

# Professional Notes



## Important

### Dates:

- October meeting, October 1, 2012 – West Tennessee Business College – South Annex
- October 22-26, 2012 – Brown Bag Lunches
- October 22, 2012 – Tennessee Women's Economic Summit
- October 26, 2012 – Ghost Walking Tour

*Jackson Area Business and Professional Women*

## Candidates' forum is scheduled for October 1 meeting

The next regular business meeting is Monday, October 1, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., at **West Tennessee Business College, South Annex**. We will network and have dinner (for those of you who would like to eat) from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. We will be hosting a candidates' forum from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Candidates include, but not limited to, Jimmy Eldridge, Corey Currie and Tim Dixon. Harrell Carter will speak on behalf of President Obama's campaign. Our business meeting will begin after the candidates' forum. Please plan to attend the meeting and bring a friend (or two).

West Tennessee Business College has graciously allowed us to bring food into this building. If you would like to bring in your dinner, please feel free to do so.

## 2012 Tennessee Women's Economic Summit

The 2012 Tennessee Women's Economic Summit is scheduled for October 22, 2012, at the Nashville Airport Marriott, Nashville, Tennessee. This year's featured speaker will be Lilly Ledbetter.

Early registration ends October 12, 2012. Cutoff for making reservations at the hotel is October 5, 2012. You can register online at [www.womenseconomicfoundation.org/](http://www.womenseconomicfoundation.org/). You can also go to this website and print the registration form to mail with your check.



**JACKSON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN**  
is pleased to present

**THE BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

- Monday, October 22      “The School House Door: Bullies Welcome (but not their behavior)”  
presented by Debra Owen, Attorney, Jackson, Shields, Yeiser, Holt,  
Cordova, Tennessee
- Tuesday, October 23      “The Amber Alert Program – Things You May Not Know About It”  
presented by Cathy Ferguson, Special Agent, Tennessee Bureau of  
Investigation
- Wednesday, October 24      “Voting History of Madison County” presented by Linda Higgins, Madison  
County Historian
- Thursday, October 25      “Car Buying Made Simple” presented by Deborah O’Bryant, Honda Sales  
Consultant, Victory Honda, Jackson
- Friday, October 26      “Sex and the Single Pistil” presented by Carol Reese, UT Extension  
Ornamental Specialist

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WHAT:                      This event is in celebration of National Business Women’s Week, October  
22-26, 2012.

Bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided by Middlebrooks & Gray,  
P.A.

WHERE:                    Jackson-Madison County Library Program Center  
433 E. Lafayette, Jackson, Tennessee

WHEN:                    12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on the dates indicated.

WHO:                      EVERYONE is invited to attend! There is no fee.

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Contact Mary Jo Middlebrooks for additional information, 731-423-2234.



Established in 1956, Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Foundation became the first foundation dedicated to conducting research and providing information solely about working women. Today, BPW Foundation is transforming workplaces by focusing on issues that impact working women, families and employers.

## **Vision**

To partner to create successful workplaces for women, their families and employers.

## **BPW Foundation Mission**

To empower working women to achieve their full potential and to partner with employers to build successful workplaces through education, research, knowledge and policy.

## **History**

The legacy of Business and Professional Women began in 1919. While the organization has transformed over time, the legacy and vision of Working Women Helping Women Work remains intact.

## **Engage**

BPW Foundation supporters, [Legacy Partners](#) and grassroots activists are committed to our mission. Join us by [engaging in our activities and programs](#). Use our grassroots tools to impact your community. Sign up to become engaged and take an active role.

You can also show your support for women veterans and military spouses by becoming a mentor through our [Joining Forces Mentoring Plus™](#) effort.

BPW Foundation is transforming today's workplace. Your participation is essential to provide information and resolution to the problems facing the workplace and workforce. [Sign me up!](#)

Jackson Area Local organization is a Legacy Organization and part of the BPW Foundation family, here is a link to the BPW Foundation grassroots toolkits, as a member may find useful:

<http://www.bpwfoundation.org/index.php/support/info/engage/>

Deborah L. Frett, Chief Executive Officer for the Business and Professional Women's Foundation sends her sincerest thanks for your continued support of the Business Foundation's mission.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- B for Business – the next breakfast will be October 11, 2012, at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. Meeting time is 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The topic will be “**When She Speaks, Everyone Listens: Sharon Younger**” – *Sharon Younger, Younger Associates*
- Save the date – Jackson Area BPW Brown Bag Lunches – October 22-26, 2012, Jackson-Madison County Library Program Room, E. Lafayette, Jackson, TN.
- Save the date – October 22, 2012 – Tennessee Women’s Economic Summit, Nashville, Tennessee. Featured speaker will be Lilly Ledbetter. For more information and registration go to [www.womenseconomicfoundation.org/](http://www.womenseconomicfoundation.org/).
- Save the date – October 26, 2012 – Ghost Walking Tour. Beginning at Riverside Cemetery at 5:30 p.m., dinner at The Baker’s Rack at 6:00 p.m., continuing the tour at 7:00 p.m. Contact Middlebrooks & Gray, P.A. for more information.
- Uncle Al’s Pecans order forms will be available at the October meeting. Anyone interested, please be sure to attend the October meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting but would like an order form, please e-mail Pat Wisniowski at [nsmom7262@yahoo.com](mailto:nsmom7262@yahoo.com). Thanks.



Happy Halloween



### Spotlight on member Pat Alford

Jackson Area Business & Professional Women would like to thank member Pat Alford for 44 wonderful years working for the city of Jackson. Throughout her career, Pat has won numerous awards including the Fellow Award in 2000, which is the highest award given in the state, from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association. Many of her theater students have moved on with successful careers in performing arts related fields. Although she is leaving city government, she will continue directing Jackson’s Children’s and Teen Theatres and will continue building on a legacy that began when she founded those groups in 1974.

Thank You