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Be Powerful Women We Have the Power!

Join Powerful Women in Action at BPW/OHIO Conference in Columbus Ohio



**All Members of the
Ohio Federation of
Business and Profes-
sional Women's Clubs
are hereby called to
the 95th Annual
meeting on May 15-
17, 2015 at the
Crowne Plaza North,
Columbus, Ohio.
Conference proce-
dures will be gov-
erned by Article XII
Sections 1-8; Article
XIII Sections 1-4;
Article XVII Sections 1
- 6; Article XXII of the
Federation Bylaws.**

*Kathy
Kellums*

BPW/OH President
2014-2015

The actions of Powerful Women, your fellow BPW members are coming together to present a powerful 95th state conference. The 2015 Conference committee's ideas and efforts will bring speakers and seminars to educate, inform and inspire. Fun filled events and a 95 year celebration of BPW/OHIO will occur at the Crown Plaza Columbus North Hotel from Friday May 15th through Sunday May 17th.

We want each of you to experience BPW in action; whether it is attending a seminar, participating at a board meeting, listening to a speaker or during a business session.

Activities and events are meant to have

fun while networking, socializing and to take in knowledge.

This edition of the OBW contains detail about the daily events, speakers and entertainment planned for your enjoyment. Our intent is to provide something of interest for everyone.

Join other Powerful Women in Action.

We officially extend an invitation to all members to join us at the 95th BPW/OHIO State Conference at the Crown Plaza Columbus North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio from May 15-17, 2015.

BPW/OHIO State Conference Chair
Charisse Kellums

Have you wondered how to acknowledge a BPW Powerful Woman from across the state, in your local or region?

Do you want to congratulate a fellow member on a job well done?

Does someone deserve well wishes or a thank you?

Please use the Conference Program Book Advertisement form included inside to create a "Power Praise".

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Be Powerful Women...You have the Power.

Thank you for using your power to make a difference...remember **"At any given moment, you have the POWER to say "this is not how the story is going to end"**. I hope you helped a woman along the way.

We are coming to the home stretch of the 2014-2015 federation year, with the culmination of our ID and YC competitions on April 11th. The winners of the state ID and YC competitions will present their speeches at the Saturday night banquet at state conference. Also on April 11th, the five (5) region Legislation Chairs, along with the state Legislation Chair will decide the 2015-2016 State Legislation Platform for presentation to the state board meeting on Friday, May 15 for approval to be sent to the general membership at the Sunday business session for final approval.

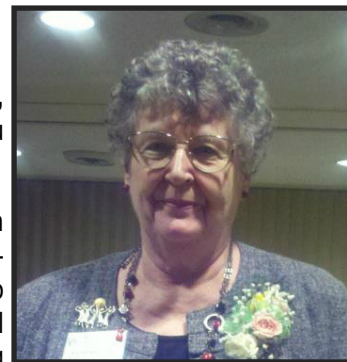
As you know our web site has been down since October, due to circumstances beyond our control. Finally, I am pleased to inform you that we have signed a contract for our web site and it is in process of being created...the new site is ohiobpw.org. If you need any information regarding any of the state programs, email the state chair or me and we can send you the information. Be sure to send your information in for Membership and Issues Management awards. We also found out our printer went out of business on Dec. 31st and never told us until we sent the OBW on January 19th, needless to say we had to move quickly, but we had a new printer on the 19th and saved BPW/OHIO money.

Don't forget that membership will again be discounted \$10 for any new members as a result of an Equal Pay Day event in April. **To qualify for the discount, new members' dues must be in our lockbox by April 30. Fifth Third Bank processes the monies on the day they receive them, you must allow enough time for your local post offices to process the mail. I would suggest no later than before 5PM on April 24th.**

One of my goals this year was to have every local sponsor an American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State attendee. If we believe that young women need to be encouraged to become good citizens and to participate in the political process, there is no better way than to support this program. **Please inform us if you supported Buckeye Girls State.**

Plan to attend our 95th annual state conference...95 years of Women helping Women! Charisse Kellums, Conference Chair and her committee have put together a great conference, seminars, speakers and a vendor fair, plus a celebration of our 95 years on Friday evening. Roslyn Ridgeway, chair of the BPW/Foundation will be our keynote speaker on the Friday opening session as well as updating us at the Saturday business session on the BPW/Foundation. Our own PSP Trecia Kimes Brown will also be speaking at the Saturday business session on the Power of Persistence. Everything you need to know about the state conference is in this OBW, look through the information and make plans to attend the conference at the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus OH; May 14-17, 2015. Book your rooms as soon as possible.

