



# News & Views

**AUGUST 2024**

## Upcoming Events

- **August 8:** August Dinner  
RSVP Deadline — [LINK](#)
- **August 15** Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6 pm Giannilli's II
- **Sept. 5:** Board Meeting 6pm. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*All are welcome to attend.*



Welcome back ladies!

Hope you are enjoying your summer as much as I have! Unfortunately it's almost over which means we get our new year up and running! And what an exciting year we have planned! In keeping with State President Jen Van Ingen's theme, my theme for this year is "Believe in the Possibilities!" Those possibilities are endless! Whatever you believe in is possible, but you have to believe, dream, and work hard to achieve those possibilities.

As I write this, I am watching the Opening of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, and thinking of the possibilities afforded to all those athletes who will compete on the world stage. Side Note: Wow! What a show!!! They believed their dreams were possible, and worked hard to achieve them.

And let's talk about the possibilities available to us **#becauseofBPW!** The new friends we've all made, what we have learned as a member, the support we received from other members, what we have achieved in our lives as a members, is all possible through our love of BPW.

I look forward to serving and working with you all this year (and maybe the next!!) Let's make this our best year ever when we **Believe in the Possibilities!**

### MONTHLY THEME:

Our theme for August is "Back to School". From Kindergarten through college, children are starting a new school year. Just think of the possibilities for them!!!!

And while we're thinking of those possibilities, let us also think of the trials and tribulations they go through, sometimes without our knowledge. Peer pressure, bullying, cyber culling, taunting, teasing, the list goes on. These are the children we need to watch out for.

Our Guest Speaker this month will be State Trooper Cpl. Aaron Allen, who will talk to us about bullying, what to look out for, how to deal with it, how to help our children stand up to it, peer pressure, and all those disruptive times in a student's life.

Please join us on August 15<sup>th</sup> and please, if possible, bring a donation of back to school supplies. Aaron, in his private capacity, collects donations for backpacks which he presents to kids in need. Let's fill a tote!!!!

*Barbara*

**#believeinthepossibilities**  
**#dreambelieveachieve**  
**#becauseofBPW**

**Never stop believing in magic and miracles!**



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, September 6.  
Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to [cpalm121@comcast.net](mailto:cpalm121@comcast.net) OR [latrobebpw@yahoo.com](mailto:latrobebpw@yahoo.com) before that date.



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# Member Spotlight for August

# Maria Newill

Meet Maria Newill, a dedicated member of Latrobe BPW for the past 2 years!

Maria joined BPW after being invited as a guest. She was so impressed by the warm welcome and engaging environment that she knew she had to become a member.

Maria's favorite aspect of BPW is the incredible sense of community. She advises new members to "Get involved"—it's the best way to make the most of your experience and connect with others. Maria is co-chair of the membership committee.

Professionally, Maria is an On-Site Recruiter/Manager at Nesco Resource, a nationally ranked workforce solution company. She loves her job because it allows her to meet new people and hear their fascinating stories.

To relax, Maria enjoys walking and diving into a good book. A fun fact about Maria: she was once a licensed cosmetologist! Outside of her professional life, Maria is a proud mom to Allison and Paul.

Thank you, Maria, for being such a valued member of our BPW family!



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# BPW ROUND-UP



## Dinner Committee

## BPW Logo Wear

## Membership

### August Dinner Meeting:

### BPW ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!

Date: **August 15, 2024**

Show your BPW spirit with our new line of logo wear! You can shop 24/7/365 online through our member partner Unity Printing. Order your gear by the end of each month and it will be delivered to you at the following month's meeting! Check out the great items at: [www.unityprinting.com/bpw](http://www.unityprinting.com/bpw)

Please invite your friends, co-workers, and wonderful women that you meet to dinner.

Event Location: **Giannilli's II**,  
Route 30 West, Greensburg

Ask our membership team: Maria Newill and Tina Grace Donkers, for our "business" card and membership application to share with your guests.

Deadline for Reservations:  
**Thursday, August 8**

RENEW HERE: <https://forms.glerenewbpwmembership>

PAYMENT OPTIONS:  
Cash/Check/Credit \$25  
Prepay via PayPal \$27 (link on dinner reservation)



LINK TO RESERVE: <https://forms.gle/r2QZ5DKo4WDxUN959>

Questions about the dinner meeting?  
Email: [latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com](mailto:latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com)

## Goodwill & Special Projects

### Social Gatherings Survey —

The board has heard your feedback and we are working on planning extra social gatherings for our new chapter year. We need your help though! Please complete the survey below. It should take only 1-2 minutes of your time. Surveys are 100% anonymous and will not request your email address.

