf (thank you Ginny) and our County Commissioners (thank you Noreen). I plan to attend the Commissioner's Meeting on Thursday, October 17th to receive it. CMC BPW displays will be placed in the King of Prussia Library and the Norristown Library. (thank you Becky) Becky has also scheduled an appearance with Hank Cisco on the cable TV on October 30th.

We also have our District 11 Meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at the McCool's Entertainment and Arts Building. (4 Main St., Quakertown) I know it is an early morning rise and a distance, but I do want to invite all of you to come and attend. Here we learn what every LO has decided for their yearly goals. Then we learn from the District Officers and Standing and Special Committee Chairs what they are planning. It is only the morning hours. You would be home soon after noon if you travel the NE Turnpike. Let Noreen Morello know if you would like to attend. The cost is \$23.00. We give her cash or checks payable to CMC BPW.

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October Dinner Meeting (served family style)

Starters

Maggiano's Salad
Crispy Zucchini Fritte
Prince Edward Island
Steamed Mussels

Main Course

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Mom's Lasagna
Chicken Saltimbocca

Dessert

Gigi Butter Cake
Creme Brulee

State Theme:

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

State Project:

PCADV – Pennsylvania
Coalition Against Domestic
Violence

District 11 Theme:

Be Kind

President's Message Continued

On the District 11 Board, we have Noreen Morello as our District Treasurer, Ginny Bailey as our District Legislation Chair (She is also State Chair) and Nancy Werner as our District Public Relations Chair and KEY Reporter.

It sure would be wonderful to have more of you involved. Now I am already tired but a very good tired to share the "Women Helping Women" mantra that we have used for years.

See you real soon.

Nancy

October Dinner Meeting

Our speakers for October and Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be Beth Sturman and Britni Harris from Laurel House. President Nancy has purchased small gift bags for gift cards so we are asking our members to provide gift cards in \$5, \$10, or \$25 amounts for the following stores:

- Wawa
- Target
- Walmart
- Amazon
- Home Depot
- Uber/Lyft
- CVS/Rite Aid
- Shop Rite
- Gas Stations
- Lowe's

Don't forget to wear something purple or pink!



Happy Birthday to our Members!

September

20 – Norma Zarfoss
23 – Agnes Ferreira

October

12 – Noreen Morello
28 – Latoya Saulsberry



Time Change for November Board Meeting

The Board Meeting on Thursday, November 7th will start at 6:30 pm. The meetings are held at the Regina Nursing Center and all members are welcome to attend.

Proposed CMC Bylaws Change

Current:

ARTICLE XV **STANDING COMMITTEES/SPECIAL** **APPOINTEES**

- Section 1. The standing committees of the local organization shall be bylaws, finance, foundation, legislation, membership, individual development, issues management, public relations and young careerist.
- Section 2. To be eligible to serve as a chair or as a member of a standing committee, a member must:
- (a) Be in good standing and
 - (b) Officially and publicly support the Pennsylvania Legislative Platform.
- Section 3. Committee chairs and members shall be appointed for a term of one year and may be re-appointed. No person shall serve more than two consecutive years on the same committee.**

Proposed:

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Approved by the Board 10/3/19

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania

***Question:** Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of the rights, so they can enforce them?*

Marsy's Law will be a ballot question on the November 5th ballot because it seeks to amend the Pennsylvania constitution to give crime victims' rights equal to those already afforded to the accused and convicted.

We can all agree that no rapist should have more rights than the victim. No murderer should be afforded more rights than the victim's family. Marsy's Law would ensure that victims have the same co-equal rights as the accused and convicted – nothing more, nothing less. Marsy's Law is not a partisan issue. Giving crime victims co-equal rights is an issue that Republicans and Democrats in all four caucuses are in supporting. In fact, Marsy's Law passed unanimously in both the Pennsylvania House and Senate during the 2017-2018 legislative session.

Please consider voting "yes" for this ballot question. For more information on Marsy's Law, please visit - www.marsyslawforpa.com.

National Business Women's Week

The concept of **National Business Women's Week®** originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927.

The first annual observance of NBWW was held April 15-22, 1928, when National President Lena Madelin Phillips opened the week with a nationally broadcast speech. She stated that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world."

From this early effort, NBWW has grown into a nationwide salute to all workingwomen. The program for the first observance of NBWW included: Legislative Day devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women; Education Day devoted to emphasizing the need for equitable educational opportunities; Club Rally Day for prospective new members; Community Day honoring leaders in the community; and Goodwill Day devoted to working with other women's organizations.

In 1938, NBWW was moved to the third full week of October. U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing NBWW and the contributions and achievements of working women. The celebration of **National Business Women's Week®** has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.



LAST CALL! District 11 Fall District Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Place: McCoolle's Red Lion Inn
4 South Main Street
Quakertown, PA 18951

Schedule:

8:15 am – 8:30 am Registration
8:30 am – 9:15 am Breakfast Buffet
9:15 am – 9:45 am Memorial Service
9:45 am – 12:00 pm Fall District Business Meeting

Cost: Breakfast Buffet - \$20.00 + Registration - \$3.00 = Total - \$23.00

Deadline: Thursday, October 11, 2019
Add \$2.00 if postmarked after the deadline date.

If you're interested in attending, let Noreen know.

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.
- Replace lids on clean, dry bottles.
- Place clean, recapped bottles in large ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles". These will be blended with medical supplies.

Bring your pill bottles to CMC meetings or District meetings.

Visit to the Mary Walker House

Mo Gillen has confirmed that our next visit to the Mary Walker House in Coatesville will be Wednesday, November 20th from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. More details will be forthcoming!



September's Meeting

At the September meeting, Jay Browning and colleague Krissy Freeman from Montgomery County Community College were happy to receive a \$2,000 check for scholarships from CMC President Nancy Jean Werner. Sally Shaw is a retired MCCC Counselor.

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

Don't forget to vote on November 5th!

CMC Bingo – Save the Date!

Sunday, December 1, 2019

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Maggiano's Ballroom

For \$35 you get buffet meal with three entrees, salad, appetizers and dessert. Each person gets a box of truffles, a \$10 off of \$30 coupon for a future visit and the club earns a \$50 gift card for every \$500 we spend! Raffles and prizes will be donated by area merchants, restaurants and entertainment vendors. Extra sheets will be available for sale. Invite family and friends and reserve your tables ASAP by telling me. We do sell out!

All proceeds benefit MCCC scholarships and remember the NSH money tree for their Patient Fund.

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.centralmontgomerycountypw.org
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – www.montgomerycountychamber.org