



News & Views

SEPTEMBER 2024

Upcoming Events

- September 12: September
 Dinner RSVP Deadline LINK
- September 19 Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6 pm Giannilli's II
- October 3: Board Meeting 6pm. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.
 All are welcome to attend.
- October 4: Self-Defense Class
 6 pm Petrillo's Karate Campus
- October 5: Walk for Breast Cancer - Twin Lakes
- October 20: Bowling at Lincoln Lanes 1 - 4 pm



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, October 4. Please send committee reports, community events, articles,

kudos and advertisements to cpalm121@comcast.net OR

latrobebpw@yahoo.com before that date.

Welcome Ladies!

September is one of those months when too much is happening to keep up! Kids are back to school, which means extra-mural activities are planned, summer is (unofficially) over, fall projects are being planned, and of course, fall decorating has begun!! Fall is a season of change but we know those changes are temporary and will herald new possibilities to believe, dream and work hard to achieve!

Thank you to all those who so generously donated back-to-school items for donating to our August speaker. And, thank you to Aaron Allen for giving us some insight into bullying and how to deal with it. Great speaker!

So much is planned for the upcoming months, so please stay tuned!!! You can keep up to date by attending meetings, reading your newsletter and looking out for postings on Facebook! We have a self-defense class scheduled, following by a fun evening of bowling! Raffle tickets with a cash prize, and of course, interesting guest speakers!

See you all at our meeting on September 19th!

MONTHLY THEME:

September is a month of "everything". My research took me to more Cancer Awareness pages than I could bear! Such a horrid disease, so many friends and loved ones lost or suffering, and no more so than children. Our guest speaker this month, Carly Rudick is just one of many parents whose lives were impacted. Please join us at our September meeting on Thursday, September 18th, to hear of her journey.

September is also Suicide Prevention Month. The suicide rate, especially among younger people. According to the CDC, over 49,000 people died by suicide in the US in 2022. That is one death every 11 minutes. Suicide is the third leading cause among 15-29 year olds.

On a happier note, September also has National Women's Friendship Day! Since 1999, this day has been celebrated on the third Sunday of September. And what a better group of women to exude friendship than your BPW groups! Friendship is a close relationship between two or more people who care about and support each other. It is a relationship built on trust, honesty, and mutual respect. Friends often share common interests and experiences, and enjoy spending time together. I feel blessed by all the friends I have made through BPW and look forward to the times we can be together. I consider each and every one of you my friend.

Barbara

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Life is too short to fold fitted sheets!



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Member Spotlight



Latrobe BPW is thrilled to spotlight Lorin Zimmerman, who has been a dedicated member for the past year and currently serves as the Student of the Month/Scholarship Chair.

Lorin has found great value in the connections she has made with other women through BPW. These relationships have enriched her experience and reinforced her belief in the power of networking and community.

Lorin strongly encourages new members to join a committee. She believes it's an excellent way to connect with others and gain a deeper understanding of the meaningful work BPW accomplishes.

Lorin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Health and Well-Being Coach, running her own private practice, Hope Abounds Wellness Services, LLC. As a solopreneur, she cherishes the opportunity to make a positive impact on her clients' mental health and overall well-being.

In her free time, Lorin enjoys biking, cross-country skiing, and unwinding on her patio. Her passion for empowering women in midlife drew her to BPW, where she has found a perfect fit to connect with and support other women.

Despite everything else she has accomplished, Lorin has never had a cavity—a fact that often surprises people!

Lorin is a proud graduate of Penn State, and she particularly loves this time of year when Nittany Lion football is in full swing. Lorin is married and has two adult daughters.

Latrobe BPW is grateful to have Lorin as a member, and we look forward to seeing all the ways she will continue to contribute to our organization and the community.

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Dinner Committee

Sept. Dinner Meeting:

Date: September 19, 2024

Event Location: Giannilli's II, Route 30 West, Greensburg

Deadline for Reservations: Thursday, September 12

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Cash/Check/Credit \$25 Prepay via PayPal \$27 (link on dinner reservation)

LINK TO RESERVE: https://
forms.gle/J7nmcW5kk6RqF86YA

Questions about the dinner meeting? Email: <u>latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com</u>

BPW Logo Wear

BPW ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!

Show your BPW spirit with our new line of logo wear! You can shop 24/7/365 online through our member partner Unity Printing. Order your gear by the end of each month and it will be delivered to you at the following month's meeting! Check out the great items at: www.unityprinting.com/bpw



Membership

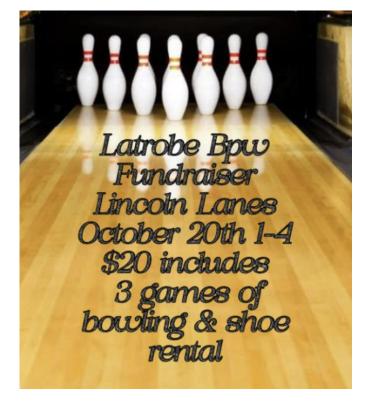
Please invite your friends, co-workers, and wonderful women that you meet to dinner.

