



# News & Views

OCTORER 2023

### **National Business Women's Week**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Oct. 11: Spring Tea
   Planning Meeting 6 pm
   Thirty's Craft Pizza & Beer
- Oct. 19: Monthly
   Dinner Meeting 6 pm
   Giannilli's II
   \*Please wear PINK to this month's meeting to show your support
- Nov. 2: Board Meeting— 6pm
- Nov. 16: Vendor Show

Well, October is upon us and it is time to celebrate women in business during National Women's Small Business Month and National Business Women's Week.

While the entire month of October is dedicated to the achievements of women-owned businesses and their positive impact on the economy, the third week of the month (10/15/23-10/21/23) recognizes the

contributions of all working women.

The idea for National
Business Women's Week
was started by the Executive Secretary of the National
Federation of Business and
Professional Women's Club,
Emma Dot Partridge, back in 1928.
NBWW highlights women's achievement as leaders and mentors,
recognizes the progress that women
have made in the workforce, and is
used as a platform to share information

and raise awareness of workplace polices and resources.

I'm excited to hear from our guest speaker, Taylor Raine Shawley, as she puts her personal and professional spin on this year's theme of *Reflect, Refresh, Recharge*. I hope that you will join me in welcoming her to our dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Until then, don't forget to *Do Good Things* by supporting the working women and womenowned businesses in our group and in our community. I know that I am personally blessed to work for a women-owned small business and for a national

company that supports, promotes, and encourages women to succeed at all levels of the organization.

"Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back." – Anonymous.

-Tracy



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, November 2.
Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com before that date

Inspired

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### Michele Stoops

Meet Michele Stoops, our dynamic and enthusiastic member of the month! Michele, a seasoned travel agent with American Express Global Business Travel, has been an integral part of the Latrobe Business and Professional Women (BPW) for the past five years.

Michele's passion for her job as a travel agent shines through in everything she does. She revels in the opportunity to immerse herself in different cultures, learning about their customs, cuisines, and traditions. Her dedication to her career extends beyond the office, making her a true globetrotter at heart.

When asked what keeps her engaged and excited about being a member of Latrobe BPW, Michele doesn't hesitate. "Meeting new people," she exclaims with a warm smile. She joined our organization because, while working from home, she felt the need to socialize and expand her circle. Michele knows the importance of connection and community, and she's found that and more with Latrobe BPW.

Michele's advice to new members is both practical and heartfelt: "Join the dinner committee; you will learn people's names." It's a simple but effective way to break the ice, forge new friendships, and truly make the most of your BPW experience.

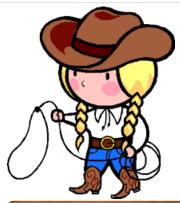
Outside of her busy career and her commitment to BPW, Michele knows how to have a good time. For fun and relaxation, she enjoys golfing, a sport that allows her to unwind in the great outdoors. Her love for travel extends beyond work; she takes every opportunity to explore new destinations and cherishes these adventures by scrapbooking her memories. But that's not all! Michele's hidden passion for classic cars might surprise you. She proudly owns a 1965 Mustang convertible, demonstrating her appreciation for timeless beauty and craftsmanship.

Michele Stoops embodies the spirit of Latrobe BPW—a dedicated professional who values connections, cherishes her adventures, and shares her wisdom with others. We're delighted to recognize Michele as our Member of the Month, and we look forward to many more years of her vibrant presence within our organization.

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#### Dinner Committee

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#### October Dinner Meeting:

Date: October 19, 2023

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

### Deadline for Reservations: Thursday, October 12

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

LINK TO RESERVE: https:// forms.gle/Sq6EVFGo3b1v9sWy7

#### **REMINDERS**

We require an accurate dinner count, so in order to do this, it is imperative that the reservations are received by the RSVP date. Cancellations must be made to

(<u>latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com</u>) prior to 6 days before the meeting date.

