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The Equal Rights Amendment

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The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has a long history, and interest in passage has increased recently. Many efforts are under way to finally bring equality for women into the Constitution. Existing protections written into various laws can be taken away by simply overturning and rewriting these laws. Amending the Constitution is required to protect women against sex discrimination.

Section 1 of the Equal Rights Amendment reads: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. BPW members know this as the preamble to our Legislative Platform. Did you know there are two more sections? Section 2 reads: The congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Section 3 reads: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

These few words, written by Alice Paul in 1923 and amended in 1943 to its present form, comprise the entire amendment affirming the equal application of the United States Constitution to both females and males. She and the National Woman's Party (which Paul founded) considered the ERA to be the next necessary step after the 19th amendment, which granted the right to vote to women, in guaranteeing "equal justice under law" to all citizens.

The Equal Rights Amendment passed out of the Senate and then the House of Representatives, and on March 22, 1972, the proposed 27th amendment to the Constitution was sent to the states for ratification. Ohio has ratified the amendment but does not have equal rights for women in our state constitution.

Twenty-two of the necessary 38 states ratified the ERA in the first year. Arguments by ERA opponents such as Phyllis Schlafly, right wing leader of the Eagle Forum/Stop ERA, played on the same fears that had generated female opposition to woman suffrage.

These arguments slowed ratification and in 1977 Indiana became the 35th, and last, state to ratify the ERA. That year also marked the death of Alice Paul, who, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony before her, never saw the Constitution amended to include the equality of rights she had worked for all her life.

Two different types of ERA legislation have been introduced in the current session of Congress: First is traditional legislation - S.J.Res. 16 and H.J.Res. 52 is the 1923 language of the amendment basically starting from scratch and beginning the process all over again. Second is the "three-state strategy" legislation-S.J.Res. 15 and H.J.Res. 51 using the "Madison Amendment" ruling to allow states already ratified and no time limit on obtaining the remaining 3 states ratification. The "Madison Amendment", concerning changes in congressional pay, was passed by Congress in 1789 and finally ratified in 1992 as the 27th amendment to the Constitution. The acceptance of an amendment after a 203-year ratification period has led some ERA supporters to propose that Congress has the power to maintain the legal viability of the ERA's existing 35 state ratifications.

Over 9 out of 10 Americans think the Constitution should guarantee equal rights for men and women. 72% mistakenly believe that the Constitution of the United States makes it clear that male and female citizens are supposed to have equal rights. Long held objections have been proven to be unfounded so it's time to act and support in any way you can the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Make Alice (and Mariwyn Heath) proud!

www.equalrightsamendment.org is the source of this information. There you will find a power point presentation and many articles containing information about the Equal Rights Amendment.

Karen Prelipp, PSP 1998-1999



Message from the President

At the November state meeting I had a surprise speaker, 11 year old Carolyn Pinson. She spoke on Equality, Equal Pay, what freedoms women in other countries don't have, it was very moving and gave us in BPW so much hope for our youth. It made us think about our legislative platform:

"The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution."

A fire had been lit in that room, we wanted to do something, we wanted to know what we could do to help get the ERA passed in the three states that need to pass it so it can be added to the Constitution.

Tammy Simkins, Co-Founder and Co-Director at ERA Action was also a speaker who presented ideas on what we can do to ratify the ERA. She also discussed the ERA in general and some tactics others (Not ERA action) are doing. Learning more about the ERA always leaves more questions.

The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment has passed in the State of Ohio; however Ohio does not have an Equal Rights Bill. Past State President Karen Prelipp has so graciously agreed to research and provide more information to you, our members about the ERA.

Be a BPW supporter!

Now is the time to purchase your BPW Ohio tee shirt. They are only \$20. The profit from these shirts goes to the operation of BPW Ohio. Our annual fundraiser is crucial as BPW could not operate on dues alone. We need your help. Purchase a shirt or buy both colors (light blue and coral). Please contact me at madutrobpw@gmail.com or by phone 740-819-7592 for shirt orders.

Having a shirt is a must for BPW/OHIO Conference. At the Saturday meeting ALL members are being asked to wear their shirts for a group picture. Afterwards, door prizes will be given for coming to conference and wearing your shirt!