It has been a pleasure, sometimes challenging, to serve as the 95th president of BPW/OHIO; I wish BPW/OHIO much success in the future.



Sharon McTigue, President BPW/OHIO Women's Retirement Foundation



ATTENTION BPW/OHIO members – ACT NOW – do not miss this opportunity.

You have the power to make a difference in someone's career with the State Tested Nursing Assistant Scholarship. The next **scholarship deadline is March 31, 2015.**

You have the Power to make a difference in your community with a \$500 Grant for a non-profit (501c3) or government facility that supports non-profit/low income subsidized senior housing. The **Grant deadline is April 15, 2015.**

Details are on the website www.ohiobpw.org or email me at mctiquet@yahoo.com to request forms.



Meet the BPW/OHIO 2015-2016 President

Leona Phillips

Keeping the Flame Alive!

What a whirlwind of activities going on to bring the April 11 Leadership Training Meeting to you. Please plan to join us for the day. We will be meeting in the Greenhouse room where you will feel like you are outside. This is going to be an action packed day. I will be introducing the 2015-2016 Board Members to you. We have Cathy Allen, owner of CreativeOptionC, speaking on a "Better Board". We have the Young Careerist and the Individual Development speak-offs for the coveted state title. We will have the Legislation Committee reviewing the legislative platform to be presented to the membership at conference in May. This is a great time to meet the dedicated BPW members throughout the state. So many reasons to attend.

We are all coming together for that feeling that we are all part of something great and doing what we need to do to improve the lives of women no matter how big or small. We will continue to work together extending a helping hand and being supportive of each other. We need to encourage women to step into a new position that would enrich their experiences of life. Mentoring is the key for improvement no matter what our age. Because in reality we do want to see everyone succeed in their lives and in their endeavors. And remember the best laid plans can have a hiccup, we just keep working toward the ultimate goal. I look forward to serving you next year and am extremely excited to show you my plans. Come join me in "Keeping the Flame Alive" by mentoring for new leadership

Please mark your calendars for April 11 and get your registration forms in to join us at the Buxton Inn in Grandville.

Shirley Jones, Chair - BPW/OHIO Legislation

This week in the Ohio Legislature March 1-7

The budget is still topping the agenda, with testimony expected this week from Job and Family Services, the Department of Public Safety, the state's mental health and drug addiction services agency, state utility regulators and the consumers' counsel, which advocates for utility customers. A House committee will hear about a bill that seeks to control algae blooms; a bill on that topic has already passed the Senate.

Two bills on higher education get Senate committee hearings: one that would require universities to come up with plans to cut costs by 5 percent, and another to allow a maximum \$10,000 income tax deduction for college savings.

And for the third time, the so-called "Heartbeat Bill" comes to a House committee. It would ban abortion after the first detected fetal heartbeat. There are enough sponsors in the House for it to pass, if it does eventually go to the floor.

Please call your Representatives to let them know BPW/Ohio supports women's reproductive rights.



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Penny Pelikan Dehner, Chair - BPW/OHIO Nominating Report

No nominations were received for the office of Recording Secretary. This is an extremely important position and requires the individual to record the business of the federation. Per BPW/OHIO Policies and Procedures the duties of the Recording Secretary are as follows:

Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

- a. Call any official meeting to order in the absence of the President and Vice President and preside until a Chair Pro Tem is elected.
- b. Report the interim action of the Executive Committee at each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- c. Report the interim action of the Board of Directors at the State Annual Meeting.
- d. Provide the President with a statement of any unfinished business to come before each specific meeting of the Federation.
- e. Prepare revisions to the BPW/Ohio Policies and Procedures Manual, as approved by the Board of Directors, for publication and distribution by the President.
- f. Forward original copies of all minutes, records and letters of value to her successor.
- g. Participate in the State Leadership School as requested by the President-elect.

It is not too late! You can still serve as BPW/OHIO Recording Secretary for the 2015-2016 federation year. All offices can still accept nominations from floor of BPW/OHIO Conference.



