



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN NORTHWEST METRO

NEWSLETTER
February 1, 2017

Mission Statement

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

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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: KRISTEN RAISCH, Development Coordinator for Growing Home

Come hear and see a "Tour-in-a-Box" of Growing Home located in Westminster.

Growing Home offers dual-generation programs to nurture children, strengthen families, and create community. Growing Home's wrap-around approach serves the whole family with intensive supports to overcome immediate and long-term obstacles. Early childhood interventions [nurture children](#) from birth through age eight that help prepare young kids for kindergarten and keep older kids on the path to success. Supportive services [strengthen families](#) during times of crisis by offering food, shelter, healthcare, and homeless prevention assistance.

Reminder: bring donations of small toiletry items or feminine products, if you have not already.

OUR NEWS -- BPW NW METRO

CHAPTER CALENDAR 2017

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)

- February 1, 2017
- March 1, 2017
- April 5, 2017
- May 3, 2017

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, bentzennl@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,

Join us in growing stronger and intensifying our impact.

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS – You Need to Know February, 2017

✚ February 11 BPW Colorado Mid-Year Board of Directors and Legislative Conference
Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am – 4:00pm,
Horan & McConaty Conference Room, 1091 South Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80246.
BPW Cherry Creek is the host this year We look forward to seeing you

The purpose of the midyear board of directors shall be to receive verbal reports of officers and committee chairs. The legislative chair shall present to the membership legislation affecting women that will be put to a vote for giving official support by BPW Colorado! ****Please review the Legislative Platform before your attendance: [BPW Colorado Advocacy Platform](#)**. More information will be forthcoming regarding a detailed agenda and our amazing speakers.

Conference price for members \$50.00 per person until January 28, 2017.

Fee After 1/28/2017 \$60.00 per person

Conference Guest until January 28, 2017 is \$75.00; fee after 1/28/2017 is \$85.00

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For registration and more information please visit www.bpwcolorado.org

Complimentary Cocktail Reception. Enjoy meeting and greeting fellow BPW Colorado members at a complimentary cocktail reception of wine, beer, and appetizers on Friday, February 10, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Litvak, 63 So. Harrison Street, Unit C Denver, CO 80209. Please email President Litvak to let her know you will be at the cocktail reception: President@BPWColorado.org

Here's a look at what will be going at the Conference on Saturday, February 11th.

Morning	Afternoon
9:00 am Registration	11:30 am to 1:00 pm Lunch
9:30 am – 10:30 am Legislative Platform Review of current state/national legislative/Advocacy Platform Group activity and share out Presentation of proposal for an addition to the Platform	Keynote address by Representative KC Becker, House Majority Leader. KC Becker is a Democratic member of the Colorado House of Representatives, representing District 13.
10:30 am – 11:30 am Taking Positions on Bills Explanation of new process for BPW Colorado to take positions on bills Review of relevant bills that have already been introduced Description of legislative process for passing bills; sharing of information for members to do advocacy	1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting State Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of planning and furthering the work of the organization Guest speaker: James Hiromasa of Colorado Krav Maga Self-Defense Training Center

✚ February 16 BPW Colorado Movie Night - Embrace
Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm – 9:30pm.
Colorado Center UA theater

Embrace follows body image activist Taryn Brumfitt's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies.

For full information contact Chanel Heermann chanelh@gmail.com. This BPW event requires registration. Go to the BPW Colorado website or contact Chanel.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL WOMEN – TAKE THAT NEXT STEP AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY!

Flourish Achieve Reach Potential

WOMEN'S MARCH ON DENVER

I hope you were part of history in spirit or in person at the start of 2017. This was not a march of protest, rather was an opportunity for all participants to support social justice, human rights and equality. Marchers demonstrated their will to be vigilant in protecting these rights moving forward. All of those from BPW Colorado wore a yellow sash during our march. The Women's March on Denver was part of sister cities marching in solidarity for human rights sponsored by women, for everyone! On Saturday, January 21st in Denver was a 1.3-mile parade route ending with a rally at Civic Center Park. The Denver march was a spin-off of the Women's March on Washington; one of hundreds similar marchers around the country and world

<https://www.womensmarch.com/sisters>. Other Colorado cities were Alamosa, Aspen, Carbondale, Cedaredge, Colorado Springs, Cortez, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Ridgway, Steamboat Springs, and Telluride.

CEDAW, (The United Nations Convention On The Elimination Of All Forms Of Discrimination Against Women).

Climate Change and Sustainability is part of the Legislative News and a focus issue important to BPW. YOU ARE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!!! Laurie Dameron BPW Boulder Member Co-Chair of BPW Colorado Environment and Sustainable Development Committee Chair NFBPW Environmental and Sustainable Development Committee Email: LDameron@BPWColorado.org

BPW COLORADO

is affiliated with the [International Federation of Business and Professional Women \(BPW International\)](#), [National Federation of Business and Professional Women \(NFBPWC\)](#), [Colorado Women's Education Foundation](#) and the [Business and Professional Women's Foundation](#).

A lot is happening **on the state level** 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

Membership Report

Membership starts with YOU! Megan Shellman, BPW Colorado VP Membership, is challenging every member: bring in at least 3 new members and we will give you a special recognition pin!

The person with the most members will receive the new BPW International scarf. The dates that will be considered are January 2016 until our General Assembly 2018. Please email me mshellman@bpwcolorado.org the name and chapter information for each member that joined at your recommendation.

NATIONAL LEVEL & INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

National Federation of Business and Professional Women Club (NFBPWC) will engage in the activities of the Commission on the Status of Women 61 (CSW61) March 13-24, 2017 in New York City. SAVE THE DATE. Registration is open until January 27, 2017 and for the Leaders Summit, which is March 10-11 – right before CSW 61.

Sign up for CSW61 if you are going to NY with us. It's going to be very exciting. It's FREE to attend the main events and Kathy Kelly *Mobile: 303-517-6399* is taking information from ladies going, so we can share quarters and fly together. BPW International will be well-represented with over 20 UN delegates, and we typically have over 100 members fly in from around the world. The highlight is our BPW International Gala dinner. Maybe a Broadway play, good food and fun. JOIN US! More information at: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw61-2017.

The theme is "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work." The review theme will be "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (agreed conclusions of the fifty-eighth session)." The emerging issue is "The empowerment of indigenous women."

National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs (NFBPWC) – President Benham's Letter (Newsletter 2017.01)

NFBPWC is a non-partisan organization, but all the critical women's issues cross over party lines, and therefore, no matter which political party you are affiliated with, we will continue to raise the awareness and our strong voices as a national organization on those issues that affect gender equality, economic disparity and access to all benefits that the male gender have. Our national organization is rebuilding and growing and we are now 2 years away from celebrating our 100-year anniversary. I am counting on each and every member to participate in, and build on, this proud legacy.