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The Achiever



Sixteen years ago, when I was privileged to lead this organization before, I chose a theme from the collect: "Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid." I am still looking forward. In particular, I am looking to Woman's Day on the Hill to be held on March 8th. Don your red clothes and join us for breakfast at 8:00am at the Waller law firm conference room; Suite 2700, 511 Union, Nashville. Legislation Chair Zulfat Suara has worked hard to make this happen. There is no cost for the breakfast; if you want to attend the lunch sponsored by the TN Women's Collaborative, one of our collaborative partners, the cost is \$20.00. Speaker Beth Harwell, the first and only woman to serve as Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives has been invited to come to us and speak at 8:30. To register, go to <http://wpctn.com/event-registration?ee=1>. If you have problems, e mail me at batesb@aol.com. Please make your own appointments with your legislators but please see the wiki form showing the appointments already scheduled. This can be accessed at the Facebook page established by Zulfat: 2017 Tennessee Women's Day on the Hill. If you don't use Facebook, e mail Zulfat at dayonhill@bpwtn.org. The same page has a google documents list of bills from which you can chose to lobby. None are required. Personally, I ask you to look at SB 883/HB 1320, called the Long-Action Birth Control Information Act. This promotes informing young women about the benefits of long term reversible contraception. Claudia Haltom of Memphis, a recently retired Juvenile court referee, has championed Long Term Reversible Contraception as a way to allow young women, particularly those in poverty and already having one child, to further their

education so that they can provide for the child they already have as well as future children.

I am also looking forward to seeing members at our regional meetings scheduled for March 4—Jackson, March 18—Rockwood and April 8—Columbia. I am the official representative for the Region I meeting in Rockwood. Yes, we can move forward.

Regarding Convention, I will bring registration forms for convention. I am looking forward to our speed mentoring session at the event as well as the inspiring speakers invited. If you are interested in a trip to the Safari Park on Thursday afternoon before the event or a painting party please email me. Both events require a minimum number of participants. The Safari trip needs to be in the afternoon in order to accommodate the animals' schedule!

Carol Turpen, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Jacque Hillman and I have been working diligently on a grant to help fund the convention. However, this will only cover a part of the expenses. We still need sponsors. Please see the enclosed sponsorship form. Please consider a small or local organization ad donation. You can purchase a \$25 Black and White ad. I challenge each officer and local to buy or sell at least a \$25 ad!

This term I want to Empower Women and Nurture Leadership. Run for office. The benefits of service to this organization are priceless. See you soon.

Beth Bates



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REGION III SPRING MEETING Women & LEADERSHIP MARCH 4th



Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Region III Spring meeting.

Registration 9:30am Time: 10:00am—12:00pm

Location:

West Tennessee Legal Services Office 210 West Main Street Jackson, TN.

Lite refreshments will be served.

All members, friends & family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Questions; please contact at cgturpen@crockett.net, 731-677-4102
or FaceBook. Lunch will be Dutch treat afterwards, come and enjoy!

Respectfully, Carol Turpen-Region III Director

SOUPER SAT^{UR}DAY

REGION II MEETING APRIL 8th

Invitation

You are invited to attend the Region II Spring meeting

Registration 9:30am CST Meeting 10:00am to 1:00pm

Location:

Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, 808 West 6th St, Columbia, TN 38401

LUNCH will be served. RESERVATIONS due by April 4th to Sharon

All members, friends & family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Questions; please contact at SharonLyrae@aol.com, or call 615-319-6531

Respectfully, Sharon Taylor-Carrillo -Region II Director

BPW Photo Share—Bring any and all BPW photos to share



Reminder to all members that any contributions to the President's Gift, for this year, will need to be sent to our State Treasurer, Ann Hiegel. Please make sure to clearly mark the contribution as President's Gift so there will be no misunderstanding.

Ann Hiegel
P.O. Box 534
Rockwood, TN 37854



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Yes we “CAN!”

(or can we?)



Region I Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 18th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Victorian Square 241 South Chamberlain Ave.
Rockwood, TN



Registration 9:30am Program 10:00am-1:00pm

Cost: \$13.00 (\$16.00 late fee)



Reservations due by 3/12/2017 to Berdena O'Neal

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EACH LOCAL TO PROVIDE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM

“Success Comes in CANS, Not in Cannots!”

SAVE *the* DATE

Women's Political Collaborative's
DAY ON THE HILL

03.08.17

Join WPC and partnering women's groups for breakfast at Waller Law, then meet with your Legislator to discuss the issues facing women in Tennessee. End the day with a luncheon honoring former WPC lobbyist, Anne Carr.

Region I Meeting, March 18, 2017, Rockwood Directions to Victorian Square:

I-40 from Nashville: Take the Westel exit to Highway 70 to Rockwood. From Gateway Avenue [the highway through town] turn left at the first traffic light. At the second Stop sign, Chamberlain Avenue, turn left. Victorian Square is on the right. The meeting room is through the patio area at the back of the parking lot.

