As I write this message, it felt like spring was really here with sunny, blue sky and warm temperature. I take this opportunity to say thank you to BPW leaders/members for the wonderful opportunities I have been given to participate and develop as a member and individual. By doing the “side bar” message and member spotlight columns, I continue the enjoyment of writing, learning to meet deadlines. As a member of the scholarship committee, I have had the opportunity to review the applications and provide input. I look forward to reviewing the applications from all of the young women who apply for the scholarships. I do not always make the meetings on a regular basis but, when I have attended, the program, food, and camaraderie are wonderful. It has given me energy when times have been tough. A special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for their flexibility and a wonderful chauffeur. I also write letters to prospective members, to introduce them to our club, and it is always a nice sense of accomplishment when a new member joins as a result of these letters. Today I went to lunch with a friend, and we had a fantastic waitress. She was friendly and efficient, like BPW members, she went the extra mile when packing our leftovers, BPW members do that in so many ways; she checked back several times to see what we needed, also a BPW member trait, and addressed us as “ladies.” It made the dining experience so pleasant. A special holiday wish is extended to each of you. Enjoy it with family and friends.

—Linda Rolfe
Hi Ladies,

Happy Spring!! Finally!!

I hope you are all taking time out of your busy schedules to enjoy some of this beautiful weather we are finally having! I know it is very difficult to step away from our businesses and work responsibilities, but it is so necessary. We all need time to recharge and take care of ourselves. We tend to do things better when we have had a chance to stop, sit back and reflect on where we have been and where we want to go. So stop, take a minute (or two) to enjoy the little things during your day that make you happy.

For those of you who weren’t able to attend our April Business Meeting, you missed a great presentation from Colleen Merays, assistant director for the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. Colleen shared all of the latest news about the improvement project going on Downtown. I think we can all agree that the DSIC is doing a wonderful job.

We are looking forward to our May meeting when Bonnie Keller will be Mistress of Ceremonies for our Installation of Officers for our 2015-2016 BPW Year. (Our year runs from September thru June, since we do not meet during the months of July and August).

We will also be welcoming our newer members who have joined us since last May and holding an Installation of New Members Ceremony.

Enjoy today and I hope to see you at a BPW meeting soon!

Best Regards,

Cyndie

President
Schenectady Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.
Invites you to join us at our next business meeting

Where: The Glen Sanders Mansion
When: Tuesday, May 26th, 2015
5:30pm – Meet & Greet
6:00pm – Dinner/Auction

Cost: $32.00 Members
$35.00 Non-Members

Program: Officer Installation
and New Member Installation

Menu:
Mansion Salad, Mixed Greens, tomatoes, chopped cucumbers, slivered onions, Greek olives, Balsamic Vinaigrette
Sautéed Lemon Chicken, Potato Chive Ravioli, Caramelized Fennel, Wilted Spinach
Lemon Layer Cake with Lemon Crème Filling Garnished with a dollop of Whipped Crème and a Jelly Lemon Slice

Please R.S.V.P. By: Wednesday, May 20th, 2015
to Carolyn Sabol at cwsabol@hotmail.com
or call Robin Quintin at 518-355-9064

Please remember that if you are a member, your reservation is automatically made for you. If you are unable to attend, you must contact Carolyn Sabol or Robin Quintin at the phone numbers or Email above, so that the club will not be charged for your dinner. Thank you for your consideration.

The Daily Gazette has generously donated their sponsorship of our Fashion Show and Woman of the Year Celebration for 2015. They plan on donating the following:

**Schenectady BPW Sponsorship Package**
4 1/8 page (15”) Daily Gazette ads to promote the event. Value $477.99 each
50,000 web banner ads to promote the event. Value $500
1 1/8 page ad in the Ticket to promote the event. Value $184.75
Total Value: $2596.71

The Gazette will be our exclusive print/media sponsor. They are very excited to be part of our event and look forward to attending.

We hope that this the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship for future events.

