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*Lee Ann Gaddis, President and
Jan Bynum, President-Elect*

Past State President Brenda Ingles. This pin will start the tradition with me passing it on to my successor next year President-elect Jan Bynum. The most experienced of our organization honoring me, the youngest President to ever serve since the organization was started in 1919. The profound meaning of this will live with me always. *Thank you.*

New President 2015

On June 6, 2015, I started the path of my Presidency. It has been a worthwhile experience. One I am glad to share with people that are part of my Family, not defined by blood but defined by our commitment to each other and to this organization. I would like to share the most humbling experience I had at this Convention. Our Past State Presidents came today to see me installed. Not only to be installed but to give me a President's Pin worn previously by



MEMBERSHIP THAT ATTENDED CONVENTION 2015



AWARD WINNERS



Perfect 36 Reception

Beth Bates and Mary Jo Middlebooks go through the receiving line at the Perfect 36 reception held at the Governor's Executive Residence. At right is Jacque Hillman.



Any information that membership will need before the next Achiever comes out will be sent by email or snail mail to members. This will include information such as, registration forms, meeting dates, and nominated officers with their bios.

Planning Meetings

September 15, 2015 NBWW Plans October 3, 2015
November 15, 2015 IB RECAP December 3, 2015
January 15, 2016 BPW Foundation February 3, 2016

Regional Meetings

March 15, 2016 Deadlines and Officers April 3, 2016
President-Elect Goals & Ideas for BPW/TN Future
April 15, 2016 Convention 2016 May 3, 2016

Members Connecting



Mary Jo Middlebrooks, left, and Jackie Utley, right, of Jackson Area BPW, enjoy remarks from the speakers at the reception.



Jacque Hillman, right, a TWSM board member, greets Zulfat Suara of Hardeman County BPW.

Past President Gift

Immediate Past State President Tressy Hart (right) accepting her President's Gift from President Lee Ann Gaddis (left). Special Consideration to Martha Ervin- 1st Vice President for her help finding the treasure to present.



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



MUSIC CITY

Music City-BPW meets July 11
The third meeting of Music City-BPW at Pathways Women's Business Center brought in about 15 women to hear what Business and Professional Women of Tennessee offer.

BPW/TN's 2nd Vice-President Jacque Hillman spoke on the history of BPW/TN and its legacy and leadership since 1919, and the organization's focus going forward.

Zulfat Suara spoke on Day on the Hill and legislation that BPW/TN lobbied for with state legislators. Beth Bates discussed the Tennessee Women's Economic Council event set for October 25-26.

New officers are: Courtney Lewis, president; Jackie Pair, vice-president, Michelle Parks, secretary; Kimberly Brown, assistant secretary. At this time, the treasurer's position needs to be filled.

President Courtney Lewis reports that BPW Music city has started committees focused on the following topics: women veterans; job creation; women's health and political issues.

"We will be planning a fundraising Christmas red carpet event in December," Lewis said. "We will also be hosting a fundraising event in March with our member Gail Bost of the American Lung Association. We plan to partner with community organizations for job creation and stability."

Lewis added, "As President, my goal is to empower professional women and women entrepreneurs with opportunities that provide sustainability and growth."

Lewis won the Light Up 2015 Award presented during the BPW/TN state conference held at Montgomery Bell State Park. She is a former homeless veteran who attended MTSU, graduating with a degree in audiovisual engineering. She now owns See Media Agency, and is also directing a 14-room home for women veterans who are without homes.



BPW State Presidents

Patricia Bell - of Texas
Sharon Taylor-Carrillo - of Kentucky
Lee Ann Gaddis - Tennessee



State President Lee Ann Gaddis presented Geraldine Wallick with a gift in Celebration of her 55 years of service in BPW.

BPW MEMBERS HONORED AT PERFECT 36 RECEPTION

The Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Foundation honored the 200 Perfect 36 members on June 30 at a reception at the Governor's Executive Residence hosted by First Lady Crissy Haslam and House Speaker Beth Harwell. The Perfect 36 Society members donated \$500 each to seed the funding for the suffragist monument being created by renowned sculptor Alan LeQuire for placement on the Legislative Plaza area in Nashville.

