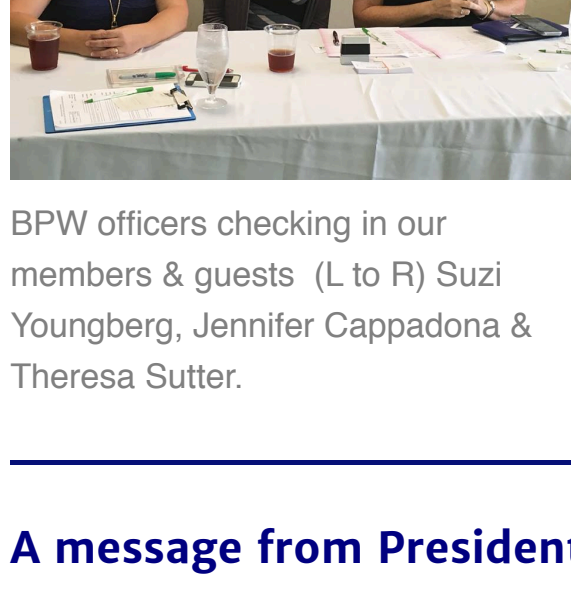


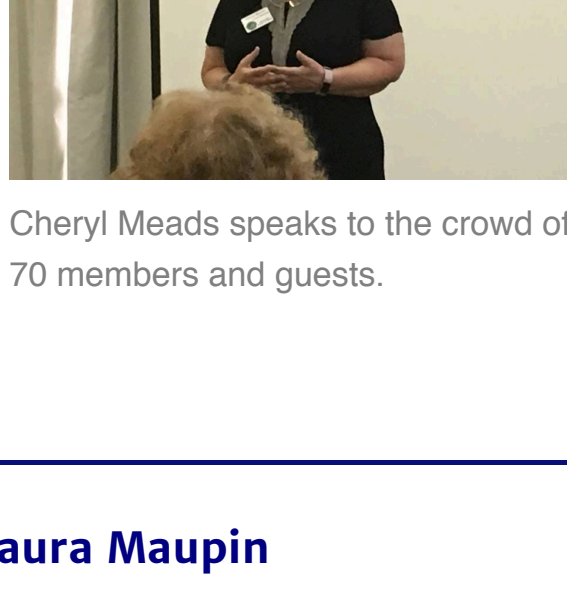


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Record Attendance at our June Meeting!



BPW officers checking in our members & guests (L to R) Suzi Youngberg, Jennifer Cappadona & Theresa Sutter.

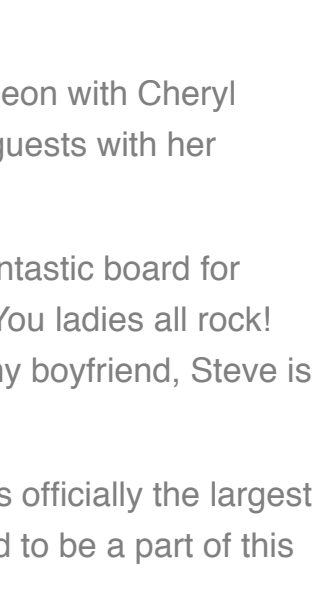


Cheryl Meads speaks to the crowd of 70 members and guests.

A message from President, Laura Maupin

Ready to get your women's trivia on?

We're super pumped for this month's event. We've scoured the history books for excellent questions to create our Women's Trivia at The Catch, Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30pm. Cathy & Page, owners of The Catch, have graciously agreed to sponsor our event this month, so all proceeds will go to our Women's Scholarship Fund. Register online and receive a \$5 discount, or just show up and pay at the door. This is destined to be a fun filled evening of networking, fellowship and lots of learning.



Thank you so very much to all who came out for our luncheon with Cheryl Meads last month. I'm told she riveted our members and guests with her fascinating story.

And a special thank you to Ilja Chapman and our super fantastic board for stepping up and handling the event with style and grace. You ladies all rock! That's one for the record books! I'm happy to report that my boyfriend, Steve is recovering nicely from his surgery.

Ilja Chapman has informed us that the Upper Keys BPW is officially the largest chapter in the state of Florida and I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this amazing group. (See her state conference recap.)

