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Remember the Past

Be Present Women

Plan for the Future

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BPW Members,

As my term as President draws to a close, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

Serving this organization has been an incredible honor. Throughout the past 3 years, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the dedication, talent, and passion that you have for BPW. Your unwavering support, hard work, and commitment have been the driving force behind our locals, regions and state federation. I have been all over the state and have been privileged to be a part of the many local and region meetings. I know the work that goes into planning meetings, organizing fundraisers and serving on the boards, it does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. I thank you for all the ways you contribute. We all share that common bond of what it means to be a BPW Sister. Together, we've navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and continued to build upon a strong tradition while preparing for the future. None of this would have been possible without your contributions, insights, and collaboration.

As we prepare for the 105th Conference I

hope that you will embrace the changes and accept the challenges ahead. Coming together for this event gives us the opportunity to Remember the Past, Plan for the Future and Be Present Women. Please find the time to join us for the day or at least for the Dinner, Awards, Speakers and Celebration. Giving our time to this organization has taken away from our families and our work but we make the time, not for us but because we want to ensure a confidence in girls and women that they will continue to have the rights and freedoms our BPW Sisters fought so hard to achieve.

As I pass the torch to Lora, I am confident that the organization is in excellent hands. I look forward to continuing to be a part of all the great things that we still must accomplish in the future.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been a privilege.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Amelia Taggart

President 2024-25



CALL TO CONFERENCE

All members of the Ohio Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs are hereby called to the 105th Annual meeting on May 17, 2025 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio.

Conference Procedures will be governed by Articles XII and XIII Sections 1-7; Article XVII Sections 1-6; and Article XXII Sections 1-8 of the Federation Bylaws.

Amelia Taggart

BPW/OH President
2024-2025

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OHIO BPW STATE CALENDAR

3/26/2025	Cocktails and Conversation	Open Zoom Discussion
3/29/2025	Local President Year End Reports Due	Email to your Region President
4/4/2025	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual
4/5/2025	Leadership Training, ID, YC, Legislative Platform Meeting	Owens Community College-Perrysburg Ohio
4/6/2025	Distinguished Member Nominations Due	Email to State Distinguished Member Chair
4/6/2025	EC, State Chairs, Region Pres. Year- End Reports Due	Email to State President
4/15/2025	Programming & Membership Referral Due	Email to Chairs
5/16/2025	EC Meeting & Conference Committee Dinner	Nationwide Event Center- Powell, Ohio
5/17/2025	BPW/OH State Conference	Nationwide Event Center- Powell, Ohio



2024-25 OHIO BPW Programming Chair

Ursula Bess, Greater Cincinnati BPW



Hello Ohio BPW Ladies!

Time is drawing near to rally up your programming projects you've hosted this programming year! Hopefully, you've all had some wonderful ideas, brought in new memberships and be ready to share what you've achieved during OBPW Conference 2025.

As stated on the site, in order to receive a Certificate of Merit for your efforts, the Local, Region or Individual will have to complete and document the completion of at least TWO activities from each of the following categories: Remember the Past- Be Present Women- Plan for the Future.

Lora Manon had very excellent programming ideas for each category that we've all had the opportunity to take advantage of and I'm certain that we will have some honorable mentions during the conference.

If you have not downloaded the fillable 2024-2025 BPW Programming Form to record your activities, it is on the Ohio BPW Website, just click on Programs & Membership and click on "Fillable Programming Form" towards the bottom of the page. Once you've filled out the form, send by email to Programming Chair: program@ohiobpw.org by the deadline of APRIL 15, 2025.

Thank you for your cooperation and I especially look forward to hearing about all of the projects that were done to honor the invaluable contributions and accomplishments of women. Be Present Women!!!!