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**Tips & Tidbits**

2015–2016 Schenectady BPW Board Members and Directors

President – Cyndie Powell
1st Vice President – Carolyn Sabol
2nd Vice President – Kim Bellizzi
Treasurer – Tammy Krisher
Secretary – Susan Rice
Directors: – Robin Quintin
– Christina Meier
– Irene Wickham
Immediate Past President: Bonnie Keller
Parliamentarian: Jane Osterhout

Save the Date
The Schenectady BPW Fashion Show is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, 2015
The Glen Sanders Mansion
From 10:30am to 3:00pm
Plan on joining the fun!!
Fashion Provider: TBT
Look for your invitation soon.
Visit www.schenectadypbw.org
Zenobia B. Lewis
President
Marula Property Solutions, Inc.
BPW Member since May 27, 2014

Zenobia received a BBA (Bachelor Business Administration) concentration in Accounting from Marymount University/Arlington, Virginia in 1981, and an MA in Management from Notre Dame of Maryland University/Baltimore, Maryland in 1997. She was inducted into Delta Mu Delta International Honorary Society for Business Administration.

Originally born in Norfolk, Virginia Zenobia moved to Schenectady and began 3rd grade at the former Riverside Elementary School. She graduated from the former Mont Pleasant High School in 1963 and attended SUNY Cobleskill.

Zenobia married a foreign student from Zambia (Central Africa) who was attending Union College. Their only child, a daughter was born at Ellis Hospital in 1967. She resided and worked in Zambia from 1971 to 1977. In 1977, Zenobia relocated to Reston, Virginia to attend Marymount University. After graduation from Marymount University, Zenobia did an internship as Accountant with Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC, summer of 1981. She relocated to Oakland, California to work for the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS. In addition, she was employed in various positions from Internal Revenue Agent, Group Manager, Quality Reviewer, Program Analyst, and last position as Tax Law Specialist in Office of the Assistant Commissioner International IRS.

After 16-1/2 years with the Department of Treasury, Zenobia secured a position with the Peace Corps as Associate Peace Corps Director Administration (Administrative Officer) located in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. Her last position with Peace Corps was Financial Management Officer in Washington, DC. After 5 years with the Peace Corps she retired from Federal employment in 2003. After living in NYC with her daughter for 3 years, Zenobia relocated to Schenectady in 2006.

From October 2007 to October 2008, Zenobia provided private consultant work for The Institute of the Black World 21st Century in Haiti, West Indies. She evaluated social delivery systems: Education, Electricity, Water, Hospital/medical services and economic development in the city of Milot in the Northern Department. Milot has been designated a tourist site, as it houses the World Heritage Site, The Citadel, a fort that was built in the late 17th Century - also, the San Souci Palace.

Currently, Zenobia serves as President, Marula Property Solutions, Inc.

After 10 years of ‘retirement’ she decided to enter a new career area in liaison with C.T. Homes/ Fortune Builder’s Division; the folks who present ‘Fix this House’ on A&E TV. Marula Property Solutions, Inc., is a Residential Redevelopment company, has been in existence for 1-1/2 years. “Our purpose is to have a positive, lasting impact on individuals, neighborhoods and communities by transforming neglected properties into thriving, beautiful homes that bring value to their neighborhoods. We work with motivated sellers who need relief from owning a home and with buyers who are in alignment with our purpose. We promise to lovingly honor and respect the property and everyone involved in order to foster a sustainable, vibrant community.”

Marula Property buys houses for cash and work with homeowners in all types of situations to avoid foreclosure, debt relief, fire damage, probate, buy to renovate and/or sell, buy homes ‘as-is,’ in any condition, close within 10-15 days, pay cash rewards for referrals, also seeking private money lenders—offer 10-12% returns.

Still single Zenobia lives in the Woodlawn section of Schenectady, close to her 93-year-old mother, sister, and oldest brother. Two other brothers live out of state. Her daughter, Macenje “Che Che” Mazoka-Youpa, lives in Johannesburg, So. Africa with her husband, Roy and two grandchildren, Chaande, 12 years old and Petra Zenobia, 6 years old.

Interests include: Reading, traveling; children and women abuse issues; domestic and international Human Trafficking; Civil and Human Rights.