Thank you all for your continued membership and support.

See you for Trivia Night!! We're sure to have some fun!

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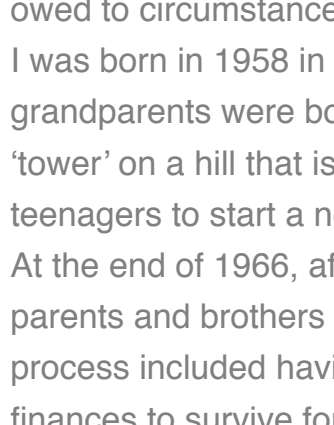
Cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Member with online reservation \$10. Member without reservation \$15. Guest \$15

Questions: info@upperkeysbpw.org

Reserve your spot for lunch

Member Spotlight

Nancy Perez Miller



Nancy Perez Miller, AIA - Licensed Architect

Life is what you make it. I believe this statement is somewhat true (a lot is owed to circumstances and family).

I was born in 1958 in Havana during the turmoil of the communist takeover. My grandparents were born in Spain; one set were shepherds; the other has a 'tower' on a hill that is still family owned. All four grandparents went to Cuba as teenagers to start a new life, and a financially successful one it was until 1959. At the end of 1966, after the Kennedy crisis, my immediate family including my parents and brothers arrived in Detroit. The requirements of the immigration process included having a financially responsible relative residing in the U.S. finances to survive for a year or 2 in Cuba, plus extra to make it happen. Freedom was not available to everyone.

On a Friday night, we arrived by airplane and picked up in a green station wagon. My older brother and I were thrilled to ride in the rear facing back seat watching snowflakes for our first time. The following Monday, we walked to school and my father started working at Chrysler. With his first paycheck, he was able to finance a new car. The Vietnam War was in progress, there was social upheaval and soon after race riots. It was a time of change for all. Thanks to the Catholic education received, Art and Goals became an integral part of me. We settled in a working class neighborhood where I lived until H.S. graduation and soon married. Although my son was born shortly after, I graduated cum laude at 20 from UD and resided in the Miami area. Ten years later, I obtained a second degree at UM. Soon after Hurricane Andrew, my daughter was born and we made the move to the Upper Keys; Islamorada, then Key Largo.

With few exceptions, my work experience has been Architecture and Construction. Although I am also a licensed Building Contractor, my passion is Design.

Reflecting on my life, it seems that I have been in a hurry to accomplish. Even in the Keys, that has not changed and I hope it never does.

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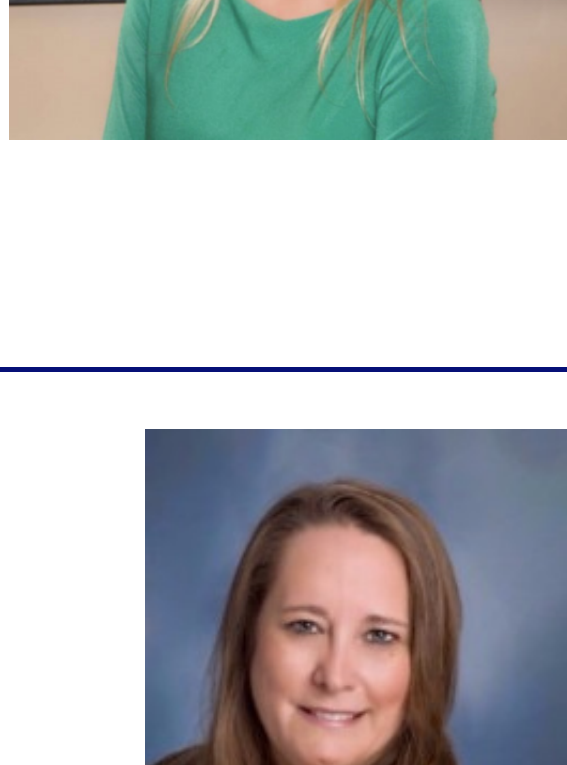
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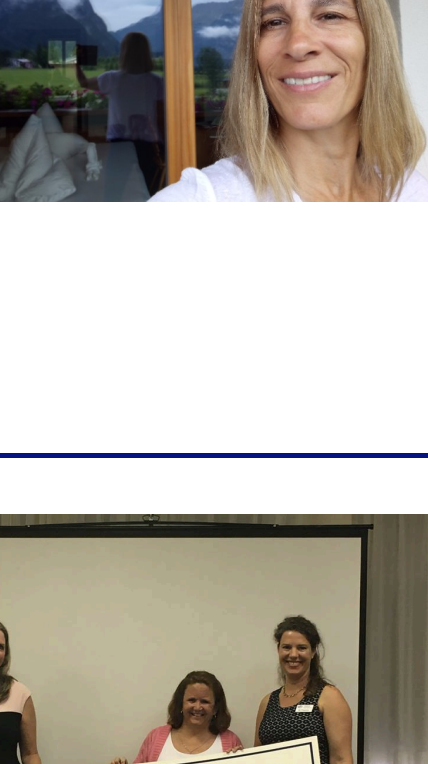
Atta-girl! Congrats to State Representative Holly Raschein & Team

