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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

September 2018

Theme for 2018-2019:

“The Power of YOU – Our Voices, Our Votes!”

Immigration Myths and Facts in Montgomery County and Beyond ~ A Conversation to Inform and Engage Our Diverse Communities

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – 7 PM, Rockville Library

Dear MC BPW Members and Friends,

Please join us on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7 PM at the Rockville Memorial Library for a panel discussion on immigration in Montgomery County and beyond; a conversation to inform and engage our diverse communities. Hosted by Montgomery County Business and Professional Women. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. First Floor meeting room.

Panelists: Rachel Ullman, Immigration Attorney
Diane Vu, Community Liaison with Montgomery County's Community Engagement Cluster, Asian American Community
"Maya" Maria Del Pilar Zegarra, Supervising Immigration Attorney, Ayuda

Moderator: Claudia M. Canales, Latino Liaison, MC Office of Community Partnerships

RSVP to Susan Horst at susanhorst@yahoo.com or 240-498-8434.

7:00 PM Networking

7:30 – 8:45 PM Panel Discussion

Rockville Memorial Library, First Floor, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland

Metered parking is available in any of the Rockville Town Square public parking garages nearby, and the library will validate your parking ticket for two hours.

MARYLIN PIERRE NAMED MC BPW WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT!



MC BPW is proud to announce that **Marylin Pierre** has been named WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT for 2018. Congratulations Marylin!!! **Please join us on Wed., October 10, 2018 at 7 PM at the Rockville Library for our NBWW® and Woman of Achievement award program**, and also at the luncheon at the BPW/MD 2018 Fall Conference on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Ramada Plaza, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Marylin Pierre is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Marylin has been practicing law for 26 years. Her area of practice includes business law, family law, wills and estates, and probate law. Marylin has represented many clients whose cases have established precedents in the State of Maryland.

Marylin is a retired First Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Military Police Corps, a former Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a former representative on the Montgomery

County Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission, a former legal redress attorney for the NAACP, and a former member of the Maryland State Democratic Central Committee. Marilyn and her husband, Reynold Pierre-Louis, have been married for almost 24 years. They have two sons and a daughter. MC BPW is pleased to honor Marilyn for her dedication and service to justice for all.

FUN AT OUR “SUMMER SOCIAL” ON AUG 5 AT KATE’S HOME

We had a wonderful “**Summer Social**” on Sunday, Aug. 5 at the home of Kate and John Stevenson in Silver Spring. Thank you each for coming and sharing your afternoon with old and new friends! We had delicious food and great company. We took the opportunity to hear from each participant and learn something about everyone. Thank you Kate and John for sharing your beautiful home!

We were delighted to have the following guests join us: **Paul Geller, Cathy Giovannetti, Jennifer Ramey, Fran Miller, Steve Hausman, Gwen Cook, Shermaine Jones, Emma Munoz, Betty Abbott and Ernesto Galeano.** We invite you to join MC BPW and get involved in issues important to women.

Melissa McKenna and Susan Horst at the buffet table.



IN MEMORIAM



Susan on her 99th birthday, March 9, 2018

Susan R. Christen
March 9, 1919 – August 24, 2018

We lost our dear Susan Christen on Aug. 24, 2018, at the age of 99.

Susan was a beautiful, smart, classy woman, who dedicated herself to educating women so that all women would be self-sufficient. She worked for many years at Montgomery College teaching women re-entering the workforce.

Susan was a member of Kensington-Bethesda BPW, where she served as President, Newsletter Editor, and Scholarship chair. When K-B merged into Montgomery County BPW, she became Scholarship Chair, and remained in that position for many years.

We are happy that our Montgomery County BPW scholarship fund was named in her honor, and her legacy will continue. The scholarship funds deserving students at Montgomery College in

Rockville, and Susan was so pleased that the scholarship benefited students where she had taught.

Susan was preceded in death by her two daughters Madeleine and Carol. In addition to her son Lee and daughter-in-law Pat, she is survived by her grandson Alex; great-grand daughter Madeleine and three great-great grandchildren Owen, Emma and Leo.

There will not be a funeral or memorial service here, as Susan wanted to be buried in Iowa with her mother and father. Susan's family suggests that donations in Susan's memory be made to her scholarship fund.

Donations can be made in Susan's memory to:
MC BPW Foundation (Susan R. Christen Scholarship Fund on the memo line)
c/o Amanda Wong, Treasurer
600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 308
Rockville, MD 20852

Please contact Amanda with any questions at 301-526-1333.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Pat and Lee Christen, 20300 Gardenspot Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20886.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MC BPW MEMBERS!

September 18 – Marylin Pierre
October 2 – Dawn Stiles

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY – AUG. 26, 2018 – TOBY'S THEATER MAMMA MIA!



