



Jackson Area Business and Professional Women

Tracy Sikes-Hughes to speak at the September 9 meeting

The next regular business meeting is Monday, September 9, 2013, at 5:15 p.m., at **Baudo's Restaurant, 559 Wiley Parker Road, Jackson, TN**. We will network and have dinner from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. At 6:00, our speaker will be Tracy Sikes-Hughes, who is Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of TransSouth Healthcare. Tracy also owns Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Wild Sophistication Boutique in Jackson and Trenton. Her presentation will be "Dressing for Success." Our business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend the meeting and bring a friend (or two).

Important

Dates:

- August meeting, September 9, 2013 – Baudo's Restaurant, 559 Wiley Parker Road, Jackson, TN
- Brown Bag Lunches – October 21-25, 2013
- Ghost Walking Tour – October 25, 2013
- Equal Pay Day – April 8, 2014
- BPW State Convention – June 12-15, 2014, Doubletree Hotel, Jackson, Tennessee

New meeting venue for Jackson Area BPW

Jackson Area BPW next regular meeting on September 9, 2013, will meet at Baudo's Restaurant, 559 Wiley Parker Road, Jackson, Tennessee, at 5:15 p.m. We will have the back room exclusive to us and we will be able to order dinner from the menu. We will be able to network while we eat (or just visit if you like), with our speakers to begin their presentations at 6:00 p.m.

When you come into the restaurant, please let them know at the front that you are there for the BPW meeting. They will show you to the meeting area.



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 you continued support of the Business Foundation's mission.



**2013 Tennessee Business & Professional Women Convention
Nashville, Tennessee**

From left to right: Carol Turpen, Treasurer; Martha Ervin; Virginia Bates; Jacque Hillman, President; Jan Bynum, Secretary; Beth Bates; Mary Jo Middlebrooks

Stay tuned for more information about the 2014 State Business & Professional Women's Convention to be held in Jackson, Tennessee.



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
2013 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

Employed by _____

Job description or title _____

Nominated
by _____ Email _____

Phone# _____

Qualifications for the entry are:

1. **Woman working and/or living in west Tennessee, excluding Shelby County**
2. **Woman who has achieved distinction in her field**
3. **Woman who has served as a role model and/or mentor for other working women**
4. **Woman who embodies the BPW motto: "Women Helping Women", especially in the work force.**

Attach your reasons why your nominee should be *BPW Woman of Achievement*, including supporting documents, if any.

Deadline: Noon, Tuesday, October 1, 2013

The 2013 BPW Woman of Achievement will be announced during the Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by BPW on Monday, October 21 at the Jackson-Madison County Library Program Room.

If your nominee is chosen Women of Achievement, you will be notified by Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at your email or telephone number listed above on the nomination form.

Return your entry to:

**BPW Woman of Achievement
c/o Middlebrooks & Gray, PA
PO Box 1985
Jackson TN 38302
731-423-2234**

MEDIA Information

BPW 2013 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

In conjunction with National Business Women's Week, October 21-25, the Jackson Area Business and Professional Women (BPW) is seeking nominations for their 2013 Woman of Achievement. The Woman of Achievement will be recognized at the BPW Brown Bag Lunches held during National Business Women's Week at the Jackson-Madison County Library. The deadline for entry is noon Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

The Woman of Achievement is chosen by the following criteria:

1. Woman working and/or living in west Tennessee, excluding Shelby County
2. Woman who has achieved distinction in her field
3. Woman who has served as a role model and/or mentor for other working women
4. Woman who embodies the BPW motto: "Women Helping Women", especially in the work force.

For nomination forms or for more information, contact:

BPW Woman of Achievement
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Past recipients of BPW's Woman of Achievement award are Justice Martha Craig Daughtrey, Carol Carter-Estes, Helen Herron, Veronica Coleman, Anita Battershell, Caprice East, Mary Tyler, Shirlene Mercer, Judge Christy Little, Kay Gibson, Karolyn Henry, Beth Bates, Terri Kozlowitz, Pat Alford, Jacque Hillman, Jackie Utley, Doris "Cousin Tuny" Freeman, Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Margaret Cole, Linda Higgins, Nancy Zambito-Franz, Dr. Kay Wiles and Patsy Turner.

For more information: Jackie Utley, BPW Woman of Achievement Chair
731-668-5409, JUtleyMail@aol.com

JACKSON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
is pleased to present

THE BROWN BAG LUNCHES

- Monday, October 21 "Women in Politics: Don't Make Me Lick the Stamps" presented by Judge Christy Little, Madison County Juvenile Court, Jackson, Tennessee
- Tuesday, October 22 "TBA" presented by Carol Dix, Master Gardener
- Wednesday, October 23 "Starting Your Own Business On-line" presented by Jacque Hillman
- Thursday, October 24 "Women Joining Forces: Support For Female Veterans" presented by Tom and Deborah O'Bryant,
- Friday, October 25 "Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going" presented by Dr. Verna Ruffin, new Superintendent, Jackson-Madison County Board of Education

WHAT: This event is in celebration of National Business Women's Week, October 21-25, 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.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- B for Business is now **Business at 212°**. The next breakfast will be September 13, 2013, at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. Meeting time is 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **“31 Free Minutes With An Attorney” Panel: Nancy Choate, Attorney at Law – Estate; Will Bell, Rainey Kizer, Reviere & Bell, P.L.C. – Business Structure; John Burleson, Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, P.L.C. – Workers Compensation.**
- Our annual Ghost Walking Tour is set for October 25, 2013. Please begin to think about selling tickets and how you would like to participate this year to make it the best one yet.
- The Jackson Area Business & Professional Women will be host to the 2014 BPW State Convention, June 12-15, 2014. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 45 ByPass. Put it on your calendar and make plans now to attend. More information later as it becomes available.
- Long-time member Wilma Utley is back at Northbrooke Health Care Center. She is having some breathing issues and other health issues. If you would like to send her a card and/or a note of encouragement, her address is: Wilma Utley, Northbrooke Health Care Center, Room 307A, 121 Physicians Drive, Jackson, TN 38305.



Happy Summer!!!



Spotlight on member Mary Jo Middlebrooks

Jackson Area Business & Professional Women would like to congratulate Mary Jo Middlebrooks on the newest member of her family – Sweet Pea. Sweet Pea is her new French Bulldog, is 3 years old and hails from New Mexico. She is 17 pounds of curiosity and loves to be around everyone. Her favorite activity is curling up with Mary Jo when it is time to be couch potatoes.

Congratulations, again.