Ask our membership team: Maria Newill and Tina Grace Donkers, for our "business" card and membership application to share with your guests.

RENEW HERE: https://
frms.glerenewbpwmembership

Goodwill & Special Projects





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Continued Cards and Prayers

The following message was received by Theresa Rusbosin. Please consider sending Mary Ann a card of your own, as she was extremely touched by the card she received from the club.

Dear Theresa and my dear Latrobe BPW sisters:

Your card with all the signatures really brightened my day.

The Strength medallion was the reminder I need right now. My faith is strong and I pray a lot but I question my strength. This is so very difficult and this is a tangible sign that I can't give up.

Thank you for thinking of me!

I'm not sure if I ever updated my address, but it's <u>53 Bingham Lane, Crossville TN 38558</u>. I love the cards and would hate for any to be returned.

Please keep praying for me!

With love,

Mary Ann Urban

Upcoming Events:

Walk to end Alzheimer's – Saturday, September 14th – Twin Lakes

More information to come when available

Self Defense Class - Friday, October 4 - Petrillo's Karate Campus - 6 pm

\$10 Break Boards * Break Barriers * Build Confidence

Westmoreland Walks Pink Ribbon Walk – Saturday, October 5th – Twin Lakes

More information to come when available

Bowling Night - Sunday, October 20 - Lincoln Lanes - 1- 4 pm

Goodwill/Special Committee State Project Fundraiser

Fun Monthly Polls:

In order to promote more "fun" in our organization, we're planning to conduct monthly "themed" polls. Nothing serious, just for fun. Click the link below for the September Poll.

Click here for the Google Form Link



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Foundation

The Edith Oler Flanagan Disaster Fund is available to any BPW/PA member who has suffered a financial hardship caused by any reason, such as uninsured medical expenses, fire loss, termination of employment, etc. The awards are based on financial need. www.bpwpa.org



Public Relations

Important Social Media and Website Links!

Website: www.latrobebpw.org

<u>Facebook</u>: <u>www.facebook.com/BPWLatrobe</u> (Business Site)

www.facebook.com/groups/latrobebpw

(Private Member Group—more informal; Business Owners can run ads and share info once weekly; Share Community Events)

Search for us on YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn

ISO: Chairwomen and Committee members for the 2024-2025 year. Please email latrobebpw@yahoo.com if interested.

Editors Note:

Please send me content.

Lots of articles make the newsletter
more interesting!

Thank you ~Carol Palmer

Committee chairs: Send your round-up items in for the next newsletter's Round Up.
Committee Reports are due by first Friday of each month. Send them to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com

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Member Vendors - \$10.00 per table Nonmembers - \$15.00 per table October 1 Setup - 5:00pm

- No duplicate businesses- cash & carry
- Vendors can have a door prize drawing
- A network table will be provided for member non-sale business

Contact: Jean Calabrace

spcrlc@comcast.net

724-787-0897



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VENDOR RESERVATION FORM

LATROBE BPW November 21, 2024 Latrobe American Legion 1811 Ligonier St. Latrobe, PA 15650

-Please Print-

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Please return a copy of the Vendor Reservation Form and your check made payable to LATROBE BPW to:

Latrobe BPW Vendor Event Chair Jean Calabrace 2902 Ligonier St. Latrobe, PA 15650

(724) 787-0897; email: spcrlc@comcast.net

DEADLINE: November 1, 2024

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Where do you fit?

Any organization is only as good as it's members. Latrobe BPW is more than just belonging. The more involved you are the more rewarding the experience. All members are requested to participate in one of the following committees. Please review the descriptions. You may request placement on a committee you feel best meets your interest and expertise. If you do not specify, you will be assigned at the President's discretion. Please contact Barbara Baldwin with any questions. 724-244-8248 or baldwin15@comcast.net

BYLAWS/ POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The bylaws/policies and procedures committee is composed of a chair and appointed members. This committee prepares amendments to or revisions of the bylaws for presentation to the executive committee for consideration and to the membership for action. Committee chair forwards to district bylaws chair any proposed amendments in district bylaws by appropriate date and forward to state federation by appropriate date. Committee will advise local organization of all mandatory changes in district and state bylaws.

FINANCE

The finance committee prepares an annual budget for the local organization, has general supervision of all expenditures, and to assists the local organization in developing a sound financial policy. The finance chair shall be a member ex-officio, without vote, of all committees, which disburse money. This committee to plans projects to supplement the proposed budget.

