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National Business Women's Week October Meeting October 17, 2017

The National Business Women's Week meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Victorian Square. Members will be contacted by Friday, October 6, about making meeting reservations.

Please note change in reservation date for this meeting.

Ladies of Rockwood BPW and BPW/TN as well as former members, I want to take this time and encourage all of you to attend our October 17th meeting where we will be celebrating not only National Business Women's Week but Rockwood BPW's 96th Anniversary. Such a celebration of life and history could not be successful without your attendance. Our speaker will be Patricia Pierce, I hope you will come and enjoy the lively atmosphere we will provide for you along with our state and local officials. May this be a night of memory-making that will only be surpassed when we reach our Centennial Year.

Please RSVP by October 6th if you plan to attend.

Thank you for your time,

Lee Ann Gaddis, NBWW Chair

NBWW Committee:

Lee Ann Gaddis, chair, Executive Committee

BPW/TN News

Interim Board of Directors
Comfort Suites in Lebanon

Tentative Agenda

Friday, November 3

EC Dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m.

EC Meeting 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4

Registration 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Speaker 11:00-11:40 a.m.

Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

BOD Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Adjourn 3:00 p.m.

All times Central Time

Registration form in October
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September Legislation Meeting Highlights

Becky provided contact information for local, state and national government officials, copies of the BPW/TN Legislative Platform and a report on the status of bills of interest to BPW.

The speaker was state Sen. Ken Yager who provided information on legislation of interest being considered at the present time.

Scholarship recipient Megan Edmonds and her mother Linda attended. Fundraising projects were discussed.

Legislation Committee:

Becky Layne, chair

Linda Rector, Betty Johnston



Rockwood BPW Upcoming Programs

November 21 BPW Issues: Health Care

Bridgette Patterson, ch. Lynne Spires

December 19 Christmas

Ann Hiegel, ch. Jerry Wallick

Fundraising Projects

Club's Choice orders are due by Friday, October 13 or before. Products must be paid for when ordered. On a separate sheet record the (9.50%) tax due for each order.

Pecans: Halves or Pieces, 1 pound bags, are \$11 including tax, and need to be ordered by or before the October 17 meeting date.

All Orders to Jerry Wallick, 327 S. Front Ave., 354-0934

Why Be a BPW Member?

Membership in Rockwood BPW automatically gives membership in a statewide organization, Business & Professional Women of Tennessee (BPW/TN) (www.bpwtn.org), and a national organization, Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Each of these organizations gives members a connection to a larger group of women who are dedicated to working for the good of all women and particularly those women in the workplace. BPW/TN works at keeping Tennessee women informed about concerns in the state of Tennessee and voicing those concerns to the people that can bring about needed changes. BPW Foundation offers national contacts (www.bpwfoundation.org) through its Advocacy Center; professional help through the Career Center; access to the online library of extensive studies of workplace conditions and innovative practices; scholarships and grants; various programs to benefit women veterans; various ways to connect with women across the nation to share ideas and concerns; and participation in programs such as National Business Women's Week. *Why not be a BPW Member?*

A Message from the Editor: Help me make this newsletter better than ever. Let's incorporate messages from our officers and monthly chairs in future issues and welcome any contributions from our members. Don't hesitate to contact me with any news or concerns.

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Patricia Ann Pierce National Business Women's Week

Patricia Ann Pierce retired from Vanderbilt University in 2007 as the Senior Director of the Opportunity Development Center (ODC) responsible for all University and Medical Center matters related to equal opportunity and affirmative action laws, regulations, and guidelines. She is recognized internationally as an advocate for diversity and equity. She has presented numerous programs on disability issues, gender issues, including sexual harassment, and cultural diversity for Nashville community organizations, and at regional, national, and international conferences.

She has given her time to many organizations to help promote opportunities and advocate equity for women. She has served as a volunteer or member of thirty-four organizations and on the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. Currently she serves as a member of the Economic Council Foundation Board, a Board member of the Nashville Sports Council, a member of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board, Board member for ATHENA International, the National Women's History Project Board, and a National Delegate to Vision 2020. She was a founding member of Women in Higher Education in Tennessee. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Rotary International *Jean Harris Award*, *YWCA Academy of Women of Achievement*, the Women in Higher Education in Tennessee *June Anderson Award*, the 2003 Nashville *ATHENA Award*, the 2006 Tennessee Economic Council's *Excellence & Equity Award*, Tennessee State University's 2008 *Woman of Legend and Merit Award*, and Nashville's largest women's organization CABLE prestigious *Molly Todd Cup* which is given to a woman who spends much of her life making the world a better place to live. She is a graduate of Leadership America, Leadership Nashville, the Oxford University Roundtable, and an inductee of the Tennessee International Women's Forum. She has a BS degree from the University of Tennessee, where she played basketball in 1968 under Joan Cronan, completed the Bryn Mawr University Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, and the National Institute for Leadership Development at Arizona State. She was married to the late Jacky Goss and she resides in Harriman, TN. She and Jacky have two sons and four grandchildren.

Pictures from the September Legislation Meeting



Ken Yager speaks at the Legislation Meeting



Megan Edmonds, Scholarship recipient, and her mother Linda with President Lynne Spires. Megan will be attending Roane State.

Meeting Decorations by Linda Rector

Photos by Lee Ann Gaddis & Ann Hiegel

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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2017-2018****President:** Lynne Spires**1st Vice Pres.** *[Membership]:* Trudy Smith**2nd Vice Pres.** *[Finance]:* Linda Rector**Recording Secretary:** Betty Johnston**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Rawlings**Treasurer:** Geraldine Wallick

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