### Questions about Reservations? latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com

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

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

Membership



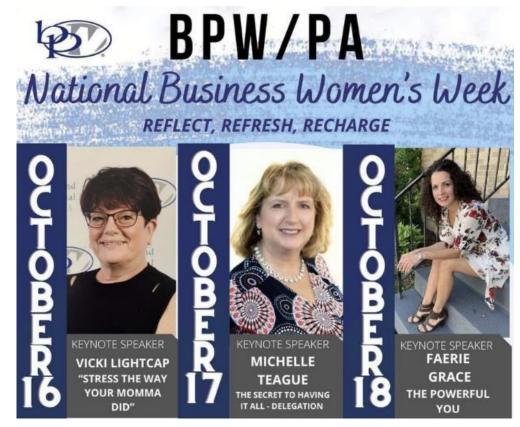
Ask our membership team: Tina Grace and Maria Newill, for our "business" card and membership application to share with your guests.

### BPW Logo Wear

#### 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





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Issues Management

# OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER: **Taylor Raine Shawley**

"Worthy Within: Unleash Your Inner Potential and Achieve Your Dreams"

Taylor will guide attendees on a transformative journey to: Focus on Their Desires, Identify Blockages, Connect with Their Empowered Selves and Shift Inner Realities with Self-Love.



Taylor Raine Shawley is a distinguished entrepreneur, boudoir photographer, intimacy and connection coach, and somatic breathwork practitioner. For over five years, she has been passionately working with individuals to provide a safe and nurturing space for them to reconnect with and embrace their bodies, cultivate self-love, and express their stories through intimate portraits.

Taylor's mission is to empower women to reconnect, reclaim, and celebrate their bodies through her expertise in

intimacy coaching and boudoir photography. With her guidance, countless individuals have experienced profound transformations in their self-confidence and self-worth.

Taylor Raine Shawley's unique blend of expertise and passion for empowering women is sure to leave a lasting impact.

Welcome Taylor!

### 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

<u>Facebook</u>: <u>www.facebook.com/BPWLatrobe</u> (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 <a href="mailto:latrobebpw@yahoo.com">latrobebpw@yahoo.com</a> if interested.

#### **Editors Note:**

Please send me content. Lots of articles make the newsletter more interesting!

Thank you ~Carol Palmer

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Goodwill & Special Projects

### Stockings Stuffers for Soldiers



Pens
Sketch Pad
Card Games
Small Puzzles
Colored Pencils
Word Search Books
Crossword Puzzle Books
Handmade Christmas Cards
Handwritten Christmas Cards



Being collected by Latrobe Police Dept. for veterans confined in the VA Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Please review the above list of what we are collecting for the veterans. There will be a tote for your donations at each meeting through December. Last year we only asked for Christmas cards and again this year some of us will sign cards for those who donate them but don't have time to sign them. When signing, please spell out <u>Latrobe Business and Professional Women</u> because they may not know what BPW stands for.

There will be a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting for those who wish to donate a raffle basket (we need 2 per meeting) to benefit our state project. If you would like to donate a basket but won't be at the meeting, please contact Barb Planinsek or Tina Capatch.

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Calling all Members — Vendor Discount Deadline is fast approaching — Get your spot before October 15 if you want to save \$5!

#### **VENDOR RESERVATION FORM**

LATROBE BPW
November 16, 2023
Latrobe American Legion
1811 Ligonier St.
Latrobe, PA 15650

-Please Print-

NAME		
COMPANY		
ADDRESS		
TELEPHONE	EMAIL	
Description of product(s) to be exhibited:		
Cost per space (including 6' table)	\$15.00	\$
BPW Member Discount	-\$ 5.00	\$
Local Organization		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$
Please return a copy of the Vendor Reserva	tion Form and your check m	ade payable to LATROBE BPW
Latrobe BPW Vendor Event (	Chair	

Latrobe BPW Vendor Event Chair Jean Calabrace 2902 Ligonier St. Latrobe, PA 15650

(724) 787-0897; email: spcrlc@comcast.net

**DEADLINE: November 1, 2023** 

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PRESENTS...