IV. RULES A. Standing Rules B. Rules of Order for Annual Meeting

10. Nominations Made from the Floor:

Nominations for elective offices may be made from the floor provided that an appropriately signed candidate data form (Exhibit B of the Policies and Procedures), recent photograph of the nominee and statement of specific expertise (not to exceed 200 words) are immediately presented to the Presiding Officer at the annual meeting.

As a Past State President and I am sure I speak for all Past State Presidents when I say that serving the federation is a honor and a privilege, filled with great experiences, a true education on how to conduct a meeting and parliamentary procedures that translate to your career. Best of all you build lifelong friendships across Ohio. Please consider serving BPW/OHIO as an officer.

Candidate for President-Elect

Mary Ann Dutro - Statement of Expertise

I am a certified public accountant and I have always worked in the accounting profession. I own my own Accounting Practice, working with small businesses. I consider myself a very moral and ethical person. I believe strongly in meeting any deadline that is given me. I will work hard to meet the expectations of this organization, because I believe in what BPW stands for.



In the past I have been treasurer for my local PTA, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, church and Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland and Ohio BPW. I have also served as president at my local PTA and BPW.

I have also taught financial accounting to non-accounting majors as an adjunct accounting instructor at Zane State College. I graduated from Zane State with an Associates in Accounting, then graduated from Muskingum University, with a BA majoring in Accounting, Business and a minor in Economics.

After having served on the Executive Committee for Ohio BPW for the past three years I believe I can serve as your State President-Elect.

Candidates for Vice President and Treasurer

Linda S. Wiegand - Statement of Expertise...

Banner Insurance Services, LLC
President

Ms. Wiegand has been an insurance agent for fifteen years, first in Ashland, Ohio and the last eight years in Pataskala, Ohio in her own independent agency.

Ms. Wiegand is a member of Ashland Welcome Wagon since 1986 serving as representative from 1988 to 1999. She served as President from 2004 to 2006.

Ms. Wiegand has been a member of the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women since 2005, in Ashland, Ohio and presently in Licking County as President. She was 2011 Conference Chair for the State Federation. She served on the BPW/OHIO Retirement Foundation for the last four years, presently as Treasurer. Ms. Wiegand held positions at the Region level, currently Region 3 President. She served as 2011-2012 BPW Ohio State Recording Secretary, 2012-2013 State Vice President and 2013-2014 State Recording Secretary.

Ms. Wiegand serves as Vice President of PBJ Connections, Inc, an equine assisted therapy non profit program for children.

She also serves on the Licking County Memorial Hospital Development Council.

She has been married to Ken for 40 years and has two grown sons, one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.



Brenda Anders - Statement of Expertise

The choice to pursue dual degrees in Accounting and Computer Systems from Defiance College has led to many opportunities. I began my career working for an international business dealing with banks and shipping companies around the world. The next step led me to work for a couple of accounting firms where I became certified in many accounting program packages, one of them being Peachtree.

These jobs helped me to realize that what I really wanted to do was have my own business helping all types of companies setup their accounting on computers and showing them how to utilize those programs to help their businesses grow.

Seven years ago my husband, Mark, and I moved to Lancaster. The plan was to retire when we moved but I found that I needed something to do. I was fortunate to find a job as an instructor at Daymar College teaching business and computer classes. I have now retired from there and looking forward to doing more volunteer work.

I believe that the knowledge/experience that I have acquired over the last 30+ years has prepared me to be the next Treasurer for BPW/Ohio. I would be honored to accept the position if elected.



BPW/OHIO supports Literacy

Each year the state president chooses a community support as part of the state conference. In the past we have supported Habitat for Humanity, A.L.I.V.E., and Dress for Success, etc. This year literacy was chosen as our community support at state conference. With the donations from our locals, we were able to furnish 95+ books to the Seeds of Literacy located in Cleveland.



Below is an excerpt from their Seeds of Literacy publication *the Seed*. A representative from Seeds of Literacy will be at our Friday dinner at state conference.

• Reading in the East

In celebration of their 95th anniversary, the Business/Professional Women of Ohio donated a complete Townsend Library to Seeds for our east side location. This collection is written for adults and coded by Lexile Level, a score that reflects a student's reading level. Happy anniversary, B/PW of Ohio, and thanks for celebrating with Seeds.