If you do not want to drive down the mountain, continue on I-40 past the Westel exit to the Harriman-Rockwood exit and follow the directions for I-40 from Knoxville.

I-40 from Knoxville: Take the Harriman-Rockwood exit to Highway 27 to Rockwood. From Gateway Avenue [the highway through town] turn right at the 5th traffic light, Rockwood Street. At the second traffic light, Chamberlain Avenue, turn left. Victorian Square is three blocks down on the right. The meeting room is through the patio area at the back of the parking lot.

Highway 27 from Chattanooga: Highway 27 becomes Gateway Avenue [the highway through town] turn left at the first traffic light. At the second Stop sign, Chamberlain Avenue, turn left. Victorian Square is on the right. The meeting room is through the patio area at the back of the parking lot.

BPW/TN 2017 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF TENNESSEE, INC. (BPW/TN)

**2017 State Convention
June 9 – 10, 2017**

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Jackson
1770 Highway 45 Bypass
Jackson, TN 38305
Telephone: 1-731-664-6900 FAX: 1-731-668-0474
Convention Chair: Beth Bates
Email: batesb@aol.com
Phone: 731-426-1313 (WK)

Mail registration to:
Registration Chair: Pat Wisniowski
P O Box 1985
Jackson, TN 38302
Phone: 731-423-2234
Email: nsmom7262@yahoo.com
Make checks payable to: BPW/TN Convention

Please type or print in **black** or **blue** ink.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Office Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Organization: _____

Email: _____

First-timer to attend a BPW/TN Convention: _____

Please check the functions you plan to attend:

	On or Before 6/01/2017	After 6/01/2017
Registration Fee	\$40.00 _____	\$45.00 _____
Friday Luncheon	\$25.00 _____	\$35.00 _____
Saturday Installation Luncheon	\$25.00 _____	\$35.00 _____
TOTAL Amount Enclosed	\$ _____	\$ _____
Visitor Pass (Fri. & Sat.-Convention)	\$ 10.00 _____	\$10.00 _____
One Day Registration: (Check Friday _____ or Saturday _____)	\$ 15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
TOTAL Amount	\$ _____	\$ _____

***One-Day registrants or Visitors/Guests are not eligible to **VOTE** in elections or business meetings and may **not** receive all materials.*

I AM REGISTERING AS:

- _____ State Officer
- _____ Regional Director
- _____ Standing Committee Chair
- _____ Local President (2016-17)
- _____ Local President's Representative
- _____ Governance Chair
- _____ Past State President(Yr _____)
- _____ Local Delegate [MOL or SOL]
- _____ Local Member (1-Day)
- _____ Parliamentarian
- _____ Sub/Special Committee Chair
- _____ Member-at-Large
- _____ Member-at-Large (1 Day)
- _____ Young Careerist-ALT
- _____ Visitor (non-member)
- _____ Guest

Please place an _____ beside the primary office for which you are registering. Mark all others that apply with a check mark. ☒.

State Officers, Regional Directors, Standing Committee Chairs, Parliamentarian, Immediate Past State President, Governance Chair:
SEND CHECK FOR NON -EXEMPT EVENTS ONLY.

Dietary Restriction: If you have dietary, restrictions because of health please describe _____

ROOM RESERVATIONS: HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

A block of rooms has been reserved for BPW at the DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL in Jackson, TN, 38305 for June 9-10, 2017. Cut-off date for reservations is **May 10, 2017**. The rate for rooms reserved prior to May 10, 2017 is \$103.00, plus 14.75% tax for single or double occupancy. Room requests after the cut-off date are subject to availability, and rates higher than the group rate may apply. For reservations, please call the **DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL (731-664-6900)** in-house reservations listed above and identify yourself as a member of Business and Professional Women of Tennessee, Inc. (BPW/TN). All reservation requests must be accompanied by the first night's deposit via a major credit card or check.



Business and Professional Women of Tennessee Inc. 2017 State Convention Sponsorship Form

Name: _____
Business _____
Address _____
Contact Person _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Sponsorship Levels

- _____ **Gold \$500.** Three luncheon tickets. Exhibitor's table. Full page color ad, inside convention magazine. Value \$250. 7.50 X 10. TV, radio, print media. Online: bpwtn.org May-June 2017.
- _____ **Silver \$250.** Two luncheon tickets. Half page color ad. Value \$100. 7.5 X 10 inches. TV, radio, print media. Online: bpwtn.org May-June 2017.
- _____ **Bronze \$100.** One luncheon ticket. Half page black and white ad. Value \$50. 7.5 X 4.75. Online: bpwtn.org May-June 2017.

Advertising in Convention Magazine: All photos must be 300 dpi.

