

# Business Professional Women

## Special points of interest:

- Executive Board Meeting, Nov 11, 5:15 PM at The Goodness Coffee House
- BPW Open House Fundraiser, Nov 13th, 4:30—6:30pm at LuLu Beans Coffee House
- Member Meeting, Nov 18, 5:00 Chamber Office board room attached to Willmar Conference Center—Guest Speakers—Owners of To Your Health
- Shopping with Purpose, Nov 18, 5 –8pm at Conference Center

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## Presidents Message—From Stacy Petersen

November is the month when we are reminded to truly express our thanks and gratitude and I couldn't be more thankful for our BPW chapter.

As I reflect on the October Appreciation Dinner it is a true testament of "Working Women Working Together" and I'm so grateful for the women that helped pull this event off and for the women that attended the event. It was an honor to Celebrate Jenna Fischer, Woman of the Year and North American State Bank, Employer of the Year as well as recognize our membership. We currently have 29 members, 100% retention and three of those ladies having been mem-

bers for more than 20 years. Julie Asmus has reached the 20+ year milestone and we have two members that have reached the 30+ year milestone, that is Carol Laumer and Linda Mickelson. Thank you ladies for your dedication to this chapter. We should be proud of where we've been, where we are and excited for where we are heading!

I'm looking forward to our November meeting and hope to see everyone there!

Inspired Blessings,  
Stacy Petersen

## November Meeting Change

To support the Grace Place event, Shopping



with a Purpose, the November meeting will be held at the Willmar Lakes Area CHAMBER OFFICE board room attached to the Willmar Conference Center and Green Mill starting at 5PM.

2104 East Hwy 12

Enter thru the front doors of the Chamber office.

Meeting starts promptly at 5pm going through the meeting and program - with no ordered food. To Your Health speakers will bring samples, however this is not a full meal, samples only. This change in venue will allow everyone to attend Shopping with a Purpose or get dinner on your own.

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### **BPW Oct 14 Board Meeting**

#### Banquet Update:

Julie noted the letters have gone out to the Woman and Business of the Year and plaques have been ordered. Jeni will be taking RSVP's and it was decided to charge members \$12 and guests \$15 and additional meal charges would be covered by the chapter. We discussed name tags and the importance of having a professional event, no one is sure where the box of name tags has landed, but Betty has agreed to get name tags done before the banquet. Decorations were discussed briefly.

#### Installation of Officers:

Due to another event taking place, Jane will not be present at the November meeting, therefore, we are contemplating whether doing this at the Christmas get together.

More to come.

#### Treasurers Report:

We are balanced and it should be noted that we have 100% retention with our 29 members. Thank you members!!!!

#### Membership Report:

New member packets have been made up and will be given to our three newest members and will be readily available to be given to more newcomers.

The President signed new member welcome letters.

Prospective member is Nikki Erickson at the Dream Tech Academy. Stacy volunteered to reach out to make a connection with her.

Jeni is working on the final edits for the membership directory.

#### Programs:

November will be the ladies that started "To Your Health".

December is our Christmas gathering.

January will have a health & wellness theme.

#### Mentoring:

We have two new girls!!!

Whohoo!!! Lana Palmer has agreed to mentor Alisae. She is the younger sister to Alissa who graduated the mentor program last year. Stephanie Carlson has agreed to mention Autumn. Autumn has a special needs little brother and we're delighted that Stephanie has experience in this area. A HUGE

thank you to Lana and Stephanie for opening your hearts and getting involved in the mentor program!

Finance/Fundraiser:

November 13th at Lulu Beans - 4:30 - 6:30 with Thirty-One, Tastefully Simple and Simply Said.

There will be bars, coffee, water, etc - we hope you can join us!

State News:

**The State organization will be hosting a training seminar in April 2015 in St.Cloud with no registration fee, the members just need to pay for their meal expenses.** There was some discussion to having our local organization contribute to that in an effort to get

members to attend. Watch for more details to come.

Reminder to get information for the newsletter to Betty before November 1st.

The next Exec Meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th at 5:15 p.m. at the Goodness Coffee Shop (Downtown Willmar) The small meeting room has been reserved. Mark your calendars!