95TH BPW/OHIO CONFERENCE * MAY 15-17 * CROWNE PLAZA NORTH HOTEL

By Charisse Kellums, Conference Chair

Why not consider arriving Thursday evening to avoid an early Friday morning drive from your home to Columbus? Registration will be open Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Friday, May 15

The day begins at 9:30am.

➤ **“Protect Yourself from Identity Theft”** seminar begins at 9:30am. Lindsey Coughlin, Consumer Educator, Consumer Protection Section, Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine will educate us as Ohioans about our rights and how to avoid scams. Convey the Consumer Protection Section's mission of protecting Ohioans from unfair and deceptive business practices and consumer fraud.

➤ Continue on for the next seminar, **“Sleep Apnea - What You Should Know”** at 10:45am. Dani Livelsberger, Sleep Lab Manager, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, will speak about Sleep Apnea and why breathing interruptions during sleep can be serious.

➤ Enjoy **Lunch** at 11:45am while learning about Girls With Sole! The empowerment gained from sports led Liz Ferro to found the non-profit organization Girls With Sole. Recently, Liz launched the “50 States for Sole” campaign, and will be running a marathon in all 50 states to raise awareness and funds for Girls With Sole.

➤ Learn to tap into your own inner power and vitality with an ancient form of exercise called Qigong at the 1:15pm seminar **“Meditation in Motion - An Introduction to Qigong”** presented by Holli Rainwater, Certified Practice Leader, The Institute of Integral Tai Chi and Qigong.

➤ The **Board meeting** will begin at 2:15pm. This is your chance to see how the Board works and how decisions are made. All members are encouraged to attend.

➤ An invitation is extended to any member who has never attended a State Conference before, as well as new members to BPW/OHIO to learn about the “How and Why” of BPW at the **First Timer's Session** at 5:00pm. The intention is for you to come away with helpful information that will make your conference experience rewarding.

➤ Community Involvement is featured at the **Friday Dinner** beginning at 5:30pm. Seeds of Literacy in Cleveland, has offered free, one-to-one tutoring in basic education and GED® preparation to adult students since 1997. Seeds is the only nationally accredited literacy program in the region, and has student retention and graduation

rates nearly twice the national average. The program relies on the dedication of over 200 volunteer tutors who work with students individually. A special donation will be given on behalf of all BPW/OHIO members.

➤ **Opening Business Session** begins at 7:00pm with recognition of the State Officers and Board, Past State Presidents and a message from Keynote Speaker Roslyn A. Ridgeway, owner Ridgeway Empowerment International, “Unlock Your Power Factor and Win in Life!”

Keynote Speaker

*Roslyn Ridgeway has
unlocked her
POWER Factor.*



A seasoned business professional and a long time national expert in the areas of women's issues, workplace equity and leadership diversity, Roslyn A. Ridgeway believes that millions of women tapping into their undiscovered power can change the world. Fusing business with her first love of music, she is the Chief Executive Officer of De Roz Productions, Inc. an entertainment production company that specializes in artist management, entertainment productions and promotions. Roslyn founded the National Council of Women in Entertainment, an organization that assists in educating and promoting the needs of women who seek a career and mentorship in the entertainment industry. As a successful business owner and national leader of several major organizations, Roslyn's mission is to “Motivate, Mentor and Empower individuals to achieve their fullest personal and professional potential.”

➤ The business of BPW/OHIO will be conducted ending with the **Candidates' Forum**. This is the time to hear from and about the members running for office.

➤ Be part of an interactive skit as we take you through the decades from 1920 to 2015 at the **Friday Night Event, “Have Fun with Time Travel at the 95th BPW/OHIO Anniversary”**. Immediately following the Opening Business Session join for dessert and coffee, socializing and laughing. What interesting events occurred in BPW/OHIO and the country? See how *Powerful Women in Action* brought BPW/OHIO to what it is today....95 years in the making.

Be Powerful Women *** We Have the Power!

