

June Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Annual Basket Raffle Scholarship Fundraiser

Park Country Club
4949 Sheridan Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

Join in the FUN and help raise some money for a good cause at the same time! You can bid on some beautiful baskets or buy a chance on the lottery board! It is always a great event to invite friends, family and co-workers to.....the more the merrier!

Menu: Turkey Carving Station, Salad Buffet, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Cost: **\$40 per member**
\$45 per guest

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

RSVP by Friday 5/29

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 29, 2015



President's Message Fran Vaughn

It is with mixed feelings that I write my last note to you as President of NYS Women Inc., BNC. I will not miss the many deadlines (including writing this letter!) but working with so many great women to accomplish our several goals and new projects has been wonderful. The year began with the terrific 80th Anniversary Celebration that was well attended and generated many new memberships. Our program committee has presented great programs this year; we learned about things that we didn't even know we needed to know. We updated our by-laws and submitted the first paperwork necessary to obtain our individual chapter tax exempt status. A new program that celebrates Women in Leadership was initiated and several single initiatives kept all of us interested and busy.

At last month's meeting Renee announced the membership goals for the year had been exceeded and that it is probable that we are currently the largest NYSWI chapter in the state. That is, again, testament to the strength of the current members and our programming. So once again, thanks to you all for making this year a successful one and making my job as president one to be proud of.

We still have a few more programs before the end of this BNC year, so I hope to see you all a few more times. The Annual Conference is right in our back yard, and the incoming state president and 2nd VP are from our own chapter, so it will be an especially easy and important time to attend. Don't forget that the June fundraiser dinner is on June 3rd, and the following week we will celebrate our Women in Leadership awardees with a luncheon at the 20th Century Club.

Again, I have to thank you all for a wonderful year!!! ■

JUNE Member Spotlight

JOANNE SUNDELL

Owner, Dark Forest Chocolate Makers, Inc.



WHY DID YOU JOIN NYSW? I joined after attending a meeting as a guest of a friend mine, Laurie Lonie, who is a NYSW member. As a first-time entrepreneur, I appreciated how welcoming and encouraging everyone was. Our members, who are extraordinary women, are willing to share what they've learned and are eager to see each other succeed.

Another reason I joined is to add my voice to the many. NYSW's political advocacy actions influence policy making that I care about as a woman and a citizen of New York State.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF: I love to grow veggies and flowers, and have a nice-sized suburban garden. My favorite (and most successful) crop is Japanese hull-less popcorn! Fresh organic popcorn tastes great.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF: I've been an adjunct professor of History at Erie Community College in Buffalo since 2003. In that time my husband, Dan, and I have raised two great boys named Will and Jack who are 12 and 10 years old. In August 2014, we started Dark Forest Chocolate Makers, Inc.--the first bean-to-bar chocolate maker in the Western New York. What's unique about our chocolate is that it's made with premium cacao beans--roasted and ground right in our shop--and sugar. That's it! The flavor comes from the cacao beans themselves, not from additives. And a bean's flavor depends on many things, like its area of origin, and how it has been fermented, roasted, and ground. Starting a chocolate-making business is interesting and challenging journey, and it's pretty fun! ■

NYSW Inc Buffalo Niagara Chapter

Minutes from Meeting 05/06/15

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Approval of March 2015 Minutes in Newsline - Motion to Accept – Accepted as Published.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of Treasurer's Report in Newsline - Motion to Accept and be filed for audit – Accepted as Published.

President's Report – Fran Vaughan welcomed members and guests this evening, and shared our Mission Statement. She advised that Treasurer Kathleen Garvey will be sending a check for the President's Purse for the outgoing State President. Fran also reminded Committees and Officers to (1) submit completed Job Descriptions of your positions to her asap, and (2) invite the President to all Committee Meetings and the Finance Committee Chair to all meetings involving spending monies.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee – Pauline Hoffmann, President-Elect/Program Chair

06/03/15 June Fundraiser and Installation of Officers will be held at The Park Country Club. An email announcement will be coming as well as information can be found on the website. Please register! Donations of baskets for the auction from members', friends, and family are greatly appreciated.

Audit Committee – Fran Vaughan – Asked for 3 volunteers, and Sue Fayle, Sue Mager, and Janet Hasurath graciously volunteered.

Nominating Committee – Kathryn Jackson – Passed out voting ballots to members at the beginning of the dinner meeting. She then announced how to vote, conducted the voting, and collected ballots. Kathryn calculated ballots and announced the unanimous votes as: President Elect Katharine Smith, Treasurer Kathleen Garvey, and Secretary Nancy Rizzo. Our current President-Elect/Program Chair, Pauline Hoffmann, moves into President.

