

May Meeting

Wednesday June 4, 2014

Program: Night on the Town
Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

Place: Protocol
6766 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Menu: Delicious Protocol Buffet

Cost: \$30 per member
\$35 per guest

****Non members are required to pre-pay**

RSVP by Friday 5/30

PLEASE NOTE:

Checks payable to
"NYS Women Inc., BNC"

How to Register

Register online at:

www.bncwomeninc.org

or contact:

Kathy Cerullo at 675-6075 or
kathyc3112000@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: May 2, 2014



President's Message Kathy Jackson

As I look back on this past year that has flown by so fast, I am reflecting on the goals I set for the organization and the theme of "Change" that I wanted to examine and reflect on throughout the year. I've discussed this theme in several of my monthly musings and we have tried to touch on some aspect of change in all our programs. A favorite quote of mine is from the late Sydney J. Harris who wrote a daily personal column for the Chicago Sun-Times: "Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better."

Over the past few years this organization has been through significant changes - from a local BPW Chapter of a national organization, to the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of a new State organization. Our leaders have been tremendous and their hard work and attention to detail has resulted in a stronger organization with a clear vision and mission, and active, contributing members. We are very fortunate to have several of those "change agents" right in our own chapter, and on behalf of all our members, I thank them

for accepting the challenge and making the needed changes a reality.

Another thing that Sydney J. Harris said was: "Middle Age is that perplexing time of life when we hear two voices calling us, one saying 'Why not?' and the other saying 'Why bother?'" I'm so thankful for all the members of our leadership team who didn't say "Why bother" but stepped up and contributed so much. I hope every member who attended our meetings this past year learned something new from each program, and met at least one new person who became (or may become) a customer, vendor, confidant and/or friend. That's why you bother! And I hope everyone who sat on the board or worked on a committee sharpened their own personal skills and deepened their friendships. Again, that's why you bother!

Thank you to the board and committee chairs for all your time, support and hard work. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you and getting to know you better. And thank you to everyone who has agreed to take a leadership position for the upcoming year. We have a strong and talented team and I anticipate a great year to come!

BASKETS NEEDED!!

Please bring a basket to the June meeting for our annual scholarship fundraiser.

Baskets can be any size, any type!

The more baskets we have, the more money we will raise!

Thank you in advance for all your donations and support of this event!

June Program

Night on the Town Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

Come enjoy an "Evening on the Town" with some wonderful women - this year's scholarship fundraiser! Spend the evening networking and trying your luck at raffles and a silent basket auction. Please consider donating a basket to help support this worthwhile cause!



JUNE \$ MONEY MINUTE \$

— Amy Jo Lauber

Sharing your Gifts

I saw a great quote by the artist Pablo Picasso, "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

Recognizing that your unique gifts and talents are custom selected for you and you alone gives one great pause and great responsibility, but also great prospects. Finding and using your gifts gives your livelihood great joy and your finances a burst of energy.



NYSW Inc Buffalo Niagara Chapter Minutes from Meeting 05/07/14

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. by President Kathryn Jackson who welcomed members and guests.

Approval of April 2, 2014 Minutes as published in Newsline, and Motion to Accept.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Motion to Accept – Accepted as Published in Newsline.

Kathryn Jackson had the Membership fill out a quick questionnaire to collect feedback on the venue, introductions, and programs. They were collected at this meeting. (copy attached)

Kathryn Jackson also advised the current Board is preparing a Handbook for the incoming Board by creating job descriptions of their current positions.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Kathryn Jackson reported that Stephanie Bottomley is doing a wonderful job as plans continue for the June 4, 2014 Fundraiser. The December 2013 event was very successful.

Personal/Professional Development/Program – Kathryn Jackson reported that Fran Vaughan has done a great job this year and Fran is preparing a "How To Summary" for Programs."

- June 4, 2014 – Annual Fundraiser and Installation of Officers Dinner Meeting.

Public Policy – Sue Mager and delegation will be attending the State Meeting in Rome, NY May 30 – June 1 and will report back upon return. She and delegation also attended the April 26, 2014 Region VIII Spring Meeting in Dunkirk, NY. Information was covered in the NIKE State Publication. Diane Butkowsky, Vice Chairman, is submitting a synopsis to the State about our October 2013 Women's Expo for the award being offered for events held during Women's History Month.

Registration – Kathy Cerullo commented that the Protocol has been a great venue and does a great job handling our last minute arrangements, etc.

Website / Social Media – Renee Cerullo invited everyone to send her posts for the website to promote ourselves i.e. winning awards, writing books, etc.

Membership Directory – Joyce DeLong commented that our directory is a great tool for us to contact each other. If you have joined by August, your information makes the new year's directory. Joyce also commented that our Newsline Publication is the main communication our chapter uses to keep us all current and informed.

