BPW Connection | September 2019

Upper Keys Century Business & Professional Women

Celebrating Women in Business

We're doing something a little different in the September meeting!
Come and hear about the Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce and their new President and Board of Directors, and learn about the new programs being promoted by our very new past president, Laura Bergen! Thanks Laura!

Reserve your spot by emailing: CLICK HERE

MARKER 88 RESTAURANT

September 19th

SPONSORS

Thanks to these 3 BPW Members for co-sponsoring the September Dinner Event at Marker 88 Restaurant!

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Members

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today."
- James Dean

The welcome of membership is the common thread of all of our members. Each one of us has a story to share, a dream to fulfill.

Last year, I learned how lucky I am to be surrounded by women. I hope that I learned to be a better listener, more patient, more understanding, more tolerant, more forgiving, more generous, more responsible, more loyal, more honest, more dependable. Lately, I am trying my hardest to be a **_____** (fill in the blank). I'm not there yet, but I'm trying. I'm sure that I speak for many in the Upper Keys BPW when I say that we are so proud to have Laura Bergen as our President. Laura has been a tireless worker for the Upper Keys Business and Professional Women's chapter as volunteer and Lion Tamer for our Membership Committee. Laura's dedication to the Upper Keys and to the community is made BPW successful.

Our Board of Directors is made up of women who have served our community in the business and philanthropic venues. The Big Sisters Committee has been instrumental in providing our community with a mentoring program for our young girls. Our Scholarship committee, led by our Immediate Past President, Kathy Bergen, has awarded scholarships to our young women.

Thank you to our committee chairs and members for your time and for being a part of our organization. Without you, our chapter would not be successful and thriving.

Our membership is now a team of 50! Our membership has grown since last year. We are a group of women who are willing to wear a mirror of a BPW which reveals the reflection of a woman who is a leader, who is a mentor, who is a friend, who is a sister, who is a daughter, who is a mother, who is a wife, who is a grandmother, who is a great aunt, who is a great niece, who is a great friend, who is a great sister-in-law.

As President, we have one more team opportunity. The Upper Keys BPW Volunteers are responsible for the Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and Mixer. We need a team of 3 members to attend the Ribbon Cutting at the Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce office on the second Tuesday of each month. Please let me know if you can help and what day and time is the best for you and family.

Our Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce is very active in our community. Besides the mixer, they are responsible for the Leadership Program, the Business Expo, the Chamber Golf Tournament, the Chamber Gala and much more. Attending and participating with the Chamber of Commerce is a great way to meet and network with people.

Our Chamber

Upcoming CALENDAR

September 19, Upper Keys Marker 88 Restaurant, 5:30 PM

September 24, Board Meeting, Upper Keys Chamber of Commerce, 10:00 AM

November 14, Luncheon, Marker 88, Marathon, 11:30 AM - 1:30PM

EVENT SCHEDULE

SPONSOR AN EVENT

If you or your business would like to sponsor a meeting, please let our business or meeting secretary, let us know what you would like to sponsor and we will work with you to make it happen. Sponsorship includes recognition in the program, and promotion on our Facebook page.

SPONSOR AN EVENT FOR BPW CONNECTION

Stay cool by sponsor an event in 2019.

Both the sponsorship are exactly the following benefits and opportunities:

- Complimentary
- Your name or your product/business is a sponsor of BPW event
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- Receive 30 days after BPW event a thank you letter
- Receive 30 days after BPW event a recognition with a coverage
- Your business listed in website
- Your business listed in the BPW newsletter of attendance
- Recognition in the BPW newsletter
- Recognition in the BPW Facebook page
- Promotional opportunity from a Board Member sponsored for all members

In the Spotlight

Spotlight SPOTLIGHT

Mark Brenda Carr

After being frequent visitors my husband and I finally made the move to the Keys in 2017. We have been in the Keys for 2 years and I have been a member of the Upper Keys BPW for 1 year. I am a Realtor with Keller Williams and I love our great region. The Keys feel like home to me. I am a mom to 3 adult children and a grandmother to 2 beautiful little girls. I love being a member of the Upper Keys BPW because it allows me to meet and network with other women who are in business and are active in their community. I am a member of the Marathon Chamber of Commerce and I am a member of the Lions Club. I am also a member of the Marathon Rotary Club and I am the President of the Marathon Rotary Club for the 2019-2020 year. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know more of the Upper Keys Business and Professional Women.

Are you attend the August Luncheon? It was a great event with BPW Member and Male Representatives Kelly Kaufman speaking

Left to Right, Kelsey Kelly, Janet Bergen, Cynthia Cole, Kelly Kaufman, Male Representatives Kelly Kaufman, Michael Lanza, Sue Scrugging

Alla Ori Ruiz Raynor!

