

BPW Connection | October 2016



Woman, Business of the Year to be announced

Be sure to attend our Political Forum Wednesday, Oct. 19 to find out who has been named Woman of the Year and Business of the Year. Nominations included:

Woman of the Year

- Kate Banick
- Cheryl Lee-Talbert
- Theresa Sutter
- Eille Donofrio
- Vicky Fay
- Pam Feeser
- Laura Maupin
- Suzi Youngberg
- Ruth Schrader-Grace
- Ilja Chapman

Business of the Year

- Island Time Trolley
- Mind Body Collective
- Center State Bank
- The Good Health Clinic
- Key Dynamics Coaching and Consulting
- Sunshine Printing
- Keystroke Media
- The Mindful Mermaid

Congrats to all! Regardless of who wins, it is a great honor to be recognized by your fellow BPW members. Cherish it

Buy your ticket online now!

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Political Forum

When: Wednesday **October 19th** 5:30pm

Where: **Hilton Key Largo Resort**
MM 97 • Hors D'Oeuvres & Cash Bar

Cost: \$25 presale, \$30 at the door
Attire: Keys Cocktail

Candidates running for office
will be asked the
tough questions on issues
affecting our community

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Tickets on sale at Doc's Diner and Tolley & Hill

Any questions, please call Audra Hill at (305) 522-1697 or e-mail bpwpoliticalforum@gmail.com

bpw | CALENDAR

Oct. 19: Political Forum, Hilton.

Nov. 16: Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Holiday Inn.

December: Christmas party, Della Wheaton to host

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President's Message

It's time for the Political Forum

Here we are, October at last. The Political Forum is upon us. The candidates are coming, our tough questions are ready and our votes are in to celebrate your choice for Woman and Business of the Year.

Personally, this has been a very exciting process. After more than 20 years of living in the Keys, I've learned a tremendous amount about our community's leaders in politics.

From state to county to village, from mosquito to fire & emergency services, from state attorneys to public defenders, it's been incredibly enlightening to learn how they all play a part in our community's coexistence.

These folks have put themselves in "the arena" and have committed their time and efforts to service.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to take a closer look at who they really are and what they have to offer. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Hilton to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues.

During the evening, Gina Bollini (our beloved past president) will be announcing the winners of our BPW Woman & Business of the Year for 2016. Thank you to the members who took the time to vote. Gina has informed me that it was a close race.

All of the women of BPW who continue to show up and empower their fellow members are deserving of recognition and should be celebrated. Without these connections and fellowship, I wouldn't even be writing you a message like this. Being a part of BPW can be transformative if you let it!

Looking forward to the evening with all of you as we gain knowledge and education before Election Day Nov. 8. And as we celebrate Women in Business!



Laura Maupin
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bpw | MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Suzi Youngberg

I moved to the Keys 19 years ago with my husband, Scott, from Chattanooga, Tenn., and until recently, I lived the life of the traveling salesperson -- coming home to the Keys on weekends.

A few years ago, Scott went through cancer treatment. Thankfully, it was successful and he is doing well. But going through that experience with him made me realize more than ever how precious and short life is. It made me not want to waste more of my life doing something that didn't make me happy.

Last fall, I started my own company, [Suzi's Promoplans](#). Suzi's Promoplans is a franchise of my father-in-law's business, Promoplans, in Tennessee. We provide promotional products...basically any type of logo'd products including ink pens, mugs, koozies, caps, T-shirts, embroidered polos, fishing shirts, banners, tents and more.

I also work with Florida Keys Media in radio advertising. My goal is to help local businesses be more successful through strategic marketing and advertising.

I'm co-owner and writer for Humans of the Keys. I love writing about Keys' residents, and have met so many great people! Writing is one of my passions; I also have a blog, Suzi's World, and I write songs with Scott.

Since I stopped traveling for a living, I have been able to get involved in so many things that weren't possible for years. Joining the Upper Keys BPW was the first thing I did last September when I made the decision to start my own business.

It is such an incredible group of supportive women, and I am honored to be in the spotlight this month!