Finance Committee – Joyce DeLong – (1) Explained the Proposed Budget 2015-16 line by line to the Membership. Copies for all were on each table. Using the current 2014-2015 year end to forecast the budget for 2015-16, the Finance Committee feels it is a responsible budget. After some question and answer discussion, Joyce announced revisions will be implemented. Unanimous vote was cast and Motion to Accept the Proposed Budget. (2) Joyce warmly presented Nancy Rizzo with Scholarship Monies towards further education in her Life Coaching Practice. Nancy graciously and gratefully accepted the honor and expressed that it not only had monetary meaning to her, but it represented membership support for her to "keep going!"

State Liaison – Sue Mager - Invited Membership to attend the Sixth Annual State Conference being hosted here in Buffalo by Region VIII at the Millennium May 29, 30, 31. Our very own Chapter's Renee Cerullo, currently President-Elect, will be installed as President, and Linda Przepasniak as First Vice President. The Installation Dinner is Saturday evening May 30. Speakers are Nancy Weil and Althea Luehrsen. Vendor tables are available as well as insertions for the Gift Bags. Registration is \$40 and can be done on line at www.nyswomeninc.org. Submit a confirmation of your registration to Kathleen Garvey, Treasurer, to receive a \$20 reimbursement

Personal & Professional Development - Linda Przepasniak announced that our very own Danielle Dudkowski and Fran Vaughan have entered The State Personal & Professional Development Speaking Contest, will be interviewed by Judges, and compete at the Annual State Conference. They will be practicing tonight for us after dinner and before the program. To assist them in fine-tuning their skills, blue and green evaluation sheets were passed out to the membership for constructive criticism. There is a monetary prize of \$500. Linda reminded all of the State's Personal & Professional Development Programs – an added benefit to our Memberships.

Membership – Renee Cerullo - Welcomed all new members and reported current membership at 64 – proud to be the now largest Chapter in NYS Women Inc. She encouraged everyone to come out to the May Annual State Conference!

Communications – Katharine Smith - Shared more on our partnership with WKBW TV's Women In Leadership monthly honoree program. At the end of the year, there is a celebratory luncheon with WKBW honoring the 12 women. An email will be sent to membership with full luncheon registration details. Criteria to nominate can be found on the website www.bncwomeninc.org.

Announcements – Renee Cerullo announced the Ed Tech of WNY Spring Fundraiser Thursday May 14, 2015 at The Grapevine Banquet Center, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and left flyers on the tables. Sue Mager announced the very successful completion of our partnering with Zonta Club's Free The Girls Project to collect gently used or new bras which benefit women freed from human trafficking in Africa and Central America. Ramona Gallagher reminded us of the additional scholarship fund opportunities offered by the State Organization in Career Development and Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund Graduate Students.

Next Meeting Wednesday June 3, 2015 at The Park Country Club, 4949 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Fran Vaughan announced our Program on Leadership Skills by Molly Anderson from Leadership Niagara.

JUNE
\$ MONEY MINUTE \$
– Amy Jo Lauber

“The wise man does at once what the fool does finally.”
– Niccolo Machiavelli

Too many people struggle with credit card and other forms of debt, I suspect for many reasons but one of the reasons is that they cannot wait for what they want. Or maybe they're embarrassed that they cannot truly afford what they want right now, and instead create the façade that they can.

Being both honest and patient with yourself will help you make wise choices and find contentment.

NYS Business Women, Inc.

Buffalo Niagara Chapter BALANCE SHEET As of May 26, 2015

Other Current Assets	
Room Deposit	200.00
Undeposited Funds	400.00
Total Other Current Assets	600.00
Total Current Assets	12,867.21
TOTAL ASSETS	12,867.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	126.59
Total Accounts Payable	126.59
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	500.00
Due To Member - Reimbursement	-500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	126.59
Total Liabilities	126.59
Equity	
Net Assets	9,816.06
Retained Earnings	1,474.84
Temporarily Rest. Net Assets	1,393.13
Net Income	56.59
Total Equity	12,740.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,867.21

NYS Business Women, Inc.

Buffalo Niagara Chapter PROFIT & LOSS Through May 26, 2015

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues Revenue	250.00
Excess Dinner Income	-280.13
Total Income	-30.13
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	20.00
Newslines Printing	111.36
Program	50.00
Scholarship	500.00
State President's Gift	10.00
Total Expense	691.36
Net Ordinary Income	-721.49
Net Income	-721.49

NYSW, Inc Buffalo Niagara Chapter 2015-2016 Slate of Officers

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Katharine Smith
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