[Latrobe BPW Member Survey](#)

# BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

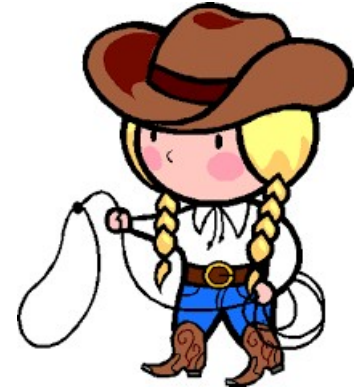
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## AUGUST DINNER MEETING (AUGUST 15TH)

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Help empower every student's future.  
Bring donations of school supplies to this months meeting!

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## Upcoming Events:

### **Latrobe Shop Hop – Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – downtown Latrobe, beginning at 4PM.**

We plan on visiting the vendors, most of which are business women, to promote Latrobe BPW and grow our membership. If you are able, please join us as we hand out gifts. Email or text me about a meeting spot.

### **BPW Club Meeting – Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Giannilli's II, Route 30, beginning at 6PM**

Our theme for August is Back To School. Our guest speaker is Aaron Allen, who will discuss bullying and cyberbullying, what to look out for, how to deal with it, peer pressure, and how to support our children should they need it. We will also be receiving donations of school supplies. There are so many kids out there who have nothing with which to begin the school year. Absolutely anything is welcome.

### **Welcome Indiana Local to District 3 – Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> - Red Barn Winery, Delmont - 1-4PM**

Join us as we welcome Indiana Local to our District. President of Indiana, Sarah Kitchen is also President Elect for BPW/PA for next year. Let's show her our support now by welcoming them to our happy family. \$10 will get you appetizers and dessert. Please email Nancy Shaler at [nkshaler789@gmail.com](mailto:nkshaler789@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. Please RSVP by August 11.

### **Walk to end Alzheimer's – Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Twin Lakes**

More information to come when available

### **Westmoreland Walks Pink Ribbon Walk – Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Twin Lakes**

More information to come when available

## Fun Monthly Polls:

In order to promote more “fun” in our organization, we’re planning to conduct monthly “themed” polls. Nothing serious, just for fun. Click the link below for the August Poll.

[Click here for the Google Form Link](#)



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# BPW ROUND-UP



## Foundation

The Edith Oler Flanagan Disaster Fund is available to any BPW/PA member who has suffered a financial hardship caused by any reason, such as uninsured medical expenses, fire loss, termination of employment, etc. The awards are based on financial need. [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org)

## Public Relations

### Important Social Media and Website Links!

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(Private Member Group—more informal; Business Owners can run ads and share info once weekly; Share Community Events)

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ISO: Chairwomen and Committee members for the 2024-2025 year. Please email [latrobebpw@yahoo.com](mailto:latrobebpw@yahoo.com) if interested.

**Editors Note:**  
*Please send me content. Lots of articles make the newsletter more interesting!*

Thank you ~Carol Palmer

**Committee chairs: Send your round-up items in for the next newsletter's Round Up. Committee Reports are due by first Friday of each month. Send them to [cpalm121@comcast.net](mailto:cpalm121@comcast.net) OR [latrobebpw@yahoo.com](mailto:latrobebpw@yahoo.com)**

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Latrobe BPW**

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*You are invited to  
Welcome Indiana Local  
To BPW/PA District 3!!!*

*Sunday August 18, 2024  
@ Red Barn Winery  
From 1-4pm*



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*to Assistant D3 Director Nancy Shaler*

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IS TO Create it*



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# Latrobe BPW Officer Induction





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# LATROBE BPW SUMMER HAPPENINGS



HAPPY  
4<sup>th</sup>  
of July



Westmoreland Walks





# Guest Speaker

## State Trooper Cpl. Aaron Allen



Trooper Allen will be presenting information about cyberbullying. He will be discussing what to look out for, how to deal with it, how to help our children stand up to it, peer pressure, and all those disruptive times in a young person's life.



**MEMBER NETWORKING — PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BPW BUSINESSES**



- 5—Maria Newill
- 11—Lorin Zimmerman
- 14—Jennifer Ritz
- 23—Melissa Rugh
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