



Latrobe Business Professional Women



News & Views

FEBRUARY 2024

Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 8:** February Dinner
RSVP Deadline — [LINK](#)
- **Feb. 15:** Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6 pm Giannilli's II



- **Feb. 24:** BPW District 3 Winter Blues Bingo

President's Message:

As we embrace the month of February, let us celebrate not only the love we share for our respective partners and family members but also the network of women we call our BPW sisters. Through shared experiences, diverse perspectives, and unwavering support of each other we can create a vibrant tapestry that enriches our personal and professional lives.

As we navigate the daily web of challenges and triumphs, let us take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the unique contributions each of us brings to the table. Let's seize the opportunity to uplift and amplify the voices of the women within our BPW network.

Whether it is through mentorship, collaboration, or simply the sharing of our day, we can continue to build a community that fosters growth, resilience, success and kindness. Together, we can create a legacy that will not only honor the achievements of our past but will also pave the way for a future where every woman feels empowered to reach her fullest potential.

Here's to a month of love, fellowship, and women helping women!

Tracy



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, March 1. Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com before that date.



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February 2024

BPW ROUND-UP



Dinner Committee

Membership

BPW Logo Wear

February Dinner Meeting:

Date: February 15, 2024

Please wear RED to the meeting

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

Deadline for Reservations: Thursday, February 8

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
Cash/Check/Credit \$25
Prepay via PayPal \$27 (link on dinner reservation)
LINK TO RESERVE: <https://forms.gle/Gi5XXuD5XEETtuEFA>

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

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

Welcome New Member:

Beth Ziance

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION will be held in May

BPW ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!

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



BPW/PA Legislative Platform Forum Combating Domestic Violence

Sponsored by BPW/PA Legislation Committee
Presented by BPW/PA District 10
Speaker: Rachel Haynes Pinsker, ESQ

Tuesday, February 6
7:00—8:00 pm via Zoom
Use this [LINK](#) to Register



Great Job Ladies!

Because of your "Bell Ringing" efforts, Latrobe BPW raised \$557.15 during the eight hours of volunteering for the Red Kettle Campaign.

More than \$89,000 was raised which enabled the Salvation Army to serve 86 families with food and gift certificates and 159 children received toys and clothing.

Your service makes a difference!

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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



Public Relations

Important Social Media and Website Links!

Website: www.latrobebpw.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPWLatrobe
(Business Site)

www.facebook.com/groups/latrobebpw
(Private Member Group—more informal; Business Owners can run ads and share info once weekly; Share Community Events)

Search for us on YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn

ISO: Chairwomen and Committee members for the 2023-2024 year. Please email 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 OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com

Quietly bid



Loudly give!!

Foundation/Legislation Annual Silent Auction

Don't forget to bring an item or two to donate and your \$\$CASH\$\$ (or check) to our February meeting!!

February 2024

February Students of the Month

Math & Science



Laura worked at Donut Chef for two years and JCPenney over the Christmas season. She plans on majoring in either Architecture or Psychology and is considering attending Penn State, Penn Tech, or Seton Hill for her degree. Her activities include Choir, Photography Club, and Science National Honor Society. Her interests are art, urban exploration, Sci-fi movies, and Auto CAD.

Laura Gillott

Abigail currently serves as the treasurer of the Student Council, the president of FCA, and is the treasurer of the Choir Council. She is a member of NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, Tri-M, and the International Thespian Society. She performs with the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, and Drama Club. Abigail regularly sings with the worship team at Hempfield Church of Christ and serves with the Children’s Ministry. She plays the mellophone in the Wildcat Marching Band and has served as a Captain for 2 seasons. Abigail was honored to perform in the Pennsylvania All-State Chorus last year and has auditioned into numerous PMEA festivals as both a French Horn player and as a vocalist. Abigail will be attending Grove City College to pursue a major in Mechanical Engineering.



Abigail Wolfgang



SPRING TEA

SAVE THE DATE

*Latrobe Business and Professional
Women's Spring Tea*

Saturday March 23rd

Doors open at 10:30am

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Tables still available
Please contact Lorie Planinsek
or Deb Bowman to
host a table

\$35
per person

February 2024

**LATROBE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S**

Spring Tea

Saturday, March 23, 2024

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!

The Latrobe BPW Spring Tea is an amazing advertising opportunity for your business. Introduce your business to a new audience or promote special deals and discounts to the 280+ attendees for only **\$25!** You don't want to miss out on this valuable marketing opportunity! For both members and non-members.

\$25 Includes:

- Rotational advertisements on an electronic billboard
- Inclusion in the Spring Tea Program
- Advertiser quiz for attendees
- Video on Facebook after the Tea

Deadline: March 8, 2024

Submit your ads, cash or check (made payable to Latrobe BPW) to Debbie Franco.

Email: LatrobeBPWAds@gmail.com

File type: PDF or PNG

Ad size: 16:9 or 10 x 5.63"

Proceeds benefit our local scholarship & community philanthropy funds.

**This is for advertising only and does not include a ticket to the event.*

Contact Debbie at LatrobeBPWAds@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to helping you promote your business at our Spring Tea!!

February 2024

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BPW District 3 WINTER BLUES BINGO

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

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LATROBE BPW

BPW/PA State Convention Grant Application

The purpose of the grant is to encourage members to attend State Convention, especially those who might be concerned by the expense.

This grant, in the amount of \$200, will be reimbursed to a member who attends State Convention in person for the FIRST time. The member MUST attend full time, including all meetings. The members will be reimbursed after State Convention, following submission of receipts for payment. The Grant will assist in covering accommodation and travel expenses. Members who have previously attended even a portion of State Convention do not qualify for this grant.

NAME: _____

DATE JOINED LATROBE BPW: _____

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED STATE CONVENTION: _____ YES _____ NO

Activities / Committees you have participated in since joining Latrobe BPW (brief description of what you did / do)

Please submit a 50 – 100 word essay on why you should be awarded the \$200 grant. Please attach your essay to your application.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please mail your application to Dawn Hughes, Latrobe BPW Convention Grant Committee, 193 Stewart Road, Derry, PA 15627. Deadline for entries is our May Membership meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2023.

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