

The Handclasp

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Schenectady Business &
Professional Women
An organization for
all working women

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Calendar

October 26th - **Monthly Meeting** at The Stockade Inn
5:30pm Networking; 6:30 pm Dinner
Business Fair. Start your Christmas
Shopping!



November 2nd - 6:00 pm **Board Meeting** at Vet's Club
All members welcome

November 7th - **Fashion Show and Woman of the Year**
at Glen Sanders Mansion. Tickets: \$35
Call Carolyn Sabol (518-887-5851) for
reservations.

November 23rd - 5:30pm **Frugal Repast** and Silent Auction at
The Vet's Club. Bring new or slightly used items,
baked goods and holiday decorations for auction.

November 25th - **Happy Thanksgiving!**

December 7th - 6:00 pm **Board Meeting** at Vet's Club
All members welcome



December 14th - **Holiday Party** at The Stockade Inn
Bring a gift for women in the YWCA Shelter

2011 Happy New Year!

January 4th - 6:00pm **Board Meeting** at Vet's Club
All members welcome

January 25 - Business Meeting—Special Guest Program
“Anyone can be a Dynamic Speaker—Mark Grimm

February 1 - 6:00 p.m. **Board Meeting** at Vet's Club
All members welcome

Membership in BPW

Membership has always been open to any individual (male or female) who support the objectives of BPW. Since members come from a whole range of occupations, it is a great support group.

BPW Foundation offers its members personal and professional development with seminars and workshops on key topics from public speaking to financial management and many scholarships on an undergraduate and graduate level.

NYS Women Inc., offers workshops and seminars at their meetings and throughout the state as needs are identified. They also have a scholarship program named for Grace LeGendre, a past president from Rochester, NY, who also served as scholarship chair for 15 years. This scholarship is awarded to graduate level programs where a woman is in need of that level of training to advance in her field. This scholarship was established in 1986.

Schenectady BPW established a scholarship program to assist high school students in achieving their college goals. In 2010, a scholarship was added to include women returning to their studies and can be for any level of education..



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi ladies,

I can hardly believe that Fall is here, and it really feels like Fall. Hopefully we get some nice days ahead, and not a repeat of that infamous snow storm of 1987.

A special thanks to Elena Alvarez and Kim Bellizzi for a very successful "Network to Connect 2" program, in September. It was nice to see everyone working together for the benefit of others. Thank you to all who attended.

Our big event is slowly creeping up on us. The Fashion Show & Woman of the Year Event is a month away. The invitations will be mailed out on Wednesday. We are still in need of ads for the program book. If you know of someone who is interested please have them contact Kim Bellizzi at (518)357-3726. Also if you find out if anyone has been left off the mailing list for invitations please contact Jean Weed. She will add them to the file. As you know, this is our most important fundraiser of the year and we hope you all will attend. We have some great Auction items and door prizes. We still need door prizes and silent auction items and Filled Baskets for our Raffle. We appreciate everything that our members do to make this a success. Cyndie and her Fashion Show Committee have been working extremely hard to make this a big success. So let's thank them by attending the Fashion Show and bring a guest too.

Please remember that the Business Fair is scheduled on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Please Contact Marie Johnson and Bonnie Keller for more information

After these two events, it is time for our Favorite November program, The Frugal Repast. I will be making Italian Wedding Soup and Italian Bread. We also have a lot of fun and have a lot of nice auction items. Of course we have our own Auctioneer, Marie Johnson.

Looking forward to a good turnout for this program at The Vets Club.

Don't forget our Board Meetings are open to all members. If you have any issue you would like to have addressed please feel free to attend the Board Meetings which fall on the first Tuesday of each month.