Zenobia is grateful to Sharon Carter who introduced her to BPW. As a new and emerging business, Zenobia’s favorite event was her attendance at the Career Development Conference in 2014. As a result, she was greatly assisted with her corporation purpose statement by one of the presenters, Lisa Giruzzi, who graciously offered all attendees a consultant session.
Scholarships/Christina Meier, Chair
The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Christina Meier, Chair, Carol Pallas, Amanda Jeffes, Linda Rolfe and Aldona Vaitulis.

Christina reports that the committee has received 7 applications of the Catherine Raycroft Scholarship and over 25 for the High School, Bertha Berman Scholarship.

The group is working on a matrix so that they are all on the same page with scoring the applicants.

The committee should have a list of Scholarship winners soon.

Fashion Show/Cyndie Powell, Chair
Save the Date
We have scheduled next year’s Fashion Show for Sunday, November 8th, 2015 at The Glen Sanders Mansion.

The first official meeting of the Fashion Show Committee was held on April 30th. We are in the process of organizing suggestions and will keep the club posted as decisions are made.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30 pm at Jane’s house.

We always welcome more committee members.

Programs/Carolyn Sabol, Chair
The program committee presents the following programs for 2015.

May – Officer and New Member Installation Ceremonies
June – Scholarship Banquet

The programming committee will meet over the summer to brainstorm and plan program speakers for next year. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for our meetings, please let Carolyn know at cwsabol@hotmail.com

For more information on any of the programs, please visit our website at www.schenectadybpw.org
Membership/Kim Bellizzi, Chair
As of May 1st, 2015 our club has 58 members.

Welcome New Member(s)
This month we welcome
Jennifer Hanson, mSci Museum—Director of Finance
Jennifer was introduced to our club by being a volunteer at “Life Unplugged.”

We will be holding a New Member Induction Ceremony at our meeting on May 26th for any members who have joined over the past year.

We are always open to new members. If you know of someone who might be a good fit for our club, please direct them to our website at www.schenectadybpw.org.

Woman of the Year/Jane Osterhout, Chair
Jane and her committee will be accepting nominations for the 2015 Woman of the Year. If you know of a woman who lives or works in Schenectady County, who has supported women in the workplace and who has contributed to her community, nominate her today.

The nomination form is on the website.
The deadline for nominations is June 1st, 2015.
Youth Leadership/Kim Bellizzi, Chair

Kim will be holding a wrap-up meeting with members and volunteers. The committee will be formulating a survey to poll our members so that we can determine the feasibility of holding this event each year, or if we should be doing this on a bi-annual basis. With this event growing so much, it is extremely important to have the support of our membership, especially the day of the event.

If you haven’t had a chance to attend this event, please take some time to view the video on the Youth Leadership Tab of our website. The students get a lot out of this event. It is always nice to see the “Light Bulb” go off when the students realize that money doesn’t grow on trees and their parents aren’t a personal ATM Machine. If you decide to join this committee for next time, you won’t be disappointed.

You can reach Kim at kimbellizi13@gmail.com or 518-859-8254

Public Relations/Shelle Hamil, Chair

Cyndie will be meeting with Shelle to formulate the responsibilities of the Chair of this committee and to discuss ideas for promoting our club and events.

Status of Women/Irene Wickham, Chair

Irene announced that the committee would like our club to help participate in the summer free lunch program offered to Schenectady youth by SICM. Many of these families depend on school lunches to help feed their children. With schools being in recess over the summer this program helps fill this important need.

Irene will keep us posted on how we can help.
Among our Members/Announcements

Thank you to Janet Calise from Allegra Design, Marketing & Print for donating the printing of the programs for our Career Development Seminar. Janet does a great job with our club’s printing and always helps us out with pricing. For this event, Janet had wanted to find more time to support Elena and the committee, and when her business demands prevented that, she decided to donate her time and talent to our event. Thank you again, Janet...for all you do to help our club make a great impression.

Let’s Party!

