

Highland IFBWC Newsletter

November 2018

Officers for 2018-2019

President: Amy Kloss	Secretary: Donna Plocher
Vice-President: Jen Libbra	Treasurer: Michelle Hagen

From Your President:

A big thank you to those who attended our Halloween-themed story time at Latzer Library! We had an excellent turnout of about 40 kids. They enjoyed Halloween stories, crafts, and snacks. Thank you to our members who volunteered to read books or facilitate the crafts! Elsewhere in this edition, check out the pictures and other information regarding this very successful event.



Our annual Twilight Holiday Home Tour is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 1 from 4:00-8:00pm. We have 6 lovely homes and 1 business on our tour this year. Ticket prices will stay the same: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. I will have tickets available at our November business meeting for those who would like to help us sell them. They will also be for sale at Kloss Furniture and The Chocolate Affair. At our November business meeting, we will also be asking for members to volunteer to work at each home or make cookies for the evening. I will attach our poster which contains the list of this year's participants. Feel free to print and share copies! Looking forward to a fun, festive evening!

November's Charitable Giving Opportunity: We will be collecting items for the Highland Animal Shelter at our November business meeting. They have a wish list on their website. Here is the link for your reference:

<https://www.highlandanimalshelter.com/wish-list/>

Your President,
Amy Kloss



From Your Vice-President:

Happy Fall Ladies! Mark your calendar for our December meeting Monday Dec. 10th. We will have a catered meal and a Gift card / Christmas sock exchange game. More details to come!



Any member that needs Home tour tickets to sell can stop by my shop during business hours to pick them up. Below is a link to the Facebook page to share and invite friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/282575222577921/>

Thanks, Jen

From Your Secretary:

Our last meeting was a social event held at Popeye's Chophouse in St. Rose.

No formal business meeting was held.

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Respectfully submitted,
Donna Plocher

Finance Committee: November's Meeting Information



The November 12th member meeting will be hosted by The Finance Committee and held at the Faith Countryside Center $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Poplar and 26th streets. We have invited a very knowledgeable speaker who is a fraud investigator for FCB Banks. Feel free to invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors as this topic is vital to everyone. The speaker will begin at 6:30 pm.

Suzanne Phegley is a fraud investigator for FCB Banks based in southern Illinois. She has 23 years of experience in the financial industry. Ms. Phegley now manages the fraud department. And her main focus at FCB Banks is mitigating losses for the debit card portfolio.

Another focus of Ms. Phegley's is outreach work with law enforcement agencies and communities. She has taught ID Theft Trends to local community groups, local and state law enforcement agencies and has presented at national conferences across the United States.

The presentation is 'Nematodes aren't the only one stealing'. In this presentation we will cover Identity Theft, what it is, how does it occur and provide some mitigation steps-while giving real life examples. We will end the presentation with some current fraud trends that are occurring in the area.

Please RSVP to Pat Stern, kpstern@charter.net or 314-249-3400 or Michelle Hagen michellehagen@krehbielcpa.com or 618-980-2309 to receive a goody bag.

Ms. Phegley expects to have some fun games. Dessert and drinks will be served. We believe you will find this meeting very informative and interesting. Please add November 12th to your calendar.

Pat and Michelle

Finance Committee

NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Santa's House...Calling All Elves!! It'll soon be time for Santa, so we need to get his house decorated and ready for him. The city employees will be moving the Christmas houses & Santa's House to the Square in a couple of weeks. As soon as it arrives and is hooked up to electricity, we'll be able to decorate it. We will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for anyone who wants to help. As always, it must be ready the day after Thanksgiving - November 23!!! YIKES!! But - we **CAN** do it!!



Adopt-A-Family...'Tis the season for caring, sharing, and giving.

We have always adopted a family through HACSM to help over the holidays, and hopefully Muriel will have our family information at the November meeting. Jen has agreed to set up our IFBW Adopt-A-Family online on Sign Up Genius.com to make it easy for us to select our gift donations. More details will be at the November meeting.

As always, thanks in advance for your generous assistance and participation in helping to make our family's Christmas a little brighter this year. This is a wonderful way for us to support our community.

Paula, Muriel, Jen, & Kathy

Membership News November

Ladies, we currently are 26 members strong, although we do have a couple of members on the "pending renewal" list who we hope will renew their dues. Of our 26 members, there are quite a few that we haven't seen in a while.



If you could reach out to those members and let them know that we value their company and participation, it might be just what they need to show up at our next meeting. If you come to the meetings regularly, you know who DOESN'T come, so those are the members to whom you should reach out.

Additionally, we are a group of women helping women. Who could you invite to a meeting to showcase our group? Think about your friends and relatives and ask yourself who could benefit from joining. Then extend the invitation, and who knows? They just might join!



Guess who has a birthday this month?

Becky Jacobsen

Marlene Scholl

Dues, Dues, Dues.....

The following members need to pay their dues:



Susie Dewaele (Aug)

Ann Mahoney (Aug)

Ronda Schrage (Nov)

Ladies, get out your checkbooks and write 2 checks: \$35 payable to IFBWC and \$9 payable to Highland IFBW, or pay your state dues online at www.ifbwc.org, and then bring your local dues check or cash (\$9) to the next meeting and give to either Paula Redman or Michelle Hagen

Library Halloween Story Hour

What a great large group of children attended the Halloween Story Hour at Latzer Library! The last count was 106 kids and adults! The kids heard Halloween stories and made several different crafts including a black cat, a spooky ghost which was duplicated in a few classrooms after the story hour, and spider with web created from the outline of the child's hand. Our snacks included mandarin oranges designed like a pumpkin patch, child made frosted graham crackers, "Boo" waters wrapped like mummies, and popcorn hands complete with candy corn fingernails and spider rings. Requests have already been made about future events sponsored by the IFBW group Latzer Library has expressed their sincere thanks to our organization! A special thank you to the members and volunteers that helped out!

