



The Kitsap Wave



A Newsletter for Port Orchard Business and Professional Women
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Business and Professional Women's Foundation is creating successful workplaces by focusing on issues that impact women, families and employers. Successful Workplaces are those that embrace and practice diversity, equity and work life balance. BPW Foundation supports workforce development programs and workplace policies that recognize the diverse needs of working women, communities and business. BPW Foundation is a 501(c)(3) research and education organization.

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Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

5:15 pm Social/Networking
5:30 pm Potluck Dinner
6:15 Planning & Business Meeting

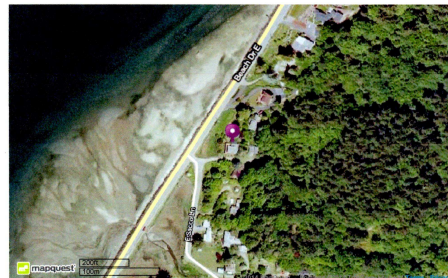
DeLona Kent's Home
2217 Beach Drive E
Port Orchard

For reservations and potluck information, contact DeLona Kent at 360-871-0208.

How to get there... After you go through downtown Port Orchard, continue on Hwy 166 – SW Bay Street to the light at the “Y” in the road. Turn left at the light onto Bay Street which will become Beach Drive E (*if you veer right instead, you will be continuing on Hwy 166 going South on Bethel towards the roundabout*). Continue about a mile on Beach Drive E until you pass the small pond on the right side. You will see DeLona's house, which is a light green, with a deck around it; at E Sacco lane, go straight up the hill on her driveway.

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Map of:
2217 Beach Dr E
Port Orchard, WA 98366-8346

Notes
After turning off Beach Dr E at E Sacco Ln, stay left, going uphill on DeLona's driveway.



President's Message...

Our May 13th meeting was wonderful ceremony by Margaret Way and Eldean Montgomery, both Past State Presidents. The installation of new officers and induction of new members were the highlight of the ceremony. We also had the pleasure of presenting two Scholarships - Mildred Burford High School Scholarship was awarded to Dana Schroath and DeLona Kent Mature Woman Scholarship was awarded to Mary Douglas. Corri Langlois shared her Young Careerist Speech prior to attending State Conference on May 17. Great news - Corri was selected as WA BPW State Young Careerist!

Our June 10 Planning meeting will be held at DeLona Kent's home. It will be a potluck style dinner. The meeting starts at 5:15pm Social/Networking, 5:30pm is Dinner, 6:15pm Planning & Business meeting items. Please consider serving on a committee and bring your ideas for Membership

I plan to continue with the theme from this past year "Bring out the POBPW, Bring out the Best". I would like to bring out the best in each of us. We will continue with the "Member Spot Light" topic which brings out the best in each of you and our entire organization. One member will be asked to present a 5 minute topic for the "Member Spot Light". You may choose to showcase your business, your profession, your volunteering, your hobbies, your travels or anything about our organization! We can learn more about each other, value our support and friendships, share leadership and work together to

give back to our community. We collectively have a tremendous amount of knowledge, experience and lessons to share with each other and others in our communities. So let's roll up our sleeves on June 10th and get started on bringing out the Best of POBPW and encourage others to join the Best!

Hope to see you on June 10th. We are ready to start planning for this year - we have had great programs, fundraisers and given back to the community. We definitely have a small group - with big hearts, continue supporting each other and create warmth and welcoming atmosphere for all who attend. Please join me in bringing out the Best of POBPW and encourage others to join us!

Leslie

May Meeting Highlights



Port Orchard BPW Young Careerist Corri Langlois gave her speech at the meeting, and President Leslie Cole presented her with a plant.

At the BPW/WA Annual State Conference, Corri represented Port Orchard BPW in the Young Careerist competition, and

was selected as the state winner. Krista Bates, of Renton BPW was selected as the runner-up. Candidates were judged in four areas: written and biographical information, judges' interview, group interaction and prepared speeches.

Two Past BPW State Presidents, both members of SouthWest Seattle BPW, attended the Port Orchard's May meeting and conducted the Installation of Officers and Induction of New Members.



Port Orchard BPW officers for 2014-15 were installed by Past State President Margaret Way. Pictured: Margaret; Leslie Cole (President), DeLona Kent (Treasurer); Claudia Heckart (Secretary); and Lorrie Brown (standing in for Vice President Alyson Sonntag).