Country Wine & Spirits is having a wine tasting on Friday May 15th from 4-7 pm. Stop in after work and taste some new summer wines. Tasting wines will be 10% off. Carolyn will also have an assortment of appetizers to go with the wines. For more information please email Carolyn Sabol at cwsabol@hotmail.com

Pictures from Career Development Seminar April 11th, 2015

Taylor, (center, blue jacket) daughter of Tammy Krisher, got to help cut the ribbon to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Ridge Health Services Clinic, part of Schenectady Arc.

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June 30, 2015
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name  _______________________________________________________________

Street Address  ___________________________________________________________

City   ________________________________  State  ________    Zip Code  ___________

Birthday (MM/DD)_______Home Phone________________________  Cell Phone:________

Employer________________________________ Job Title_________________________

Work Phone___________________  Email Address:_______ _______________________

What would you like to gain by joining the Schenectady BPW?_______________________

How did you learn about us?  _________________________________________________

People would be surprised to learn that I _______________________________________

If I had to do it all over again, I would  ___________________________________________

This year, I am going to learn  _________________________________________________

Who encouraged you to join?  _________________________________________________

Signature ________________________________________   Date ___________________

By signing this form I am acknowledging and consenting that my contact information will be shared with other club members on the membership roster, as well as posted in the Club’s Newsletter which will be available to the public on the Schenectady BPW website.

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Which committee(s) would you like to serve on?  (see next page for descriptions of committees)

__ Foundation     __ Membership            __ Status of Women            __ Fashion Show   ___ Programming

__ Public Relations    __ Youth Leadership     __ Scholarship    __ Fundraising    __ Career Development

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For more information, please contact our membership chair:
Kim Bellizzi at (518) 859-8254 or email at kimbellizzi13@gmail.com

Dues - $72 per year

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Schenectady Business & Professional Women’s Club, Inc.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Foundation Committee - to promote interest in and support of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation by reporting updates at board meetings.

Membership Committee - to promote, expand, stabilize and orient the membership. Prepare and perform the induction ceremony of new members as needed.

Status of Women Committee - to support women through community involvement for women facing hardships, including, but not limited to, economic and domestic.

Fashion Show Committee – to assist in the planning of our largest fundraiser of the year. All members should assume that they are part of the planning and implementing of the various activities to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

Programming Committee - to plan and implement a well-coordinated program calendar.

Public Relations - to market the club through available news media, the Club website and newsletter.

Youth Leadership Committee - to encourage recruitment of young people into membership; organize and coordinate youth leadership programs; and promote activities that involve the participation of young people.

Scholarship Committee - to allocate scholarship funds which have been authorized by the board.
   a. Prepare applications and determine recipients.
   b. Prepare and perform the award ceremony.

Fundraising Committee – to present ideas for fundraising for the operating expenses of the club and implement them once approved by the board.

Career Development – to create ideas and implement continuing education for women in the club and the community to help them to advance in careers and life.

Meeting Information for Members of Schenectady BPW

We usually hold our business meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except for July and August. Meetings are held at The Glen Sanders Mansion. Meet & Greet starts at 5:30 and dinner is usually at 6 pm. Our hospitality committee works with the restaurant directly and has to provide a number count for each meeting by the Wednesday before each meeting. Please be aware that as a member, your reservation is automatically made for you for each meeting. You would only need to contact our Hospitality Committee if you cannot make it to a meeting by either emailing Carolyn Sabol at cwabol@hotmail.com or by calling Robin Quintin at 518-355-9064 by the Wednesday before each meeting. (Also, please be aware that occasionally our business meetings will be held at an alternative location. You can check our website anytime to find out where and when the next meeting is being held.)

Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at the NBT Bank Board Room at 433 State Street in Schenectady. Only Board Members are required to attend these meetings, but all members are welcome to attend if they choose. This is when we discuss the recent and future business of the club. No reservation is needed to attend the board meetings, but do realize that if you have something to bring to the board that you should contact Cyndie at cyndie@nycap.rr.com to be added to the agenda. (Also, please be aware that occasionally our board meetings will be held at an alternative location. You can check our website anytime to find out where and when the next board meeting is being held.)