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The Little Book House

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Dr. Pam recycled and refurbished an old newspaper stand to create an incredible Little Book House located now at Highland Primary School! The books inside were donated by our own Illinois Federation of Business Women. The Assistant Principal, Anne Hickey, mentioned this generous donation in her interview with the Belleville News Democrat. Our organization impacted the lives of children who may otherwise may have been lacking reading materials in their homes.

IFBW is helping little ones thrive.



Reality Store 2018

Yet another successful Reality Store program was held September 21, 2018 at Highland Middle School. 275 eighth grade students participated in the two-hour life skills journey. The students found the experience fun yet learned the basics in money management and how making the correct choices early on will aid in their future.

Highland BW works with the community, recruiting their involvement as volunteers to "man" the stations the students visit during the trek. The volunteers also find the experience fun, yet fulfilling.

Discussing with the students after their trip through the store, many were pleased with their choices. I encouraged the students to research their chosen occupation, to see what type of classes they should be taking or at least know the path they will need to embark on sooner than later.

We also discussed collage choices and that some programs are more competitive than others. That the grades they make in 8th grade could affect their college acceptance - or to the program they have chosen. Many were set back a little with that fact. Several of the teachers were able to provide real life examples.

I personally feel that the program is *STILL* a great tool for this age group. It's a mixture of eye opening, confirmation and freak-out all at the same time. Some adjustments to some of the station forms are in order to give a better dose of reality. Regardless, still is a worthwhile program and something that the school is hoping that will continue for years to come.

Susie Dewaele,

Highland Choices Chair

Happy Times for Grandma Susie Dewaele and Family!

Meet Mr. Oakley Mark Loepker. He arrived Monday, October 29th at 1:18 pm, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, 19.5" long. And according to a very biased resource (his Grandma, Susie Dewaele) all ten toes, fingers and nose are PERFECT!



MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBER: Margaret Bennett

PROFESSION/EDUCATION: Retired - part-time at Salon DeGuerra

HOMETOWN: West Point, MS

HOBBIES: Counted cross stitch, reading, music, cooking

FAMILY: Married - 1 daughter - 2 grandsons - 1 great granddaughter

FAVORITE FOOD: Italian or Mexican

FAVORITE AISLE IN THE GROCERY STORE: Produce and desserts

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple

FAVORITE MUSIC: Neil Diamond

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Blue Bloods and PBS

MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBER: Carol Burk, State President

PROFESSION/EDUCATION: B.S. Resource Management - University of Illinois - Retired after 35 years as Accountant for the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Currently working part time as legal clerk for Costa Law Office in Mt. Vernon, Illinois

HOMETOWN: Mt. Vernon (actually Texico), Illinois

HOBBIES: Gardening, Canning, Cooking, Grandchildren, Decorating yard and house

FAMILY: Husband, Michael, 5 children with spouses, 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren

FAVORITE FOOD: Steak and Potatoes

FAVORITE AISLE IN THE GROCERY STORE: Fresh and veggies

FAVORITE COLOR: Illini Orange and Blue

FAVORITE MUSIC: Country, especially George Strait and Reba McIntyre

FAVORITE TV SHOW: CSI's (All of them)

FAVORITE QUOTE: Be willing to contribute as much as you expect to receive.



Fruits

OTHER INFORMATION: *Have been a member of BWC since November, 2005. I have served in several local officers including being President twice. I love all my BWC/BPW sisters and am having a wonderful time this year being your 2018-19 President. I would recommend all members get involved on the State level. It not only widens your view of the organization, leadership and professional development, you also meet many lifelong friends who become just like your family! I highly recommend you attend at least one of our State functions to see how your organization operates on the State level. It is great fun being president, but is also a lot of work.*

(A special thank you to Carol for taking the time to participate in our "Member Introduction" fun.)



HIGHLAND IFBW

TWILIGHT HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

4:00 - 8:00 PM

TOUR THESE SEVEN LOVELY LOCATIONS:

Mark & Bonnie Westcott, 80 Auburn Court
Mark & Marilae Latham, 305 Kingsbury Court
Rich & Carla Tscherney, 1620 Paradise Drive
Dr. Peter & Angela Kim, 13140 Fawn Creek Road
Kari Haller, 1517 12th Street
Ed & Sarah Armbruster, 12040 Travis Lane
Kloss Furniture, 1100 Broadway

TICKET PRICES:

\$25 IN ADVANCE; \$30 AT THE DOOR

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM:

JENNIFER LIBBRA, THE CHOCOLATE AFFAIR, 1011 BROADWAY
AMY KLOSS, KLOSS FURNITURE,
1100 BROADWAY

Proceeds of home tour to fund Lucy Staley Scholarships, high school senior scholarships, Santa's House and other philanthropic activities

**HIGHLAND ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN
TREASURER'S REPORT
October 31, 2018**

BALANCE:
October 1, 2018 \$2,230.23

CASH RECEIPTS:

	Date	Description	Amount
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$0.00

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

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Check Number	Date	Description	Amount
2751	10/28/2018	Highland Chamber of Commerce - Copies	\$ 4.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$4.90

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018 **\$2,225.33**

CASH ON HAND Courtesy Committee **\$ 50.00**

Foundation Account

American Funds Fair Market Value as of October 29, 2018 **\$20,827.25**