Thank you for supporting BPW and making a difference in women's lives all around our state!

Don't keep BPW/Ohio a secret --

T.E.A.C.H. others!!

Mary Ann Dutro

BPW/OH President, 2016/2017



2016-2017 BPW/OHIO State Calendar

DATE	EVENT / DEADLINE	LOCATION / NOTES
1/13/2017	BPW/Ohio EC Meeting	Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Rd. SW Newark
1/14/2017	BPW/Ohio EC and 2017 Conference Committee Meeting	Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Rd. SW Newark
	BPW National Foundation Policy & Action Day	
2/26/2017	Deadline Spring OBW	Email articles to State President and OBW Editor Andrea Patterson andreaDpatterson@gmail.com
3/19/2017	Deadline YC & ID Region Candidates Info. Due	Email to State Chairs
4/4/2017	Equal Pay Day	
4/21/2017	BPW/Ohio EC Meeting	TBD
4/22/2017	2017 Leadership Meeting, ID/YC Competition, Legislative Platform Meeting	Sheraton Suites, Columbus Ohio
4/30/2017	Executive Committee, State Chairs and Regional Presidents: End of Year Reports Due	Email to State President
05/19-21 2017	BPW/Ohio State Conference	Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Rd. SW Newark

We had a 4-way tie with each local having 4 members in attendance. The top locals are Ashland, Berea, Coshocton all with an average of 3.5 members per attendance and Lancaster with a 3-member average. Coshocton took home The Spirit of Lena Bear until April Leadership meeting.

Permanent ownership does not take place until State Conference in May. Any local can still be in contention to win the Spirit of Lena Bear. The winner is based on an average attendance for the 3 state meetings and conference registration. Encourage your members to attend the April Leadership meeting and invite guests, a great way to show potential members what BPW is all about.

You also have an option to create a History (scrap) Book of your BPW activities, functions you attended and advocacies, etc. you have participated. These will be voted on at our May conference, by attendees. The winner will receive the second Spirit of Lena Bear.

2016-2017 Membership Grants

Plan your Equal Pay Day (April 4, 2017) and Networking Events to take advantage of the State Membership Grants in April, 2017. New Members will once again receive a \$10.00 reduction in state BPW membership dues for their first year of membership.

To receive this grant new member applications must be received by April 30, 2017 for your new member to qualify for the reduction. Subtract the \$10.00 from the total payment due and mail with the new member form. Follow the mailing directions on the new member form. Contact Paulette Knazak at AlohaHula2@Yahoo.com



Legislation & Social Media Chair 2016-2017, Daneene Monroe Rusnak



In December, the Ohio Legislature passed two bills restricting women's reproductive freedom. The so-called Heartbeat Bill which would have banned essentially all abortions if a fetal heartbeat is detected (approximately six-weeks) was a last-minute amendment to House Bill 493. Governor Kasich utilized his veto powers to strike it down, but at the time of this writing there is a possibility that Ohio legislators will reconvene prior to midnight on Dec. 31st to override the veto. The second measure that passed and was signed by the governor was SB 127 which prohibits most abortions after 20 weeks of gestation. The current statute is roughly 24 weeks (the point at which a fetus may be considered viable outside the womb). This measure has no exceptions for irreversible fetal anomalies, rape, incest or mental health concerns of the woman. Furthermore, a physician could face a fourth-degree felony and a mandatory license suspension for a violation. Legal challenges to the measure are likely forthcoming. If unchallenged, the law will go into effect 90-days after its passage (March 2017).

If you are "on the web," be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for more "real-time" updates on current legislative issues (and more!).

Below are excellent resources and sites for up-to-date legislative information and issues relative to our mission:

Ohio Legislature: www.legislature.ohio.gov

Ohio House of Representatives: www.ohiohouse.gov

Ohio Senate: www.ohiosenate.gov

Ohio Secretary of State: www.sos.state.oh.us (voting information)

US House of Representatives: www.house.gov

US Senate: www.senate.gov

Project Vote Smart: www.votesmart.org

Innovation Ohio: www.innovationohio.org

Once again, please feel free to contact me with any questions or notify me of a legislative issue relative to our mission and platform. The more "eyes" we have, the more informed and empowered our membership will be.