Saturday, May 16

- **Election** of the 2015-2016 State Officers at 7:15am.
Hear from various vendors at the **Saturday Breakfast Vendor Fair** starting at 8:30am. Each vendor will give a 30 second presentation along with a give-away. There will be time to shop!!
- Head off to the **“The Hammerin’ Handy Woman”** seminar at 10:15am. Have you ever wanted to become Ms. Fix It, but wasn’t sure where to start? Join maintenance contractor Christa Ciotola and hear the “tricks of the trade” that most instruction books don’t give to the working woman.
- **“Mastering Change – How to Navigate and Thrive in Uncharted Waters”** seminar at 11:15am. If there’s one constant in our personal and professional lives, it’s change, and it seems to be coming at us faster and faster! Cyndi McCabe, Job Placement Coordinator at Lorain County Community College will help you come to terms with your own personal attitudes and effectively plan for individual and organizational change.
- **Saturday Lunch** begins at 12:30pm with author Pam Spence sharing her journey to write *Glad Rags: Red Panties, Cowgirl Boots and a Sweet Dress to Die For – inspiring clothes and the women who wear them*. Stitching together interviews, photos, poems and drawing on her own wide-ranging experiences, she considers the power of *those boots, that hat, this pair of superhero underpants* to become the game-changer in women’s lives.
- The **Second Business Session** will convene at 2:00pm. Make sure to be present as Trecia Kimes-Brown, Vinton County Prosecuting Attorney, BPW/OHIO PSP speaks about the “Power of Persistence”.

Trecia Kimes-Brown currently serves as the Vinton County Prosecuting Attorney. After graduating from The University of Akron Law School in 1998, she was an attorney in private practice handling mostly domestic relations cases including divorces, custody, adoptions and neglect, abuse and dependency cases for children. She holds an undergraduate degree in Political and Economic Philosophy from Wheeling Jesuit University.

Speaker, Roslyn A. Ridgeway, Chair BPW Foundation Board of Trustees, discusses the importance of the BPW Foundation. Locals and regions receive Legislation, Membership and Foundation awards.

Roslyn A. Ridgeway has a history of supporting issues that affect working women. One of her most prominent roles was serving as the National President of BPW/USA. Making history as the 2nd African American president in the organization’s 90 year history, Roslyn successfully created and spearheaded, launched and implemented the organization’s five-year theme appropriately entitled “Building Powerful Women: Professionally, Politically and Personally”.

- **Saturday Night Dinner**, scheduled for 7:00pm, hosts the revealing of the Joyce M. Davis Distinguished Member award, presentation of the ID and YC winning speeches and Installation of the 2015-2016 Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Sunday, May 17

- At **Breakfast**, 8:00am, the Issues Management awards will be presented to locals and regions.
- Join us for “Power of Remembrance” at the **Mariwyn Heath Memorial Service** held in the hotel courtyard at 9:30am.
- The **Closing Business Session** at 10:15am is the time for Resolutions and Women’s Retirement Foundation awards. The newly elected President highlights the year to come. The 2016 Conference presentation and the passing of the gavel to the 2015-2016 President takes place. We say farewell & wish for safe travels until we meet again.

Please use forms provided in this publication or visit ohiobpw.org under State Meetings, 2015 Conference Registration and 2015 Conference Program Book Advertisements.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Check conference deadlines and take steps to meet them!
- Be diligent in responding to award deadlines!
- Be aware that on April 23rd the hotel rooms reserved for our members will be released and with another big event scheduled in Columbus that weekend you can be certain they will sell out. Reserve yours today!



2015 BPW/OHIO CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISEMENT

Advertise your business.

Do you, your Local or Region have a message to share?

Acknowledge a BPW Powerful Woman by creating a **"Power Praise"** Shout Out Statement.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

BPW Affiliations: _____

Phone: (____) _____-____ (C) ____ (W) ____ (H)

E-Mail: _____

Conference Sponsor? ____ (Yes) ____ (No) Conference Exhibitor/Vendor? ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

Advertising Procedures and Guidelines

Advertisers must complete this form and send with payment to the Conference Program Ad Chair.

Tammy Curtin-Sikon, Program Ad Chair
3761 Walters Drive
Brunswick, OH 44212-2746

Check must be made payable to **BPW/OHIO Conference 2015**. Final copy and payment must be postmarked no later than **4/17/2015** to guarantee a space in the Conference Program Book.

Advertising materials should be sent electronically to Tammy Curtin-Sikon by **4/17/2015**.