Ohio BPW Conference Details

105th Ohio BPW Conference

To RSVP Scan QR Code with camera app on
smartphone



Or visit our website under the events page at
BPWOhio.org

Rooms Available at Nationwide Hotel (attached to
the conference center) \$199 per night

Please use the code: 367055



Friday, May16th

6:00-7:30 pm
7:30- 9:30pm
6:00-9:00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting
PSP Dinner
Registration Open

Saturday, May 17th

8:00-11:30 am
8:00-9:00 am
9:00-10:30 am
10:30-11:00 am
11:00-12:00 pm
12:00-1:00 pm

Open Registration
Breakfast Social
Board Meeting
Tea Time - Best Hat Contest
Elections
Lunch and Learn: Speaker author
Amanda Darrow
Business Session
Afternoon Delight
Business Session Continued
Pictures
Dinner and Awards Ceremony:
Dinner Speaker - Holly Lewis
Resolutions
Program & Membership Awards
Mariwyn Heath Memorial Service
Joyce M Davis Distinguished Member
Award
Kathy Kellums Mentorship &
Encouragement Award
Keynote Speaker - Justice Jennifer
Brunner
Celebration and Installations
Past President and Current President
Karaoke Extravaganza

1:00-2:30 pm
2:30-3:00 pm
3:00-4:00 pm
5:00-5:30 pm
5:30-9:00 pm

9:00-11:00 pm

Option to Register by mail – Complete the portion below
Make Checks Payable to : **BPW/Ohio Conference** and must be received by **April 25th, 2025**
Send with payment to: Sara Lane, 2025 Conference Chair - 1600 Moreland Drive - Steubenville, OH 43952

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-Mail: _____ **Local:** _____

☐ BPW Member ☐ First Time at State Conference ☐ 2024-25 Local Officer - Position _____

_____ **BPW Member Total package \$150**
(\$50 Board Meeting, Business Sessions, Lunch and Learn + \$75 Dinner + Registration \$25)

_____ **BPW Member Evening Extravaganza only \$100**
(\$75 + Registration \$25)

_____ **Non BPW Member Evening Extravaganza \$100**

Please Note: RSVP's must be paid in full. Refunds can be accommodated until April 25th, 2025. Should you have any questions or require special accommodations contact Sara Lane 330-285-2684 saralanebpw@yahoo.com

Ohio BPW Conference Keynote Speaker

JENNIFER BRUNNER

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio



Justice Jennifer Brunner has served at all three levels of Ohio's judiciary. Before her election to the Ohio Supreme Court in 2020, she was a judge of Ohio's Tenth District Court of Appeals for 6 years. She also was a judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court for the state's most populous county, for nearly 5 years. While a trial judge in Franklin County, she became concerned about the high percent of people in the criminal justice system who were addicted to drugs and experienced mental illness. She founded in 2004 the county's adult felony drug court, still operating today. This special court docket helps people move from crime and addiction to clean and healthy lives and give back to their families and communities.

Jennifer Brunner is one of just 5 women to be elected to statewide nonjudicial office in her own right since Ohio became a state in 1803. She is the first Democratic woman in Ohio to have been elected to two statewide offices—Ohio Secretary of State and Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. She is Ohio's first and only female Secretary of State.

Justice Brunner values public service. She was recognized in 2008 by the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston when it awarded her the Profile in Courage Award for her work as Ohio Secretary of State. This international award has been called the most prestigious award for elected public officials. Others who have received this award include Kofi Annan, Former UN Secretary-General and Nobel Laureate, U.S. Presidents Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Barack Obama, Congressman John Lewis, and the Public Servants of September 11.

Justice Brunner has served USAID and the U.S. State Department to help governments in Serbia, Egypt and Benin with anti-corruption, election integrity and human rights. She has also taught classes on the rule of law to lawyers in Sri Lanka and to civil society groups in Kazakhstan. Justice Brunner understands how judges can promote and strengthen the rule of law to promote peace and democracy at home and around the world. Justice Brunner is now studying remotely at the University of York in the UK for a Ph.D. in Sociology. Her research centers on the return of artefacts looted during colonial occupations and why this is important.

Justice Brunner has been an attorney since 1983. She worked for 17 years in private practice, starting her own law firm from the corner of her bedroom when her children were 7, 4 and 2. She had her first child while in law school. A native of Springfield, Ohio, Justice Brunner has been married to attorney Rick Brunner since 1978, when she graduated from Miami University of Ohio. They have 6 grandchildren, 2 dogs and 2 cats and spend time at their homes in Powell and in rural Columbiana County in Northeast Ohio.

Conference Dinner Speaker

HOLLY LEWIS

Holly Lewis is a United States Navy, Gulf War Era veteran from Smithfield, Ohio. In the Navy, she was responsible for repairing the computer systems that ran the undersea surveillance system.

