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November Meeting, **Women Veterans**

On November 19, 2013, Rockwood BPW will meet at Victorian Square for dinner and to hear Tennessee Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Many Bears Grinder. Members will be called before Monday, November 11, to make a reservation for members and their guests.

Committee:
Malinda Yager, chair,
Lynne Spires

BPW Foundation is very active in working with women veterans through its **Joining Forces Mentoring Plus®** which offers unlimited free personal coaching and professional guidance—including working women mentors—for women veterans

of all ranks and eras, military/veteran spouses, and caregivers of wounded warriors, to help successfully identify, outline, and pursue civilian careers. Our high tech-high touch framework meets women where they are to address the distinct challenges they face and provide exposure and access to education, credentialing, career development, and entry into the broadest spectrum of industry, services, and entrepreneurial endeavors. Included are Career Transitions, a free resource, and Connect-A-Vet Resources, web sites that offer information to use as vets transition from the military to civilian life. Access more information at:
www.bpwfoundation.org

Many Bears Grinder

In January 2011, Governor Bill Haslam selected our speaker to be the Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs – the first female in the State to serve in this capacity. She is responsible for the operation of the Department's twelve Field Offices, the Claims Office, and the four State Veterans Cemeteries. In addition to serving on the Board for Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, she is also an ex-officio voting member of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board, which controls the three existing State Veterans Homes, and plans for future homes in Tennessee. Grinder retired as a Colonel from the Tennessee Army National Guard with over 35 years of service and will share what is happening for women veterans in our state.

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October National Business Women's Week Meeting



*Guest Speaker
Sabrina Hooper*

Prior to the meeting proclamations were signed by James Watts, Mayor of Rockwood, and Ron Woody, Roane County Mayor. At the meeting the Employer of the Year award was presented to Dr. Angela E. Meadows. Our speaker for the meeting was Sabrina Hooper, deputy director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. She gave an overview of the functions of the commission and detailed some of the criteria for enforcing the provisions of laws and regulations related to issues important to women in the workplace, issues for which BPW is an advocate on both national and state levels. Most of the discussion focused on issues related to Pay Equity.

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Upcoming Rockwood BPW Programs

- December 17 Christmas
Linda Rector, ch., Velma Beckner
- January 21 Foundation
Jerry Wallick, ch., Linda Brummett, Elizabeth McCallie

A Message from the Editor:

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 was held November 1-2, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Express in Lebanon.

Rockwood was represented by 3rd Vice President Jerry Wallick as president Mary Ann Owings was unable to attend due to health problems.

A number of issues were decided on including new criteria for the Membership Awards, a new proposed scholarship, and additional membership categories, including one for women veterans. There was also discussion of the state convention in Jackson with a new timeline and pre-convention activities. A proposed agenda for the convention and information on the pre-convention activity were distributed to the members attending. More information will be coming from the state.

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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