E-Mail: tammy.curtinsikon@gmail.com

Questions can be directed to Tammy Curtin-Sikon at 330-242-3770.

Electronic ads should be submitted in PDF, JPG or GIF form. Print ready logos, graphics and photos must be sent in with resolutions of at least 300 pixels. Please send in either black & white or color formats.

Ad Sizes: (enter 1, 2, 3, etc)	Width X Depth	Amount
___ Cover	4-1/2" X 7-1/2"	\$150
___ Full Page	4-1/2" X 7-1/2"	\$100
___ Half Page	4-1/2" X 3-1/2"	\$ 50
___ Business Card	4-1/2" X 1-1/2"	\$ 25
___ "Power Praise" Shout Out	2 Lines (max total of 150 characters)	\$ 10

Have you wondered how to acknowledge a BPW Powerful Woman from across the state, in your local or region? Create a 2-line shout out statement called a **"Power Praise"** for the Conference Program Book.

Enter your **"Power Praise"** verbiage below: (max of 150 characters) PRINT IN CAPS:

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Enjoy dessert and coffee, socialize and laugh!

Be part of an interactive skit as we take you through the decades from 1920 to 2015. What interesting events occurred in BPW/OHIO and the country? Do you remember the fads and cultural climate of the times?

See how **Powerful Women in Action** brought BPW/OHIO to what it is today!

New web site under construction

<http://www.ohiobpw.org/>

2015 BPW/OHIO Conference Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 14, 2015

- 4:00 - 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm Conference Committee & EC Dinner
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm Registration Open

Friday, May 15, 2015

- 7:00 - 11:30 am Registration Open
- 9:30 - 10:30 am Seminar - Protect Yourself from Identity Theft
- 10:45 - 11:30 am Seminar - Sleep Apnea - What You Should Know
- 11:45 - 1:00 pm Lunch - Girls with Sole!
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm Registration Open
- 1:15 - 2:00 pm Seminar - Meditation in Motion - An Introduction to Qigong
- 2:15 - 4:00 pm Board Meeting
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm First Timers
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner - Seeds of Literacy Community Involvement
- 7:00 - 9:30 pm Opening Business Session - Keynote Speaker & Candidates' Forum
- 9:30 - 11:00 pm Friday Night Event - 95th BPW/OHIO Anniversary - Have Fun with Time Travel

Saturday, May 16, 2015

- 6:00 - 8:00 am Vendor Setup
- 6:45 - 8:30 am Registration Open
- 7:00 - 7:30 am Elections
- 8:30 - 10:00 am Breakfast - Vendor Fair
- 10:15 - 11:00 am Seminar - The Hammerin' Handy Woman
- 10:15 am - 12:30 pm Registration Open
- 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Vendors Open
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm Seminar - Mastering Change – How to Navigate and Thrive in Uncharted Waters
- 12:30 - 1:45 pm Lunch - *Glad Rags Inspiring Clothes and the Women Who Wear Them*
- 1:45 - 2:00 pm Registration Open
- 2:00 - 4:30 pm 2nd Business Session - Featured Speakers, Membership and Foundation Awards
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Registration Open
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Pictures
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bar open
- 6:30 - 10:00 pm Dinner - Distinguished Member, YC & ID Speeches & Installation

Sunday, May 17, 2015

- 8:00 - 9:15 am Breakfast - Issues Management Awards
- 9:30 - 10:00 am Mariwyn Heath Memorial Service
- 10:15 am - 12:00 pm Closing Business Session - Resolutions, Women's Retirement Foundation Awards, 2016 Conference Presentation
- 12:30 - 2:00 pm 2015-2016 Board Meeting
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm 2015-2016 Executive Committee Meeting



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BPW/OHIO CONFERENCE 2015 "Powerful Women in Action!"