Best Regards,
Jane Osterhout
Jane Osterhout
Board President



Birthdays

October

1 Aldona Vaitulis
7 Sr. Stella Dillon



November

1 Debra Schulthies
4 Cay Raycroft
15 Linda Veraska
17 Cyndie Powell
19 Cheryl Cappon

Schenectady Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.
Invites you to join us at a business meeting
Business Fair

Where: *Stockade Inn, One North Church St. Schenectady*

When: *Tuesday, October 28th, 2010*

5:00 -5:30 pm Setup
5:30 -6:15 pm Networking
6:15 -6:30 pm Welcome & Introductions
6:30 -7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 -9:00 pm Each Business will have the opportunity to share a short Synopsis of their products and Services

Cost: *\$50 includes registration, 1 dinner, display table,*

Additional Guests pay: Dinner \$28 (or \$25 for members) payable at the door

Please RSVP by October 15th, 2010 to:

Susan Daly at (518)428-8830 or Carolyn Sabol (518) 887-5851

Or email Carolyn at cwsabol@hotmail.com

Special note to members: Don't forget, your reservation is made automatically for you. If you are not able to make a business meeting, you must call by the previous Friday to cancel your dinner reservation. If this is not done, you will be responsible for paying for the reserved dinner. Thank you for your consideration

Tips and Tidbits

October Meeting

Marie Johnson is chairing the 2010 Business Fair. Please come to our Meeting/Business Fair on Tuesday, October 26th, and learn about new business opportunities that our members and women in the community are offering. Start your holiday shopping at the Business Fair! Marie reports that we now have 11 businesses participating in our 2010 Business Fair.



We can either read HANDCLASP on the Schenectady BPW Webpage or copy it on recycled paper. If you hear about any member having trouble accessing HANDCLASP, call Cyndie Powell at 518-370-7249 or email her at cyndie@nycap.rr.com



Membership – Bonnie Keller & Aldona Viatulis

Our membership as of the October Board Meeting is 35

Our Newest member is:

Sandra McGarraugh
128 Braman Corners Road
Delanson, NY 12053
Phone: 518-875-6486
Further info coming

Update your Roster!

You need to login to get into the Database and Members Only Section and to update the info in your Profile.

The NYS Women, Inc. new Website is:

www.NYSwomeninc.org

Member Login: your Email

Password: NYSW09 (You will be asked to change it)

The Website contains online copies of *The Communicator*, *NIKE*, and more information about our organization.

Programs – Kim Bellizzi, Chair

October meeting is our **Business Fair**. This is a night when we will hear from women about their business opportunities and they will be able to sell their products. This is always an exciting evening.

Our **Frugal Repast** is a night we meet at The Vet's Club for a hearty soup, fresh bread, and coffee. This will be held at our normal business meeting time, on Tuesday, Nov 23rd. We pay \$15 and anything earned over dinner costs, along with earnings from our auction, are divided between scholarships and our operating budget. Everyone is invited to bring new or lightly used gifts, baked goods, holiday decorations, and anything you think anyone else can use. These items will be auctioned off by our dynamic auctioneer, Marie Johnson. The scholarship money is used to send girls to the annual Youth Leadership Conference for high school girls at the Winter Board meeting of NYS Women, Inc. Bring your friends and family for this fun-filled night that makes a real contribution to young women in our community.



New York State Women, Inc.

A meaningful logo for our organization's future:

The squares in the logo are an abstract representation of our organization's diversity – that we are open to women of all ages and in various stages of their lives regardless of ethnicity, religion and/or profession. The colors are symbolic of NYS Women, Inc. as an organization. A strong blue provides continuity with the former BPW/NYS logo, denotes professionalism, and is a reflection of New York State's official seal. The bright green is a modern, appealing color and reinforces a theme of renewal and future growth.

New York State Women, Inc.

Our Mission

To build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information.

Our Vision

To be the leading advocate for working women.



Woman of the Year

We are pleased to announce that the Woman of the Year Committee has Chosen Dr. Michele Paludi as our 2010 Woman of the Year.

Dr. Michele Paludi was born and raised in Schenectady. She is a graduate of Linton High School and Union College, where she graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Paludi earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Cincinnati. She has held faculty positions at Franklin and Marshall College, Kent State University, Hunter College and currently, Union Graduate College.

To read Michele's complete Bio, please visit our Website at www.schenectadybpw.org.

Congratulations Michele. We are so glad to honor you as our 2010 Woman of the Year.

Fashion Show Cyndie Powell—Chair

Ladies, we are just weeks away from our big event. We have collected many nice auction items, as well as some very beautiful and unique baskets that we will be raffling off the day of the Fashion Show.