Contact Daneene at 440-228-0437 (C) or 440-884-4639 (H) - email her at daneene1124@gmail.com

Women's Retirement Foundation President 2016-2017, Sharon McTigue

Happy New Year! Our 2016-2017 BPW year is passing quickly. Our BPW/OHIO President, Mary Ann Dutro has "TEACH" as her theme – and BPW members have a perfect opportunity to "teach" others how to help members of their community through the Retirement Foundation.



The Board of Retirement Foundation is composed of BPW members – volunteers who want to take an active role in promoting programs which help those in need of support in the beginning of a healthcare career by offering a \$500 STNA (State Tested Nursing Assistant) Scholarship and those senior citizens in their twilight years residing in a Non-Profit/Low Income Subsidized Senior Housing Facility.

The information and application for both programs are on our website, easily downloadable – help your community through Retirement Foundation!

The next deadline for the STNA Scholarship is March 31. Also, **one** qualified **Non-Profit/Low Income Subsidized Senior Housing Facility in each Region** can receive a \$500 Grant. You can make that happen. **The deadline to submit a Donation Request Form is April 15.** Research the facilities in your community; complete the form and submit it. Don't miss this opportunity to help seniors in your community. **Region Presidents, please contact your locals and encourage them to participate in this opportunity.**

Completed forms may be mailed to:

Sharon McTigue, 6073 Sandpiper Lane, North Olmsted, OH 44070 or email me at mctiquet@yahoo.com.

Please don't wait - You can make a difference in someone's life through BPW/OHIO Women's Retirement Foundation's STNA Scholarship Program and in the lives of seniors in a Non-Profit/Low Income Subsidized Senior Housing facility in your local community! Both the \$500 Scholarship and the \$500 Grant are available. Act Now!!

Jewelry Fundraiser Update: Kathy Kellums is the Chair of the Raffle Fundraiser. Retirement Foundation would like to say "Thank you" to those who have already purchased tickets. Local Presidents and Board Members do have the tickets (\$5 each or three tickets for \$10) for sale. Contact Chair, Kathy Kellums, kpkeill@sbcglobal.net for tickets. The lucky winner (BPW or Non-BPW) of the beautiful bracelet (\$500 value) will be announced at Conference.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

President Elect 2016-2017, Linda Wiegand

Now the holidays are behind us it is time to sit down and reflect on this last year. We, as BPW members have seen changes and will face new battles ahead especially with the women's health issues. Ohio's governor just signed the 20 week abortion bill without any provisions for rape or incest. Regardless where on the political fence you sit, we are going to have struggles ahead. My biggest fear is the registry of foreigners.



My husband and I invited 2 international students for Thanksgiving dinner this year. One from Viet Nam expressed her fear of leaving the safety of campus. She and other students are fearful that they will be picked up and detained. Hearing her perspective startled me and has made me very aware of what others in different situations might face on a daily basis. It's downright frightening!

In April we will have our Leadership Meeting and the Legislative Platform Meeting at the Sheraton Suites, Columbus, just west of I-71 off 270. The construction is done and traffic flows much better.

Double queen rooms are \$110 a night and the single suites are \$95 a night. Reservation must be made by March 30 for the special rate. Use code BPWOH to reserve rooms.

Also in April I will be revealing my programming for my year. My theme is "VOLCANO".

The first three letters are:

V for Voice USE IT!!!!

O for Overcoming Oppositions!

L for Leader BE ONE!!!!

The rest will be revealed in my next article. I would love to hear that all of us are being proactive instead of reactive. We are going to lose ground if we don't stand and fight back. We have power if we take it and use our voices. See you all in April!

Young Careerist Chair 2016-2017, Liz Herrell

The Virginia Allen Young Careerist (YC) program is a specialty program developed to help young professional women polish their skills for leadership and presentations. The purpose of the program is to recognize the achievements of young working women, between the ages of 21 and 35, and to introduce them to the many diverse opportunities available with a membership in Business and Professional Women (BPW).



