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President's Message:

This year, tell me and other members of the BPW/TN Executive Committee how we can empower you! Our program platform theme this year is "Empowering Women, Nurturing Leadership."

I recently was privileged to share Individual Development modules with Past State President Tressy Hart for use with Lawrence County BPW. Hopefully, that was practical and empowering. Please submit articles to this newsletter about your programs, scholarships, worthy projects and social events. Seeing you have success or having a good time empowers us all. Read the thank you note from residents of Blue Monarch in this issue.

Attend a regional planning meeting in August. Send me suggestions of how I can help you. **Batesb@aol.com; 35 Walnut Grove Cove, Jackson, TN 38305, 731 426 1313.**

Join me on August 26, 2016 from 11 to 1 for the dedication of the Tennessee Women's Suffrage Monument! The 100th Anniversary of U.S. Women's Suffrage takes place on the same day in 2020. Details on page 4.

BPW/TN is one year and approximately 6 weeks older than women's suffrage. At our June convention, we voted to reserve funds for our 100th. In about 3 weeks, I will be appointing a taskforce to work on this project. I am asking for volunteers by August 12. I will also take suggestions. First Vice President Martha Ervin and I

would like to include blog talk radio interviews of past state presidents and leadership which would become a book. However, I am mindful that the taskforce will extend beyond my presidency. Others may not want this project at all; or would prefer to include the project but also add something else. Please send ideas as well as names.

I will share them with the taskforce.

The executive committee has voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the 2017 state convention be held at the Doubletree in Jackson on 6/9 -6/10. There will be an e vote of the Board of Directors in the near future. Please let me know what you would like to see at the convention.

I hope to see you also at Interim Board, November 5, 2016 at the Donelson Library.

A registration form will be in the next Achiever. Everyone please thank Charlotte Buchanan who has done and is doing a wonderful job as Interim Board Chair.

Beth Bates

**2016-2017 BPW/TN
President**



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Women's Equality Day August 26th



Women's Equality Day commemorates 26th August 1920 when votes to women officially became part of the US constitution. This day marks a turning point in the history of the struggle for equal treatment of women and women's rights.

In 1920, the day stood for the result of 72 years of campaigning by a huge civil rights movement for women.

Prior to movements like these, even respected thinkers such as Rousseau and Kant believed that woman's inferior status in society was completely logical and reasonable; women were 'beautiful' and 'not fit for serious employment'.


Over the last century, great women have proved these views wrong as the

world has witnessed just what women are capable of achieving, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for civil rights and equality to great scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin and Jane Goodall. The last century has shown more than ever what both women and men are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

Today, women's equality has grown to mean much more than just sharing the right to the vote. Organizations such as Equality Now and Womankind

Worldwide continue to work to provide women across the globe with equal opportunities to education and employment, pushing against suppression and violence towards women and against the discrimination and stereotyping which still occur in every society.

So on Women's Equality Day, let the men do the dishes and the women do the DIY, think about supporting women's empowerment projects in developing countries, stop thinking about men and women as separate beings with separate roles and start thinking about treating people as equals.

WOMEN'S
AUG. 26  **EQUALITY DAY**
Commemorates passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote in America.



At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as “**Women’s Equality Day.**”

The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world’s first women’s rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

The observance of Women’s Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women’s continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women’s Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971 Designating August 26 of each year as Women’s Equality Day

***WHEREAS**, the women of the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to all citizens equally regardless of sex; and*

***WHEREAS**, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights: and*

***WHEREAS**, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities,*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that August 26th of each year is designated as Women’s Equality Day, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote, and that day in 1970, on which a nation-wide demonstration for women’s rights took place.*



TN Suffrage Monument to be unveiled



More than 95 years after Tennessee's ratification of the 19th Amendment, public art celebrating this achievement will be unveiled during a ceremony on **Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2016, from 11 am – 1 pm.** There is nothing in Nashville outside the State Capitol building that depicts Tennessee's pivotal role in enfranchising all American women in 1920.

Noted artist Alan LeQuire has created the sculpture depicting five important women involved in the final ratification battle in Nashville in August 1920. The art was commissioned by Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument, Inc., and will be prominently displayed in Centennial Park near The Parthenon.

"We are grateful to former Nashville Mayor Karl Dean and current Mayor Megan Barry as well as the Metro Parks Department for their strong support," said Paula F. Casey of Memphis, TWSM president. "Our volunteer statewide board is donating this \$900,000 historically significant sculpture to Metro so this history will be preserved."

LeQuire, who did the bas relief in 1998 that's hanging inside the state capitol as well as the Knoxville woman suffrage sculpture in 2006, has said, "This is what I want to do with the rest

of my career, memorialize these women."

