



Business and Professional Women/TN

Tennessee Achiever

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A Presidential Wish



I am close to reaching the halfway point of my journey as State President, I can see the struggles I've had to find my niche and get on track. I've now started to look forward toward a new year and with it the next phases that will end my year and start a new year for our Upcoming President.

My Executive Committee and I have traveled this state promoting BPW/TN since we were installed in June. So many travels we have taken with other BPW members that came along to help and be informed.

During National Business Women's Week, I had the honor of being asked to recognize two BPW Sisters. Nothing can give a person more pleasure than honoring women that helped make BPW/TN what it is today. All members past, present and future are so vital for this organization to maintain our progress for women's equality.

At the TECW Summit, many of us came to celebrate one of our own being inducted into the Tennessee Hall of Fame. You may see pictures throughout this Achiever of that Wonderful Day.

As I worked on Interim Board, I wanted members to have an informative but enjoyable time. I think the most repeated thing was time. I was wasting their time. Let me explain the time I took so everyone understands about time. The ENTIRE Interim Board from start to finish including lunch was 2 hours and 41 minutes. In that time, I gave breaks for social networking and silent auction bidding. The time I took was spending time with individual members that wanted to communicate and ask questions about BPW. Remember everyone, one goal I had was to take time and communicate with members that wanted to. Remember that in order for communication to work we have to take time and make it work.

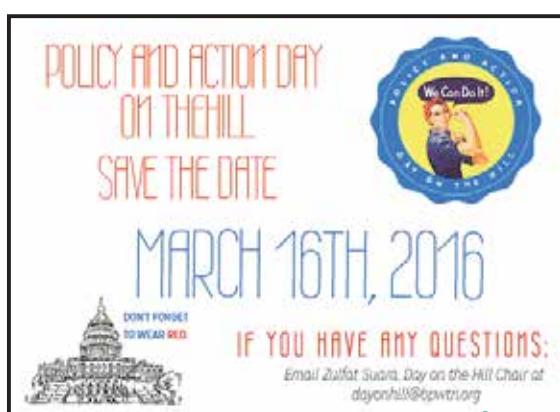
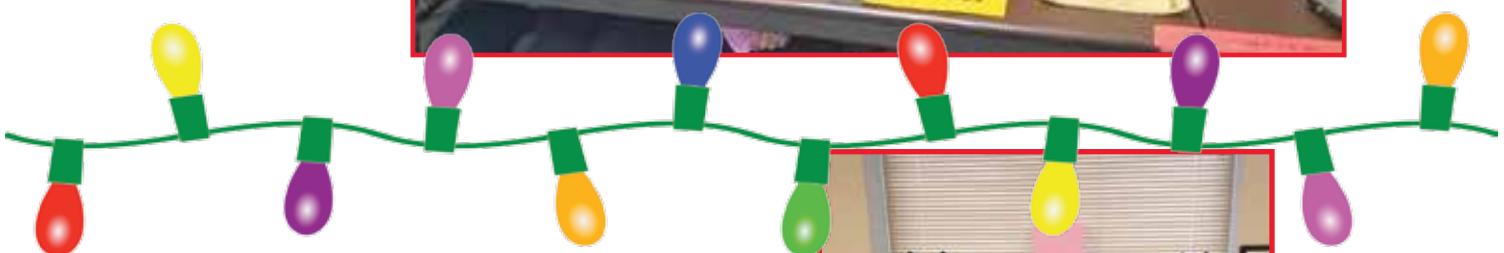
To those who are critics and in my opinion, that are petty, here is one thing you can be sure I think ... "pish posh applesauce" enjoy it until the morning. For each morning is a new day and to those who cast stones at me, I will simply collect the stones and make a path for the future. I rather you spend your time critiquing me, it will save someone else's feelings from being hurt.

If you thought I wasted time at Interim Board just wait until Convention. You haven't seen anything yet. Now that I got that explanation of time out of the way, I hope we can move on to better things but one never knows with critics. However before you enjoy the rest of this Achiever, I would like to wish all members and their families Happy Holidays. May you find happiness, peace, and love that will last you through the years.

Lee Ann Gaddis,
BPW/TN State President



Interim Board 2015



Dress for success closet at Tennessee College of Applied Technology toured at BPWTN Region III meeting.

