

# Berkshire Business & Professional Women



September 2017

## President's Message



*Claire Richards*

Greetings Members!

What a glorious summer it has been. I am thrilled to be your BBPW President for 2017-2018. I am lucky to be serving with a fabulous board: 1st Vice President/Membership Chair, Katrina Cardillo, 2nd Vice Presidents/Program Chairs, Arwen Lowbridge and Sopheap Ovitsky, Treasurer, Donna Collins, and Secretary, Jane Apkin. It's going to be a thrilling year and I look so forward to working with these gorgeous women.

Sadly, Katrina Cardillo will be stepping down as Vice President and we are looking for someone who is interested in stepping into this important role. I want to thank Katrina for all of her hard work, time and commitment as Membership Chair. She is amazing and we so appreciated all you accomplished for BBPW. Thank you.

Our September meeting was wonderful celebrating our scholarship recipients. These women are amazing and working toward their degrees to further their careers. It was exciting to hear all that these women are doing, the degrees they are pursuing, and how they are juggling work, school, and family. Truly remarkable women.

We are forming a Technology/Communications Committee and are looking for any members who want to participate in this new committee.

Our new raffle queens are Shela Hidalgo and Christine Carpenter. The raffle at the September meeting was a big success. Please think about donating to future months raffles. The raffle can be an item donated or a service you are offering.

Do you have news to share about your organization or events or services you are offering? We want to hear from you. Please send your submissions via email to Lori Gazzillo at [lgazzillo@hotmail.com](mailto:lgazzillo@hotmail.com) no later than the 15th of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

A member survey will be sent out this month. We are looking for your feedback and thoughts on being a member of BBPW. Please take a few minutes to complete this as it will help us to make our monthly meetings fun, inviting, and beneficial to you. We appreciate your time and answers. Thank you.

Please join us at The Country Club of Pittsfield on Monday, October 16th for our annual Woman of Achievement Dinner honoring Patricia Begrowicz at 5:30pm for networking and 6:00pm for dinner. The cost to attend is \$35.00 for members and \$50 for guests. Please visit our website at [www.berkshirebpw.org](http://www.berkshirebpw.org) for more information. The deadline to make a reservation is Monday, October 9th. Please note that we cannot take any reservations after the deadline. Our reservation policy states that if you reserve and fail to show up or cancel after the deadline, you will still be charged for your meal and unable to attend upcoming events if there is a balance due until it is paid. Thank you for your attention to this policy.

I am looking forward to this year as your BBPW President! It is an honor to serve.

Warmly,

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**Congratulations...**  
**to this year's scholarship recipients.**



*Halimat Ahmed*—attending BCC for an AS in Nursing—sponsored by Berkshire Bank

*Samary Cardona*—attending MCLA for a degree in Early Childhood Education —sponsored by Compuworks

*Marlene Champagne*—attending Westfield State for Substance Abuse Clinician Certification—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Britney Danials*—attending BCC for a degree in Health Science—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Catherine Ellsworth*—attending MCLA for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—sponsored by Generating Autonomy

*Eleanore Goerlach*—attending Simmons College for a degree in Library Science—sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union

*Kathleen Grandchamp*—attending MCLA for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Gabrielle Gustavis*—attending MCLA for a degree in Early Childhood Education—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Stacy Horomanski*—attending UMass, Amherst for a BSN (Nursing) - sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Kathleen Loria*—attending MCLA for a degree in Accounting—sponsored by Guardian Life

*Pamela Preston*—attending BCC for a degree in Human Services, Social Work—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Kelly Phillips*—attending UMass, Amherst for a degree in Nursing—sponsored by Berkshire Health Systems

*Amy Stracuzzi*—attending MCLA for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—sponsored by Berkshire Money Management

*Brett Westbrook*—attending Westfield State for a Master of Social Work—sponsored by Berkshire BPW

*Ileana Whiteman*—attending MCLA for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—sponsored by Toole Insurance

