



The Kitsap Wave



A Newsletter for Port Orchard Business and Professional Women
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November Meeting

**Wednesday
November 14, 2012
5:30 pm**

Lighthouse Restaurant
429 Bay, Port Orchard
Order from the Menu

Jennifer Hardison of South Kitsap Helpline will be our guest speaker. She has provided a list of their needs that will be included elsewhere in this newsletter. All attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods, and other donations to the November meeting to be turned over to SK Helpline that night.

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

President's Message...

Dear Port Orchard BPW Ladies,

I am giving thanks for Leslie Cole our new vice-president and her capable handling of our October meeting.

I am giving thanks for Claudia's fine terms as our efficient secretary.

I am giving thanks for DeLona's many terms as our treasurer, mentor, Evergreen and friend.

I am giving thanks for Barbara Luddon's exceptional work on our Kitsap Wave.

I am giving thanks for Toni McBride's miraculous recovery and return to our meetings.

I am giving thanks for Mary Asplin's example of the perfect business woman.

I am giving thanks for Lori and Alison's membership and support.

I am giving thanks for Mary Boehmer's leave from the choir practice so that she can be with us.

I am giving thanks for Melinda Bondo and her continual song of joy.

I am giving thanks for Sue Server and her spice to our meetings.

I am giving thanks for Lydia Simonson our centenarian and her continued support, although she cannot attend.

I am giving a "tusen tak" (Swedish - a thousand thanks) for the privilege of being your president.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Wilma Eads

Remember to



November 6





Gift Wrapping Plans

As announced in the October newsletter, the Barnes and Noble (Silverdale) gift wrapping dates are December 5th, 15th and 24th. At the October meeting, some of our members signed up for wrapping shifts, but I'm sure there are still some open times. Check with DeLona to volunteer.

Leslie Cole had attempted to arrange a gift wrap session on December 8th at the Kitsap Mall, but ran into a snag. It appears that we are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance for that one day. Leslie did check with her insurance agent regarding General Liability Insurance, but it was decided to forego the December 8 Mall wrap session this year and just concentrate on the 3 wrap days we have at Barnes and Noble.



Vietnam Veterans of America Join BPW Foundation to Support Careers of Women Veterans and Military/Veteran Spouses

Last month BPW Foundation announced that Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), the only national Vietnam veterans' organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families will lend its support to Joining Forces for Women Veterans and Military Spouses Mentoring Plus™ as a Resource and Community Partner.

BPW Foundation's Joining Forces program connects committed women mentors with women veterans and military/veteran spouses as they search for new employment, hone their career goals, and package their

military skills and experience to gain access to meaningful civilian jobs. The program is free and mentors are trained. BPW Foundation's mentoring initiative is part of the White House's national Joining Forces effort.

"We are proud that such a respected and effective veteran's organization is partnering with us as we connect women veterans of all eras with volunteer working women mentors across the U.S. whose personal and professional training has prepared them to provide insights, advice, and encouragement to help women veterans," Deborah Frett, BPW Foundation CEO said. "Vietnam Veterans of America's large active membership will help us extend our reach to both potential mentees as well as mentors. I also commend VVA for their long standing commitment to all veterans including women. Since their founding, VVA has been at the forefront in supporting female veterans, including treating them as equals within their membership."

[Editor's note: Please contact me if you'd like a complete copy of the BPW Foundation's October 16 press release.]

HELPLINE SEEKS HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS!

Hundreds of local, low-income families will come to the South Kitsap Helpline Food Bank to receive holiday meal baskets. If you can help by donating any of the following to assist us in our goal of providing food to those in need, we would be most grateful. Food can be dropped off at South Kitsap Helpline located at 1012 Mitchell Avenue in Port Orchard: Mon-Fri from 10:30-3:30. Please call 360-876-4089 to make other drop-off arrangements. Thank you for your help!

- **Canned corn & green beans**
- **Canned cranberries**
- **Boxed stuffing**
- **Canned yams**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Canned or packaged gravy**
- **Packages of any flavor of Jell-O**



No time to shop? That's OK—you can go to www.skhelpline.org to securely donate online to help us purchase the food we need!

Port Orchard, Washington
Business and Professional Women
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
At the Lighthouse Restaurant in Port Orchard
Attendance: 8

5:00 pm – Networking and ordering dinner.

5:30 – Meeting called to order by Vice President Leslie Cole; DeLona Kent led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. An Inspiration was given by Mary Asplin, followed by Introduction of Members. Our President Wilma Eads was not with us, as she was in California for a class reunion. We were delighted to welcome Toni McBride back to our group after her illness.

REPORTS:

DeLona Kent gave the Treasurer's Report

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

Still looking for a speaker for the November meeting; maybe Jennifer Hardison from Help Line.

Discussion continued about a location for the Christmas Party Meeting.

- Invite people to come to our meeting
- Spread the word about our activities.
- Work on ways to build our membership.

Gift Wrapping – both at B&N and at the Mall itself. 3 dates available for B&N; no charge and they provide the paper. Dec 5, 15, and 24 available from B&N.

Mall charges \$50 for certain dates Dec. 12,14,15,16,21,22,23,24 Other dates are available from Nov. 23 on, without charge. We also must provide wrapping paper and all supplies to wrap gifts at the Mall location.

Try Dec 20 at the Mall? (free)

A secretary will be needed after Claudia Heckart moves away. (no volunteers yet)

Collect was said by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Claudia Heckart, Secretary

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can.

Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Women are the real architects of society.”

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

“You can get everything in life you want, if you help enough other people get what they want.”

- Zig Ziglar

“Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.”

- Mae Jemison, first African American female in space



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2012

- November 1 All Saints Day
- November 6 **Election Day – VOTE!**
- November 11 **VETERAN'S DAY**
- November 14 Port Orchard BPW Meeting – Lighthouse Restaurant, Port Orchard
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- December 5, 15, and 24 Gift Wrap days at Barnes and Noble
- December 25 Christmas

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)



Please submit your ballot by November 6

