

2024 -2025 Program Information



Perhaps you have heard the saying, attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt or Bill Keane (or even Kung Fu Panda), “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.” If so, you might well agree that there is much from our BPW past, present and future that keeps BPW among the leaders in promoting equality for all women.

As in the past, there will be the opportunity for LOs, Regions, and even individual members to be recognized for their efforts in serving both the theme for the coming year and the overarching Mission of BPW/ OHIO. In order to achieve a Certificate of Merit for your efforts, the LO, Region or Individual, will have to **COMPLETE AND DOCUMENT the completion of at least TWO (2) activities from each of the following three categories.** All documentation MUST be submitted to the State Program Chair no later than April 15th, 2025. (Who knows? There could be other fun prizes as well, so you will definitely want to participate.)

No matter what activities you choose, remember that the friendships and connections made in BPW are invaluable. They are our past, present and future. So “here’s to strong women. May be we know them, may we be them, may we raise them.”

BPW/Ohio Program Chair

Lora Manon





CATEGORY ONE – THE PAST -- Complete at least two of the following activities during this coming year:

- **Appoint a historian for your LO or Region (or yourself) that will provide “BPW Nuggets of Knowledge” about the history of your LO, Region, or BPW in general at your meetings or in a newsletter or prepare a scrapbook for the year. Be creative!**
- **Honor BPW members at a particular meeting who have been members for 5, 10, 15, 20 or more years.**
- **Nominate a member for a BPW award(s)**
- **Have a special event for Women’s History Month. Invite the Public.**
- **Have a special event for Black History Month, remember the contributions of women of color to the Mission and Vision of BPW and played a part in women’s history. and recognize our members of color. Embrace the diversity and be inclusive. Invite the public.**
- **Visit or hold a meeting at your local history museum and see how women have played an important role in your area.**
- **Have “senior” members assigned to mentor new BPW members; have them meet and share stories about BPW and what it has meant to them.**
- **Become a FRIEND of the BPW/ Ohio Retirement Foundation. Make a donation to the Foundation in honor of a “senior” member, or make a donation per member (in the “old days” each LO contributed 15 cents per member). Since we have fewer members now, consider donating a dollar per member or more to the Foundation.**
- **Create a scholarship in memory of a BPW member.**
- **Create your own DIY history project – remember that “the past is prologue for the future.”**

Be Present Women

CATEGORY TWO – THE PRESENT -- Complete at least two of the following activities during this coming year:

- **Develop a plan to recruit and retain at least ____ new members during this year. (You will set the goal.)**
- **Set a goal to retain your current members.**
- **Have one meeting or special event that is just for fun.**
- **Have at least one meeting, program or special event that addresses one of BPW's Platform issues. If possible, invite the public to attend. Make it informative and interesting. (Be sure that you have a copy of the current BPW/ Ohio Legislative Platform.)**
- **Host a candidate's forum prior to the November or other election.**
- **Host a get out the vote for women event by supporting local women candidates or candidates that support our platform issues. (Remember that BPW is nonpartisan.)**
- **Appoint a legislation chair that will keep members informed about pending or proposed legislation that supports all women.**
- **Work at a polling place.**
- **Hold a meeting or event for Equal Pay Day. Invite the public. Make it fun but get the point across that women deserve equal pay for equal work.**
- **Adopt a shelter for women who are victims of domestic or other violence.**
- **Participate in or host and Individual Development course. Support an ID contestant at the regional and state level.**
- **Be present -- attend the BPW/ Ohio region and state events. You are BPW/ Ohio!**
- **Sponsor a student for Buckeye Girls State.**
- **Promote BPW in your community. We don't need to be Ohio's Best Kept Secret for women. Be visible!**
- **Hold an event or special meeting or program for national Business Women's Week. Invite the public. Be visible!**
- **Offer a scholarship for a female student entering or returning to college or trade school.**
- **Host a program with one or more speakers who is/ are women in nontraditional occupations.**
- **Create your own, DIY activity.**



CATEGORY THREE- THE FUTURE -- Complete at least two of the following activities during this coming year:

- **Host or participate in the Young Careerist program. These contestants are the future of BPW, our communities and our world.**
- **Encourage young women and men in the workforce to become BPW members. Perhaps you could set up a virtual meeting platform, or have meetings at lunch or at breakfast, offer child care, find alternatives to the traditional meeting formats that will support diversity and growth.**
- **Host a meeting that has as a topic issues like preparing for retirement, investing for the future, estate planning or having a health care power of attorney, a living will or even a will.**
- **Get involved with local school activities – volunteer to read to elementary kids, tutor, support, cheer on, mentor or help in any way. Be a good example of what it means to be strong, active women and serve as role models for the next generation.**
- **Create a vision board for your LO, Region or yourself. Update as needed.**
- **Prepare and adopt a mission statement and a vision statement for your LO, region or for yourself. Create ways to live into those statements.**
- **Host a program or special event with an inspiring speaker. Invite the public. Be visible.**
- **Create your own event or activity. DIY.**

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Local: _____

**Submitted
by:** _____

CATEGORY ONE – THE PAST

Activity/Event: _____

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CATEGORY TWO – THE PRESENT

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CATEGORY THREE- THE FUTURE

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