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September Meeting, Legislation

On September 17, 2013, Rockwood BPW will meet at Victorian Square for dinner and to hear Roane County Executive Ron Woody speak about matters of concern to all citizens of the county. Please try your best to attend, and bring a visitor with you if you can. Women and men are welcome. Remember that someone from the committee (Brenda Pierce this month) will call you before September 10 to find out if you wish to make a reservation and for how

many people.

The menu is:
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Garden Salad
Rolls
Peach Cobbler

Please make every effort to come to this meeting to hear what will be a very informative presentation by Mr. Woody and to enjoy a delicious meal with good friends.

Legislative Committee:
Becky Layne, ch.
Brenda Pierce

Member Information

New phone number for
Frankie Hawk. 865-210-2387

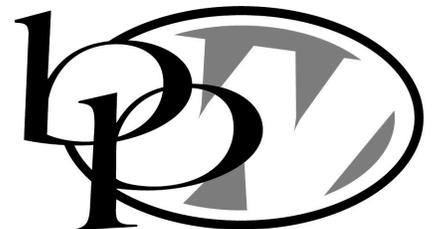
New Address for Betty Ragle:
241 S. Chamberlain Ave.,
Apt. 266

Calendar Orders

Remember to complete and bring with you to the meeting your calendar orders. The Calendar committee needs all information as soon as possible to put the calendar together and get it to the company before October 1. If you can turn your order in earlier than the meeting, take it to Linda at Salon-Salon, 200 N. Wilder.

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Regional Planning Meeting

Saturday, August 24, 2013

The meeting was attended by four Rockwood BPW members, Mary Ann Owings, Betty Johnston, Jerry Wallick, and Ann Hiegel. The members in attendance were joined by several on the phone, including state president Jacque Hilman. She spoke about ongoing efforts in Region III to establish local organizations of students on college and Technical school campuses. She also suggested that local organizations establish a “speakers bureau” to speak on campuses about topics of interest to students. The program was presented by Holly Hansen, of the Cumberland County Business Incubator.

Other information: The actress portraying the character of Claudia Joy on the Lifetime series *Army Wives* will be speaking at 6:00 p.m. [Central time] in Bolivar on September 10, at Deborah Brasfield’s Arts on the Square Gallery. Contact Andrea Young for information.

Wrapping Paper, Candy, Gifts

The information and order forms for our Innisbrook Wrapping Paper, Candy, Gifts project will be handed out at the September meeting, to be turned in by the October meeting. This enables us to get the orders back to you by the November meeting when many forward-looking people start preparing their Christmas gifts, especially if they require mailing or are for out-of-town destinations. This project funds any activities of Rockwood BPW other than our charitable projects. If you do not wish to participate in the sales, please consider a donation.



Upcoming Rockwood BPW Programs

- October 15 **National Business Women’s Week**
 October 21-25 Ann Hiegel, ch., Executive Committee
- November 19 BPW Issues/Women Veterans
 Malinda Yager, Ch., Lynne Spires

A Message from the Editor:

I continue to encourage members to submit articles and information for the newsletter. Let me know what is going on with you and we can spread the word to other members. This newsletter is also posted on the website www.bpwtn.org along with other useful information for all Tennessee members.

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BPW/TN INTERIM BOARD MEETING

The Interim Board Meeting will be held November 1-2, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Express in Lebanon. See the website for details and an agenda.

Board meetings are open to all members. There will be an Open Forum before the Board Meeting is conclude where any and all relevant issues and concerns may be raised – come have your voice heard.

Registration is due by October 30, 2013 to take advantage of the discount. Registration may be done via snail mail using the registration form downloadable from the website or online. Credit card payment is available through PayPal after your registration is submitted.

Contact Information:

- Jacque Hillman – president@bpwtn.org
- Charlotte Buchanan – interimboard@bpwtn.org

August Membership Meeting

Mary Ann Owings presided over our first meeting at Victorian Square. There were three guests present who were entertained by a skit about the Tater sisters and informed by speaker Lynne Spiers. The food was good and the servers were accommodating to ensure a good experience. We hope to have several of our guests join us as members and to have visits from other prospective members at future meetings.

Brenda Pierce, Lynne Spiers, Jerry Wallick and guest Becky Ruppe.



Guest Martha Yoakley



*Photos by
Lee Ann*

Message from the President

How long have we been fighting this battle of equality in the U.S.? Would you believe 236 years? Read on:

The Beginning

Tho we felicitate ourselves, we sympathize with those who are trembling lest the Lot of Boston should be theirs. But they cannot be in similar circumstances unless pusillanimity and cowardise should take possession of them. They have time and warning given them to see the Evil and shun it.-I long to hear that you have declared an independancy-and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticular care and attention is not paid to the Laidies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.

That your Sex are Naturally Tyrannical is a Truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender and endearing one of Friend. Why then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the Lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity. Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex. Regard us then as Beings placed by providence under your protection and in imitation of the Supreem Being make use of that power only for our happiness.

Excerpt from a letter written by Abigail Adams to her husband, March 31, 1776

Abigail Adams is another role model for me. We should remember that she was fighting for women's rights as early as 1776, when this country was first formed. There have been many courageous women before us that risked their lives and their freedom to give women the rights we enjoy today, but the battle is not over. I hope to introduce you to a few over the coming months. It is our duty to carry out the ideals they fought for.

--Mary Ann Owings

Reservations for meetings:

You will be contacted each month concerning the meeting by the chair or a member of that month's committee. They have to ascertain the number of members attending so that Victorian Square and the committee will be prepared for the meeting. If you make a reservation and find that you will be unable to attend, you must cancel with the committee chair no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning one week prior to the meeting. Anyone making a reservation and not canceling by the appointed time will be billed for the meal as Rockwood BPW is responsible for payment for the number of reservations submitted. [The meal is buffet style and includes all drinks, etc.] Members will pay at the meeting. The treasurer will give Victorian Square total payment.



**Rockwood BPW Officers
2013-2014**

President: Mary Ann Owings

Recording Secretary: Becky Layne

1st Vice Pres. [Issues Management]: Linda Rector

Corresponding Secretary: Jean Loveday

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Treasurer: Ann Hiegel

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