

Today's Woman and BPW Bernardsville



Women **HELPING** Women

June 2006

President's Message by Carol Pankow-Brown

We are officially winding down for a brief siesta until September. I can't believe it's been a full year since becoming President, and having this great opportunity work with so many wonderful people! I want to thank my board for being so generous with their time and talents.

We've been able to put together some really wonderful programs designed by the entire team and we've had a great response from our members and guests! Sue Dorword, Jeri Cohen, Carol Malehorn, Pat Blonk, Andrea Mastrobattista and Polly Caban-Carlson have been wonderful to work with, and we can't forget Amy Melick and Kate Lincoln who made significant contributions during the first half of our year. Everything has been a great team effort, and I'm happy to have worked with them all.

I am looking forward to next year and sharing this position with Andrea, who I know will do an excellent job!

Our May program was another wonderful panel event by Theresa Creedon and sponsored by the Bernardsville Library. The topic was "Women on the Move: Stories of Survival and Transformation". We met four professional women with extraordinary stories to tell of survival, transformation and inspiration. It was a very moving, inspirational evening. We had an excellent turnout, and the deserts were wonderful. Thank you all for your contributions! We are already looking forward to next year's event, Theresa!

June 21 is our 45th Anniversary party to be held at the Basking Ridge Country Club! Invitations have been mailed out and you can also check our website, where you can pay via pay-pal. We are looking forward to the celebration with all our members, state representatives, and

guests. We will be announcing the new board, honoring our scholarship winners, and reminisce a little! Pat Blonk has put together a wonderful program for us, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

The BPW/NJ State conference was held on May 20 in Atlantic City. I had the pleasure of attending, along with Sue Dorward and Victoria Zelin. Victoria presented her ID program winning speech to the state board along with an impromptu 2 minute speech afterwards, where she was awarded the state ID program champion and will represent us at the BPW/USA conference! She did a wonderful job! The new State Board was inducted as well, with Jeanne Jameson as President, Julia Dominique as VP, Noreen Ryan as Treasurer, and myself as Secretary. I'm looking forward to my participation on this level, and want to thank our chapter for sponsoring me as Secretary! I will keep you all posted on all State initiatives as the year progresses.

See you all on June 21!

Warmest Regards,
Carol



Words To Live By . . .

In the depth of winter,
I finally learned that
within me there lay an
invincible summer.

Albert Camus

There shall be eternal
summer in the grateful
heart.

Celia Thaxter

The summer night is
like a perfection of
thought.

Wallace Stevens

In summer, the song
sings itself.

**William Carlos
Williams**

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