Members of Jackson Area BPW who are Perfect 36 Society members are: Beth Bates, Mary Jo Middlebooks, Jacque Hillman and Jackie Utley. Hillman also serves on the TWSM board, designed the Perfect 36 sterling silver brooches, and worked toward BPW Tennessee approving a \$2,500 donation to the monument.

Zulfat Suara of Hardeman County BPW is also a member of the Perfect 36. When she made her donation, she said, "This is a great day in our history, and you know I want to be a part of it!"

"Tennessee changed the lives of all women in America," said Hillman. "Think about that. How can we not celebrate this event? I hope that on dedication day, we can have several hundred women in white suffragists' costumes and banners walking up on Capitol Hill in a re-enactment. That may not happen, but wouldn't it be amazing if it did?"

At the TWSM website, you will find this opening statement: "On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote in America. The history of how Tennessee became the deciding vote will be retold through art and exemplified for future generations."

After BPW members went through the reception line, shaking hands with the TWSM board members, Speaker Harwell and the First Lady, the honorees proceeded to the Conservation Hall. This space in the renovated residence offers 14,000-square-feet which includes a mainly underground dining and meeting room capable of seating 160 people. The center of Conservation Hall is a glass-walled oval atrium that opens to the sky.

At the reception, Speaker Harwell shared the story of her great-aunt who was 16 and in the Legislature when Tennessee ratified the 19th Amendment. When a re-enactment was held in 1995, Harwell's great-aunt was present again on the floor in the General Assembly. Harwell wore an amethyst bracelet given to her by her great-aunt, who wore it on the day Tennessee became the Perfect 36.

First Lady Crissy Haslam welcomed all the women present and thanked them

for their donation that is making the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument possible. She said it was the largest group of women to be gathered in Conservation Hall.

The next event will be held in October when the monument will be dedicated. Organizations who donated \$2,500 or more will be honored at this event, which will include BPW/TN. An email will go out to alert officers about the details of this dedication ceremony.

On the Internet: <http://tnsuffragemonument.org>, Facebook, Twitter, GoFundMe
How to contribute:

Go to www.gofundme.com/loisdeberry to make a donation online in honor of the late, great Rep. Lois DeBerry, who will be one of the women featured on the base of the monument. The Five-Five Society is a group that is donating \$1,000 per person or \$1,500 per couple to honor Rep. DeBerry. Their names will be engraved on the monument in her honor since she will be featured with a bronze plaque on the monument base.

Go to www.gofundme.com/honortnsuffragists to make a general donation.

Click on "The Yellow Rose Society" tab on the tnsuffragemonument.org website and read about the benefits available and how to make a donation. Donations of \$500 and above will be engraved on the monument, space permitting.

Send a check made payable to TN Woman Suffrage Monument, Inc., to Yvonne Wood, 405 Westland Dr., Lebanon, TN 37087, for Yellow Rose Society, Five-Five Society, or general donations if you don't want to pay online. She will acknowledge your donation.

All contributions are tax deductible.



The receiving line at the reception at the Governor's Executive Residence on June 30 included members of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument board. Left to right: Rosetta Perry, Paula Casey, Pat Pierce, House Speaker Beth Harwell, Yvonne Wood, First Lady Crissy Haslam, Linda Knight, Jacque Hillman, Janis Sontany and Adrienne Pakis-Gillon. Not pictured: Alma Sanford.



Sculptor Alan LeQuire puts the finishing touches on Anne Dudley, one of the suffragists who will be immortalized on the monument.



