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President**

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October Meeting National Business Women's Week

On October 15, 2013, Rockwood BPW will meet at Victorian Square for dinner and to hear Sabrina Hooper, Deputy Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, speak on issues important to working women. Pay Equity has been an important issue for BPW on all levels, local, state, and national, for some time with members encouraged to contact legislators to express our concerns about the legislation on both the state and national levels.

Members will be called before Monday, October 7, to make a reservation for members and their guests. We hope to have a number of guests attending both from other organizations in

Rockwood and from other BPWs.

We also hope to present the annual Employer of the Year award.

Please make every effort to come to this celebration of NBWW to be informed about an issue that affects current women employees and those in the future.

Proclamations declaring October 21-25 National Business Women's Week have been signed by James Watts, Mayor of Rockwood, and Ron Woody, Roane County Mayor.

NBWW Committee:
Ann Hiegel, ch.
Executive Committee



Sabrina Hooper

Sabrina Hooper is Deputy Director for the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, responsible for managing the agency's enforcement program for employment, housing and public accommodation. Ms. Hooper graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, with a master's in Public Administration. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Hooper worked as Director/ ADA Coordinator--Office of Equal Opportunity for Murray State responsible to the University President for all aspects of the University's compliance with federal/state laws, regulations and university policies/procedures regarding Affirmative Action and disability.

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Wrapping Paper, Candy, Gifts

The information and order forms for our Innisbrook Wrapping Paper, Candy, Gifts project was handed out at the September meeting, to be turned in by the October meeting to Jerry Wallick, 327 S. Front Ave., Rockwood. 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.

Reports from September Meeting

Minutes from the September meeting and this month's financial report are included with this newsletter. Please review the minutes for a vote and the financial report as we will not be discussing them during the meeting to save time for the speaker and award presentations for National Business Women's Week. Business will be kept at a minimum for this meeting.

Member Information

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Upcoming Rockwood BPW Programs

November 19 BPW Issues/Women Veterans

Malinda Yager, Ch., Lynne Spires

December 17 Christmas

Linda Rector, ch., Velma Beckner

A Message from the Editor:

Do you have any interesting happenings in your life? Please let me know. The newsletter is distributed at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

This newsletter is also posted on the website www.bpwtn.org along with other useful information for all Tennessee members. Also, Mary Ann Owings has been posting to the Facebook page for Rockwood BPW.

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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
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September Legislative Meeting



Guest Speaker, Ron Woody

Ron Woody, Roane County Mayor spoke on the state of Roane County, particularly the finances and prospects for the future. He emphasized a change in the financial policies that borrows money only for permanent projects rather than for purchases that could be obsolete years before the funds borrowed were even close to being paid off. There were several guests in attendance.

Photos by Lee Ann



*Becky Layne,
Legislative Chair,
introduces Ron
Woody*

*Guest Tracy Scarbrough, Kesney Lemons, Courtney Shelton,
new member Mary Rawlings.*



*Kelly Gibson, new
member Barbara
Satterfield, Lynne
Spires*



Message from the President

During National Business Women's Week, we should remember the strong women who preceded us in the struggle for equal rights. Susan B. Anthony was probably one of the strongest influences of all time. In 1839, at age 17, she collected petitions opposing slavery. She worked closely with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Horace Greeley. In 1868, she published the first women's rights journal, *The Revolution* in New York. Its motto was: "*The true republic—men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.*" The main thrust of *The Revolution* was to promote women's and African-Americans' right to suffrage, but it also discussed issues of equal pay for equal work, more liberal divorce laws and the church's position on women's issues. On November 18, 1872, Anthony was arrested by a U.S. Deputy Marshal for voting on November 5 in the 1872 presidential election two weeks earlier. She confided in Elizabeth Cady Stanton that she had voted a straight Republican ticket. She was arrested, tried, and convicted, fined \$100.00, but not imprisoned. Her arguments were based on the recently adopted Fourteenth Amendment: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." She continued to spread her arguments and giving speeches for equal rights, quoting the Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, the New York Constitution, James Madison, Thomas Paine, the Supreme Court, and several of the leading Radical Republican senators of the day to support her case that women as citizens have a right to vote. In 1869, Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National Woman's Suffrage Association. She died at the age of 86 of heart disease and pneumonia. Fourteen years after Anthony's death, women's right to vote was affirmed on August 26, 1920, by passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which Anthony and Stanton wrote.

--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**

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