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## ***A Sincere Thank You!***

*Barbara Luddon has been a long time editor of the Washington Business Woman.*

*A heartfelt thank you, Barbara, for your dedication and excellent communication over the years.*

*Barbara has been a BPW member for 57 years!*



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## **President's Message**

I hope this letter finds you well, filled with determination and anticipation for the year ahead. As we reflect on our journey, let's focus on the importance of rebuilding our foundation and growing our membership in ways that will leave a lasting impact.

Each one of you holds a significant role within our community, bringing unique perspectives, talents, and experiences. It is time to renew our commitment and reinforce the pillars that have brought us this far. We need to cultivate an environment that encourages growth, innovation, and mentorship, ensuring that every member has the tools and resources needed to succeed.

Growing our membership is a crucial part of our journey. Our goal is to bring more extraordinary women into our fold, fostering a diverse and inclusive sisterhood. We have seen the power of our collective voice

and know that by expanding our membership, we expand our network of knowledge, expertise, and connections. This is where each and every one of you plays a crucial role. It's time to tap into our own networks, share our stories, and extend a warm invitation to women from all walks of life. Let's spread the word about the incredible benefits of joining BPW/WA – the networking opportunities, the mentorship programs, the personal and professional development resources that await them. Together, we can create a space where every woman feels seen, heard, and supported.

But this journey isn't just about attracting new members; it's about fostering an environment where each member feels a deep sense of belonging and purpose. I encourage you all to engage actively, share your experiences, and embrace the power of collaboration. We are at



*Rosalind Scott,  
State President*

our best when we come together, pooling our knowledge, skills, and passion to drive meaningful change.

Though challenges may arise, they also present opportunities for growth. Let us embrace change, adapt to new circumstances, and face any obstacles with resilience and determination. Together, we can overcome these challenges and emerge stronger than before.

As we set our sights on the future, let us remember the transformative power we possess as individuals and as a united group. Each one of you has the ability to inspire, uplift, and make a difference in the lives of others.

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## 2023 YWCA Inspire Luncheon



This year's YWCA Inspire Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm at the Westin-Seattle.

If you have not attended this luncheon in the past, please consider doing so this year. Misty Copeland will be a remarkable speaker. She has an amazing story. Misty Copeland is a Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre, the first Black woman to be promoted to the position in the company's 75-year history in 2015. She is an avid philanthropist and in 2022, she launched The Misty Copeland Foundation, with its first signature program BE BOLD, which aims to bring

greater diversity, equity, and inclusion to dance, especially ballet. Support the BPW/WA YWCA Table either in person with BPW/WA State President Rosalind or join the BPW/WA group virtually online. No one will be left out!

Registration information is below. Just note myself (Margaret Way) as your table captain and we will all be "seated" together...whether 'live' or 'virtually'.

<https://ywcaworks.secure.nonprofitsoaphox.com/inspire-luncheon-2023>

Cost for the event is \$150 per person for in-person and \$25 for the virtual presentation.

I look forward to seeing you on Sept 14th at noon!!!

**Margaret Way**  
[mway2go@aol.com](mailto:mway2go@aol.com)

### This Just In!!

#### Northwest Tap Connection

will be performing at the luncheon.

At Northwest Tap Connection we train, inspire, and nurture young dancers towards artistic excellence, & perform works by emerging and master choreographers. Our goal is to bring the art of dance to multi-cultural and inter-generational audiences through dance instruction, innovative community partnerships, cultural events, and arts in education programs locally, nationally and internationally.

## Evergreen Annual Gathering

Travel adventures. Grandchildren's antics and accomplishments. Job successes. BPW/WA hopes and dreams. These and many more topics were discussed by the past BPW/WA presidents at their annual gathering on July 29, 2023. 12 Evergreens were in attendance.

Rosalind Scott, BPW/WA President was on hand to review her ideas, thoughts, hopes and plans for the upcoming BPW/WA year.



Left to Right: Judy Johnson Keyt, Luanne Green, Sylvia Valine (standing), Barbara Mattoon, Millie Lewendon, Patty Slagle and Rosalind Scott.

## It's a Boy!

BPW Eastside is celebrating with member Alex Armour! Archie William Armour was born on July 26. BPW Eastside will have a baby shower when first-time motherhood settles down a bit for Alex.



**Did you Know?** Spokane was the smallest city ever to host a World's Fair. Expo '74 was also the first World's Fair dedicated to the environment and the first World's Fair that was opened by one president (Richard Nixon) and closed by another (Gerald Ford).

## Destination: Campus BPW



BPW/WA currently has 4 locals. Each of these locals is worthy of a visit. Don't think of it as attending a meeting, think of it as making your visit a destination journey!

Each WBW issue will cover one of our locals and what makes a visit special.

This issue we are travelling to Campus BPW which meets at Third Place Commons, in the Lake Forest Park Town Center at 11:00 am.

Upon arrival you will take the esca-

lator upstairs to the food court and make a selection from one of several restaurants. I will admit that I will probably never get beyond the Gyro-Boss Mediterranean Grill.