BPW CALENDER

June 15, 2015	Deadline for submitting LO Treasurer's Information forms to Treasurer
July 15, 2015	Deadline Date for 1st Achiever
August 3, 2015	Tentative mailing date--1st Achiever
August 29, 2015	Region I Planning Meeting, La Follette United Methodist Church (Sheree Schneider)
August 15, 2015	Region II Planning Meeting, Conference Call (Ann Poag)
August 22, 2015	Region III Planning Meeting, 10:30 am at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, 401 Morgan Street, Brownsville, TN. (Carolyn Beverly)
September 6, 2015	Deadline for submitting bylaws amendments to be considered at IB (60 days prior)
September 15, 2015	Deadline for submission of material--2nd Achiever
October 3, 2015	Tentative mailing date--2nd Achiever
October 19-23, 2015	National Business Women's Week
October 30, 2015	Deadline for IB Registration
October 21, 2015	Deadline for LOs to submit candidates for Nominating Committee to Pres (15 days prior)
October 21, 2015	Deadline for Officer & Committee Reports for IB (to Lee Ann Gaddis)
October 25-27, 2015	TECW Women's Summit
November 6, 2015	IB Executive Committee Meeting
November 7, 2015	Interim Board of Directors, Sleep Inn, Lebanon, TN
November 15, 2015	Deadline for submission of material--3rd Achiever
December 3, 2015	Tentative mailing date--3rd Achiever
January 15, 2016	Deadline for submission of material--4th Achiever
February 3, 2016	Tentative mailing date--4th Achiever
February/March	Day on the Hill
March 2016	Region III Meeting, Location (Carolyn Beverly)
March 2016	Region II Meeting, Location (Ann Poag)
March 2016	Region I Meeting, Location (Sheree Schneider)
March 15, 2016	Deadline for submission of material--5th Achiever
April 3, 2016	Tentative mailing date - 5th Achiever
April 9, 2016	Deadline for nominations for State Officers and Regional Directors to Nominations Chair (60 days before 1st business session of Convention)
April 9, 2016	Deadline for submitting bylaws amendments to be considered at BOD (60 days prior) Approve all committee appointments for the coming year (60 days before convention) Executive Committee approve Convention budget
April 2016	Equal Pay Day
April 15, 2016	Deadline for submission of material 6th Achiever
April 30, 2016	Deadline for Membership numbers for awards Contributions to Foundation to qualify for awards Deadline for LO Officers Information Form to Pres-elect and Webmaster
May 3, 2016	Tentative mailing date--6th Achiever (Candidates for office, Convention info)
May 15, 2016	Deadline for President's Reports (Award Qualifications) to Lee Ann Gaddis, 1st & 2nd VPs Reporting Foundation contributions to Geraldine Wallick
May (TBA)	Deadlline for Room Reservations for Convention
May (TBA)	Deadline for Convention Registrations
May 25, 2016	Deadline for all reports to State President for Convention
May 25, 2016	Deadline for all reports to President-elect for Post Convention EC and Board
June 2,3,4, 2016	BPW/TN Convention, Pigeon Forge TBA @ IB



STATE ROSTER

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2015 Ib Registration Chair

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2016 Convention Chair

2016 Conv. Registration Chair

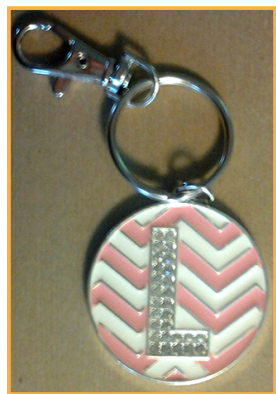
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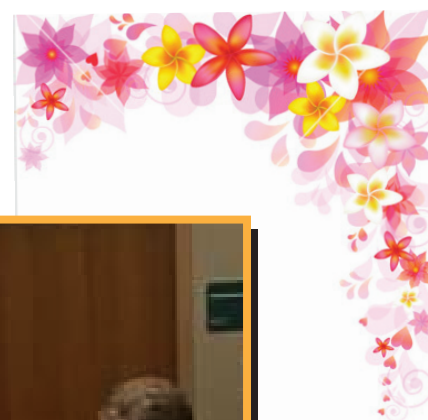
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Special Consideration to Immediate Past State President for my President-elect gift of a keychain for my year of service
(Also included 5 pieces of Dove chocolate that was eaten..yummy)



BPW/TN State President, Lee Ann presides over her first Executive Committee meeting for 2015-2016.
On the right are Beth Bates, Parliamentarian, Carol Turpen, Secretary, Ann Hiegel, Treasurer.
On the left is Jan Bynum, President-elect.

