



# The Kitsap Wave



A Newsletter for Port Orchard Business and Professional Women  
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**December 2013**

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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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## December Meeting

Tuesday  
December 10, 2013

5:15 PM - Social  
5:30 PM – Welcome & Dinner

**Town Square Events Center**  
1700 SE Mile Hill Drive  
Port Orchard

- Holiday Silent Auction
- Fundraiser Raffle
- Wrapped Gift Exchange Game (bring wrapped gift if you wish to participate)
- Holiday Music – Mary Boehmer

Celebrate Life is our holiday charity. A representative will talk about their needs and organization. (See Celebrate Life article below.)

For reservations or more information, contact DeLona Kent at 871-0208. If DeLona receives your \$20 PAID reservation by December 4, you will be included in a drawing for a free future dinner meeting ticket.

### Celebrate Life

Celebrate Life provides Parenting & Pregnancy Support Services for young girls and women who need help. We will have guest representatives at our Dec 10 meeting who will give us a brief summary of what the non-profit organization

supports. Their website is [www.celebratelifeinc.com](http://www.celebratelifeinc.com). We will be supporting this organization as our charity contribution. The following items are on their current "needs" list:

- ♥ Baby baths
- ♥ Wipes
- ♥ Formula
- ♥ New or gently used baby furniture:

1. Playpen/Pack n play (client is currently on a waiting list for this item)
2. Carseats
3. Cribs
4. Toddler bed frames
5. Strollers

- ♥ New or gently used baby (size NB - 8 childrens) and maternity wear

Members are encouraged to bring any donation from their list of suggestions to the Dec 10th meeting.

### President's Message...

The holiday time is quickly upon us! I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who joined us at our November 12th Business & Planning meeting. We had a special guest, Don Ryan and Susan Keller, Coordinators of new Port Orchard Public Market Project. He spoke about the plans for the new Public Market in downtown Port Orchard and the opportunity for our group to rent a space in the Public Market place for our members to use for their business or fundraising activities. The Port Orchard Public Market is expected to open in the Spring 2014.

Our November's "Member Spot Light" was Wilma Eads, Whole Heart Accessories - who brought her wonderful jewelry pieces to sale just in time for the holiday.

We had two wonderful Raffle items donated by Wilma Eads and Leslie Cole. The Next Month's dinner drawing winner was Wilma Eads.

We also agreed to contribute to a local charity, CELEBRATE LIFE, INC, who help women who are pregnant or have new babies and have limited support to get the basics they need for a newborn or baby. A special list of items needed is highlighted in the newsletter. Please bring your donations to the December 10th meeting. A representative from CELEBRATE LIFE will be our guest at the meeting.

Our December 10th Holiday Silent Auction and Raffle Fundraiser is just around the corner. This is a fundraiser that is a lot of fun for all who attend. Please bring a silent auction and raffle donations from your favorite local business or from yourself or you can bring a favorite baked item for the silent auction. Mary Boehmer will share some Holiday music with us during the meeting. Remember to sign up early for next Month's dinner and pay in advance for our December 10th meeting. Sign up and send your money to DeLona Kent by December 4 to be eligible for free dinner drawing for January. We also will have a gift exchange game. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

Please join me in bringing out the Best of POBPW and encourage others to join us!

Leslie



### **Port Orchard BPW to Help with Lydia Simonson Birthday Celebration – January 20, 2014**

We have cancelled our regularly scheduled January 14 business meeting. Instead, we will attend Lydia Simonson's birthday celebration luncheon on Monday, January 20, 2014, 11:00 AM, at Ridgemont Senior Apartments, 2049 Pottery Avenue, Port Orchard. Our group will be providing table decorations and information on Lydia's BPW participation.

The charge for Lunch is \$6.00. Reservations should be made with DeLona Kent (at 871-0208) no later than January 6, 2014. A sign-up sheet will be available at our December 10 meeting.

### **Fall Board 2013 Minutes Available**

A copy (.pdf file) of the approved Minutes for the September 21, 2013 Washington State BPW Fall Board meeting has been received. Any BPW member may request a copy from either Barbara Luddon (360-373-0431 or [barbluddon@q.com](mailto:barbluddon@q.com)) or President Leslie Cole. An excerpt from the Minutes is provided below:

#### **New Business**

Winter Board:  
Winter Board Chair Sue Tellock reported that Winter Board will be in Bellevue at Bellevue Community College on February 22, 2014. The cost will be \$25.00 with box lunch included. It was requested that locals and members send answers to the question: "Inn my/our opinion BPW should be....". Please submit the responses by e-mail to [tellsue@earthlink.net](mailto:tellsue@earthlink.net) no later

than February 1, 2014. There will be no trade fair. Finance Chair Virginia Murphy asked how many Local Presidents were present and asked for BPW state to look at including them in expense reimbursement.

Nominations Chair Robyn Whitaker let the locals know to be looking for leadership for state level within their locals. In addition, the local must endorse the nominee.