Congratulations to BPW Member Alla Raynor, for her recent promotion and article in Keys Life. Alla displays the world's largest sea bagel, kind enough to share with her friends, at the Grand Opening of the Sea Salt Restaurant in Marathon. Alla is the Sea Salt Restaurant Marketing Director and Sea Salt is one of the great eateries. The Sea Salt has bagels to go with breakfast, lunch and dinner, and they are well known for their delicious Lobster Bisque and Lobster Mac and Cheese. Stop by and say hello to Alla!

Lobster from the Florida Keyes Marathon is a delicacy that is sought after by people from all over the world. Lobster is a delicacy because it is difficult to harvest, and it is very expensive to purchase. Lobster is a great source of protein, and it is very low in fat. Lobster is also very high in cholesterol, so it should be eaten in moderation.

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Stood up to BPW Member and newly elected President of the Marathon Rotary Club, Michael Lanza, for his recent Rotary Club Luncheon. The area selected on Lime Grove, at the end of the Marathon Airport, is a great place for a Rotary Luncheon. Michael is a great guy and a great Rotarian. Stop by and say hello to Michael!

Lanza graduated from the Venezuelan community College of Medicine in 1991 and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Florida. He practiced medicine in Venezuela for 10 years before moving to the United States. He is married to Lina Zolor, at the end of the Marathon Airport, is a great place for a Rotary Luncheon. Michael is a great guy and a great Rotarian. Stop by and say hello to Michael!

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Sunset scenery and programs were requests heard for a great release day!

Facebook and Instagram posts

IF YOU'D RATHER NOT RECEIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS, PLEASE NOTIFY US FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

Welcome

NEW JUNE MEMBERS

Welcome back and welcome new members and remaining members!

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome back to the Upper Keys Bill Kaiser Lewis

RENEWING MEMBERS:

Left to Right, Kelsey Kelly, Janet Bergen, Cynthia Cole, Kelly Kaufman, Male Representatives Kelly Kaufman, Michael Lanza, Sue Scrugging

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Upcoming Events

Upper Keys Century Business and Professional Women's

Political Forum

Submit your questions for the candidates!
The Political Forum is coming up on October 17th, and we need your questions for the candidates! Please submit your questions to Janet Bergen, Cynthia Cole, Kelsey Kelly, and Sue Scrugging or our secretary! Please submit your questions for specific candidates running for office in District 121 and District 122 and for our Congressional candidates. Thank You!

Please let us know if you are interested in attending the Political Forum and if you are interested in being a sponsor!

Advertise in the 2019 Political Forum Program!

Reach an audience of businesses and business owners, elected officials, community, our actives and our friends!

Ads run in the Upper Keys BPW Political Forum Program, which will be distributed at our October 17th Political Forum.

Ad Sizes and Rates:

Full Page	$250
Half Page	$150
Quarter Page	$100

Ad Copy must be in camera ready form.

Payment can be made by check, payable to Upper Keys BPW and mailed to Janet Bergen, 1 Sea Breeze Drive, Tavernier, FL 33070

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For more information, or to download the application, click the button below.

Apply Now

Sending out a thank to Upper Keys BPW small volunteers in a great way to get very small jobs done. Our small volunteers are very important to the success of our events, parties, and special partnerships.

Our Upper Keys BPW thank you cannot be word-clean over Bonnie!

Next Ribbon Cutting are as follows:

- 10/24 - Monroney
- 11/14 - Marker 88
- 12/05 - Hideaway

Remember Laura Bergen as our new President for 2019-2020!

Connecting our Members to Opportunities for Professional Growth and Advocacy

BPW FL Florida Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs Inc.

Advocacy

Advocate was founded on the principle of equality for all and secure its strength from individuals working together for a common goal. This public policy organization is a vehicle for the voice of our members to be heard on issues affecting working women. Women should have the opportunity to be self-sufficient, to receive equal pay for equal work, to be free from discrimination, to be able to work and to contribute fully and to be recognized for their contributions.

Our public policy platform represents a vision based on supporting and promoting the ability of women to be self-sufficient, to have equal opportunities and choices for the future. We will work with elected officials and activists to promote our public policy platform and our vision.

CLICK ON to see the official BPWFFL 2019-2020 Public Policy Platform.

Member Resources

On the BPW Florida website you can find wealth of information about our organization, our mission statement, our public policy platform, our bylaws and resolutions. The members only login section has been improved and can be found on the ribbon, and you would like to see it on the section for your benefit. Log in and explore the members only section.

Information

Stay connected to BPWFFL on their new E-Newsletter, BPWNews. There is a lot of information and the best way to stay up to date is to sign up for the Upper Keys BPW as their highlighted Local Organization! We thank them for their recognition and support of our chapter.

To read the article CLICK HERE.

Do You Ever Feel Like the Lone Ranger?

Growing Women Through Mentoring

Let's help each other

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