The five historic women, who are honored in monumental bronze, were present during the final ratification battle in 1920: Anne Dallas Dudley of Nashville; Abby Crawford Milton of Chattanooga; J. Frankie Pierce of Nashville; Sue Shelton White of Jackson; and Carrie Chapman Catt, national suffrage leader who came to Tennessee to direct the pro-suffrage forces from the Hermitage Hotel.

The other TWSM board members are: Jacque Hillman of Jackson; Linda Knight, Esq., Nashville; Adrienne Pakis-Gillon, Vice-President, Germantown; Rosetta Miller-Perry, Nashville; The Hon. Patricia A. Pierce, Treasurer, Harriman; Alma Sanford, J.D., Nashville; The Hon. Janis Sontany, Nashville; and The Hon. Yvonne Wood, Secretary, Lebanon.

For more info go to www.tnsuffragemonument.org.

The most complete account of Tennessee's Pivotal role in the passage of the 19th Amendment



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TENNESSEE HAPPENINGS



Jackson Area BPW seeks \$1,000 scholarship winner



Jackson Area Business and Professional Women has a \$1,000 scholarship available for the 2016-2017 semesters for a non-traditional female student, who is returning to college to advance in her education and career. Deadline to apply is September 1, 2016.

The following criteria apply:

- ~~Must be a resident of West Tennessee.
 - ~~Must submit a written statement explaining her desire to continue professional development through continued education and pursuit of a degree.
 - ~~Must provide a transcript of current college grades or most recent semester showing that you are in good standing with the secondary institution.
 - ~~Must provide a recommendation from a professor in the chosen major and from a financial officer of the secondary institution, or if returning to school after hiatus, may provide recommendation from employer.
- For more info, contact the scholarship committee chair, Jacque Hillman, at 731-394-2894. Or go to www.jacksonareabpw.com to download the application form.



Betty Ragle, age 92, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2016

at The Bridge in Rockwood. Betty was preceded in death by her parents Clifford and Maude Merrit Ragle and her brother William T. Ragle. She was a Life-long member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Rockwood, TN. She was a graduate of Rockwood High School, Tennessee Tech,

and the University Of Tennessee School Of Nursing. She worked at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis for several years and moved back to Rockwood in 1961 and worked at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital, later Baptist Hospital of Roane County, until her retirement. She established the Ragle Endowment at Tennessee Tech that awarded scholarships to students going into nursing as a career. In 2015 Betty was inducted into the Wall of Fame at the Bridge based on her years of service to the community as a nurse. **Betty was a 54 year member of the Rockwood Business and Professional Women** and active in the Guild at First Christian Church. She enjoyed working in the yard of her house in which she was born, and where she lived until moving to Victorian Square in 2014. She also enjoyed attending Lady Vols games and tournaments in which they played.

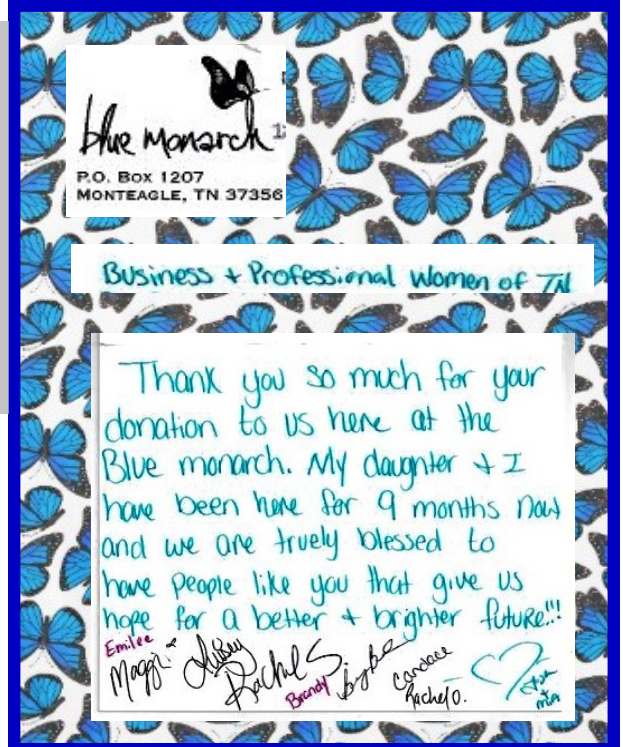
She is survived by a special cousin, Jeannie Haga Firmature of Rockwood, Douglas Gordon, Sr., Douglas Gordon, Jr. and Carol and Dave Wildman of Eads, whom she regarded as family, Geraldine Wallick and Ann Hiegel and the members of the Rockwood BPW, and her friends at Victorian Square.

Donations may be made to the Rockwood BPW Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 534 Rockwood Tennessee 37854.

