

## e-newsletter

*Affiliated to the New Zealand Federation of Business & Professional Women Inc.*

June 2017

### From the President.....

Hello,

Welcome to the June newsletter and hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. We didn't go away for Queens birthday weekend instead enjoyed catching up with friends on Saturday night, Sunday and Monday with family and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. As I'm only working Tuesday to Thursday in my new job so really all my weekends are the same and loving it.

This weekend John and I are off on another NZMCA Mid Christmas rally at Ardmore Airport, we really enjoy these rallies with other people who enjoy the Motor Home-Caravanning life style. We have met so many wonderful people with lots of stories to tell of their life on the road in Australia and New Zealand.

Congratulations to Gail and the team at Pukekohe Travel on their latest award, lovely photos posted on Facebook to keep us all informed, well done everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Candle Lighting Dinner this month and remember for this month only you must reply to Janice Gammon if you are attending and for convenience the bank account number is on the invitation for internet banking.

The Committee have a money box which will be available this month and future dinners for your spare loose change. We decided that this year we would raise money for the BPW Nepal Literacy Fund which we have not done for the past five years or so. So in advance thank you for your support in this worthwhile fund raising appeal.

June and July see Huntly and our Candle lighting dinner meeting and Tamaki BPW are having theirs in July. It's not too late to join the other clubs in celebrating this event so do check your calendars and join those attending if possible. BPW Tamaki will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year in October so hope our members will be able to attend and celebrate with them.

Wishing you all the best

Glenys Hayward  
President BPW Franklin



### Candlelighting Evening

More than 85 years ago, BPW was founded by Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips from the United States of America and a few years later she conceived the idea of the Candle Lighting Ceremony. As the ceremony is performed, we evoke historical memories, the many accomplishments and celebrate today's achievements. The candles symbolize the ambitions and endeavours of dedicated women in every country around the world.

### Guest Speaker: Vasanti Unka

With a Suitcase of Saris  
From India to Aotearoa: Stories of  
Pioneer Indian Women.

Written by their Daughters &  
Grand Daughters

Compiled by Vasanti Unka



These women left the warmth of their close-knit village communities to live in these far away, isolated, alien-cultured islands. Many of them came - often with young kids in tow - to live with husbands they barely knew. They arrived with nothing but a suitcase of light cotton saris and a ton of courage. The evocative stories within the book celebrate and honour these women.

A copy of With a Suitcase of Saris will be available for purchase on the night.



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## Apologies

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR THIS MONTH\*\***

Members are to affirm or decline attendance  
and make payment

**Before 8.00pm  
on Saturday 17th June**

**Janice Gammon  
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Email: bpwfranklinsec@gmail.com**

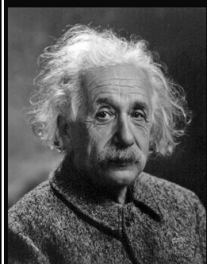
**If you have any special dietary needs,  
please notify Janice**

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- An account for dinner will be sent for late apologies.
- Waiving of this charge will be at the discretion of the committee.

## May Birthdays

2nd Bree Corrin  
5th Sharon Way  
8th Janet McFadden  
21st Noelene McGuire  
23rd Janice Gammon



Try not to become a man of success, but a man of value. Look around at how people want to get more out of life than they put in. A man of value will give more than he receives. Be creative, but make sure that what you create is not a curse for mankind.

(Albert Einstein)

izquotes.com

## Draft Programme 2017

- July 26th: Neelam O'Neill Paralympian shooter (Mother/Daughter evening)
- August 23rd: *Candidates Panel (Election Sept 23)* (BPW Franklin Birthday)
- Sept 27th: Jen Birch Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Oct 25th: Predator Free NZ
- Nov 22nd: Stan Gammon—Light-hearted Tales from the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group (Partners welcome)

**28th JUNE 2017**

### Franklin Club

7 East Street, Pukekohe

Mix 'n mingle at 6.15pm,  
start 7.00pm

**COST: \$42.00**

**THEME:** International Candlelighting Evening

**HOSTESSES:** Toni H, Virginia W,  
Gail L & Glenys H

**INTRODUCER:** TBA

**THANKER:** Bree C

**ASSIST. TREASURER:** Sue B

**COLLECT READER:** TBA

If you are unable to undertake your role, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. However, if you need help finding a replacement a committee member will assist you.

## International Collect

We ask:

- ◆ That we meet together as women, not allowing beliefs, religion, nationality, ethnicity or language to come between us.
- ◆ That these meetings enable us to move forward and advance the status of women throughout the world.
- ◆ That the value of women be recognised in our families, our communities, our workplaces, our country and the world.
- ◆ That we use our good ideas, our knowledge, and our experience to promote the worth of women.
- ◆ That we combine our strengths to move forward in peace, in serenity and in love.
- ◆ That women of all generations will do their part to achieve harmony and equality among all human beings.



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## Members Happenings...

Congratulations to **Gail Littin** who was once again recognised for her hard work and extensive knowledge on cruising with being awarded "Top Cruise Consultant for 2017".