May 15-17, 2015 – Crowne Plaza Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229



Please type or print a separate registration for each person attending.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Contact Ph _____

E-Mail _____ Local _____ Region # _____

Affiliation (✓all that apply) ☐ Past State Pres. ☐ 2014-15 State Board Member – Position _____

☐ BPW Member* (voting privileges) ☐ First Time at State Conference ☐ 2014-15 Local President
(*membership must be current at conference)

Registration (Please ✓ registration as applicable)

- ☐ Member (postmarked on or before April 16, 2015) \$75.00
☐ Late Member (postmarked after April 16, 2015) \$100.00
☐ Non-Member (full registration must be paid) \$100.00

Meals Available (✓ as desired)

- ☐ Friday Lunch _____ \$20.00
Liz Ferro, Girls With Sole!
- ☐ Friday Dinner (Including Past State Presidents) _____ \$30.00
Seeds of Literacy – Community Involvement
- ☐ Friday Evening Event _____ \$ 8.00
95th BPW/OHIO Anniversary – Have Fun with Time Travel
- ☐ Saturday Breakfast & Vendor Fair _____ \$15.00
Vendor Presentations, Give Aways and Time to Shop
- ☐ Saturday Lunch _____ \$20.00
Pam Spence, Glad Rags Inspiring Clothes and the Women Who Wear Them
- ☐ Saturday Banquet _____ \$38.00
Distinguished Member, YC and ID speeches, Installation of Officers
- ☐ Sunday Breakfast _____ \$15.00
Issues Management awards presented

Selected Meals Total (✓ from above) \$ _____
Plus Registration (✓ from above) \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

• Complete Conference Package •

- ☐ Member Registration \$221.00
☐ Late registration/Non-member registration \$246.00

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please identify any dietary or special needs.

_____ Every attempt to accommodate you will be made.

Seminars: Friday, May 15, 2015 (✓those attending)

☐ Protect Yourself from Identity Theft
Lindsey Coughlin, Consumer Educator, Consumer Protection Section, Office of
Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine..... 9:30-10:30

☐ Sleep Apnea - What You Should Know
Dani Livelsberger, Sleep Lab Manager, The Ohio State University Wexner
Medical Center..... 10:45-11:30

☐ Meditation in Motion - An Introduction to Qigong
Holli Rainwater, Outreach Coordinator, Coshocton Public Library. Certified
Practice Leader, The Institute of Integral Tai Chi and Qigong..... 1:15-2:00

Seminars: Saturday, May 16, 2015 (✓those attending)

☐ The Hammerin' Handy Woman
Christa Ciotola, Contractor and Landscaper..... 10:15-11:00

☐ Mastering Change – How to Navigate and Thrive in
Uncharted Waters
Cyndi McCabe, Job Placement Coordinator, Lorain County Community
College. BPW/OHIO PSP..... 11:15-12:15

Volunteers needed at Conference (✓those of interest)

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REFUND POLICY:

No refund of Registration. Meal refunds until May 1, 2015.

Make checks payable to: BPW/OHIO Conference 2015
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Hotel Accommodations are not included.
Call the Crowne Plaza Columbus North prior to April 23rd
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Telephone 614-885-1885
Please use Code BPS when making a reservation
Room rate is \$109 plus taxes
FREE parking

Focusing on Safe and Sound facilities and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State.

Wanted to remind everyone to work on earning your **Power Points** for donations, scholarships, speakers and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State support. Don't forget you need to get your spreadsheets to me at dkgibbens@hotmail.com no later than April 30, 2015. The top four locals will receive their prize at the State Conference in May. Please contact me at 614-325-0178 or dkgibbens@hotmail.com with any questions.



Don't forget to write a "Power Praise" to recognize one of our BPW Women in Action.

Download the Conference Ad form from our new web site <http://www.ohiobpw.org/> or take the copy from page 11 in the Winter OBW. Create the "Power Praise", include payment when you send it to Tammy Curtin-Sikon (contact information on the form). You also can send it electronically to Tammy at tammy.curtinsikon@gmail.com.

Deadline for ads is April 17th. Checks are to be made payable to BPW/OHIO Conference 2015.

Reminder Distinguished Member Award

Don't forget to send in nominations to Carol LaGore, Joyce M. Davis Distinguished Member Chair. Forms have been sent to all local presidents. **Deadline is April 1, 2015.**

VOTING AT CONFERENCE ELIGIBILITY

You must be a current dues-paying member in order to vote at conference. If your membership has lapsed, PLEASE take the time now to reinstate your BPW membership by mailing a check to

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2015 BPW/OHIO Conference

Mariwyn Heath Memorial Service

"The Power of Remembrance"



Dear BPW Friends,

I will be conducting the Mariwyn Heath Memorial Service on Sunday, May 17th at our State Conference. As we review all our work this year, let's remember the strong and beloved lives of our sisters that have passed on.

