Together We Will:

Explore new things; it keeps us young;

Face adversity head on and never give up, despite the odds;

Laugh often and loudly;

Know you don't have all answers; keep asking questions;

Enjoy every hug, every smile, and every positive comment;

Question authority and to do it well, do it respectfully;

Stay active both physically and mentally, even if you need help to do it;

Keep a generous heart by sharing your gifts (your experiences, your memoirs, your abilities).
Greetings BPW Members:

I cannot believe how fast our summer went by. All of a sudden it is September, and time for another successful year. Although we do not usually have meetings during the summer season, some of our committee members have been attending meetings most of the summer. We have held meetings for the Fashion Show, which is approaching soon, as well as the By-Laws and Mission Statement Committee. I would like to thank all of the members who have taken time out from their summer schedules to move our club forward. I know it is difficult to do this and not everyone is able to attend the meetings. I want you to know that we understand your dilemmas. I want to extend my personal thanks to Lisa Jordan and Cyndie Powell, for chairing these committees. I would also like to thank Susan Daly for a wonderful evening at her home for the programming meeting and barbecue. We had a great time.

Kim Bellizzi and Miriam Cajuste hosted their first Youth Leadership Meeting at Kim’s home in July and that was also a great meeting. Kim and Miriam are working on the date for this Event. I know this is going to be another successful event. They will keep us informed of their progress.

Now I would like address all of you who were devastated by the hurricane and the floods afterwards. I hope you are all doing better now. I have called some of the members who were hit very hard and offered our help. We will still be bringing in donations for the victims at our meeting September 20, 2011. Cyndie sent out a list of items that are needed for the Hurricane victims. Please bring what you can, as this donation drive will be needed for a very long time. I know some of you were not covered by insurance and I can’t even imagine how horrible this is to contend with.

Our next big Event is the Fashion Show. The Event will take place November 6, 2011 at the Glen Sanders Mansion. Please contact Cyndie Powell with any donations for the event. Cyndie will talk about the Fashion Show at our Business Meeting September 20, 2011. I know we will have the best Fashion Show yet, with all of the hard work that is being done by our committee and our members.

We do have a wonderful spirit in our organization. We have members who want to be involved, and help our club move forward with the changes we have made. For example Bonnie Keller has offered to continue to help Aldona as membership co-chair. Bonnie as you know, is 1st VP, and has committed herself to helping above and beyond her call of duty. I do appreciate what Bonnie is doing, as well as the rest of our members for their contributions to our club.

I know change is difficult for some, but in the end it is rewarding for our organization. We do have new members attending the September Meeting and I am looking forward to more prospective members in the future. I am setting my goal for 50 new members this year. If you have friends or family or business associates interested in joining our club, please bring them to a meeting, and let them see what we do. We do have some great programs planned for this year that should be interesting to all.

Last, but not least, I would like to personally congratulate Ann Parillo, our 2011 Woman of the Year. Ann is currently Producer and host of the Schenectady Today Show. She has been the host since 1998. Ann’s accomplishments are huge. Her Bio is located on the website. Schenectady BPW will honor Ann at the annual Fashion Show and Woman of the Year celebration.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming Fall Season, and join me as we enjoy another successful year with Schenectady BPW.

Regards,

Jane Osterhout
Jane Osterhout
President

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**Birthdays**

**September**
- 4 Marie Johnson
- 11 Miriam Cajuste
- 13 Jean Weed
- 15 Carolyn Sabol
- 15 Sandra McGarraugh
- 25 Valerie Iacovangelo
- 28 Jane Osterhout
- 29 Janet Sapio-Mayta

**October**
- 1 Aldona Vaitulis
- 2 Heather Peterson
- 7 Sr. Stella Dillon
- 22 Tammy Krisher
- 22 Melissa O’Reilly
Schenectady Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.
Invites you to join us at our next business meeting

Where: The Stockade Inn
When: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

5:30 – Networking
6:00 – Dinner
6:30 – Kick off our 85th Year Anniversary
What we can do throughout 2011-2012 to celebrate and Promote our Club
Guest Speaker: Pauline Bartel from Bartel Communications

Cost: $28 for guests; $25 for members

Please R.S.V.P. By: Friday, September 16, 2011 to Susan Daly at 428-8830 or Carolyn Sabol at 887-5851 or Email Carolyn at cwwsabol@hotmail.com.