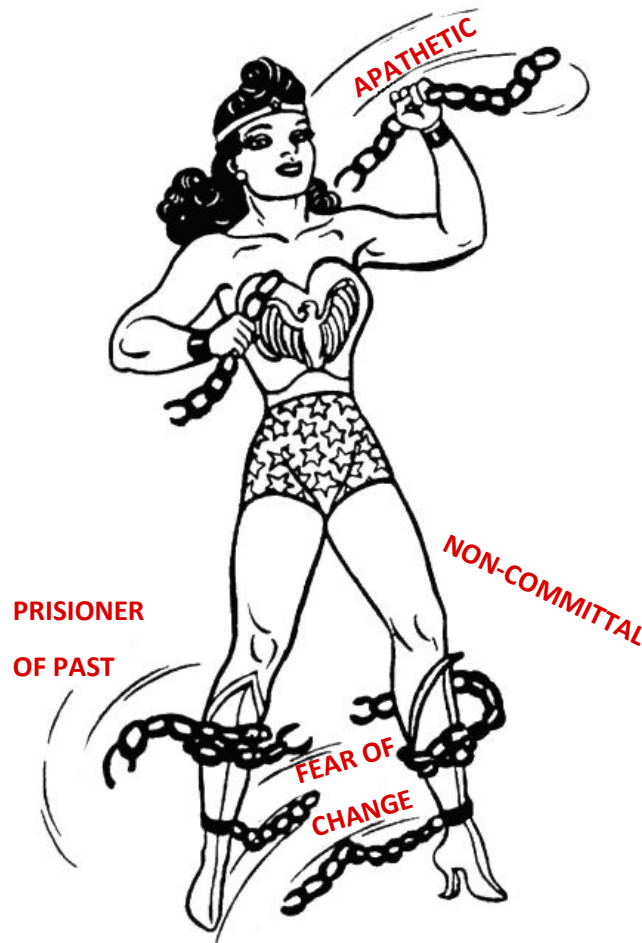


Photo from JABPW's Candidate Forum on July 11. It features our JABPW President Daryl Chansuthus and State Representative Johnny Shaw who is running for re election.

He presented JABPW with a General Assembly resolution for the 2016 Sterling Award winners.



BREAKING THE CHAINS



**** Get update on BPW/TN programs and deadlines for 2016-2017 year**

**** Share with your fellow Locals about programs and ideas**

**** Examine what's restraining BPW's growth and ways to break the chains**

Region I Planning Meeting

Saturday, August 20 • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Bluff

216 Peregrine Way • Knoxville, TN

Registration 9:00 - 9:30; Program 9:30-12:00

NO CHARGE

Reservations due by 8-17 to Berdena O'Neal bhgeorgia@epbfj.com • (423) 602-5398

ABOUT THE REGION I FALL PLANNING MEETING

Region I Director—Teresa Newton

1. Please make every effort for each local in Region I to have someone in attendance.

These locals include: **Chattanooga Business Women**

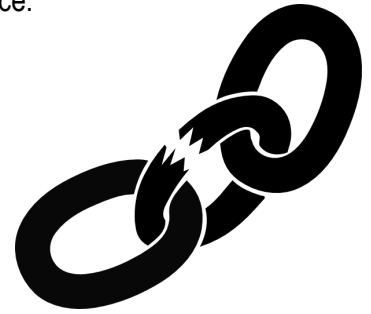
Cumberland County

Elizabethton

LaFollette

Rockwood

Rogersville



2. We chose to have the Fall Planning Meeting in Knoxville because it is more centrally located for all of you.
3. There is NO CHARGE for the meeting since we will be dismissing just before noon and you can have lunch on your own before you return home. However, we will provide coffee and water in the meeting room. The hotel serves breakfast and if you wish to have breakfast before the meeting, you can do that, or just purchase a Danish or yogurt.
The hotel does not serve lunch, but there are a number of restaurants surrounding the hotel where you can eat. If you would like, we can make reservations and all go together following the meeting. Each person pay their own.
4. At this meeting we will provide you with information on state programs and their deadlines, and other state information.
5. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30. The meeting begins at 9:30 and will end at Noon.

6. ***Directions to Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Bluff (Knoxville)***

The address is: 216 Peregrine Way, Knoxville. The hotel is located just off I-75

From I-40 Eastbound -

Take exit 378. Turn right onto Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Peters Road then right onto Peregrine Way. The hotel is next to the Outback Steakhouse.

From I-40 Westbound -

Take exit 378A. Turn left onto Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Peters Road then right onto Peregrine Way. The hotel is next to the Outback Steakhouse.

From the North -

Take I-75 south to I-640 West. Then take I-40 West. Take exit 378A. Left onto Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Peters Road then right onto Peregrine Way. The hotel is next to the Outback Steakhouse.