# Women Business Leaders: Reflect, Refresh, Recharge

### **Event Schedule** October 15 - 19, 2023

October 15 #becauseofbpw Video Release

October 16 7pm ZOOM

"Stress like your momma did, Vicki Lightcap

October 17 7pm ZOOM

The Secret to Having It All - Delegation, Michelle Teague

October 18 7pm ZOOM The Powerful You, Faerie Grace

October 19 Special **NBWW Book Club** 

Book: Lean In, 7:00 pm

These events are sponsored by BPW/PA and are free to register. You do not have to be a BPW member to attend. You can register be going to the BPW/PA website events page: https://bpwpa.wildapricot.org/page-1838903

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### Latrobe BPW Members Serving as Keynote Speakers During BPW / PA National Business Women's Week



Faerie Grace has been an actress and model for companies such as Fisher Price, PNC Bank, Mown and Jo-Ann Fabrics. She was previously a live TV co-host for Cornerstone Television, interviewing and giving motivational messages to viewers nationally and internationally. Faerie was also cocreator and co-host of "The Good Talk" YouTube series. A professional balloon twister, balloons decorator, as well as a professional face painter for 10 years Faerie has tailored her business to focus more an mativational and inspirational messages. She still uses the art of balloon twisting while speaking to her audiences. Faerie Grace LLC, had added books to the list when covid canceled all events 2020/2021. Faerie used the time to finally start her dream of writing while also cooking what felt like endless meals for her blended family of boys.

Faerie is an active member of Latrobe BPW, and Chamber member and Ambassador of Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce. Along with being a youth minister and Sunday

www.FaerieGrace.com

Speakingwithatwist@gmail.com

OCTOBER 17, 2023 7:00PM ZOOM

"The Powerful YOU!"

Register today on the BPW/PA Website

https://bpwpa.wildapricot .org/event-5427663



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#### Michelle Teague

With over 15 years of experience as a speaker, trainer, and coach, Michelle Teague has conducted training and spoken internationally and from one coas to the other in the USA. She has given hundreds of presentations on topics such as "You Can Have It All," "Communicating With Difficult People," and "Breaking Through Boundaries." Her accomplishments include speaking or presenting at various conferences and developing a leadership training program for new supervisors and managers.

As a DISC Certified Consultant, Michelle can help you and your team discover your preferred leadership and communication styles. In addition, Michelle is a leadership expert, licensed by the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team to bring proven leadership strategies and practices to your organization. She is also a Cialdini Certified Professional and Ethical Influence Practitioner certified by the Cialdini Institute,

Her valunteer work includes the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the YWCA, the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Speakers' Association, and the Scottdale Business and Professional Women's Club. The mother of two adult children, Michelle lives in Mount Pleasant, PA with her husband, Jim, and their

**BPW/PA NATIONAL BUSINESS** WOMENS WEEK KEYNOTE SPEAKER

OCTOBER 18, 2023 7:00PM ON ZOOM REGISTER TODAY:

ON THE BPW/PA WEBSITE HTTPS://BPWPA.WILDAPRICOT. ORG/EVENT-5408250

#### "THE SECRET TO HAVING IT ALL - DELEGATION"

We have seen those people who have it all: fulfilling career, loving family, beautiful home active social life, healthy body, fabulous ardrobe. Michelle explains how she discovere the secret to having it all. Hint - successful leaders use delegation, and so can you. In this interactive presentation, attendees will discuss why people don't delegate, what can and cannot be delegated, who you should delegate to, and how to delegate tasks.

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https://www.facebook.com/TeagueOfYourOwn



#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you ladies for representing Latrobe BPW!

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK: Reflect, Refresh, Recharge

Registration is now open for these virtual seminars. Check out the BPW/PA Website to register.