Holly has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and an MBA. She retired from a 20+ year career at McKesson where she was a key leader in the creation and launch of EnterpriseRx, a pharmacy management software, used in over 4500 pharmacies in the U.S.



Holly is currently the CEO of Holly Lewis Coaching which helps ambitious women leaders improve their leadership skills via hypnosis. Holly is a certified hypnotist accredited via the International Association of Counselors and Therapists.

Holly is very active in the American Legion. She is currently the Adjutant for Stevens-Christian Memorial Post 557 in Wintersville, OH. She is the Treasurer for the Department of Ohio American Legion and is Vice Chair of the National American Legion Media and Communications Commission.



Conference Lunch and Learner Speaker

AMANDA DARROW

Author of the Shift Mindset Journal (available on Amazon)

SHIFT is for the Women who seek to know themselves (and how to best support themselves) in each stage of life. Growth and courage are learned side by side. In the 180 page Journal, Darrow takes a unique approach that blends science with self-care. She shares mindfulness and cognitive methods that invite readers to explore their inner landscape so that they may truly design a lifestyle that is enriched by purpose.

What started as a Journal and Program for Mothers has turned into a Network of women who have deepened their self-awareness and learned new strategies for stability, resilience, and growth during times of change. Your unique narrative holds the answers to the question, "how do I live a life that feels balanced ?" and through the practice of journaling we explore how our narrative plus experiences molds our well-being.

Join Amanda as she walks us though this Shift.



105th BPW/OHIO Conference Program Book Advertisements and Sponsorships

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Company Name: _____

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Over \$1000	\$1000	\$500	\$250

Sponsorships include Full Page Program Recognition

Advertising Guidelines:

Complete the form and send with payment to:

Sara Lane, 2025 Conference Chair
1600 Moreland Drive
Steubenville, OH 43952

Checks must be payable to: **BPW/Ohio Conference** and must be received by **April 25th, 2025**

Advertising materials should be sent electronically to: **saralanebpw@yahoo.com**

Logos, graphics and photos must be sent with resolutions of at least 300 pixels. Formats pdf, jpeg or gif.

<u>Ad (qty)</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____ Back Cover (Full Color)	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 3-1/2"	\$ 25
_____ Shout Out	(150 Characters Max)	\$ 10

Would you like to Remember a BPW member, Recognize a Current Member or Congratulate a New Member

Send a Shout Out - Create a 2-line statement (max of 150 characters) enter verbiage below:

BPW Local News

Clinical Counselor Victoria Martin Discusses Mental Health with Local BPW Club

January 11, 2025 – The Public Relations Committee of the Greenville Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) kicked off the New Year by hosting the January 9th^h meeting which was held at the Chestnut Village in Greenville. Victoria Martin, Professional Clinical Counselor and sole owner of Martin Counseling & Consultation was the speaker. She spoke on women's mental health and their need to 'do it all'.

Pictured from left to right:

Members Susan Fowble, Joelle York, Jodie Anderson, Speaker Victoria Martin and members Holly Anderson and Dorothy Poeppelman



Greenville BPW Supports STEM2D Conference

March 7, 2025 — The Greenville Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) participated in the 'Impact' STEM2D Conference on March 7th held in Greenville, OH. The conference is hosted by the Darke County Chamber of Commerce and Darke County Economic Development. Keynote speaker Jami Keen, a Career Fair, Hands-on Workshops and a Workforce Panel presented information on businesses in the local area. Darke County high school girls were invited to attend the event.

Pictured from left to right:

Maria Moore, Vicki Cost, Linda Kendig, Julie Hart, Hallie Foureman, Dorothy Poeppelman, Susan Fowble and Gail Snyder.





I would like to thank my BPW sisters from all over the state and my Coshocton local for all their support and cards in remembrance of the passing of my Mother, Eva June Kiser, a 58 year member of our Coshocton Local. She was a Past State Legend in 2007 and in 2010 was Coshocton Woman of the Year. She was the Entertainment Committee Chair for years, way back when we had Districts and had overnight meetings. She always had a good program ready. She loved to entertain and many remembered her for her stories. I was blessed to have her for 97 years and eight months. She always had a smile for everyone. She passed on 2/24/25.

Tomma Bordenkircher

PROUD BPW MEMBER

