



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN NORTHWEST METRO

NEWSLETTER
August 31, 2016

Mission Statement

To promote development, economic self-efficiency, community awareness, and legislative support for all women in the Northwest Metro area.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Corona's Mexican Grill
7617 West 88th Ave.
Arvada, CO 80005

(At the North end of the Mission Commons Shopping Center, NW corner of 88th and Wadsworth)

6:00 pm – Networking/Dinner

I just would like to remind everyone that our meetings begin at 6 p.m. We spend the first half hour ordering dinner and networking

6:30 pm – Meeting Begins

PROGRAM: Chanel Heerman

Our chapter member who has returned from living in New Zealand for a year, will present to us about her experiences in New Zealand and about the BPW chapter she enjoyed participating with.

OUR NEWS -- BPW NW METRO

CHAPTER CALENDAR 2016

BPW NW Metro monthly dinner meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Join us at 6:00p.m. at Corona's Mexican Grill, 7617 West 88th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005 (At the north end of the Mission Commons Shopping Center, NW corner of 88th and Wadsworth)

- September 7, 2016
- October 5, 2016
- November 2, 2016
- December, TBD, Holiday Gathering

Join us in growing stronger and intensifying our impact.

KING SOOPERS grocery certificates for BPW NW Metro fund raiser

To support our ongoing fundraising, purchase King Soopers grocery certificates through Nancy Bentzen. Tell Nancy how much money you would like on the card. Contact her via email, bentzen1@aol.com

NEWSLETTER

The BPW NW Metro Newsletter is distributed electronically a week prior to the upcoming business meeting. We welcome your input to the newsletter. Please submit articles to Cathy Futch, cathy.futch@comcast.net, no later than 10 days prior to the next business meeting date to ensure your announcement(s) are shared in the newsletter distribution. (Business meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month).

INSTALLATION OF BPW NW METRO OFFICERS.

We are looking forward to 2016-2017 with our officers who were installed at our May 2016 BPW NW Metro meeting. Welcome to President, Kathryn Wallace; Vice President of Programs, Evie Hudak; Vice President of Membership, Chanel Helgason; Secretary, Deb Fischer; Treasurer, Nancy Bentzen.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS – You Need to Know September, 2016

🇺🇸 September 9-11 The 91st Arvada Harvest Festival.

Kid's Parade, Saturday, September 10, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the McIlvoy Park Pavilion.

This year the Festival is celebrating superheroes of all shapes and sizes.

Once again BPW NW Metro is proud to sponsor the Kid's Parade. You are encouraged to come see the parade and boost the younger ages in their superhero of choice. This parade is an annual event filled with smiles. Should you want to help, come to the site before 3:00 and help register the children, or manage the parade site in general, or give out prizes concluding the parade. We look forward to seeing you!

PAST BPW NW METRO MEETINGS MAY, 2016

BPW Northwest Metro Woman of the Year and 60th Anniversary.

At the Double Tree Westminster, was our Woman of the Year Dinner. The keynote speaker was last year's awardee, Jill Fellman, and we honored Mary Ross, our new Woman of the Year.

In addition, the evening celebrated BPW NW Metro's 60th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank BPW NW Metro for the plaque I received – HONORED MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

AUGUST, 2016

Our annual BBQ/potluck where we gathered for a brief business meeting and caught up on visiting.

Evie Hudak was our host and we viewed the documentary, *Strong Sisters*, produced by Meg Froelich and Laura Hoepfner. This documentary is on women and Colorado politics. More than 60 women were interviewed for the project. In 1893 Colorado gave women the right to vote, the first time in history that women's suffrage was granted through a popular vote. The very next year voters sent three women to the state House of Representatives — the first women anywhere in the world elected to a parliamentary body. Now, 41 percent of state lawmakers in Colorado are women. The state has led the nation in the percentage of women lawmakers for more than a decade.

SUMMER 2016 BPW COLORADO

June

June 10-12 was the BPW Colorado Annual State Conference hosted by BPW Boulder. On Saturday, June 11th was the Board meeting with the State Board, inspiring speakers, great information, and fun. Our National EPW-USA President, Liz Benham, traveled to Colorado to address our members and join in the fun. Saturday evening the State Board and Executive Team was installed.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Sharon Simmons is the extraordinary BPW Colorado Legislative Chair.

Legislation@BPWBoulder.org

Highlights from her August Legislative Committee report:

- (1.) Great progress for Cities for CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) action with a letter that was drafted and approved. This letter goes briefly over history of CEDAW and why we are now doing Cities for CEDAW, with dates and information to help any city understand why we are asking them to sign on with us. A letter was sent to the City Council of Boulder. Sharon writes, "We are now proceeding with the template for an Ordinance/Resolution for CEDAW to utilize in any city getting this letter to participate in Cities for CEDAW". Further, our Legislative Committee has met with UNA-Denver and UNA BC (United Nations Association of Denver and United Nations Association of Boulder County).
- (2.) Climate Change and Sustainability. Laurie Dameron is hard at work. You can read her Green News-email at windchimmel@aol.com and request to be on her distribution list.
- (3.) Equal pay for equal work. Women's Equality Day was held on August 26th. BPW Colorado members wore yellow to show solidarity at a BBQ held at the home of BPW Colorado's president, Nancy Litvak.
- (4.) ERA. Liz Behnam, NFBPW USA President, is looking for people to be on a committee to help lead with the ERA passage. We only have three states needed to ratify as of now. Meetings are weekly. You can contact Liz Benham at president.liz.benham@gmail.com.

We have a very exciting legislative team and could use your help if you are interested in helping women. Feel free to contact the committee and join any time. Thank you for stepping up.

SPRING 2016

I draw attention to the interest that was printed in the BPW NW Metro April Newsletter referring to Westminster City Council Women Emma Pinter, Shannon Bird, and Maria deCambra, taking a lead and have asked us to bring them our information on CEDAW so they can join us!

BPW COLORADO

A lot is happening with BPW. We are more powerful because we are able to think and act locally, nationally, and internationally. You are now connected with some of the most incredible female leaders in the world through Business and Professional Women.

For meeting notices and events from the other state chapters, you are encouraged to go to the website: www.BPWcolorado.org

Links:

Enterprising and Professional Women – USA: www.epw-usa.org EPW has a Facebook page that people should "like."

Megan Shellman, 1st Vice President for Membership, National Federation of Business and Professional Women, submitted a membership action report to build membership. For details, contact membership@epw-usa.org. Here are the headings in her list: Membership 1+1 Campaign, Candle Lighting Ceremony, Membership Tea, Meet and Greet, and Celebration of Women.

BPW-International: www.bpw-international.org