Please remember that if you are a member, your reservation is automatically made for you.
If you are unable to attend, you must contact Susan Daly or Carolyn Sabol at the phone numbers or Email above, so that the club will not be charged for your dinner.
Thank you for your consideration.

Tips and Tidbits

Holiday Basket of Cheer
Carolyn Sabol is again working on our Basket of Cheer
Last year, we raffled 3 baskets with a minimum of 5 bottles of Cheer in each basket. Lots of other goodies were also included in the baskets.
We’re asking for our help to sell tickets. They are priced at $5 each or 5 tickets for $20.
Carolyn will have additional tickets at board meetings and regular Business meetings. Tickets will also be posted on the Website for you to print and sell. Carolyn will collect the money and ticket stubs at any of the above-mentioned meetings. Please help to make this fundraiser a success.
Drawing to be held at the Holiday Party on December 13th, 2011 at The Stockade Inn.

Advertisers Wanted
Ads for the HandClasp run from September–June each year. Members have first chance on ads for the new year.

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To place your ad, send your business card or ad with a check made payable to Schenectady BPW to:
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104 Glen Eddy Drive
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If there is anything that you would like to see on the Website, that isn't currently there, please let Cyndie know. You can contact her by email at: cyndie@nycap.rr.com or by phone at 518-370-7249.

If you have any items that you would like included in the Handclasp, please get your information to Cay by the 1st Wednesday of each month.
Cay can be reached on 518-372-2521 or by email at ddraycroft@aol.com
Membership, Bonnie Keller & Aldona Vaitulis, Co-chairs

Our membership to date is at 47, including one new member:

Sabrina Westervelt
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Schenectady, NY 12303
Home Phone: 379-7479
Birthdate: 12/31
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Bus. Address: 822 River Road, Glenmont, NY 12077
Job Title: Outreach and Admissions Counselor
Bus. Phone: 767-9371 or 431-8036
Email: westervelt.sabrina@jobcorps.org
Hobbies & Interests: outdoor interests, water sports, community events, shopping

Members can access a copy of our Membership Roster by going to our Membership Chairs: Bonnie Keller (993-4799) or Aldona Vaitulis (355-4923).

Call for Help from our Members
Jane Osterhout has heard from several of our members asking if we could help those who were affected by the flooding and storms when Hurricane Irene passed through the Capital District. Help will probably be needed for some time in the future. This will not get cleaned up in a day; it will most likely take several months, if not years for some of the infrastructure to be rebuilt, as well as homes and lives.

Jane announced that we will be collecting items at our business meeting on Tuesday, September 20. Please bring your cleaning item(s) and we will get them to those in need as a donation from our club.

Also, if you would like to help volunteer with the actual cleanup, you can contact the First National Bank of Scotia, who is coordinating a volunteer force to help out. The volunteers are needed in Rotterdam Junction as well as in Schoharie County. We hope that you are all safe and sound and that your families and friends are out of harm's way in the aftermath of Irene and the subsequent rains.

From the Board

News from Business and Professional Women's Foundation
BPW Foundation as been selected as one of four charities to be part of Alliant Credit Union Foundation's Make It Count: Vote to Give Back Campaign. Based on the number of votes we receive, Alliant will donate between $7,000 and $13,000 toward our programs supporting women veterans.
Voting started at midnight, Thursday, September 1, 2011 and ends at 5:00pm CST on October 31, 2011. You may vote three times.

To vote go to http://youngwomenmisbehavin.com/2011/09/10/misbehavin-notification-vote-for-women-veterans-and-bpw/

Women's History – June – October
On July 19 and 20, the United States celebrated the 163rd Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Conference held in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. It was at this conference that the demand for women's right to vote was first voiced. It took 72 years for U.S. Women to finally win the right to vote on August 26, 1920. The determination, tenacity and courage of these women and their political campaign for democracy was an important inspiration.
This year marks the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the constitution, which gave women in the United States the right to vote. The 19th Amendment went to Congress in 1918 and was ratified by the states on August 26, 1920.
Charter Dinner at Riverwood Inn, September 27, 1927 by Lillian Backus, State President