Not in the picture are Martha Ervin, 1st Vice President, Jacque Hillman, 2nd Vice President, Sheree Schneider, Region I Director, Ann Poag, Region II Director, and Carolyn Beverly, Region III Director.

ACTIVE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

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(2014-2015)	Tressy Hart	132 Warren Hollow	Minor Hill, TN 38473	tressy.hart@gmail.com	931-556-2604



BPW TO HOST DOWNTOWN GHOSTS A-WALKIN' TOUR

Jackson Area BPW will host its annual scholarship fundraiser, the Downtown Ghosts A-Walkin' Tour, on Friday, Oct. 30 in downtown Jackson.

The tour begins in Riverside Cemetery with historic figures telling the tales of their lives – and deaths. Then tour guides and visitors go to Baker's Rack, a downtown restaurant, for supper. After dinner, the group proceeds to St. Luke's Episcopal Church where Tommy Rhoads portrays a Union soldier who died there during the Civil War who is looking for his sweetheart bride. Then the group divides into four walking tour groups with JABPW members leading each tour. Stops on the tour include the New Southern Hotel, The Pythian Building, and TLM, each with resident ghosts.

Ghosts change from year to year, but the tickets have remained the same: \$40 for tour and dinner; \$25 for the tour only. The fundraiser usually brings in from \$1,200 to \$1,600 for the annual scholarship given to non-traditional female students returning to college to further their education and careers. The scholarship amount is set at \$1,000.

This year, the tour will be promoted on the tnvacation.com website and sent out to tour bus companies for the possibility of advance ticket sales.

If you would like to attend, call (731) 423-2234 for tickets.



Mary Jo Middlebrooks, in red cap, relates the story of the first election in Jackson for Andrew Jackson as a ghost listens behind her, and an ancient Indian ghost at right (played by Wanda Stanfill, JABPW) tells the story of walking the Trail of Tears. Other actors are directed by JABPW member Pat Alford, who directs the Jackson Teen and Children's Theatre Group.

PAST PRESIDENTS



Past State Presidents at the Convention:

Back row: Sharon Taylor-Carrillo, Ann Hiegel, Jewell Walker, Brenda Risner, Joy Turner, Joyce Brokaw, Charlotte Buchanan, and Zulfat Suara. Front row: Jacque Hillman, Treasa Newton, Brenda Ingle, Carol Turpen, and Beth Bates.

Perfect 36 Society Brooch



The Perfect 36 Society sterling silver brooches were designed by Jacque Hillman, BPW/TN's 2nd vice-president and membership chair. Hillman is the owner/designer of Reconfigured Art Jewelry.

Region I Planning Meeting

will be August 29 at the LaFollette United Methodist Church
808 East Central Avenue, LaFollette, TN 37766
More details will be sent by Director Sheree Schneider

BPW/TN State President Lee Ann Gaddis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Region II Planning Meeting

Time: Aug 15, 2015 10:30 AM (GMT-4:00) Eastern Time
(US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

<https://www.zoom.us/j/351381588?pwd=8T9pcUpzbDk%3D>

Password: 81515

Or join by phone:

+1 415 762 9988 (US Toll) or +1 646 568 7788 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 351 381 588

International numbers available: <https://www.zoom.us/join>
Please be advised that phones need to have long-distance plans for this to be a toll free call.

The meeting will be less than 40 minutes.

LO Presidents or Representatives will give a brief overview of their LO activities State Officers will give brief information of their plans.

Region III Planning Meeting

for Saturday, August 22 at 10:30 am at the
TN College of Applied Technology 401 Morgan St., Brownsville, TN.

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