FOUNDATION/LEGISLATION

The foundation/legislation committee promotes interest in and support of the State Business and Professional Women's Foundation. This committee will carry out the legislative programs adopted by the state federations. The committee shall study local legislative needs in order to make recommendations to the local organization.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee promotes, expands, stabilizes, and orients the membership. This committee plans induction of the new members and prepares the local organization yearbook for distribution at the September meeting and maintains membership information.

DINNER

The dinner committee arranges for the dinner for the monthly meetings. This committee contacts the members for reservations and coordinates with the meeting site.



PUBLIC RELATIONS/ CLUB NEWS

The public relations & club news committee presents state/local pro grams, and activities through available news media. The committee prepares a public or media presentation in observance of National Business Women's Week in October. This committee also prepares a monthly newsletter, manages the website and any social networking used by the club.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT/ YOUNG CAREERIST

The individual development/young careerist committee encourages recruitment of young people into membership, organizes and coordinates the individual development/young careerist program, and promotes activities that involve the participation of young people.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Student of the Month and Scholarship Committee collaborates with the guidance offices of the Greater Latrobe and Derry Area School Districts to select the Students of the Month based on their recommendations. The committee will then contact the selected students to gather the necessary information for their visit. Additionally, the committee pro-

motes the scholarship to residents of the Greater Latrobe and Derry Area School District through news media, the high school guidance offices, and the Latrobe BPW monthly newsletter. The committee reviews scholarship applications and submits an award recommendation to the executive board and the local organization.

GOODWILL/ SPECIAL PROJECTS

The goodwill and special projects committee conveys the local organization's wishes to the membership during crisis, illness, or joyful occasions. The committee shall coordinate any assigned projects. In addition to fundraising activities, Latrobe Business and Professional Women's Club also participates in various Goodwill and Special Projects that support the philanthropic mission. Events that the club has supported in the past include silent auction for the BPW/PA Foundation, Westmoreland Food Bank Collection, American Cancer Society Relay For Life, Salvation Army "Bell Ringing," Project Bundle Up, and Adopt-a -Family. The club encourages all members to select or suggest a project and apply time and talents to drive community impact.

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BY-LAWS POLICY & PROCEDURES REVIEW

DUE Sept. 22nd

An email containing the current version (2023) of Latrobe BPW By-Law/P&P will be sent to all members. Please review and submit all suggestions for changes to Nicole Purnell by 9/22.

(npurnell930@gmail.com).

This is your chance to have a VOICE in our rules/regulations!

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Guest Speaker Carlie Rudick

Please wear gold to our monthly meeting in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness in the month of September.

Carlie will share her personal story and all the good that she does to support other families that are fighting childhood cancer.

Carson's Hope holds several fundraisers per year including a Fishing Derby and a Night at the Races. Their foundation would be ever grateful for the donation of any items that could be used in raffle baskets or Chinese auctions. She has said some favorites are lottery tickets, gift cards, wine and bath/body items. Please feel free to be creative in your donation.





Carson's Story.....

In October of 2008, Carson Rudick was diagnosed with a rare tumor, rhabdomyosarcoma, when he was just 3 1/2 years old. He endured several surgeries and radiation to remove the tumor on his sinus cavity, but just two months shy of finishing treatment in the summer of 2009, he relapsed. Carson endured several more surgeries, gamma knife procedures and chemotherapy during the next year. But again, he relapsed over and over again. But you would never have known it. He always had energy and never complained much. He amazed the doctors with his strength to endure new chemos, radiation and surgeries. Carson gained his Angel Wings on July 18, 2010 after the Rhabdo Monster metastasized to his brain and spine. His parents never gave up hope during all that he endured and remained optimistic throughout his battle with cancer.

CARSON'S HOPE is a charity created by Carson's parents, Jim and Carlie Rudick, to help support families dealing with pediatric cancer, as well as pediatric cancer research. As much as they hoped that Carson would have benefited from a cure for cancer, Carson will be a part of the cure.... only in a different way. CARSON'S HOPE looks forward to the day when there is a cure for cancer. Carson's legacy will live on through his charity and it will be a bittersweet day for his parents when there is a cure.

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- 6—Debby Lopuch
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- 20—Terri Dominick
- 30—Deborah Bowman





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We are still available for special orders - anything from apples to cupcakes to a treats bouquet for that special dancer, swimmer, or graduate in your life. Customizable treats at a reasonable price. Contact me at 724-244-7246 or Alicesapples17@gmail.com

Thank you, Latrobe BPW members, as always for your support... you have all been incredible!

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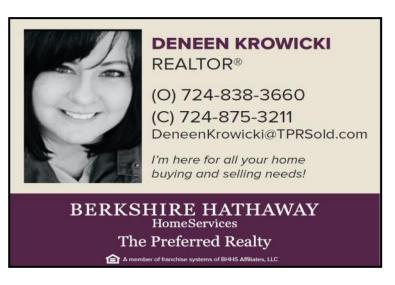




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