Forget-me-nots are the flower of Memory. There is no more powerful force than nature for growth and renewal.

Please send me your local's names, obituary (or link) and a photo (if possible) of these Ladies that have gone this year. I will need this information **by May 1** (Mayday) so I can make a nice remembrance booklet.

Please email me, Deborah Catrone, at ohlibrarylady@yahoo.com, mail me at 309 Keenan Ave Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, or call me 330-920-8022 (home), or 330 784-7522 (work).

Business and Professional Women Region 4

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Region 1

Young Careerist



Region 1 president, Carolyn Jeffers, presents K.C. Bailey with a plaque and flowers at the region meeting. Bailey will share her speech on Alzheimer's at spring leadership.

Region one members (front) Anita Montgomery (nominating chair), Linda Miller (President Elect), Karen McCready (Non-Dues, and helper to region president)

Back Row: Jane Morner (Vice President), Carolyn Jeffers (President), Karen Pre-lipp (Helper to the president), and Carol Holton (Toledo President), were recognized for their achievements in making the region successful.



Women of Action

Individual Development



BPW/OH President Kathy Kellums, Region 3 ID Winner Nancy Wilt; Region 3 ID Chair Marilyn Lauvray; and Region 3 President Linda Wiegand.

Region 3

Nancy Wilt, Coshocton BPW, will represent Region 3 at the State ID Competition on April 11th. President Linda Wiegand presented a check for \$250 for the national Girl Scout program "Bonds Beyond Bars" to Becky McCallister. Checks for \$100 each will go to BPW Foundation and BPW/OH Women's Retirement Foundation. Checks for \$500 each will go to Action Ohio for domestic violence and to support the Equal Rights Amendment.

Region 4

Spring Meeting



The Region 4 Spring meeting was held in Lancaster on Saturday March 7. Kathy Kellums attended the meeting with Sharon McTigue.

Lancaster BPW

ID / YC Class



Lancaster BPW held their ID/YC class on Saturday January 24, 2015 at Daymar College in Lancaster.

We had a great group of BPW members from Region 2, 4 and 5, including our BPW Ohio President Kathy Kellums, creating a great day of learning and making new friends.

BPW/OHIO SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING 2015

2015-2016 Leadership Training
2015 Legislation Platform Committee Meeting
2014-2015 Signature YC/ID

Saturday, April 11, 2015

BUXTON INN

**313 East Broadway St.
Granville, OH**

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Meeting to begin



Keeping the Flame

Buxton Inn is Ohio's oldest continuously operated inn in its original building built in 1812. There is wonderful history here and what a unique location to be able to have a BPW meeting. Come and enjoy the day and experience the connection with every BPW member. We will be getting a look into the programming for the coming year. And of course we will be having fun as we develop our board skills.

2014-2015 Young Careerist and Individual Development Speak-Off

Be here to support these regional winners as they compete in the state finals.

2014-2015 Legislation Platform Committee

State Legislation Chair, Shirley Jones, will chair the Legislation Platform Committee Meeting
All Region Legislation Chairs are part of this committee

*****Registration Form*****

Name _____ Phone _____ Region _____ Local _____

E-mail Address _____ 2015-2016 Position _____

Please check Legislation Rep _____ YC Participant _____ ID Participant _____

☐ \$35 Registration (covers all events) - includes Continental Breakfast + Lunch

☐ \$40 Registration (postmarked after March 31, 2015)

Complete and return with check to:

BPW/OHIO, Leona Phillips, President-elect - 7216 Ridsen Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089
Phone: 440-967-9658 E-mail: leona.phillips@aol.com - A reservation made is a reservation paid.

For room reservations, call the Buxton Inn 714-587-0001,
mention you are from Business & Professional Women of Ohio
Room Rates are \$90 for single - \$100.00 for doubles - plus applicable taxes.
Deadline for rooms at this price is March 31, 2015

**2014-2015 Legislation Chair & Region Legislation Chairs and 2015-2016 standing committee chairs
and the 2015-2016 Region presidents (current President-Elects)
are required to attend and will receive mileage reimbursement.
All other region & local officers as well as all BPW members are encouraged to attend**