With lunch in hand you will arrive at the glassed in meeting room. Not only will you have time to break bread and converse with your fellow BPW members, you have a window to the goings on in the food court. What great people watching!

Sue Suwiwattanakul and the Campus members do an excellent job finding speakers for education, fun, growth and enlightenment.

On September 15th Marilyn Morgan, author and photographer, will be talking about "Trailblazing Black Women of Washington State".



Once the meeting is over, your journey is not complete!

If books are your indulgence, you can stop at Third Place Books, just next to the food court. Or check out the King County Library Friends book sale for bargains.

We've all heard about the Chocolate Man and a stop there for some decadent treats is a must.

If you like to check out the local art scene, then you take time to peek in at the ShoreLake Arts Gallery.

Yes, the focus of your journey is definitely the Campus BPW meeting but what glorious adventure awaits you either pre- or post-meeting.

17171 Bothell Way NE,  
Lake Forest Park, WA

## Campus BPW Meeting Dates & Topics for 2023

**Please arrive at 11:00 am for lunch — speakers begin at 11:30 am**

### **September 15**

Marilyn Morgan, author & photographer "Trailblazing Black Women of Washington State"

### **October 21**

Julie Anne Kempf – 2023 Ballot Issues

### **November 17**

Antoinette Wills – "Edith & Henry – A Suzzallo Love Story"

### **December 15-**

Ally Baehr, Director, Elizabeth Gregory House Update

*Sue Suwiwattanakul, Campus BPW President*

## Looking Ahead to 2024-2025

Decisions to run for office are made years in advance. You want to make sure that you completely understand the requirements of the office you are interested in.

Then you want to make sure you are eligible for the office.

Then comes the fun part. You need to let people know of your interest and what you plan on doing when you get elected.

Volunteering/running for a BPW office, whether it be local or on the state level is no different.

Now is the time to start thinking of how you might want to serve in '24-'25.



*Judy Johnson Keyt  
Nominations Chair*



## 1st Quarterly Board Meeting—July 8, 2023



Sylvia Valine & Peggy Harris



Discussing future possibilities of the meeting facility.



Evergreen Patty Slagle (right) passing the President's Book to 2023-2024 BPW/WA President Rosalind Scott.



The view from our meeting facility.

Our 1st Quarterly Board Meeting with President Rosalind took place in Anacortes on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Participation was with Zoom and in-person.

The technology at the facility was superb and, hopefully, we will be able to plan some additional events using these meeting rooms.

Stay tuned to hear results and decisions from the Board meeting.



Enjoying the presentation from the National Federation.

### President's Message (Cont'd from Page 1)

Together, we are a force to be reckoned with and can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

So, let us take this journey hand-in-hand, our eyes set on the horizon of possibilities. Together we will rebuild a new and stronger foundation, grow our membership, and create a sisterhood that empowers women (and men) to reach new heights.

With immense gratitude and anticipation,

Your BPW/WA President

*Rosalind Scott*

### Women in the US Senate

Appointed to fill a vacancy on October 3, 1922, Rebecca Felton of Georgia took the oath of office on November 21, 1922, becoming the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. Felton served only 24 hours after taking the oath, but her historic appointment paved the way for other women senators. Hattie Caraway of Arkansas became the first woman to win election to the Senate in 1932, and the first to chair a Senate committee. In 1949 Margaret Chase Smith of Maine took the oath of office, becoming the first woman to serve in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

**"The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right, when it is unpopular, is a true test of moral character."**

~Margaret Chase Smith

# BPW/WA Leadership Team 2023-2024

## Executive Officers

President	Rosalind Scott
Vice President	Sylvia Valine
Recording Secretary	Bridgett Law
Treasurer	Eldean Montgomery
Immediate Past President	Patty Slagle



## Local Presidents

BPW Eastside	Peggy Harris
Campus	Sue Suwiwattanakul
Republic	Patrice Beckwith
SouthWest Seattle	Nancy Sorensen

## Standing Committee Chairs

Bylaws	Nancy Sorensen
Finance	Sue Suwiwattanakul
Advocacy/Legislation	Betty Buckley
Corresponding Secretary	Evelyn Hinken
Information Technology	Sylvia Valine
Membership	OPEN
Memorials	Nancy Sorensen
Nominations	Judy Keyt
Parliamentarian	Mike Healy
Public Relations	OPEN
WBW Publication	Evelyn Hinken
Young BPW	OPEN

## Special Committee Chairs

Archivist/Historian	Margaret Way
Audit	Terry Ray
Foundation (Liaison)	Patrice Beckwith
Political Action Committee (Liaison)	Sylvia Valine
YWCA	Margaret Way

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.” – Rosalynn Carter

## **BPW<sub>WA</sub>/PAC**

PACs have been an important part of our democracy for nearly 80 years. PACs exist to pool resources from like-minded individuals, contribute to candidates' campaigns, and advocate on behalf of their members' common interests. While PACs have existed since the 1940s, in the 1970s, a series of campaign reform laws allowed corporations, trade associations, and labor unions to form PACs.

PACs continue to focus on policy, not politics, and remain among the most transparent and regulated campaign finance entities.