7. If anyone should be interested in staying overnight at **Hilton Garden Inn**, you may contact them at **1-865-690-6511**.

ABOUT THE REGION II & III FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Region III Director—Carol Turpen



*Empowering Women
Nurturing Leadership*



This is the vision of BPWTN President Beth Bates. She has set achievable goals and standards for all of us to be able to move forward, and continue making history that will benefit our future generations.

BPWTN state officers, committee chairs, local organization officers and all our members.

Please accept this invitation to attend the 2016 Region II & III
Fall Planning Conference Call Meeting,

VIA ZOOM Conference call. The call is free using a toll free telephone number with an ID number provided, and the call will last for approximately 40 minutes. This technology allows you to be able to call in, either on a hard line telephone, a cell phone, or computer online and participate in a regional meeting without leaving the comfort of your residence. Anyone across the state can enjoy and participate, sharing local events, activities and ideas they may have or from other organizations, they are involved with. This is the purpose and goal; to discuss, plan for the upcoming year, and communicate updates and changes affecting the membership.



Zoom Conference call meeting information :

Date: August 20, 2016

Time: 9:00 am-9:40 am CST

Toll free number: Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)

Meeting ID number: **429 424 8034**



Please feel free to invite non-members, there is no limit on the size of the group, and I hope to hear from you.

2016-2017 BPW TN Roster

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President	Beth Bates
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Region III	Carol Turpen

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Immediate PSP*	Lee Ann Gaddis

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Foundation	Geraldine Wallick
Individual Development	
Day on the Hill	Zulfat Suara
Equal Pay Day	Sharon Taylor-Carrillo
Aspiring Leaders (YC)	Sheree Schneider
Mentoring	Sharon Taylor-Carrillo

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2017 Convention Chair	
2017 Conv. Registration Ch.	
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BPW TN

Local Organizations:



Region I

Chattanooga Business Women

Cumberland County

Elizabethton

LaFollette

Rockwood

Rogersville

Region II

Lawrence County

Music City (Nashville)

Region III

Hardeman County

Jackson Area

Paris

Memphis Area

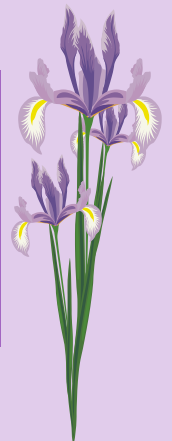


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**Well-behaved women
seldom make history.**

-Laurel Thatcher Ulrich



August Women's History Events:

August 6, 1965 – The Voting Rights Act outlaws the discriminatory literacy tests that had been used to prevent African Americans from voting. Suffrage is finally fully extended to African American women

August 8, 1969 - Executive order 11478 issued by President Nixon requires each federal department and agency to establish and maintain an affirmative action program of equal employment opportunity for civilian employees and applicants

August 9, 1995 - Roberta Cooper Ramo becomes the first woman to hold the office of president of the American Bar Association

August 10, 1993 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg is sworn in as the second woman and 107th Justice to serve on the US Supreme Court

August 12, 1972 - Wendy Rue founds the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), the largest businesswomen's organization in the US

August 14, 1986 – Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper retires from active duty in the US Navy. A pioneering computer scientist and inventor of the computer language COBOL, she was the oldest officer still on active duty at the time of her retirement

August 23, 1902 - Fanny Farmer opens the "School of Cookery" in Boston, MA

August 26, 1920 – The 19th Amendment of the US Constitution is ratified granting women the right to vote

August 26, 1970 – Betty Friedan leads a nationwide protest called the Women's Strike for Equality in New York City on the fiftieth anniversary of women's suffrage

August 26, 1971 – The first "Women's Equality Day," initiated by Representative Bella Abzug, is established by Presidential Proclamation and reaffirmed annually

August 28, 1963 – More than 250,000 gather for a march on Washington, DC, & listen to Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech

August 30, 1984 – Judith A. Resnick is the second US woman in space, traveling on the first flight of the space shuttle Discovery



August



NEW ADDRESS

BPW/TN 2016 Calendar

August 20 Region III Fall Planning Conference Call

August 20 Region II Fall Planning Conference Call

August 20 Region I Fall Planning Meeting

August 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

August 26th Unveiling of the Suffrage Monument

September 5 Deadline for submitting bylaws amendments to be considered at IB (60 days prior)

September 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

October 17-21 National Business Women's Week

October 20 Deadline for LOs to submit candidates for Nominating Committee to Pres (15 days prior)

October 20 Deadline for Officer & Committee Reports for IB (to President)

October 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

November 4 IB Executive Committee Meeting

November 5 Interim Board of Directors Meeting

November 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

December 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

NOTE: Please submit articles for the Achiever to

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Locals please make this change to any and all documents with the state address on it.