In addition, Candidates must have worked full time for at least one full year; living, working, training or attending school; and support the goals and objectives of the BPW/Ohio legislative platform.

Each Local should hold a YC Competition and send ALL participants to the Region YC Competition. Insure the Region winner attends the State Competition.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 18, 2017 - DEADLINE – Submit the Region YC representative's name, picture and Biographical Information Sheet to: lizywca@columbus.rr.com Or by **Mail**: Liz Herrell, 3365 Sugartyme Drive, Zanesville, OH 43701-6887

All YC representative information must be received by March 18, 2017. Please be aware of this date when scheduling your local and regional competitions.

April 22, 2017 - EVENT – BPW/OH Individual Development (ID) and Young Careerist (YC) Competition. DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 North Second Street, Newark, OH 43055.

May 19-21, 2017 - EVENT – BPW/OH State Conference, Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, Ohio 43055.

Issues Management Chair 2016-2017, Chandra Ontko, Esq.



The time for completing your issues management tasks is quickly approaching.

There are sixteen tasks, which equates to sixteen possible points.

Remember that there will be one winner per club.

Awards will be given at conference, so get those tasks completed to gain your points and possibly win the prize from your club!

Good luck!

Individual Development Chair 2016-2017, Angela P. Ragone

As we start into the new year I would like to remind all of our members to please consider taking the Individual Development Course this federation year or compete at the region level. It would be fantastic to see a representative from all of the regions at the April leadership meeting.



BPW Region 4 is offering Individual Development /Young Careerist classes at Crossroads Event Center 2095 W Fair Ave in Lancaster OH 43130 **Saturday, January 7, 2017**. For more information and reservations please contact Mona Finnestad at 740-215-6116 or monafinn@yahoo.com

Coshocton BPW is will be hosting the 2-day ID Course on **Saturday, January 14th and 28th** at Agents Realty/Auction Meeting Room, 23024 CR 621 Coshocton, Ohio. For more information or reservations contact Mary Mason at 740-622-0700; agentsrealty@roadrunner.com or Sheri Fortune at 740-502-7356; sherifortune91@gmail.com

Berea BPW (Region 2) will be hosting the 2-day ID Course on **Saturday, January 21st and 28th** at Baldwin Wallace University. For more information or reservations contact myself or Berea's ID Chair Thurma Clemenzena at thurma-home@gmail.com.

March 19, 2017 **DEADLINE** - Submit Region ID Representative's name, picture and Biographical Information Sheet to the State ID Chair, Angela P. Ragone

April 22, 2017 **EVENT** – BPW/OHIO ID Speak-off Competition at the Leadership Training, ID & YC Competition and Legislative Platform meeting

May 19-21, 2017 **EVENT** - BPW/OHIO State Conference, Cherry Valley, Newark, Ohio

All information needed on the Individual Development Program and eligibility to compete at both the Region and State levels can be located on the BPW/OHIO website or feel free to contact me at 440-668-7383 or apragone@gmail.com

Joyce M. Davis Distinguished Member Award

2016-2017

BPW/OHIO has many members who are working tirelessly to continue the efforts of past BPW members to make our organization grow and prosper. Our dedicated members volunteer to head committees and hold offices, they donate countless hours to promote the rights of women.

These same women have been "Talking, Educating, Advocating, Changing and Helping". They believe in the mission and vision of BPW, always thinking of ways to promote BPW. But more than that they are planning ways to make ideas happen and are always mentoring and supporting another's ideas. Their leadership recognizes that there is a need for the encouragement they give to other women to become involved and grow from the life experiences.

BPW/OHIO has given us a wonderful opportunity to recognize these special members who work to keep BPW an organization that is "Talking, Educating, Advocating, Changing and Helping" with the Joyce M Davis Distinguisher Member Award.

NOW is the time for YOU to make this happen.

Nominate your DISTINGUISHED MEMBER!!