Past State President Eldean Montgomery inducted new members Corri Langlois and Kathy McInnes into membership in Port Orchard BPW and BPW/WA.

Our scholarship recipients were also presented and honored at the meeting.



Lorrie Brown presents roses to DeLona Kent Mature Woman Scholarship recipient Mary Douglas.



Wilma Eads with Mildred Burford Scholarship recipient Dana Schroath. Dana's mother, Julie Schroath, also attended the meeting.



2013-15 President Leslie Cole presented roses to all members present at the May meeting (see Leslie's poem on following page).



A Rose For My BPW Friends

Thank you for supporting me throughout this year
To make me think, laugh or smile.
For when I need your help, you always step up
If only for a while.

That is why BPW friends are so dear,
Just because they care for you.
And you know they're there with a listening ear
Or to take away the blues.

And I give thanks for all the friends
The good Lord sends my way
For He knows we all need cheer & support
Each and every day.

So to all my wonderful BPW friends,
I send my gratitude and love to you
Because I know that you're my friend
Forever, through and true.

So take this rose, my special friend,
And hold it close to your heart
And always remember me, your friend,
And I so appreciate your support.

BPW/WA Officer or Committee Report 2014 BPW/WA State Conference *Leslie Cole, Port Orchard BPW President*

MAJOR ACTIVITIES: Port Orchard BPW focused this past year on revitalization of the group by providing interesting programs, reaching out to the community and increasing our visibility to help our membership.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Goal # 1: Mentoring and Networking among our Membership to "Bring Out The Best in PO BPW". Our Member Spotlight each month was great way to showcase our members' businesses and hobbies. It has provided a networking opportunity to learn more about each other and individual businesses.

Goal # 2: Achieve six new members in 2013 - 2014. We increased our membership by one so we now have 13 members. We have been working hard at getting our name out in the community and have had special Programs with emphasis on helping women in our organization and our community. Our programs have included: Women's Health Panel Discussion by Dr.

Jennifer Sansen, Kitsap Chiropractic & Natural Health and Dr. Ruth Urand, Sound Naturopathic Clinic; Progress of Port Orchard Downtown Public Market (tailored after Pike Street Market); Holiday Charity Fundraiser with speakers from CelebrateLife, Inc., a non-profit organization helping young women in need with parenting & pregnancy support; Annual Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser at Silverdale Kitsap Mall which raised money for our scholarships; Lydia Simonson's 103rd Birthday Celebration with her family, guests, local Port Orchard BPW members and Past State BPW Presidents Margaret Way and Eldean Montgomery; Greg Sandstrom, Kitsap County Coroner, spoke about "Crib Program For Saving Babies"; Robin O'Grady, Author - *The Optimist's Edge*. and Kitsap County District Judge Marilyn Paja who spoke on her work on the Gender and Justice Commission and commission goals.

In October we honored Lydia Simonson who is 103 years young with a lifetime membership for all her support of Port Orchard BPW for many years. We are also excited to have a Young Careerist Candidate, Corri Langlois, to represent us at State Conference. In May, we awarded two scholarships - our Mildred Burford High School Scholarship and DeLona Kent Mature Woman Scholarship, and installed our officers for 2014-2015.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: As President, I have been blessed with an amazing team. My officers - Alison Sonntag, Vice President, obtained wonderful programs; Claudia Heckart, Secretary, captured essentials in her minutes; DeLona Kent, Treasurer, maintained detailed treasurer account. The Key Chairpersons - Barbara Luddon - prepared excellent Monthly Newsletters and Membership; Wilma Eads - coordinated our High School Scholarship and her husband maintained our Website; Lorrie Brown - coordinated our DeLona Kent Mature Woman Scholarship; and Mary Boehmer - sent Sunshine/Cheer to members. We have an amazing group of women who value each other's support and friendship, share leadership experiences in helping women and work together to give back to the community. We have members who have been members for less than one year to over 57 years; and all of our knowledge & experiences are priceless.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Membership survey we completed last summer helped our group obtain some changes in our meetings and our programs. We definitely will use the survey as a key planning tool.



State President Kay Bradley Kampsen is seeking members to participate on the state Bylaws Committee, which is chaired by Milly Lewendon. If you are interested in being on this committee, let either Milly (mmlewendon@comcast.net) or Kay (kbk.bpw@hotmail.com) know.



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2014

- June 10 Port Orchard BPW meeting – potluck at DeLona Kent’s home, Port Orchard
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Father’s Day
- June 21 Summer Begins



Happy Father's Day!