



The Kitsap Wave



A Newsletter for Port Orchard Business and Professional Women
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BPW WA 2012-2013:
"Planting Roots for the
Future"

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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October Meeting

**Wednesday
October 10, 2012
5:30 pm**

Lighthouse Restaurant
429 Bay, Port Orchard
Order from the Menu

This will be a business meeting – no speaker has been scheduled -- and we will be planning for our November program meeting. Vice President Leslie Cole will preside at the October meeting since President Wilma will be out of town on that date.

Please contact DeLona Kent, at 360-871-0208 for further information and reservations.



**National Business Women's
Week®
October 22 - 26, 2012**

To honor the contributions of working women and employers who support working women and their families, Business and Professional Women's Foundation celebrates **National Business Women's Week®** (NBWW) during the third week of October.

National Business Women's Week® provides an opportunity to call attention to women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about successful workplace policies, and raise awareness of

the resources available for working women in their communities.

Women in Charge

NBWW is a great opportunity to recognize and highlight the progress women have made as business owners and entrepreneurs. Today there are 7.2 million majority-owned, privately-held, women-owned businesses in the United States. These firms employ 7.3 million people and generate \$1.1 trillion in sales. Only twenty years ago it was still legal to require a woman to have a male co-signer before receiving a business loan.

History of NBWW

The concept of **National Business Women's Week®** originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927. The first annual observance of NBWW was held April 15-22, 1928, when National President Lena Madelin Phillips opened the week with a nationally broadcast speech. She stated that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world." From this early effort, NBWW has grown into a nationwide salute to all workingwomen.

The program for the first observance of NBWW included: Legislative Day devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women; Education Day devoted to emphasizing the need for equitable educational opportunities; Club Rally Day for prospective new members;

Community Day honoring leaders in the community; and Goodwill Day devoted to working with other women's organizations.

In 1938, NBWW was moved to the third full week of October. U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing NBWW and the contributions and achievements of workingwomen.

The celebration of **National Business Women's Week®** has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.



Gift Wrapping Plans

Our dates for gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble (Silverdale) have been set -- December 5th, 15th and 24th. Be checking your calendars so you'll be able to schedule your wrap session(s). We also plan to gift wrap one day at the Kitsap Mall. Leslie will have information on the date assigned. This fundraiser helps fund the scholarships that Port Orchard BPW award.



Port Orchard, Washington Business and Professional Women

Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2012

At the Towne Square Events Center in Port Orchard

Attendance: 16

5:30 pm – Networking and ordering dinner.

5:45 – Meeting called to order by President Wilma Eads, who also led us in the Collect. DeLona Kent then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dinner was catered by Capriccio Catering and Floral Services.

6:25 An Inspiration was given by Leslie Cole.

REPORTS:

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

GUEST SPEAKER: We were delighted to have with us tonight Terry Ray, State President of BPW/WA. She shared with us some of her interests and goals - she is starting up an organization for homeless kids, called "Safe Spot for Kids"

She has been a teacher; an accountant; and she loves motorcycles. She also likes to empower others to follow their dreams.

She became president to help others. Core BPW training is her goal this year. She's willing to help someone starting a business. Will email some helpful advice if wanted (free). Topics at Fall Board: (9-22-12) Social media training; office requirements for BPW; vision board. This year is about learning and helping each other. Reaching out to other women. State. Presidency is a great opportunity to learn!

Exercise your “want” muscle, state what you want; set your boundaries and respect yourself.

She reminded us that we have a website: www.bpwwa.org, and it has been updated with new material.

President Wilma Eads resumed meeting after the raffle, thanking our President for coming and giving her a gift of a jewelry set. We then proceeded with Introduction of Members.

A large raffle was held, and had 8 winners. There was also a Silent Auction with some more winners!

Leslie Cole and Lorrie Brown planned the meeting tonight. Next meeting: October 10th, at Towne Square, at 5:30

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Claudia Heckart, Secretary



President's Message...

Dear PO/BPW members,

"Bring out the PO/BPW, bring out the best."

I was so pleased with our September meeting. It rated an A in my book. Thank you for sharing your stories. They were the best. I am so proud of you all.

Over 40 members attended Fall Board at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma on September 22nd. It was a profitable day of listening and learning. Reports dominated the day. The job descriptions of the different officers were presented. The speakers included a comedian, Jen Seaman, Marian Brown who discussed "vision boards." and finally a social networking presentation by Kieran and Sherri Murry. Being with and learning from other locals is always the best. Sylvia Valine has done an amazing job as Webmaster for the BPW/WA website. Check it out!

Since our October speaker, Susan Daniel, can come in November, we will meet at the Lighthouse on October 10th for a planning session for November 14th.

Good news - we have been given great days from Barnes and Noble for Christmas gift wrapping: 12/5, 12/15, 12/24. We are still working out the schedule with Kitsap Mall gift wrapping.

I will not be at the October 10th meeting. I will be in Los Angeles for my 50th class reunion from LIFE Bible College. I know that all will go well with our dear Leslie Cole, Vice President in charge.

Always striving for the best,
Wilma Eads

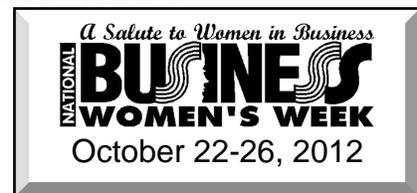


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2012

- October National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October 8 Columbus Day
- October 10 Port Orchard BPW Meeting – Lighthouse Restaurant, Port Orchard
- October 22-26 National Business Women’s Week
- October 24 United Nations Day
- October 31 Halloween
- November 6 **Election Day – VOTE!**



2013

- January 22 Winter Conference (Bellevue or Renton?)
- January Lobby Day in Olympia
- February Foundation Month
- February Black History Month
- May 18, 19 BPW/WA State Conference in Lynnwood (hosted by Greater Everett BPW)