A nomination for this award is an honor, the highest manner of saying "you are appreciated for what you do". The member selected for this award will be recognized at the 2017 State Conference. A committee will review all the nominations and one person will be selected as the winner.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of BPW for a minimum of five (5) years

- Must be endorsed by a Local BPW President

Qualifications: (Must meet at least two (2) of the following):

- Has held an office in their Local, Region and /or State organization

- Has competed in either the Young Careerist or Individual Development Program

- Has taken an active role in membership growth on the local level

- Has taken an active role in the education and/or passage of legislative issues directly related to the BPW/OHIO Legislative Platform. This includes, but is not limited to publishing articles, conducting seminars or presentations to outside organizations.

Deadline for Nominations: April 15, 2017 - No nominations will be accepted after 4/15/2017

Email: You can email the completed form to clagore601@aol.com

Mail: Carol LaGore, Chair

30 Terrace Road

Chillicothe, OH 45647

Call: 740-887-3655 with any questions or text 740-466-5909

Forms will be available online at ohiobpw.org





BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN/OHIO

2017 BPW/OHIO Conference – Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Rd, SE, Newark, Ohio
Vendor Registration Deadline (April 14, 2017)

Name of Organization /Business: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening) _____ Fax _____

Registration: \$30 new vendor and a \$25 value give-away
\$25 for returning vendor from 2016 and a \$25 value give away

After 4/14/2017: \$50 and a \$25 value give-away

(Hotel cost for Electricity will be available for an additional charge: \$25)

Registration includes: **1 Table** (6 foot table – one table per business), **1 Thirty second presentation** (one presentation per business) and **1 Business card advertisement in Conference Program Book.**

Breakfast is available at an additional charge of \$18 per person, or \$20 lunch. (Please indicate below)

Vendor Hours:

Set Up on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 AM

Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Vendor Fair & Breakfast with BPW/OHIO Members, Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:30 to 10:00 AM

By signing this form your organization agrees to pay the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women \$30/\$25 for a 6 foot table (space) AND a business card advertisement in the Conference Program Book.

Late registration fee: \$50 (after 4/14/2017). Returned check fee: \$35.00. Full payment must accompany this agreement.

Hotel reservation: Call 740-788-1200. Group Block Code: Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women to register a room at Cherry Valley Lodge, 2299 Cherry Valley Road, SE, Newark, Ohio.

Reservations are to be made before 4/14/2017. Room space is not guaranteed.

Send signed agreement and check payable to BPW/OHIO Conference 2017

To: Liz Herrell, Conference Vendor Chair

3365 Sugartyme Drive, Zanesville, OH 43701-6887

Email: lizywca@columbus.rr.com

In consideration for being permitted to rent a space from the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women (herein BPW/OHIO) at the 2017 State Conference at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio, May 20, 2017, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges BPW/OHIO from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any accident which may occur as a result of the space at the hotel for the state conference of BPW/OHIO or any activities in connection with such rental, whether by negligence or not. BPW/OHIO is not responsible for any loss, theft, accident or other damage to any items left or exhibited within the vendor's space. Vendors are responsible for securing their own property.

The undersigned further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing and knows the contents hereof.

Print Name: _____ Product: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

of 6 foot tables needed _____ Total for vendor space \$ _____

Electrical needed (\$25) _____ Total for Electrical \$ _____

No. for Breakfast (\$18 each) _____ Total for Breakfast \$ _____

No. for Lunch (\$20 each) _____ Total for Lunch \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check Number: _____

Cancellations received after 4/23/2017 will not receive a refund.

Received by _____ BPW/OHIO Conference Vendor Chair

Revised/Approved 11-12-16





BPW/OHIO CONFERENCE 2017

May 19-21, 2017 – Cherry Valley Lodge
2299 Cherry Valley Rd. – Newark OH

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. ☐ 2016-17 State Board Member – Position _____

☐ BPW Member* (voting privileges) ☐ First Time at State Conference ☐ 2016-17 Local President _____

(*membership must be current at conference)

Seminars: Friday, May 19, 2017 (✓those attending)

☐ Relaxation: Why and How.....10:00-11:00

☐ Opiates: Addiction, Withdrawal & Recovery.... 11:00-Noon
Andrea Boxill, Deputy Director of the Governor's Opiate
Action Team

Seminars: Saturday, May 20, 2017 (✓those attending)

☐ What it Means to be Organized _____ 10:00-11:00
Andrea Smith, Owner Simply Andi, LLC

☐ Individual Development Next Phase _____ 11:00-Noon
BPW/OHIP ID Revision Committee

Volunteers needed at Conference (✓those of interest)

☐ Doorkeepers ☐ Pages ☐ Timekeepers

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please identify any dietary or special needs.
Every attempt to accommodate you will be made.