Announcements

Silent Auction at Interim Board - \$138.00

All door prizes collected at Interim Board will be used at State Convention

Nominating Committee
Region I-
Geraldine Wallick- Chair
327 S. Front Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854

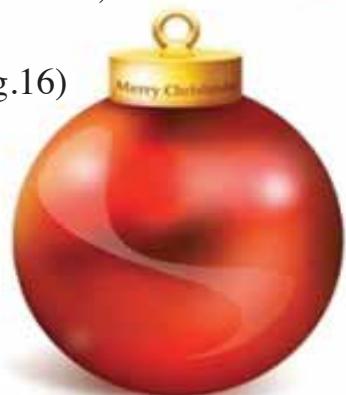


Region II-
Tressy Hart
132 Warner Hollow Road, Minor Hill, TN 38464

Region III-
Virginia Bates
35 Walnut Grove, Jackson, TN 38305



Regional Directors please make sure to set your dates and issue invitations to all state officers, regional directors, standing and special committee chairmen, all regional district directors, all regional local organization presidents, and active past state presidents, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. (Handbook on pg.16)



TECW Summit 2015



TECW Summit 2015





Gertrude "Trudy" Cartwright was president in Chattanooga in 1972. It was April 26 1972 that she was installed as president ... Mrs. Gertrude (Trudy) Cartwright. She said, "she was president of the Chattanooga Business and Professional Women's Club". Some time later she became president of three counties in the district.

She is still living

now in a Nursing home in Bremen, GA she turned 97 this year. I do have plans to donate her records (scrap book) to the organization once she passes away. She does still remember her roles.



Dear Mrs. Trudy,

On behalf of myself and the membership, I would like to take the time to personally thank you for your service, dedication and commitment to this organization. Your family has offered many insights into your roles in our organization. After talking with fellow members, I believe as President, I needed to take the time and recognize you for your service.

It isn't every day I can find a pure joy of showing someone what it means to have a Legacy such as yourself, who helped create what BPW/TN is today. So I am honored to present you with this award on behalf of myself and the membership which you were and always will be a part of our Sisterhood. Once a BPW Sister always a BPW Sister. We will also be recognizing you during our National Business Women's Week.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future. I am enclosing my mailing address and hope to stay in touch with you.



Sincerely yours,

Lee Ann Gaddis, State President of BPW/TN



As President, it is a privilege to take time and recognize those that helped BPW/TN be what it is today. A strengthening force that will be recognized and a organization that builds on the success of women everywhere. I recognized both women during National Business Women's Week. Bettye King and Trudy Cartwright both in their 90s and a vital part of the past, present, and future of BPW/TN. I presented Bettye's award at Rockwood. Trudy's I delivered over the phone and spoke with her.





Gaddis (president/Tennessee Federation of Business and Professional Women, Bettye Coleman King, who was honored recently for her 65 years of membership in the Rockwood BPW and Linda Rector, president of the Rockwood BPW local organization.

In October at a meeting commemorating National Business Women's Week, Bettye Coleman King was honored for her 65 years of continuous membership in the Rockwood BPW local organization. Ms. King is a native of Rockwood, having graduating from Rockwood High School. She then obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Tennessee. She returned to Rockwood and taught her entire career at Rockwood High School.



Other special guests at the October meeting were Senator and Mrs. Ken Yager.

In addition to being an honored member of Rockwood BPW, Ms. King is a lifelong member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rockwood, the Roane County Retired Teacher's Association and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority.

Rockwood BPW was organized on Saturday, October 22, 1921, a mere two years after the Tennessee Federation of Business and Professional Women was chartered. Rockwood BPW was one of the first rural organizations in the state federation, is the oldest civic organization in Rockwood and one of the oldest in Roane County. Rockwood BPW was instrumental in establishing the Rockwood Public Library in 1922. The organization continues to serve the community in many ways, with one of the primary areas being the awarding of two scholarships annually to a Rockwood High School graduate. Rockwood BPW also maintains membership in the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the importance of such organizations for healthy communities.



Seated are Velma Beckner (L) and Vickie Watts (R), who are among Rockwood BPW members listening as Bettye Coleman King shares remembrances of her 65 years of membership in the organization at the October meeting celebrating National Business Women's Week.





Martha Ervin, first vice-president of BPW/TN, and
Jacque Hillman, second vice president
both spoke at the Contracts for Women workshop
held on
September 21st in Nashville.



Merry Christmas



Looking for volunteers for 2016 Site Selection for IB
and 2017 Site Selection for State Convention.

Updated version of Handbook will be uploaded after changes from IB.

Bylaws will be updated from June 2015 then uploaded.

For more information and/or application of Administrative Assistant
please contact: president@bpwtn.org



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deadline dates are March 4, 2016. Information can be found on our website.

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