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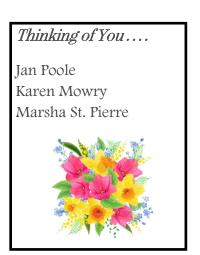




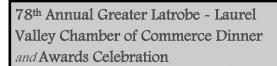
Adi Lemmon was invited to be a board member for Aniridia North America. She attended the annual scientific meeting at the University of Virginia from 9/29-10/1 where scientists and researchers from around the globe presented their research.

Congratulations!





# Latrobe Happenings



#### Monday, October 23

Cocktails—5:30

Dinner—6:30

Fred Rogers Center—St.

Vincent College

RSVP: www.gllv.org/23dinner

Individual Tickets: \$150

Check the website for more information:

www.gllv.org



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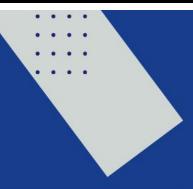
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# PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP





#### SUNDAY

November 5, 2023 Register by October 27, 2023

#### **Time**

8:30 AM-3:00 PM

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#### **BPW/PA District 3**

#### Personal and Professional Development Workshop

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023

#### Workshop Schedule:

7:30 - 8:30 AM Registration and Light Breakfast
 8:30 - 12:00 PM Workshop Morning Session

12:00 - 12:45 PM Lunch Break

12:45 - 3:00 PM Workshop Afternoon Session

Location: YWCA Westmoreland County

424 North Main Street Greensburg, PA 15601

<u>Cost</u>: \$30.00 Checks Payable to District 3 BPW; Please complete and submit attached registration.
Cost includes workshop and all materials needed, completion certification and PPD Graduate Pin.
District 3 will provide a light breakfast, lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

#### What is the PPD Workshop?

The Personal and Professional Development Workshop (PPDW), formerly known as the Individual Development Program or IDP, contains seven core building blocks. The objectives of the program are to develop leadership skills, improve interpersonal communication, and heighten awareness of issues we face in our personal and professional growth.

Topics covered include: identifying strengths and opportunities for growth, developing strong interpersonal skills, creating and delivering effective presentations, setting goals, business etiquette, networking and interviewing skills.

The PPDW is interactive and includes discussions, worksheets and exercises. Members who complete the course can train as facilitators and/or choose to participate in a local-level speak-off that may advance them to a district level speak-off. The district winners can then compete in the competition at the State Convention, which includes a five-minute prepared speech, a two-minute impromptu speech and an interview with the judges.

#### Workshop Facilitators:

Michelle Teague, BPW/PA State PPD Chair Nancy Shaler, D3 Member

#### Questions:

Contact - Jackie Elliott, District 3 PPD Chair Phone - 724-244-6230

Email - jelliott1077@gmail.com

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#### **BPW/PA District 3**

#### Personal and Professional Development Workshop

Sunday, November 5, 2023 \*\*\* 7:30 am - 3:00 pm \*\*\* YWCA Westmoreland County

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Have you com	pleted the Individual De	velopment or Personal and Profe	ssional Development Program in the
Past?	YES	NO	
***Registra	tions must be receive	ed no later than Friday, Oct	ober 27, 2023
Checks mad	<u>le payable to:</u> Distri	ct 3 BPW.	

Please mail registration and \$30.00 check to:

Jackie Elliott 127 Baby Paige Lane Latrobe, PA 15650





#### Business and Professional Women/PA

You are cordially invited to attend

### The 44th Ecumenical Event

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

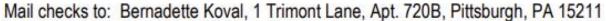
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Washington Country Club**

599 Country Club Road, Washington, PA 15301 Phone 724-225-9245

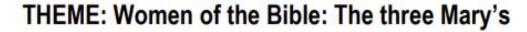
Hosted by: BPW PA

Cost: \$40 (Checks payable to District 12 BPW)