REFUND POLICY:

No refund of Registration.
Meal refunds until May 1, 2017

Hotel Accommodations are not included.
Call the Cherry Valley Lodge prior to April 17th
(after April 17th rooms will be released,
this is a firm deadline)
Telephone 740-788-1200

When making reservations ask to make them under the
room block for Ohio Federation of Business & Professional
Women or OFBPW
Room rate is \$109 plus taxes
FREE parking

Meals Available (✓as desired)

☐ Friday Lunch _____ \$20.00
Speaker to be announced

☐ Friday Dinner (Including Past State Presidents) _____ \$30.00
Speaker to be announced

☐ Friday Evening Event _____ \$ 5.00
Jewelry..."to steal or not to steal"

☐ Saturday Breakfast & Vendor Fair _____ \$18.00
Vendor Presentations, Give A-ways and Time to Shop

☐ Saturday Lunch _____ \$20.00
Speaker to be announced

☐ Saturday Banquet _____ \$40.00
Distinguished Member, YC and ID speeches, Installation of Officers

☐ Sunday Breakfast _____ \$15.00
All awards presented

Selected Meals Total (✓ from above) \$ _____

Plus Registration (✓ from above) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

• I am a Total Package •

☐ Member Registration \$228.00
☐ Late registration/Non-member registration \$253.00

Make checks payable to: BPW/OHIO Conference 2017
Send with this form to: Kathy Kellums
57 Periwinkle Dr. – Olmsted Twp. OH 44138
Ph: 440-235-6871 • E-mail: kpke@sbglobal.net
Or

Pay Registration ONLINE ohiobpw.org
2017 BPW/Ohio Conference Registration - TAB

Registration (Please ✓ registration as applicable)

☐ Member (postmarked on or before April 14, 2017) \$75.00
☐ Late Member (postmarked after April 14, 2017) \$100.00
☐ Non-Member (full registration must be paid) \$100.00



2017 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 *"Shining Apples"* 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.

Carla Fowler Program Ad Co-Chair or
1656 Evergreen Park Dr.
Coshocton, OH 43812

Linda Wiegand Program Ad Co-Chair
78 Melissa Ct
Pataskala, OH 43062

Check must be made payable to **BPW/Ohio Conference 2017**. Final copy and payment must be postmarked no later than **4/21/2017** to guarantee a space in the Conference Program Book.

Advertising materials should be sent electronically to Carla Fowler by **4/21/2017**.

E-Mail: carla_fowler07@yahoo.com

Questions can be directed to Carla Fowler at 325-721-7305 or Linda Wiegand at 740-975-5581.

Electronic ads should be submitted in PDF, JPG or Word 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
___ "Shining Apples" 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 *"Shining Apples"* for the Conference Program Book.

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

BPW/OHIO 2017 STATE LEADERSHIP MEETING



All BPW Members encouraged to attend

Saturday, April 22, 2017

at

Sheraton Suites Columbus, OH

201 Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH 43235

8:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Meeting Begins

\$35.00 includes Breakfast and Lunch

Special Presentation by:

Sherry Brown, Motivational Speaker

from

Granville, Ohio

Event also featuring:

Young Careerist Competition

Individual Development Competition

Legislation Platform Meeting

(Region Legislation Chairs are required to attend or appoint a representative for their Region)

This is a tremendous opportunity for networking!

You can pay your membership dues and meeting registrations online

Pay Registration ONLINE at: **ohiobpw.org**

For event enter: **April Registration**

Amount enter: **35.00**

Checks Payable to BPW/OHIO -

Mail to BPW/OHIO c/o Linda Wiegand 78 Melissa Ct. Pataskala, OH 43062

Name _____ Phone _____

Region _____ Local _____

E-Mail _____ 2017-18 Position _____

\$35 Registration (covers all events) – Postmarked by April 10, 2017

\$40 Late Registration – Postmarked on or after April 11, 2017

For additional information or questions email Linda Wiegand at **bisbestrate@gmail.com**

Sheraton Suites Columbus, Ohio. Reserve your room right away

Reservations: call **888-627-7038 ~ BPW - Business & Professional Women**

Rooms are available for **\$110.00** plus tax for: Double Suite (two Queen beds)

Reservations are to be made by March 30 2017.