Full pages (color):

Back page: \$300. Color. 7.5" wide X 10" tall.
Inside front or back page: \$250. 7.5" wide X 10" tall.
Inside color pages: \$200 7.5" wide X 10" tall
Half pages (color): \$100 7.5" wide X 4.75" tall.
Quarter page (color): \$50. 3.25 inches wide X 4.75 inches tall

B&W ad pages:

Full page, \$100. Half page. \$50. Quarter page: \$25. Same sizes as color.
AD copy for inclusion in Convention Program.
Send to jacquehillman@gmail.com by May 1, 2017.
Payment must be received no later than Monday, May 1, 2017.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to BPW.TN Convention and mail to:

Carol Turpen, 622 Lanier Road, Alamo, TN. 38001.

Nominations for State Office

In January each local organization and other BPW/TN members will be receiving information on candidates for office for the 2017-2018 BPW/TN year. Each Local Organization member seeking office must be endorsed by her local organization and complete the form correctly. Members at Large who wish to run for state office may obtain a Data Form for Members at Large from the nominations committee. [Members at Large are not eligible for the offices of Regional Director.] Members at Large who wish to be a candidate for state office should send their forms to the committee chair, Lee Ann Gaddis. Forms are also posted on the website www.bpwtn.org. Forms in duplicate, and pictures for candidates for state office and regional director must be returned to the nominating committee chair or committee member *no later than* **April 10, 2017**. Please send digital copies of pictures, please. All candidates for state office or regional director must have been a member of BPW/TN for at least two years as of the convention at which they are candidates. Candidates for line officers, President, President-elect and 1st or 2nd Vice President, must have served as president of a local organization, current or past, in Tennessee. [Bylaws, Article XII].

As there is no president-elect this year, the nominating committee will be accepting nominations for president for 2017-2018. The same procedures will be followed as for other state officers.

Completed Candidate Data Forms should be returned to the nominating committee member in each region:

Region I:

Lee Ann Gaddis
1258 Joiner Hollow Rd.
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-250-8149
leeann4002@yahoo.com

Region II:

Jewell Walker
415 Collinwood Dr.
McMinnville, TN 37110
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jewell.walker@secfed.net

Region III:

Virginia Bates
35 Walnut Grove Cv.
Jackson, TN 38305
731-427-0465
batesvir@aol.com

It is important for the continuation of BPW/TN that qualified members take advantage of the opportunity to share their leadership skills by participating in the state organization. Please encourage all members.

2017-2018 Leadership

Team Positions

President

President Elect

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Region I Director

Region II Director

Region III Director



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF TENNESSEE, INC. (BPW/TN)
OFFICIAL DATA FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



The _____ Business and Professional Women's Local Organization of _____, Tennessee, presents _____

as a candidate for the office of _____ of the Business and Professional Women of Tennessee, Inc. (BPW/TN). She has been endorsed for such office by this local organization.

Current BPW office, if any _____

Previous State Service _____

Qualifications for Office _____

Date and local organization which you served as president _____

Number of years membership in a Tennessee BPW organization _____

LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT

LOCAL ORGANIZATION SECRETARY

Date _____ Region _____

Consent to Serve

The duties of an elected officer for regional director of the state organization include attendance at executive committee meetings, state board meetings, planning meetings, regional meetings, and state conventions.

I have carefully studied the requirements for office for which I am a candidate. Neither my job nor my membership in any other organization in any way prevent my support of the organization's objectives and policies, including active support of our state legislative platform.

The _____ Business and Professional Women's Local Organization has my permission to submit my name as a candidate for the office of _____ of the Business and Professional Women of Tennessee, Inc. (BPW/TN).

I agree to serve as _____, if elected. I am able to give the required time to the duties of such office and there is nothing in my health or personal affairs to prevent my serving.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Return form in duplicate to: Nominations Committee Member.

[Candidates for Executive Committee offices also submit photo. Attach bio and photo for publication.]

Candidate _____

Address _____

Place of employment: Name & Address _____

Phones: (H) _____ (B) _____ (FAX) _____

Cellphone: _____ E-mail: _____

“Miss Sue” and the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Heritage Trail

Because of Sue Shelton White (1887-1943) and the Tennessee suffragists, you can vote!



The passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 when Tennessee became The Perfect 36 is the reason that American women can vote their conscience today. That vote was brought about because Harry Burn, a 22-year-old Republican legislator, changed his vote after his mother wrote him a letter. The final vote was 49-48; Tennessee became the 36th state ratifying the Nineteenth Amendment.

The Sue Shelton White Public Art Committee, which includes many members of Jackson Area BPW, is raising funds for the \$30,000 statue that will stand in Jackson's City Hall Plaza in honor of Sue Shelton White, the city's first female attorney, who also drafted legislation for the married women's property act, the widow's pension act, and other acts aiding women and children. White became principal attorney for the Social Security Board in Washington, D.C.