Hollie and her team had a successful session in Tallahassee this year. Among other accomplishments their hard work brought to the Keys \$13.3 million in funding for the Florida Keys Stewardship Act, \$500,000 for Monroe County's mobile vessel pump out program, and \$500,000 for Mote Marine's Coral Restoration Program.



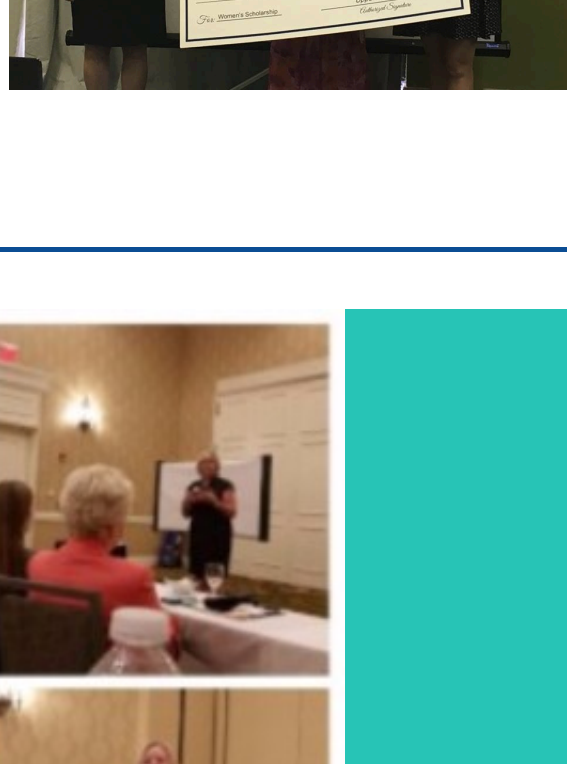
Atta-girl! Congrats to Pam Feeser

She recently was awarded a 3 month sabbatical by the United Methodist Foundation for her professional renewal. Pam will be available via email during her sabbatical.



Atta-girl! Nada Khalaf-Jones Board Appointment

Congrats on your appointment to the 1HTC Advisory Board as Public Relations Specialist. The 1HTC Board addresses human trafficking in Southeast Florida.



Atta-girl! Paula Wheaton, Upper Keys BPW Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations Paula for receiving BPW's Adult Scholarship! Paula is working on her Doctorate in Education with Community Care, and Pastoral Care in Counseling. UKBPW thanks Paula for her service to the community and continued success!



2017 BPW Florida Annual State Conference Update

Last month our President-Elect, Ilja attended the BPW Florida Annual State Conference in St. Petersburg.

Fun fact: The Upper Keys chapter is one of the largest within the State of Florida!!!

The Board of Directors owes it to our membership. Because of your support and participation, BPW's voice is louder and our impact is stronger.

The State Conference attendees enjoyed powerful educational and social sessions complementing our mission to advance women personally, professionally and politically through advocacy, education and information.

They also had energizing discussions around the future of BPW and how BPW/FL can be of better service to our Local Organizations and their respective members.

"I look forward to sharing the outcomes of the conference's vision session and hearing from our members on how our local BPW organization can serve you best." said Chapman

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Conference further, please email Ilja.

The State's theme for the next two years is: "Be Relevant: Create the Need."

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