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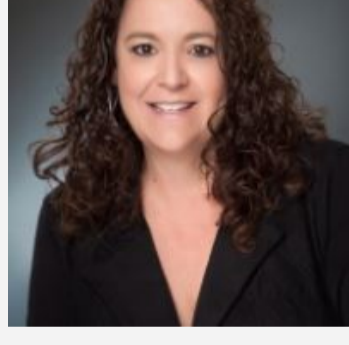
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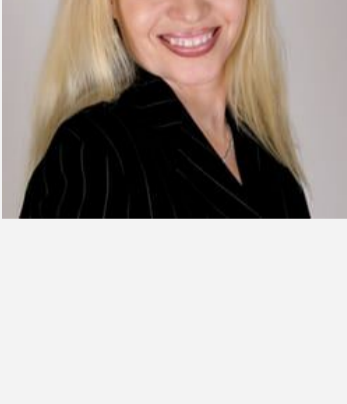
Congrats to **Lisa Feliciano, CenterState Bank**, (left) for her recent election to the Board of Directors of the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce.

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Dorothy Harden, Dorothy J. Harden, Attorney at Law, has been selected as one of the Top Ten Business Women of the Year by the American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

Dorothy, who also owns Go-Get-'Em-Girls! a woman's empowerment company, was honored for "achieving excellence in career, education and community involvement," the organization stated.

Dorothy Harden will give a speech Oct. 29 at the National Women's Leadership Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., about her background, her success story in navigating the multi-generational world, and offer success lessons that can be put into place in the workplace and community.



bpw | NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Please help us welcome new members **Debbie Goldberg, Debbie N. Goldberg** Counseling Services and **Nancy Alvarez, Monroe County Sheriffs Office**.

Members who have renewed include:

- Suzanne Gleason, Zero Dress Code
- Kate Banick, Good Health Clinic
- Vickie Walker, retired
- Dorothy Harden, Dorothy J. Harden, Attorney at Law
- Audra Hill, Tolley and Hill CPAs
- Treasa Boras, Good Health Clinic

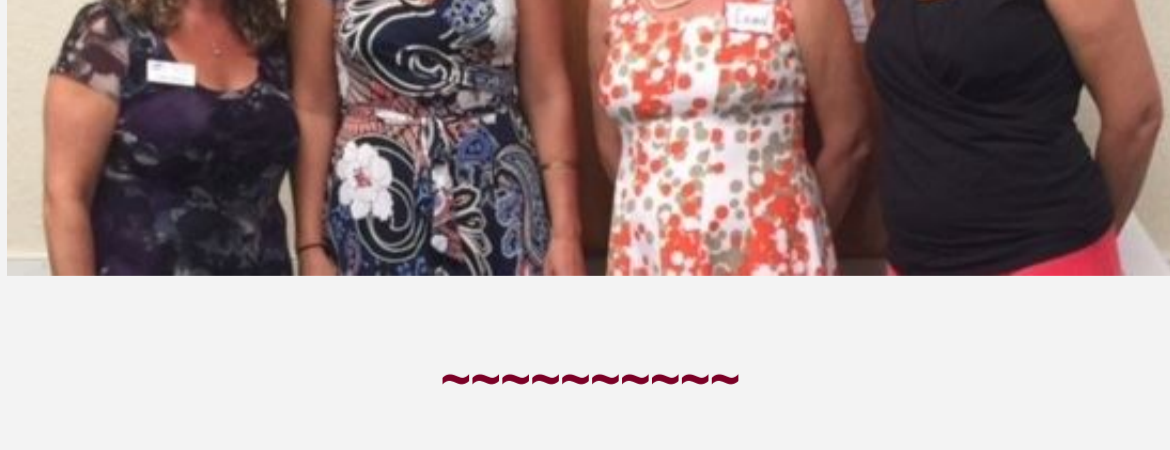
Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate it -- and you!

New members who were inducted at our last meeting:

RIGHT: BPW President Laura Maupin, Eileen Daley-FitBody Bootcamp, and BPW Membership Vice President Ilja Chapman.



BELOW: BPW President Laura Maupin; Julie Nappi, Remax Real Estate; Laurel Cook, Mull Financial; and BPW Membership Vice President Ilja Chapman.



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