Laurel BPW hosted a scholarship fundraiser at Toby's Dinner Theater on Sunday, Aug. 26, and we celebrated Women's Equality Day as well! MC BPW members attending included Ruby Aridi, Bernice Grossman, Susan Horst and Linda Mahoney

**SAVE THE DATE FOR BPW/MD FALL CONFERENCE!
NOVEMBER 2-3, 2018, RAMADA PLAZA, HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND**

Hotel Sleeping Rooms and Conference Registration due by Oct. 18

Register for the BPW/MD Fall Conference and Board of Directors Meeting on **Nov. 2-3, 2018**, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown. In addition to showcasing our signature Individual Development Program, "Train the Trainer," we will celebrate National Business Women's Week® at a luncheon on Sat. Nov. 3, recognizing the **BPW/MD 2018 Woman of Achievement Marty Langelan**, and LO honorees, including our own **Marylin Pierre**, and participate in a challenging and informative workshop on mental health.

LOs are welcome to bring fundraisers and raffles. Watch for more details in the next issue of **The Newscaster**, which is expected to publish around the middle of September. All members are encouraged to attend! Guests invited!



MC BPW Members at the 2018 BPW/MD Annual Conference: **Front:** Ruby Aridi, Kate Campbell Stevenson, Susan Horst, Bernice Grossman **Back:** Dawn Stiles, Linda Mahoney, Amanda Wong

DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please renew your membership so that BPW/MD can continue its programming and vital mission to support women. Please renew online at www.bpwmaryland.org with a credit card, or mail your check payable to BPW/MD to: **Marlene Spielman, Membership Chair, 11530 Dellwyn Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. 301-733-3226.** Annual dues are \$100 for Members of Local Organizations (MOL), \$60 for students (SOL), and \$40 for E-Membership (for those who support BPW/MD but are not involved with a Local Organization and are ineligible to vote.)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2018

- Aug 29** MC NOW "Women's Equality Day*" Meet-up Happy Hour, 5:30-8:00 PM, Bar Louie Rockville Town Square, 155 Gibbs Street. Actual date is Aug. 26, when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote. RSVP not required but appreciated, info@mcmdnow.org
- Sept 3** CNN Special Broadcast of "RBG" – documentary about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Mon. Sept. 3, 9:00pm and 12:00am Eastern (6:00pm and 9:00pm Pacific). Don't miss this documentary about this

amazing woman who continues to change the world for women. Preview at *RBG IMAGES* Courtesy of CNN Films, <https://bit.ly/2v0E4LF>

- Sept 12 MC BPW Program on Immigration. 7 pm. Rockville Memorial Library. Thoughtful discussion of immigration issues with panelists specializing in immigration issues. Public invited! Two-hour comp parking in local garages with library stamp.
- Oct 10 MC BPW Celebration of National Business Women's Week® and Woman of Achievement award to Marilyn Pierre. 7 pm. Rockville Memorial Library. Public invited! Two-hour comp parking in local garages with library stamp.
- Oct 18 Ramada Plaza hotel sleeping rooms due, \$87 per night, contact hotel directly. Fall Conference registration due. Registration form will be available online at www.bpwmaryland.org and in the upcoming issue of *The Newscaster*.
- Nov 2-3 BPW/MD Fall Conference, Ramada Plaza, Hagerstown, MD
- Nov 2 "Train the Trainer" IDP class, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, \$50, IDP 101 is a prerequisite, Ramada Plaza, Hagerstown, MD. Contact Nancy Werner, IDP Chair, to register, E: alnancy47@verizon.net or Cell: 215-872-6535
- Nov 3 Celebration of National Business Women's Week® Luncheon during BPW/MD Fall Conference, Ramada Plaza, Hagerstown, MD
- Nov 6 General Election
- Nov 17 MLAW Fall Conference, *Notre Dame of Maryland University*, 4701 N. Charles Street in Baltimore, MD. More information to come.
- Dec 12 MC BPW Scholarship Fundraiser and Program, 7 pm. Rockville Memorial Library. Public invited! Two-hour comp parking in local garages with library stamp.

The History of Labor Day....Labor Day is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday every September. The first Labor Day occurred in 1882 in New York City under the direction of that city's Central Labor Union. In the 1830s, manufacturing workers were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Sixty years later, in 1890, the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week. These long working hours caused many union organizers to focus on winning a shorter eight-hour work day. Thanks to these early organizers, the most recent data show that the average person working in manufacturing is employed for a bit over 40 hours a week and most people work only five days a week.

I hope to see all of you at our immigration program on September 12. Bring your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

I wish you peace, strength, equality, justice, and love.

Best Personal Wishes,

Susan

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