Safe travels to **Wendy Dunn** who is missing this months meeting as she supports her daughter in Las Vegas who will be competing for the title of Miss Teen Continents World title. Good luck to Louise.



**Vicky Mee, Glenys Hayward, Toni Hill** and **Colleen Yorwarth** enjoyed a lovely evening at BPW Huntly Candlelighting ceremony. Thanks to BPW Huntly for being great hosts.

Best wishes to **Eve Murphy** as she recovers from surgery.

**Andrea Kimber, Colleen Yorwarth, Liz Hall, Gail Littin, Janice Gammon, Heather Walden, Lee Walter, Marion Walker, Raewyn Fricker, Shelly Murphy, Vicky Mee** and **Virginia Warren** are in for a great weekend this weekend as they catch the train in Pukekohe to Chateau Tongariro. Have fun ladies - I'm sure you will.

**Annette Senton** may need to wrap up warm on Saturday night in Rotorua for the Lions game v Maori All Blacks. We hope it is a great game to watch.

We will miss the wonderful secretary skills of **Janice Gammon** at this months meeting as she travels down south to pick up her new 4 legged addition to her family. We hope your new baby travels well and settles into its new home easily.



### BPW Northern Regional Meeting Huntly 21 May 2017

Anne Todd, Janice Gammon and Glenys Hayward attended from BPW Franklin. A more detailed summary of the meeting is attached in the minutes section for members.

Janice found the news and information from the Groups especially interesting and useful. Ideas noted will be fed into Exec Meetings as appropriate. BPW NZ Individual Membership now stands at 18 and this format of membership is being seen as a useful way for busy women unable to attend meetings and members living too far from meeting bases.

Members were asked to look for photographs and memorabilia from prior to Vicky Mee's term as BPW NZ President. A history book is being developed to celebrate NPW NZ 80th Birthday in 2019 and photos or memorabilia would be greatly appreciated.

The newly launched BPW "Issues Bulletin" provides updates on BPW resolutions progress. (Summarised to the right)

Anne was impressed by the new and enthused BPW NZ Executive Team, who were active at the meeting.



## Issues

BPW NZ Taskforce Issues has been extremely busy making submissions on many topics on our behalf. Below is a list of some of the submissions with links to the submission and bills.

[A strategy to Prevent Suicide in New Zealand](#)  
Submissions close 11pm Monday 26 June 2017  
BPW NZ plans on making a submission.

[Marriage \(Court Consent to Marriage of Minors\) Amendment Bill](#)  
Submissions close 21 July 2017

[Consumers Right to Know \(Country of Origin of Food\) Bill](#)  
Oral Submission presented 25 May, written submission [here](#).

[Family and Whanau Violence Legislation Bill](#)  
BPW NZ submission can be read [here](#).

[Domestic Violence Victims Protection Bill](#)  
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

[Draft Employment \(Pay Equity and Equal Pay\) Bill](#)  
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

[Consumers' Right to Know \(Country of Origin of Food\) Bill](#)  
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

If anyone would like to assist with submissions please contact [vpissues@bpwnz.org.nz](mailto:vpissues@bpwnz.org.nz) or [taskforceissues@gmail.com](mailto:taskforceissues@gmail.com).

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## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES

BPW Franklin member (and Immediate Past President of BPW NZ), Vicky Mee, is the chair of the UN WEPs committee for NZ. The committee is a joint collaboration of

- ◆ BPW New Zealand
- ◆ UN Women National Committee Aotearoa NZ
- ◆ The Human Rights Commission
- ◆ Diversity Works NZ
- ◆ Zonta International District 16

Over 1400 CEOs have signed support statement internationally and over 50 signatures in New Zealand. By signing support they are making a commitment to the principles and including them in the vision and policy of the organisation.

The committee holds events to assist signatories to put the principles into practice. On **Thursday July 6** an event to focus on domestic violence policies in the workplace will be held. Hosted by KPMG in Auckland from 7:30am—9am if any BPW members are interested in attending please email the WEPs administrator, Gen Brown, at [admin@weps.org.nz](mailto:admin@weps.org.nz).

### Women Empowerment Principles

1. Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality
2. Treat all women and men fairly at work - respect and support human rights and non-discrimination
3. Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers
4. Promote education, training and professional development for women
5. Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women
6. Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy
7. Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality

Check out ANZ Equal Pay  
Clip on [YouTube](#)

## Photos from Last months meeting...



Sharon thanks guest speaker, Katherine

Nicky receives her 10 plus years service certificate from Glenys



## Nepal Project

Pauline Gapper, past president BPW NZ met with members in Kathmadu in 1998 when Nepal had the lowest literacy rate for women in the world. BPW chapters in Nepal run classes for illiterate women and BPW NZ has traditionally raised funds to support these classes.

BPW Franklin will have a box at each meeting for small change or any larger donations members and guests can afford and want to give. All money collected throughout the year will be donated to this Nepal Project.

Kind gifts Virginia received from BPW North Sarasota when she visited



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