Scholarship – Joyce DeLong reported that we had only one person apply this year and invited everyone to take advantage of these available monies. It is based on how much money is in the fund, however, you will get at least a portion – if not all – of your application. Apply to the Scholarship Chairman where it will be reviewed by the Committee.

State Liaison – Linda Przepasniak attends all State meetings: Fall, Winter and the upcoming May end conference. She commented that our very own Renee Cerullo is President Elect this year and will be installed as President in 2015 in Buffalo!

Communications: Amy Jo Lauber shared that this is an easy position with lots of help! She continues to send press releases to The Buffalo News and Business First. Please share your information on our NYS Women Inc. Facebook page, and please share that page to your friends/fans to grow our membership.

Membership – Ramona Gallagher thanked everyone for joining and renewing. Current membership is 45 with some new members and some lost members. She reported that she wasn't able to get a Recruitment and Retention Committee launched this year and hoped one would form in the upcoming year.

By-Laws – Kathryn Jackson reported for Jill Johnson that these are still in the works and are planned to be out in September for approval.

Unfinished Business:

Elections - Amy Jo Lauber presented the slate of officers: President Elect Pauline Hoffman, Secretary Nancy Rizzo and Treasurer Kathy Garvey. One vote on behalf of the membership was cast by Nancy Rizzo, Secretary.

New Business:

Three (3) Members volunteered to be on an Audit Committee so the Finances/Budget can be passed on to the new Treasurer. Thank you to Sue Mager, Joyce DeLong and Ramona Gallagher.

Announcements: Marilyn Cote-Miller invited all to the NAWBO annual fundraiser on Sunday May 18 1:00 p.m. for a wine tasting, lunch and chocolates event \$65 www.nawbowny.org. Rides can be arranged with a designated driver. Renee Cerullo invited everyone to the annual Spring Connections fundraiser sponsored by the EdTech Foundation of WNY May 15 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Acqua Restaurant \$40 for auction, food, prizes and cash bar www.edtechwny.org.

Ramona Gallagher, who serves on the Selection Committee, proudly introduced Dominique Bertrand, one of four awardees receiving the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. Fellowship for 2013-2014. Dominique is from Austin, Texas and attends UB. Dominique had a few minutes to speak and was very grateful for the support and opportunity.

Program: This evening's program was "Powerful Women consumers – The Rise of the Sheconomy" presented by our very own Kim DeSimone.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

NYS Business Women, Inc.

Buffalo Niagara Chapter

BALANCE SHEET

As of April 30, 2014

Assets		
Cash:		
Cash - Checking	\$	11,387.45
Cash - Scholarship		2,095.78
Total Cash		13,483.23
Receivables:		
Dinner receivable		30.00
Total Receivables		30.00
Prepaid Expenses:		
Room deposit		200.00
Total Prepaid Expenses		200.00
Total Assets	\$	13,713.23
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		11,617.45
Temporarily restricted - scholarship and other		2,095.78
Total Net Assets	\$	13,713.23

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PROFIT & LOSS

As of April 30, 2014

	Budget	YTD	Difference over/(under)
Income			
Dues revenue	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (2,750.00)
Dinner income	600.00	475.74	(124.26)
Business Women Expo income	-	1,077.67	1,077.67
Annual fundraiser	1,000.00	436.76	(563.24)
Newsline and website ads	300.00	350.00	50.00
Interest income	25.00	-	(25.00)
Total Income	\$ 6,175.00	\$ 3,840.17	\$ (2,334.83)
Expense			
Bank service charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ (20.00)
Business Women Expo expense	-	711.59	711.59
President's gift	50.00	-	(50.00)
Website/domain names	400.00	84.00	(316.00)
Community service	50.00	-	(50.00)
Conferences and meetings	500.00	-	(500.00)
Dues			
Region VIII dues	156.00	-	(156.00)
State dues	1,820.00	-	(1,820.00)
Insurance	120.00	126.00	6.00
Membership supplies	200.00	12.00	(188.00)
Miscellaneous	225.00	-	(225.00)
Newsline printing	1,100.00	802.39	(297.61)
Postage	200.00	190.42	(9.58)
Program	930.00	1,334.68	404.68
Roster	210.00	208.80	(1.20)
State president's gift	10.00	-	(10.00)
Treasurer's bond and insurance	100.00	100.00	-
Refund of prior year expenses {a}	-	(120.00)	(120.00)
Total Expense	\$ 6,121.00	\$ 3,479.88	\$ (2,641.12)
Net Income	54.00	360.29	
Transfer of restricted funds to NYS Women, Inc. {b}	-	(100.00)	
Scholarship distributions	-	(1,110.00)	
Change in Net Assets	\$ 54.00	\$ (849.71)	

{a} 2012-13 Insurance previous accrued; NYS Women Inc. not charging chapters for 2012-13 insurance.

{b} Previously restricted funds transferred to NYS Women, Inc. per Board Resolution.



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