Email: bernie69@comcast.net

Phone: 412-315-7397



Schedule: 9:00 - 9:30 Registration & Welcome

9:30 – 10:30 Ecumenical Service 10:30 – 11:30 Brunch Buffett

11:30 - 12:30 Entertainment/Final Remarks & Closing

#### Deadline to RSVP - October 10th

Registration form:	and a
Name:	
Address:	We look forward to sharing
Email:	a beautiful day with you filled with BPW Sisterhood!
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Local/State	Sincerely,
BPW Title	Denice Robinson
Special requests	



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## BPW/PA State Updates



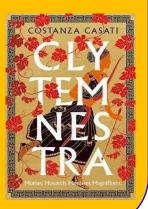
### BPW PA Book Club

**November 30** 

7 pm

Clytemnestra

by Costanza Casati



### BPW PA Book Club

**December 28** 

7 pm

Lilac Girls

by Martha Hall Kelly



#### **BPW/PA State Resources:**

http://www.bpwpa.org
Watch for THE BUZZ emailed every
Monday morning.
Weekly e-blast of BPW/PA.
Missing the email?
Contact bpwpawebmaster@gmail.com

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### It's Official!

# BROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was founded on the tenets of fairness, inclusion, and tolerance, we must continue to pursue these ideals in an ever-changing global economy; and

WHEREAS, women in Pennsylvania, both past and present, have worked diligently and overcome tremendous obstacles yet have accepted each challenge with dignity, perseverance, skill, and a passion for success; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is grateful for the innumerable contributions women have made to our economic and social fabric — these talented, driven individuals are our employers, our most productive and valuable employees, our government and community leaders, our beloved family members, and much more; and

WHEREAS, it is following the highest ideals of our Commonwealth and nation to continue striving for complete equality in business and the workplace—regardless of gender, race, religion, or identity — let us dedicate ourselves to this goal, so that future generations may have the doors of opportunity opened even wider for them.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 16-20, 2023 to be

#### BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

in recognition of the critical role women play in the development and success of our Commonwealth's business community; I encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the achievements of working women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic, and cultural livelihood.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this eighteenth day of September two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-eighth.

Governor Josh Shapiro

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



### OCTOBER

7—Jackie Elliott

10—Deneen Krowicki

19—Mary Lou Myers

22—Terri Snow

22—Leigh Taylor

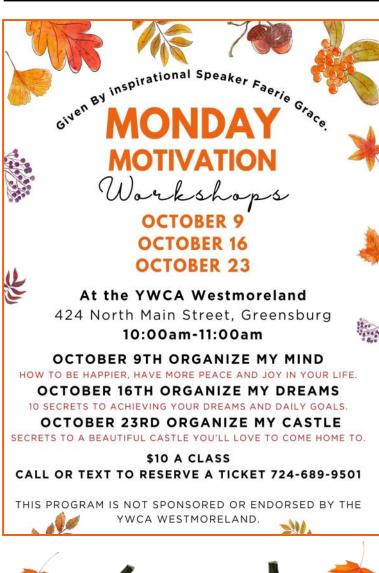
24—Angela Apple

30—Amy Fauth





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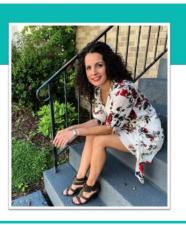
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Alice's Apples & Sweets will be taking a break from Vendor Shows this summer while I prepare for my daughter's wedding and enjoying our pool.

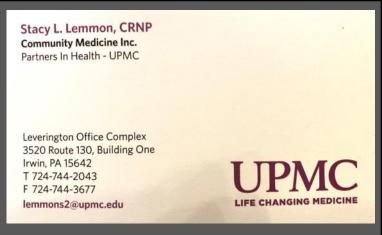
We are still available for special orders – anything from apples to cupcakes to a treats bouquet for that special dancer, swimmer, or graduate in your life. Customizable treats at a reasonable price. Contact me at 724-244-7246 or Alicesapples17@gmail.com

Thank you, Latrobe BPW members, as always for your support... you have all been incredible!

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Foster Homes Needed!



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