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Women/Jupiter

The Beacon

August, 2015



*Karen Gonzalez, President
BPW/Jupiter*

MONTHLY MEETING 4th Monday each month

5:30 pm Sign In & Networking
6:00 pm Dinner & Program
8:00pm Adjourn
Cost: \$30 Member and/or Guest

Location:

Mangrove Bay
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Jupiter, FL 33477-6401

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President: Karen Gonzalez
1st Vice President—Programs: Available
Vice President-Membership: Lucky Doolittle
Treasurer: Lynne Spears
Secretary: Deb Rasmussen

Newsletter: & Website: Open at this time!
Contact Karen Gonzalez, if interested.

*Next Meeting– September 28, 2015
Speaker: Martha Ahr from the Guardian Ad Litem Program*

Letter From The President

Time to celebrate Ladies, it's Women's Equality Day on Wednesday, August 26th! I looked into this day and wanted to understand who was instrumental in the proclamation of Women's Equality Day since we have been celebrating this day since 1973. I presumed it was a woman who initiated the bill. That special lady is Bella Abzug. Let me introduce you to her.

Bella Savitsky Abzug and she was born July 24, 1920 in New York City. Both her parents were Russian Jewish immigrants. Her mother, Ester, was a homemaker and her father Emanuel ran the Live and Let Live Meat Market. Bella lost her father when she was 13. She wanted to honor her father in the custom of the Jewish faith which meant she wanted to go to synagogue to mourn (say) the Mourner's Kaddish (prayer). But this was only reserved for the sons of the deceased. But she was his daughter and he had no sons. Although she was not permitted to do this, she did it any way. Every morning for a year defying the orthodox congregation. She was a woman with courage and conviction.

Bella's college life started at Hunter College and went on to earn her law degree from Columbia University in 1947. She did further post-graduate work at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She was admitted to the New York Bar in 1947 and started practicing in New York City at a firm where she dealt with matters of civil liberty and labor laws. Funny thing was, at the time, there were few women in the legal field. To be taken seriously, she began wearing wide brimmed hats so she would not be mistaken as a secretary. This became her trademark look; it established her "professional identity."

She was nicknamed "Battling Bella" because she was an outspoken advocate dealing with labor laws and civil rights cases. She made it to the U.S. House of Representatives in January, 1971. In 1971, with help from Gloria Steinem and Shirley Chisholm, they founded the National Women's Political Caucus which aimed at increasing the participation of women in Government. It was this movement that propelled the Bill to Congress.

Abzug returned to private law practice in 1980 but continued her political and public activities. She presided over Women, USA, a grass (CONTINUED ONTO PAGE 2)

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roots political action organization, was a contributor to *Ms.* magazine, and worked as a daily news commentator for the Cable News Network. Her book, *Gender Gap: Bella Abzug's Guide to Political Power for American Women* (cowritten with Mim Kelber) appeared in 1984. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1994.

This woman fought tirelessly until her death in 1994 for women. We should all be so blessed with such perseverance.

~Karen Gonzalez



(Bella Abzug)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:
Angela Vagell—August 11th

Happy Birthday Angela!

Women Who Dine

The Women Who Dine event on August 13th at President, Karen Gonzalez's residence was attended by 15 members and non-members of BPW—Jupiter. The food main course was lentil soup and taco soup. The salads were a mixture of ceasar and summer salad. The desserts were a variety from caramel chocolate turtle cream cheese cake to red velvet cake pops. The night was filled with good food and conversation. The event raised \$400 and \$200 went to the Edna Runner Tutorial Center. Please join us for the next Women Who Dine at Nancy Albertz-Schmidt residence in October. More information to follow.



Nancy Albert Schmidt—Sunshine Report

Nancy's Store, Walgreen's, where she works as a Pharmacist recently received several awards at their district meeting. Way to go Nancy! Just love their motto, *At the corner of happy and healthy!*

FLU SHOTS: Nancy will be administering them before the August 31st BPW Monthly Meeting. Remember to bring your paperwork filled out to save time. Thank you!



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Monthly Meeting Minutes Business Professional Women July 27, 2015

President Karen Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting was started with explaining the origin of the Jupiter BPW which started in 1955, and began nationally in 1919. BPW is for the support, education and socializing of women in the business world.

Introductions were made with a 30 second elevator speech introducing yourself, and talking about your business and/or volunteer work that you are involved in.

Minutes of the June 22, 2015 were accepted with a motion from Audrey Criado and seconded by Angela Vagell. A vote was taken. All approved and the motion was carried.

The treasurer's report was in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

There was a discussion about Women's Equality Day event for August 2015. August 26th is designated "Women's Equality Day" to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. Sue Banks is co-chairing and had asked if our L.O. would like to share the cost of and advertisement in the program brochure. It was voted on a portion of the funds come from our funds and a few members donated the remaining funds. It was motioned by Larabee Johnson and seconded by Andrea White. A vote was taken. All approved and the motion was carried.

President Karen Gonzalez gave an update that the August meeting will be held on Monday 31st because of construction work that will be going on at Mangrove Bay.

Dinner was served at 6:30 PM.

The program for the evening guest speaker was Patti Kadis from Run & Roll Performance Wear. She spoke on "Becoming Your Own Champion One Step at a Time". Patti had incredible stories of her journey of becoming a runner and the obstacles she had to overcome.

The 50/50 raffle was \$42.00 and half of it was won by Larabee Johnson and the other half went to our scholarship fund. Larabee donated her winnings back to the scholarship fund.

Adjournment and Emblem Benediction was at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Rasmussen

MOTIVATIONAL MINUTE

In 1975 they gave us a year, the Year of the Woman. Then from 1975 to 1985 they gave us a decade, the Decade of the Woman. I said at the time, who knows, if we behave they may let us into the whole thing. Well, we didn't behave and here we are. ~Bella Abzug

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Reported By Lynne Spears, Treasurer

BPW/JUPITER ACCOUNTS AS OF

July 31, 2015

Allocations

General Fund	\$603.00
Florida Education Fund	\$1,424.68
Member Education Fund	\$397.12
Breast Cancer Fund	\$743.00
Local Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ 2,536.50</u>
Total Cash	\$5,704.30
Checking Account	\$ 2,421.81
Savings Account	\$ 3,282.49
Total Cash	\$ 5,704.30