A PAC is simply a group of individuals who pool their financial resources to help elect candidates to public office — men and women who share the group's interests and concerns about public policy issues. PACs are people who recognize that there is strength in numbers. Throughout our country's history, groups of like-minded citizens have joined together to ensure that their voices are heard in the political process.


Stand strong and along side your BPW/WA sisters and donate to our PAC. We can and do make a difference.

Only members may donate to BPW<sub>WA</sub>/PAC so send in those donations that we may support those who support our legislative platform.

The minimum donation to PAC is \$25. However, we will accept more.

THANK YOU in advance for your donation. Please fill out the form below then mail it to the PAC Treasurer. Giving to BPW<sub>WA</sub>/PAC makes you a member for one year and allows our voices to be heard in Olympia.

*Sylvia Valine, PAC Chair*

	<b>BPW<sub>WA</sub>/PAC</b>	<b>Donation Form</b>
Name: _____		Date: _____
Address: _____		
Email Address: _____		Phone: _____
Make checks payable to BPW/WA PAC. I have enclosed a: For the Amount of: \$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Traveler's Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (Do NOT Mail)
<input type="checkbox"/> Company Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	
<b>Easy pay via Square (using a credit card) by clicking on the link below.</b>		
<a href="https://square.link/u/ONAVu6kk">https://square.link/u/ONAVu6kk</a>		
<b>Note: PAC donations are NOT tax deductible.</b>		
Please send this completed form (whether using Square or other forms of payment) to:		
BPW/WA PAC Treasurer 3239 S. 182nd Street SeaTac, WA 98188 Email: eldeanmont@aol.com		
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO BPW/WA PAC!</b>		

## Women's Equality Day Quiz



1. August 26th is celebrated as Women's Equality Day to commemorate:
  - a. the work women did during the Second World War
  - b. the anniversary of women winning the right to vote
  - c. the flappers of the 1920's
  - d. the contemporary women's rights movement
2. In what year did Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduce legislation to ensure that this important American anniversary would be celebrated?
  - a. 1992
  - b. 1984
  - c. 1971
  - d. 1965
3. In what year did women in the United States win the right to vote?
  - a. 1776
  - b. 1848
  - c. 1920
  - d. 1946
4. How many years did it take for women to win the right to vote in the United States?
  - a. 72 years
  - b. 120 years
  - c. 20 years
  - d. 51 years
5. What was the name given to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guaranteed women's right to vote in the United States.
  - a. Abigail Adams Amendment
  - b. Sojourner Truth Amendment
  - c. Susan B. Anthony Amendment
  - d. Gloria Steinem Amendment
6. The term suffragist is derived from
  - a. one who suffers
  - b. a voting tablet in ancient times
  - c. the Constitution
  - d. the Bill of Rights
7. What was the first country that granted women the right to vote?
  - a. Canada
  - b. Germany
  - c. New Zealand
  - d. United Kingdom

7. c  
6. b  
5. c  
4. a  
3. c  
2. c  
1. b

Answers:

## WA State Women's Commission Has an Opening

The Washington State Women's Commission improves the life of every woman by ensuring equitable opportunities and removing systemic barriers through engagement, advocacy, and public policy, while being inclusive of our diverse populations. If you are looking to make a difference and are interested in serving on a Commission, click the link below for an application. They are due September 13, 2023.

Applications are available online at <https://governor.wa.gov/boards-commissions/apply-serve>

## State Meeting Info is on our Web!

This is a reminder that all State Board Meetings and the Annual Meeting are located on the web (BPWWA.org) in the Members Only page under the heading State Meeting Minutes. It is an excellent way to keep in touch with what your state leaders are doing. The Members-only page is password protected. Ask your local president for the password or email [webmaster@bpwwa.org](mailto:webmaster@bpwwa.org).



## **BPW Eastside @ Kirkland Market**



BPW Eastside enjoying the weather and greeting the folks who attended the Kirkland Market on Wednesday, August 23rd.

It was a great success and provided BPW Eastside members an opportunity to share the benefits of BPW!

They are planning on attending again on Wednesday, September 20th.

The market is open from 3 pm to 7 pm and is located at the Marina Park, 25 Lakeshore Plaza.

Pictured: Margaret Tangen, (left) BPW Eastside Membership Chair and Peggy Harris, (right) BPW Eastside President. Photographer Mary Sweet.

## **August 26 is also BPW International Day**

In Geneva, Switzerland, on August 26, 1930 BPW International was founded. The founding was the initiative of Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips who, as President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the United States of America, organized several "Goodwill Tours" to Europe in 1928 and 1929. American women participated in these tours with the purpose of meeting business and professional women in Europe and promoting affiliation with them. The founding member countries of the international federation were Austria, Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States of America. Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips was elected as the first IFBPW President and served until 1947.



Join a Zoom presentation on Diversity, Monday, August 28 at 5pm. This is presented by National BPW. The link below will take you to the registration page.

There are currently 57 participants signed up so it's looking to be a lively presentation!

<https://www.nfbpwc.org/event-5353669>