But long before that, Sue Shelton White was president of Business and Professional Women in Jackson from 1929-1931. This was her induction speech:

“We must remember the past, hold fast to the present and build for the future. If you stand in your accepted place today, it is because some woman had to fight yesterday. We should be ashamed to stand on ground won by women in the past without making an effort to honor them by winning a higher and wider field for the future. It is a debt we owe.”

The bronze sculpture on granite, which includes the prison gate brooch signifying Sue White's imprisonment for protesting at the White House, will be unveiled and dedicated at 2 p.m., May 25, 2017 in City Hall Plaza. The sculpture will stand on granite at left as you face Jackson's City Hall. “Miss Sue” will face east toward Nashville, reflecting her contributions to Tennessee and to the nation.

Donation levels start at \$500 to have the name of someone, female or male, who should be honored.

These names will be engraved on the bronze plaque standing next to the sculpture created by local sculptor Wanda Stanfill, Jackson Area BPW vice-president. At the \$5,000 level, the donor receives a bronze miniature sculpture of Sue Shelton White. You'll find more information on the Facebook page for Sue Shelton White, Tennessee Suffragist.



This monument also has great significance for Jackson and the state as six monuments are either completed or under way to become part of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Heritage Trail. Tennessee will have a large role in the Centennial Celebration of the Nineteenth Amendment nationwide.



The deadline is April 15, 2017 for donations \$500 and up so that we will have time to get the honorees' names engraved. We will also have short bios of the honorees on the new Sue Shelton White website.

I am honoring my mother, Sara Spangler Armstrong, a Humboldt native, who always gave a gentle lecture about going to vote at election time.

Any donation level is welcome. Some retirees are giving \$20 because this is a cause so dear to their hearts. You may donate by check made out to the Sue Shelton White Memorial. Finance Committee member Paula Casey will acknowledge your support with a letter noting your tax deductible donation. The letter will provide the tax-free exempt number of the Sue Shelton White Committee. **Mail your donation to: Paula Casey, 99 North Main St. No. 901, Memphis, Tenn., 38103.** Or you may prefer to donate through www.gofundme.com/suesheltonwhite.

Thank you for considering this opportunity, and thank you also to the numerous BPW members who have already contributed!

Jacque Hillman, BPW/TN vice-president, is president of the Sue Shelton White Public Art Committee. To reach her, call (731) 394-2894 or email: jacquehillman@gmail.com.

2016-2017 BPW TN Roster

STATE OFFICERS & REGIONAL DIRECTORS

President	Beth Bates
1st Vice Pres	Martha Ervin
2nd Vice Pres	Jacque Hillman
Secretary	Robin McKamey
Treasurer	Ann Hiegel
Region I	Treasa Newton
Region II	Sharon Taylor-Carrillo
Region III	Carol Turpen

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance Chair	Brenda S. Risner
Issues Mgmt. Chair	Martha Ervin
Membership	Jacque Hillman
Governance*	Charlotte Buchanan
Immediate PSP*	Lee Ann Gaddis

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Legislation	Zulfat Suara
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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS, TASK FORCES

Parliamentarian	Lee Ann Gaddis
Publication Editor	Sharon Taylor-Carrillo
Historian	Carol Turpen
Custodian Financial Records	Beth Bates
Volunteer Attorney	Mary Jo Middlebrooks
2016 Interim Board Chair	Charlotte Buchanan
2016 IB Registration Chair	Treasa Newton
2017 Convention Chair	
2017 Conv. Registration Ch.	Pat Wisniowski.
Webmaster	Martha Ervin

BPW TN Local Organizations:

Region I

Chattanooga Business Women

Elizabethton

LaFollette

Rockwood

Rogersville

Region II

Lawrence County

Music City (Nashville)

Region III

Hardeman County

Jackson Area

Paris

Memphis Area

BPW/TN 2017 Calendar

February 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

March 4 Region III Meeting, in Jackson

March 8 Day on the Hill

March 18 Region I Meeting, in Rockwood.

March 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

April 4 Equal Pay Day

April 8 Region II Meeting, in Columbia

**April 10 Deadline for Nominations for
2017-2018 Officers**

April 25 Achiever Submission Deadline

**April 30 Deadline for Membership
numbers for awards**

May 25 Achiever Submission Deadline



NOTE: Please submit articles for the Achiever to

Email: SharonLyrae@aol.com

March Highlights in US Women's History

March 1, 1978 – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California

March 1, 1987 – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month

March 4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress

March 8 – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women

March 11, 1993 – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

March 12, 1912 – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting

March 13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska

March 17, 1910 – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls

March 20, 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century

March 21, 1986 – Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship

March 23, 1917 – Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf

March 31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest nonsectarian women's organization in the U.S.

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