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## January Meeting Foundation

On January 21, 2014, Rockwood BPW will meet at Victorian Square for dinner and the Foundation Meeting. Members will be called before **noon Monday, January 13**, to make a reservation for members and their guests.

### Committee:

Jerry Wallick, chair,  
Linda Brummett  
Elizabeth McCallie

Included in the meeting will be information on what Foundation has to offer its legacy organizations and the resources

it provides the individual members.

There will be a presentation by LeeAnn Gaddis about the Aspiring Leaders of Tomorrow program of the state (a new offering to replace the traditional Young Careerist program offered in prior years.) Information on this program can be found on page 3 of this newsletter, and LeeAnn will answer any questions members might have.

### *Important Notice*

#### **Change in Meeting Reservations Deadline**

Because Victorian Square now has to order food supplies on Monday rather than Tuesday, the new deadline for reservations will be **10:00 a.m. on Monday** the week preceeding the meeting date.

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## December Christmas Meeting

A good time was had by all at our annual Christmas meeting. Members' knowledge of Christmas carols and songs was tested in one of the games providing entertainment for the meeting hosted by Linda Rector and Velma Beckner.

A number of members provided hats, scarves and gloves to be given to the children at Evans Heights, one of Rockwood BPW's local projects.

The Foundation basket was Christmas themed.

## Member News

**Brenda Pierce** had a fall right before our Christmas meeting and has not been recovering well. She is currently in ICU at Roane Medical Center. Cards can be sent to her home address listed in the yearbook.

**Bea Connatser** has moved to Morning View Assisted Living, Room 220, 2304 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804. She still has her same phone number as listed in our yearbook.

**Wanda Manning** has had a knee replacement and is in NHC in Knoxville for several weeks of therapy. Cards can be sent to her home address, and she can be reached on her cellphone.



## Upcoming Rockwood BPW Programs

February 18 BPW Issues/Women's Health  
Vickie Watts, ch., Wanda Manning

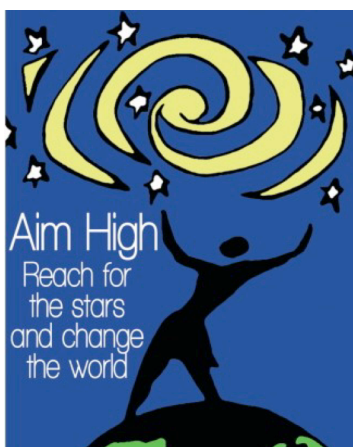
March 18 White Elephant Sale  
Jean Loveday, ch., Frankie Hawk, Bea Connatser

### A Message from the Editor:

The editor apologizes for the lateness of this issue of the newsletter as the recent cold weather produced some problems with her home heating system, not yet resolved, and ongoing problems finding papers, etc. containing the information needed for the newsletter.

This newsletter is also posted on the website [www.bpwn.org](http://www.bpwn.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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## Aim High State Convention

June 13-15, 2014

DoubleTree Hotel, Jackson, Tenn.

## Aspiring Leaders of Tomorrow

BPW/TN Aspiring Leaders of Tomorrow is a program to recognize the skills and support the career development of Tennessee's future female leaders. The program is open to any female resident of Tennessee who:

- Is a High School Graduate or holds a GED equivalency;
- Has a date of birth after December 31, 1979 (age 35 and under);
- Is enrolled in a post-secondary institution of higher learning such as any accredited 4-year college, community college, technical school or in a recognized apprenticeship program. The institution of higher learning does NOT have to be in Tennessee.

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 textbook scholarship, with the runner-up receiving \$300 applicable to textbook purchase.

## Program Details

1. Submission fee of \$25, which includes one year student membership in BPW/TN
2. Submit a written 400-500 word essay on one of the following topics.

### *Topic choices for 2014:*

- Pay Equity - on average, for every \$1 earned by a man, working women earn only 77 cents. Comment. How can this disparity be addressed?
- The momentum has stalled on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Do you believe there is a need for a 28th amendment to the Constitution? Why or why not? How can it be "sold" for ratification?
- The United Nations has declared March 8th as International Women's Day. Considering all the girls who are being denied educations, the many women being treated as property, the millions of oppressed women around the world - what can American women do to promote the equality of women worldwide?
- What are today's "Women's Issues"? What are some steps that would help address and correct them?

Based upon the written essays, finalists will be chosen by committee. All participants will be notified of the committee decision. Finalists must prepare a 4-minute speech based upon their written topic.

**In order to be eligible for a scholarship award, participants MUST complete all program requirements, including the Speak-off at the BPW/TN State Convention in Jackson, Tennessee on Saturday, June 14, 2014.**

The convention body will decide the winners.

Any woman who can meet these terms is encouraged to participate. Although not required, participants are strongly encouraged to develop a relationship with the members of the local Business & Professional Women nearest to them for mentoring.

All forms, fees, and essays must be postmarked by **February 15, 2014**. Any submissions after the deadline will be denied and returned unopened.

*The application can be downloaded from the state website: [www.bpwttn.org](http://www.bpwttn.org)*

**Reservations for meetings:**

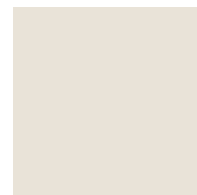
You will be contacted each month by the chair or a member of that month's committee to ascertain the number of members attending so that Victorian Square and the committee will be prepared for the meeting. Reservations deadline is **10:00 a.m. Monday** the week preceding the meeting. If you make a reservation and find that you will be unable to attend, you must cancel with the committee chair no later than 10:00 a.m. **Monday** 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 buffet meal includes all drinks, etc.] Members will pay at the meeting. The treasurer will give Victorian Square total payment.

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