We are still in need of door prizes and any auction items or baskets can still be dropped off to either Donna Anscombe or Cyndie Powell at First National Bank of Scotia on Balltown Road. If you would like to call ahead, the phone number is 370-7245 and just ask for Donna or Cyndie.

The most exciting news, is that I received a beautiful Judith Ripka designer ring (valued at \$700) as a donation directly from the designer. We will be raffling this gorgeous item the day of the show. The price will be 1 ticket for \$25 or 3 Tickets for \$50.

I have dropped off the containers to the 4 florists that have agreed to provide our centerpieces. Susan Daly has contacted a 5th Florist and they are on board too. She will be dropping containers off this week. Each florist has been given a challenge. There were 5 beautiful teacup and saucers donated. We realize that it is hard to make a centerpiece substantial enough, just using a teacup. We have asked our floral designers to come up with something unique using the teacup in the design. I have promised to let them know whose creation receives the highest bid. All of the designers are excited about a little friendly competition.



*Save the Date:
Fashion Show
Sunday,
Nov 7th, 2010 at
The Glen Sanders
Mansion.
Doors open at
10:30 a.m.*

Fashion Show Cont'd

We have sold 9 vendor tables for the fashion show, and are awaiting payment for the 10th. We have some really diverse vendors, from Partylite, Tastefully Simple, Arbonne, Jewelry Designers, to Life Coaches and even a Plastic Surgeon. Each of these vendors has donated \$100 to highlight their products and services at the show. Please take some time to talk with them and show our appreciation.

Rewind Salon on Guilderland Avenue has agreed to donate their time and talent to help the models with their hair and makeup on the day of the show. I talked with Lisa from Rewind today, and she is very excited about our event.

We were lucky to have Choppa & Son Formal Wear donate 2 tuxedos for our fashion show. Since there will be a raised stage, there will be 2 escorts who will be helping the models navigate the stairs.

We are able to get into the Glen Sanders Mansion at 9:00 am the day of the show. If you would like to come and help set up it would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to make your reservation with Carolyn at cwsabol@hotmail.com or call her at 887-5851.

Website

Once the fashion show is behind us, Cyndie will contact Randall Hogue, our Web Designer, to add a Calendar and Photo Album capabilities to our Website.

If there is anything that you would like to see on the Website, that isn't currently there, please let Cyndie know. You can contact her by email at cynthia.powell@raymondjames.com or by phone at 518-370-7249.

If you have any items that you would like included in the Handclasp, please get your information to Cay by the 1st Wednesday of each month. Cay can be reached on 518-372-2521 or by email at ddraycroft@aol.com.



Among our Members

Did you see the articles and photo of Jane Osterhout in the *Gazette*? Jane chaired the 50th anniversary celebration of her high school graduation. What a glamour girl!

Jean Gordon has been diagnosed with macular degeneration and it will be monitored every six months. She will be coming to the Fashion Show.

Former member Helen Quirini, community activist and advocate for children, working women and seniors died October 14. She attended annual meetings of General Electric stock holders to speak for increased pensions for long-time retirees, whose pay was much less than today. Helen always did her homework and won most cases. A memorial service will be held for Helen at the Refreshing Springs Church on Summit Ave., Schenectady at 10:00am, Saturday, November 6

Community Bulletin Board

Election Day 2010, General Election, November 2.

Voters in New York State will elect federal officials – two U.S. Senators and your Representative in the U.S. Congress; statewide officials – the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller, our State Senator and Assembly person, and other officials depending on your location in the state. You may also be voting on statewide and/or local ballot proposals.

You can access the **Handclasp** on our website.

Go to: www.schectadybpw.org

The Handclasp will be located under the “Resources” tab.

Cyndie Powell will also be emailing the Handclasp to members and other interested parties when it is ready for publication.

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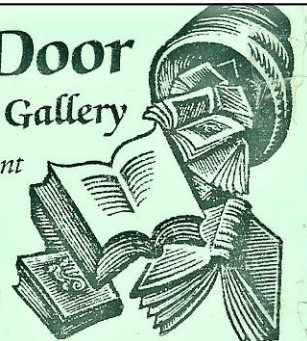
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