



The Kitsap Wave



A Newsletter for Port Orchard Business and Professional Women

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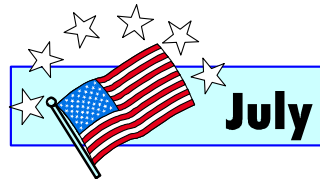
BPW WA 2013-2014:



"Nurturing the Roots"

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.

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation
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**Meeting
Port Orchard BPW
Tuesday
July 9, 2013
5:30 PM**

DeLona Kent's home
2217 Beach Drive E
Port Orchard

Proposed Agenda

5:30 – 6:00 PM – Potluck and Social
6:00 – 7:30 PM – Business and
Planning Session

Business:

Approve Minutes from June meeting
Review Draft Budget for 2013-2014
Key Standing Committees --
Membership, Programs/Issues
Management, Young Careerist,
Bylaws, Foundation, Legislation –
and Newsletter/Roster.

Planning:

Review Survey Results
Develop Goals for 2013-2014
Outline Program/Issues
Management topics for 2013-2014
Membership Drive & Focus

Contact DeLona Kent at 360-871-0208 for further information and reservations.

President's Message ...

Port Orchard BPW is ready to start planning for an exciting year of programs and membership focus on bringing out the best in Port Orchard BPW! At our June meeting was held at Capriccio Event Center at Towne Square Mall in Port Orchard. Claudia Heckart was our first "Member Spot Light" featured topic and she displayed her wonderful

business attire of Grace Adele fashionable purses and accessories.

I am also thrilled to announce that Alison Sonntag was voted in as Vice President! I am so happy to have her part of our Port Orchard BPW leadership team!

The focus and direction of our club comes from feedback from our members and your input is important on what is needed and where you feel our club needs to head. I appreciate all the responses I have received on the Survey Questionnaire. I have received great feedback! The updated results are included in this newsletter. Please take time to review the survey results. We will discuss the results at our Summer Potluck and focus on actions that will provide interesting programs, increase our membership and bring out the best in Port Orchard BPW for this coming year.

Our Summer Potluck Business and Planning meeting will be Tuesday, July 9th at 5:30pm at DeLona Kent's home, 2217 Beach Drive E, Port Orchard. DeLona will be contacting each of the members to see what favorite food each would like to bring for the Potluck meeting.

As I mentioned in the June Newsletter and at the June meeting, I am going to continue 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. My plan is to spot light the best in each of you and our entire organization - in "Member Spot Light" topic at each meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July 9th Business Planning meeting for members to sign up to provide a 5 minute topic for their "Member Spot Light". You may choose to

showcase your business, your profession, your volunteering, your hobbies, your travels or anything about our organization! I feel we can learn more about each other, value our support and friendships, share leadership and work together to give back to our community.

I hope to see you all at our July 9th Business and Planning meeting at DeLona's home! I am ready to roll up my sleeves as your President, so please join me in bringing out the Best of POBPW and encourage others to join us!

Best to you all!
Leslie



Member Spot Light

The Member Spot Light shone on **Claudia Heckart**, of Allyn, at the Wednesday, June 12, meeting of Port Orchard BPW. Mrs. Heckart sells Grace Adele purses and accessories, and is the Secretary of the group.



During the meeting, Immediate Past President and Scholarship Chairman Wilma Eads announced that Port Orchard BPW has awarded this year's Mildred Burford Scholarship to **Kaitlin Wardle**, a senior at South Kitsap High School. Next Fall, Ms. Wardle will be

attending Pacific Lutheran University to pursue a degree in Psychology, and anticipates earning both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree.

Equal Pay Act is 50 Years Old

Posted by [YWM](#) on June 10, 2013



President John F. Kennedy signs the 1963 Equal Pay Act into law as BPW/USA president Dr. Minnie Miles watches. 50 years ago today, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law and BPW was there. BPW/USA President, Dr. Minnie Miles (second from the right) attend the event and received one of the signing pens. She would be surprised that 50 years later there is still work to be done to close the wage gap.

From: <http://womenmisbehavin.com/2013/06/10/equal-pay-act-is-50-years-old/>

Key State BPW Dates to Remember

September 21, 2013 – State Fall Board, Issaquah at King County Library System, Administrative Offices (sponsored by Bellevue BPW)

October 21-25, 2013 – National Business Women's Week

January 27, 2014 – Lobby Day in Olympia

February 2014 – Foundation Month, Black History Month

February 22, 2014 – Winter Board, Bellevue Community College

May 16 and 17, 2014 – State Conference at Wenatchee

Get these on your calendars now, and watch future newsletters for further information on these events.

State Website is an Info Treasure Trove

Be sure to visit the BPW/WA website www.bpwwa.org to learn more about our state organization and find links to various BPW web sites, Foundation Scholarship Applications and more. In the **Members Only** section, members will find the new BPW/WA Roster 2013-2014, all sorts of tools for increasing LO membership, sample membership brochure, "62 Ways to Increase Membership", pictures from State Conference 2013 and from the 2011 state conference that WE (Port Orchard BPW) hosted, inspirations, guidelines for Panel Discussions, for Roundtables, and for Brainstorming, past issues of the WBW, and so much more. Current members will receive login information (username and password) in separate correspondence, or contact Barbara Luddon for information.

WELCOMB

New Member

Faye Johnson-Sackett
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Port Orchard, Washington
Business and Professional Women
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
At the Capriccio Cafe in Port Orchard
Attendance: 8

5:30 pm – Meeting called to order. Welcome by President Leslie Cole.

DeLona Kent led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Inspiration was given by Wilma Eads.

5:45 Networking and dinner; followed by member and guest introductions

Wilma gave a report on State Conference that she and Barbara Luddon attended, in Mukilteo. State has the same officers as last year, except for the recording secretary. This year the directory is online only, not printed. Hours were spent changing the bylaws. Wilma led the memorial service; and also a church service on Sunday morning.

Wilma gave a report on our scholarship recipient, Kaitlin Wardle, who we thought would be here but didn't make it. She seems to be a very worthy young lady.

We will be starting a "Traveling Spotlight" showcasing one of our members each month. This month it was Claudia Heckart, and her Grace Adele fashion products.

July 9th we will have a potluck planning meeting at DeLona Kent's house.

REPORTS:

Copies of the approved minutes were emailed to everyone by Secretary Claudia Heckart.

Motion to accept Allison Sontag as Vice President was presented by DeLona Kent.

It was seconded by Past President Wilma Eads. Motion carried.

Collect was said by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Claudia Heckart, Secretary



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2013

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 9 PO BPW planning meeting/survey results discussion - Potluck at DeLona's

- July 20 BPW/WA Executive Board Meeting, Everett – LO Presidents invited

- September 21 Fall Board, Issaquah (Nurturing the Roots through Mentoring), King County Library System, Administrative Offices. Membership and Mentoring

- October 21-25 National Business Women's Week 2013