Rooms will be released, higher rates may apply, subject to availability, room type will not be guaranteed.

REGION / LOCAL NEWS

JACKSON BPW supported "Purses of Grace" originated by Jackson High School student, Sarah Lipscomb, to provide personal hygiene items to underprivileged women. Pictured (L-R): President Hilary Nichols, Sarah Lipscomb, Pres. Elect Diana Chesser.



November's Bingo Fundraiser raised over \$1,200 for scholarships. In December Jackson BPW donated toys for Jackson County Secret Santa.

March 25, 2017 fundraiser is "The Great Gatsby", a murder mystery dinner. Contact Melanie Smalley, Melanie.smalley@oakhill.k12.oh.us for information or tickets.

ZANESVILLE BPW held its 2nd annual "Celebrity Waiter" fundraiser to support scholarships for women in their community. Celebrity Waiter winner MSgt Betsy Brocklehurst, Air National Guard is pictured below with ZBPW President Paulette Knazak.



COSHOCTON BPW recognized National Business Women's Week in October with the signing of a proclamation (right).



Coshocton BPW and the Coshocton County Farm Bureau co-sponsored a "Meet the Candidates" night (above).

Coshocton honored their 2016-2017 "Woman of the Year" Carey McMasters (right).



GREENVILLE BPW Hosted fundraisers for its scholarship fund, benefiting Dark County young women.



Over 80 attended the Annual Guest Night and LuLaRoe Style Show with a silent auction. Nine new BPW members were added and over \$1,000 raised. Over 80 attended the Breakfast with Santa. Pictured L-R: Back row BPW members Dara Buchy, Karen Sink, Peggy Foutz, Vicki Cost, Deb Smith, Sue Huston. Front row: Susan Fowble and Santa. Not in attendance: Diane Delaplane and Jane Carroll

Be a BPW Supporter! Get your Tee!

Now is the time to purchase your BPW Ohio tee shirt. **They are only \$20. All profit supports the operations of BPW/OH.** Purchase one or buy both colors (light blue and coral). Please contact me at madutrobpw@gmail.com or by phone 740-819-7592 for shirt orders.

Having a shirt is a must for BPW/OHIO Conference! At the Saturday meeting ALL members will be invited to wear their shirts for a group promo picture. Afterwards, door prizes will be given for coming to conference and wearing your shirt!

Thank you for supporting BPW and making a difference in women's lives all around our state!

Don't keep BPW/Ohio a secret --

T.E.A.C.H. others!!



**Thank you Aubree Brocklehurst (model for tees) and daughter of OBW Editor, Andrea Patterson*

CONFERENCE UPDATE!

GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITIES: Conference table decorations will feature items which will be donated to community efforts like Brushes of Hope, SHOCK Pantry and Transitions. We will learn more about these worthwhile projects at conference. What a great way to make the most of our conference funds by also helping our communities.

CHALLENGE: Ads in Conference Program Books are a useful tool for BPW sisters...they point the way to a great restaurant, store or attraction...a place you would like others to visit when in your town. All locals that participate by selling a Conference Program Book Ad will be acknowledged at conference!

JEWELRY HEIST: Back by popular demand! Bring a piece of jewelry to trade with other members! Everyone attending the Friday Night Event, who brings a piece of jewelry, will receive a random number. #1 starts the game by selecting a piece of jewelry from all pieces spread out on a table. #2 can take a piece from the table or steal from #1. #3 can take from the table or steal from anyone holding a piece of jewelry. The game continues numerically until every number has a turn. The person holding #1 has one final choice before the game ends. A build-your-own SUNDAY BAR will be available during this event!!! Be sure to mark the Friday Night Event on your registration form! JEWELRY AND ICE CREAM - WHO COULD ASK FOR MORE?!?