### **Letter from Washington State Business and Professional Women's Foundation**

Dear Friend of BPW;

The Board of Directors of the *Washington State BPW Foundation* are asking for your support. Because of ongoing financial help such as yours, *WSBPW Foundation* was able to award scholarships totaling more than \$4,000.00 to women to continue their education.

Your gift will continue to build funds to provide grants to mature women and single mothers returning to the work force, and to expand their skills to keep pace with the current requirements in the job market.

We appreciate your interest in the foundation and look forward to your continued involvement and financial support! Please remember to contact your employer if your company provides matching funds. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational organization.

With sincere appreciation,

WSBPW Foundation  
Board of Directors

*The Washington State Business and Professional Women's Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational organization. Corporate and individual contributions are always welcome*

**Port Orchard, Washington**  
**Business and Professional Women**  
Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2013**  
**At Capriccio's Catering in Port Orchard**  
**Attendance: 16**

5:00 pm – Networking and ordering dinner.  
5:30 – Meeting called to order by President Leslie Cole; who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
An Inspiration was given by Allison Sonntag followed by Introduction of Members.  
5:45 – dinner was served

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Don Ryan – of Ryan Properties, and is the president of the Bay Street Association. His goal is to get commerce back into Port Orchard. He's working towards opening Kitsap County's Year Round Public Market at 715 Bay Street – a destination for locally produced shellfish, craft beer, handmade chocolates, produce, gifts and more. The town is behind it, the town council is agreed. Different companies are signing up to have a business in the complex. Renovation is almost finished. He wants to get the ferries between Port Orchard and Bremerton running longer hours, and on the weekends, to increase foot traffic between the two cities.

With him was Sue Keller who will be taking care of reservations and assignments for space in the Market. They also plan on having tables available for rent for vendors – rent by the day or week – sell your product. We can buy a brick thru their website to help fund the opening. Mayor is all for the idea. For more information go to [www.portorchardpublicmarket.com](http://www.portorchardpublicmarket.com) You can also "like" them on Facebook to keep up with new developments:

[www.facebook.com/PortOrchardPublicMarket](http://www.facebook.com/PortOrchardPublicMarket)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- We could consider renting one of the Public Market spaces for \$250 p/mo – and share the table during the month. Member and non-member prices. Might have to be local items only. (That would exclude Person to Person by Jockey, and Grace Adele.)
- We would like to have a birthday party for Lydia Simonson at Ridgmont Senior Apartments. Her birthday is Jan 20th, 2014, and she'll be 103. Could our group come to celebrate with her? It's also MLK day. Her family is providing the cake. We could coordinate with Elena Lightbrown, the Resident Manager – bring decorations, maybe some pictures, etc. This would be in place of our regular meeting. **Volunteers to assist with this event are needed.**

**KEY CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

- DeLona Kent gave the Treasurer's Report
- Copies of the approved minutes were emailed to everyone by Secretary Claudia Heckart.
- DeLona Kent reported on our Barnes & Noble Fundraiser for this year. The dates are Dec 2nd from 10a - 6p; Dec 13th from 10a - 8p; Dec 23rd 10a - 8p. This year it will be at the Mall entrance of B&N so we should get more traffic.
- Allison Sonntag – Program – all lined up except for the induction times
- Barbara Luddon – Membership – the roster needs to be updated again
- Mature woman scholarship – Lorrie still working on it; will be put on our website

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Still need a Chairperson for Foundation, Legislative & Young Careerist. **Any volunteers?**
- Lydia will be member spotlight for January.
- Planning for December Christmas Party on Dec 10th – we'll have another silent auction. Bring a gift for a gift exchange. Bring items for a charity. Wilma moved that we support the Celebrate Life Center as the Christmas charity this year. Barbara seconded, and the motion carried. Celebrate Life Center can use baby bath items, baby clothes, wipes, car seats, etc. A list will be put in the newsletter.

We have not decided yet on any entertainment for Christmas.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting: Dec 10th - 5:30 pm dinner; 6:15 pm program. Topic: Holiday Fundraiser.

Location: Town Square Events Center; 1700 Mile Hill Drive; Port Orchard.

Collect was said by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

The Transmittal Form for your contributions to the Washington State BPW Foundation is being sent with this newsletter. Please consider making a donation.



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**2013**

- December 6 St. Nicholas' Day
- December 10 Port Orchard BPW holiday party –,  
Town Square Events Center
- December 21 Winter Begins
- December 25 **Christmas Day**

**2014**

- January 14 **No** Port Orchard BPW meeting.  
Replaced by January 20 event.
- January 20 Port Orchard BPW participates in  
Lydia Simonson Birthday Celebration
- January 27 Lobby Day in Olympia
- February 22 BPW/WA Winter Board, Bellevue  
Community College, Bellevue
- May 16-18 BPW/WA State Conference,  
Wenatchee

