



## Business and Professional Women of Aurora News!

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### *Business and Professional Women of Aurora Dinner Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2018*

*Mimi's Café  
205 South Abilene Street  
Aurora, CO  
5:30 p.m., Networking  
6:00 p.m.*

*Felicia will lead us in a discussion regarding "What would we, as a chapter, like to focus on this year that would reflect chapter goals . Some suggestions are: Volunteering as a chapter once a month in a local middle and or high school or in an activity or program with female veterans in our area.*

*Keep in mind the Midyear board is February 10, and then we will have a better idea of what course the State is planning on for this year. It would be helpful if we had some idea before this meeting of what our chapter would like to do in our community.*

**RSVP: [t\\_mceldowney@msn.com](mailto:t_mceldowney@msn.com) by January 29, 2018**

# *Letter from Cheryl, your President*

Dear Members:

Felicia, as Vice President of Programs has planned programs for the rest of the fiscal year. She would like for me to share those programs with you.



March 1: Woman of the Year Celebration. Let's celebrate one or two women in our community. See Nomination Form on Page 5 of this Newsletter.

April 5 Meeting: Speaker (not know yet). During the business meeting, we will have the course of action reflecting our focus chapter goals discussed at the February meeting set up and ready to have the members participate by the month of May. Election of 2018-2019 officers will be held during this meeting. Further nominations can be held from the floor.

May 3: Installation of new officers and Guest Speaker

## **Aurora BPW's Slate of Nominees 2018-2019**

Kay O'Connell, Mary Ellen Lewis and Felicia Stanton, 2018 Nominating Committee



President – Felicia Stanton  
 VP of Membership – Debbie Gilliard  
 VP of Programs – Cheryle Derman  
 Recording Secretary – Kay O'Connell  
 Treasurer – Teresa McEldowney  
 Immediate Past President – Cheryl Rotkovich  
 Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Chair – Mary Ellen Lewis

*Cheryl*

**Business and Professional Women - Aurora**  
**Minutes of the January 4, 2018 Business Meeting**

President Cheryl Rotkovich called the regular meeting of the Aurora Business Women to order at 6:00 p.m. at Mimi's Café in Aurora. Present: Cheryl Rotkovich, Teresa McEldowney, Cheryle Derman, Kay O'Connell, Felicia Stanton; Mary Ellen Lewis, guests Jacquie Healy, Ellen Bryan and speaker Holly Komar. Quorum was established.

**Welcome, Pledge, Introductions:** Cheryl welcomed members and guests and requested that we share a highlight from our holidays.

**Minutes & 50-50:** The minutes of the December meeting were published in our January newsletter and were accepted without correction. Cheryl and members thank Mary Ellen for hosting our fun Holiday meeting at her home.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report with the January 4 balance will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence/Newsletter:** Information for the February newsletter should be sent to Mary Ellen by January 15.

**VP-Membership:** No report.

**VP-Programs:** Felicia requested that we consider focusing on assessing our Aurora Chapter goals against the State BPW Colorado goals as we perceive them. Do we agree with the State focus which seems to be more national and international involvement? Are we more interested in being active in our own community? Possibly getting involved with high school girls or with mentoring women veterans? Consensus was that this is a good focus for Programs February to March. Mary Ellen reminded us of our Women of the Year program and will include a nomination form in the newsletter.

**BPW-CO Strategy Team:** Cheryl reported that the Strategy team has not met. Meeting planned once the results of the State Member Survey are made known. Much of the future planning will depend on results of this survey.

**Unfinished Business: BPW CO Holiday Party:** Cheryl, Teresa and Mary Ellen attended this gathering. They said it was a nice social event, fun, much camaraderie, but was expensive.

**New Business: Mid-Year Legislative Conference:** February 10 at New York Life building. On Friday, Feb. 9, Deb Fischer will host a Happy Hour 5-8 pm at the Residence Inn, Denver Cherry Creek, 670 S Colorado Blvd. Legislative Conference and Midyear Board will be at the New York Life building, 3200 Cherry Creek S Dr., Denver, CO. Theme: "Being Good Allies for Under-Represented Women."

**Nominating Committee:** Kay, Felicia and Mary Ellen will serve as nominating committee for Aurora officers 2018-19.

**BPW CO State Board Meeting** will be held on January 15, 2018.

Teresa said a challenge has been issued for all members to update their profile picture and bio on the State website.

**Next meeting:** February 1, 2018 at Mimi's Café, Aurora. Discussion on Aurora Chapter goals.

**Speaker Holly Komar, MBA, MS, Author,** shared "Three Steps to Listening that will Transform Your Life." She said our desire to be "right," our past experiences with others, our inherited beliefs, culture, religion and society, all affect our listening to others and the quality of the connection we make with others. The quality of our relationships can be improved through better listening. Not listening with full attention and respect results in a huge cost. To improve your connections: 1) listen as if your life depended on it; 2) validate what the other is saying and their point of view; 3) Be aware of how often you want to be right. Holly gave us much to think about and challenge ourselves to be better listeners!

**Adjournment:** 50-50 of \$9 was won by Teresa. Following the recitation of the Collect, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Kay O'Connell, Recording Secretary*



## BPW COLORADO MIDYEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**February 9, 2018**

Please join us for a reception to meet and greet fellow BPW Colorado members. There will be complimentary appetizers. BYOB

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Residence Inn Denver, Cherry Creek  
670 South Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80246.

By the order of the President, Deb Fischer, a meeting of the Business and Professional Women of Colorado will be held

**February 10, 2018**

8:00 am - 5:00 p.m.

New York Life  
3200 Cherry Creek South Drive  
Denver, Colorado 80209

ARTICLE XV, Section 2: A meeting of the state board of directors shall be held in January or February of each year for the purpose of planning and furthering the work of the organization

The purpose of the midyear board of directors shall be to receive verbal reports of officers and committee chairs. The legislative chair shall present to the membership legislation affecting women that will be put to a vote for giving official support by BPW Colorado.

Article X 4(a): The nominations committee will be requesting nominations to submit at the annual convention and will collect forms at midyear.

ARTICLE XVIII, Section 2: Each Chapter in the state shall pay to the state treasurer the equivalent of one registration fee for each meeting, thirty (30) days prior to the date of the ...interim board meeting. ...

Please note: At least (30) days before the annual Midyear Conference each local organization shall pay to the state Treasurer a local organization registration fee TBD. The fee is due even if the local organization is not present at the convention. For registration and more information please visit [www.bpwcolorado.org](http://www.bpwcolorado.org) or email [president@bpwcolorado.org](mailto:president@bpwcolorado.org). \$45 registration



## Woman of the Year!

Yes, we will have a Woman of the Year Celebration this year, in March. Be thinking of women you can nominate for this honor. We will be honoring one person—Woman Business Owner or a Woman of the year.

**Return the following form with your nomination to Mary Ellen Lewis.**

### **Nomination for Woman of the Year—March 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination for Woman of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination for Business Owner of the Year

Please provide a paragraph or two why you are nominating this person.

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Your name:

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