*Jessica Williamson*—attending MCLA for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—sponsored by Johnson Ford

*Kendall Winston*—attending MCLA for a degree in Elementary Education—sponsored by October Mountain Financial Group

*Kia Yang*—attending BCC for a degree in Biotechnology—sponsored by Onyx Specialty Papers

*Berkshire BPW annually awards career advancement scholarships to working women residing in Berkshire County.  
 Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, child care, uniforms, or other related educational expenses.*

**Berkshire BPW**  
**Woman of Achievement Dinner**  
 Monday, October 16, 2017  
 (RSVP deadline October 9th)  
 Country Club of Pittsfield



**Patricia Begrowicz**

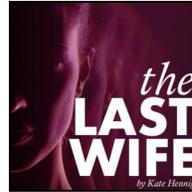
Berkshire BPW is pleased to announce **Patricia Begrowicz**, President and Co-owner of Onyx Specialty Papers, as this year's Woman of Achievement. This award honors a Berkshire County woman for her considerable career accomplishments and outstanding commitment to the community.

Berkshire Business and Professional Women has been honoring a local woman with this award since 1965.

The 2017-2018 Woman of Achievement award will be presented at a dinner event celebrating National Women in Business Week, on Monday, October 16, 2017.

All the proceeds from the Woman of Achievement dinner benefit the BBPW scholarship program, which provides annual career advancement scholarships to working women residing in Berkshire County.

For more information on the Woman of Achievement Award, please contact Katrina Cardillo at 413-499-4241 ext. 254



Message from BBPW member Kristen van Ginhoven, the Artistic Director of WAM Theatre, a professional theatre company that uses theatre to benefit women and girls.

**WAM Theatre's next production**  
**runs from**  
**October 13-November 5.**

THE LAST WIFE, by Kate Hennig

A modern take on the marriage of Katharine Parr to Henry VIII. A funny and powerful exploration of patriarchy, sexual politics and women's rights.

Presented at the Elayne Bernstein theatre at Shakespeare & Company at 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA.

In keeping with WAM's mission, a portion of proceeds will go to SOLDIER ON WOMEN'S PROGRAM, to support the transition from care to independent life. Since founding WAM in 2010, more than \$32,500 has been donated to twelve beneficiaries.

A great opportunity for a night out for a great cause supporting women and girls! Tickets: \$20-\$40

More info: <http://www.wamtheatre.com/the-last-wife/>

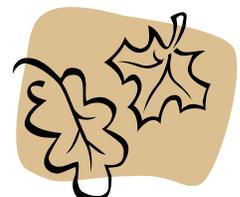
**Help Wanted...**

**Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Visit**

**[www.berkshirehabitat.org](http://www.berkshirehabitat.org)**

**and click the "Get Involved" tab to learn more!**

Don't forget to fall back and change your clocks on November 5, 2017.



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participation,  
equity, and economic self-sufficiency  
for America's working women.



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The Berkshire Business and Professional Women organization provides professional and personal development and networking opportunities for working women from diverse fields. Since 1965, Berkshire BPW has been honoring local women in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, recognizing the achievements of outstanding women, developing awareness of issues important to working women and awarding career advancement scholarships.

Berkshire Business and Professional Women meets at 5:30pm on the first Monday of each month, with a few exceptions. Guest speakers are invited to each meeting to address a variety of topics that are important to working women, such as health and wellness, wealth management, public speaking and organization techniques.

To submit items to be included in the newsletter, please e-mail Lori Gazzillo at [lgazzillo@hotmail.com](mailto:lgazzillo@hotmail.com) by the 15th of the month.

## THE COLLECT

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.  
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face  
Without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.  
Let us take time for all things;  
Make us grow calm, serene, gentle.  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,  
straightforward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,  
that in the big things of life we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know the great,  
common human heart of us all.  
And, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.

*If you imagine it  
You can achieve it.  
If you dream it  
You can become it.*

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OUR MISSION :  
To promote full  
participation,  
equity, and economic self-sufficiency  
for America's working women.