Highlights – First Ten Years Schenectady BPW
1929 First telephone two-way telephone communication at our meeting.
Speakers during year: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ms. Frances Perkins
1930 Discontinued luncheon meetings and began meeting the 4th Tuesday of each month
1931 First State Conference in Schenectady televised by General Electric
1932 First HANDCLASP published
1933 Revised bylaws and objectives adopted
1937 First to entertain new City Manager of Schenectady, Charles Harrell
Organized Council of Women's Clubs – YWCA, Zonta, BPW, AAUW, LWV
Two-way broadcast to Australia between National President of BPW and National President of Australia
1938 First trip to State Assembly in Albany, NY

2011 – 2012 Schenectady BPW Board Members and Directors

Board President -- Jane Osterhout
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Treasurer -- Tammy Krischer
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Directors: Susan Daly
Carolyn Sabol

Immediate Past President: Elena Alvarez, PhD.
Fashion Show / Cyndie Powell—Chair

Flyers for the fashion show will be available for the meeting on September 20th. If your office or a local business that you frequent, has a community bulletin board, please ask to place the flyer on the board.

Also, we are still updating the fashion show guest list. If there is someone who you would like to invite, please get their contact information to Cyndie so that the mailing list can be updated.

NEW... Wine Swap
This year we are trying out a new fundraising event. Kim Bellizzi has used this at the APF fundraisers and it has been quite successful.

We are asking our membership to either collect or donate bottles of wine valued at a minimum of $10. There will be some bottles worth much more. (We are looking to collect at least 100 bottles of wine, so that is about 2.2 bottles per member)

On the day of the Fashion Show we will have a table with the wines that will be wrapped and each will have either a red or white ribbon to note what color wine that is in the package. We will charge $10 per bottle and encourage people to buy more than one bottle. It will be fun for the wine drinkers in our audience to buy a bottle and be surprised by what kind of wine they receive. Just this event should net us an extra $1000 if all bottles are sold and we reach our goal of 100 bottles.

Get your wine to Cyndie at First National on Balltown Road.

The Fashion Show Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP!!
Please keep in mind that the success of the fashion show is a group effort. You can help by collecting donations from local businesses to be used as door prizes and silent auction items. You could also talk to local business owners about placing an ad in our program. Some of our larger businesses are also happy to be providing large, high-end baskets for our basket raffle.

It seems like November is a long way off, but the sooner these items are collected the better. You can drop off any items collected to either Cyndie or Donna Anscombe at First National Bank of Scotia on the corners of Balltown Rd and Nott Streets.

Let's work together to make this our best Fashion Show yet!
Check out the forms are on the Website for more information, and for receipts for your donors.

The next Fashion show meeting will be held on Thursday September 28th at Jane’s house. Meeting begins at 5:30 pm.

If you would like to serve on the Fashion Show Committee, please let Cyndie know. You can email her at cyndie@nycap.rr.com or call her at (518)370-7249.

Woman of the Year, Jane Osterhout, Chair

Congratulations to Ann Parillo — Community Volunteer and the Host of “Schenectady Today” a local Talk Show. Ann has been named as our 2011 Woman of the Year. Read Ann’s Bio on our website. Go to www.schenectadybpw.org

Among Our Members

Kara Howansky, daughter of member Barbara Howansky, received her Girl Scout Gold Award. Kara was one of our scholarship winners for 2011 and she won the Gold Award, highest award given by the Girl Scouts, for her volunteer work at Sunnyview Hospital.

In a recent issue of the Albany/Colonie Chamber magazine, new member Helen Sigsby, President of United Building Maintenance, Inc., was highlighted.

On Wednesday, August 3rd, Hollywood came to First National Bank of Scotia in Niskayuna, where Donna Anscombe is the Branch Manager. A few of First National's employees were hired as extras for the bank robbery scene as well as some scenes at the Route 7 Diner. Donna was hired to play a teacher at Schenectady High School and filmed her part on Friday, August 26th. You can find more information at http://www.bizjournals.com/albany/morning_call/2011/07/first-national-bank-of-scotia-stars-in.html?"s=image_gallery

Bertha Berman is happy to be back in Schenectady.
Her new address is:
Shaffer Heights, Apt.1010
107 Nott Terrace
Schenectady, NY 12308
The phone number remains the same: 377-7710

Save the Date: Fashion Show Sunday, Nov 6th, 2011 at The Glen Sanders Mansion.
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