*Stacy Petersen*



Jane Viske with Kristine Fladaboe-Duinick. Kristine was our speaker for the October Banquet.

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### BPW RECOGNIZES FISCHER AS THEIR 2014 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Willmar Area Business and Professional Women's group presented their



Woman of the Year award to Jenna Fischer at their annual Employment Recognition Banquet on October 21. Fischer is presently a judge for the Eighth Judicial District. She graduated from Owatonna High School, got her BS degree from St. Cloud State University and then graduated with honors from the William Mitchell College of Law.

She started out in her profession as a partner in her own private practice, Jones & Fischer. She also practiced law as an assistant county attorney, assistant public defender and was then elected in 2010 as the Kandiyohi County Attorney. In

2013, Fischer was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton as a judge for the Eighth Judicial District.

Fischer has been very active in the community serving on the Board of Directors for the Willmar Lakes Rotary, where she is currently serving as their president. She a former board member of Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Kandiyohi

Area Family YMCA, and is currently an instructor at the Y. She is an active member of Vinje church, a past Girl Scout leader for many years and also taught Criminal Law and Criminal Evidence and Procedure classes at Ridgewater College.

She is married to her husband, Steven, and they have two children, Marin and Wade. She has also been a Stinger Mom for five years. The Fischer family has generously opened up their home and hosted a Stinger baseball player for the past five summers.

## NORTH AMERICAN STATE BANK HONORED AS BPW'S 2014 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Willmar Area Business and Professional Women's group presented their Business of the Year award to North American State Bank at their annual awards banquet on October 21. North American State Bank has been a pillar of the communities they serve for 125 years. They believe in a supportive culture in their work environment. They strive to work as a team, encourage and recognize others and support a continuous learning environment for individual development, growth, and fulfillment.

They have a policy in place for promoting within as well as working with employees who wish to further their career path.

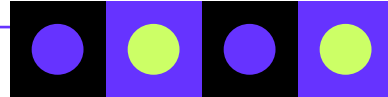
With 31 employees, 26 of them are women and three of which are serving in manager roles. They also have an insurance division which employs several women. North American State Bank promotes their

employees to attend company paid educational opportunities and also has a reimbursement program in place for approved educational classes requested by an employee.

North American State Bank believes in community involvement. They host the free annual community paper

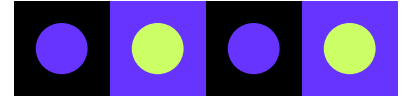


shred event, donate to the Willmar Area Food Shelf, help our local schools with the School Spirit program and participate in holiday sing-a-longs at local nursing homes. They believe in the vitality of the communities they serve.



## BPW Meeting Schedule:

Month	Topic	Guest Speaker
Nov	Starting a Business	To Your Health Owners
Dec	Christmas Party	Everyone
Jan	Mentee Graduation/Health	TBD
Feb	Needs of Willmar/Who to partner with?	TBD
March	Women in Retail	TBD
April	Membership Drive/GNO	Janel Anderson
May	Scholarship/Elect new officers	Middle Fork
June	What's up in Willmar	Chamber, Vision 2040



Special Thanks to everyone who made the October Banquet a Success! We had a great turn out and the program was Top Notch!! Way to go Ladies!

Log onto: [www.mnbusinesswomen.org](http://www.mnbusinesswomen.org)



## Raffle Schedule

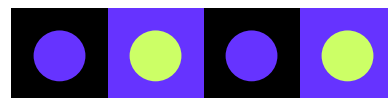
November—Lisa Ziehl  
December—Cathy Johnson  
January—Open  
February—Kathy Dillon, Teri Beyer, Wendy Ulferts  
March—Open  
April—Deb Paterson, Chris Carlson  
May—Julie Asmus  
June—Karen Schneider, Jeni Ritz

## Officers and Committees

President—Stacy Petersen  
Secretary—Vicki Melbye  
Treasurer—Julie Asmus  
Membership—Jane Viske  
Mentoring—Julie Asmus, Lana Palmer, Michelle Marotzke, Angela Koosman, Stephanie Carlson  
Programs—Jeni Ritz, Betty Gubrud  
Fundraising—Chris Carlson, Deb Paterson  
Raffle Coordinator—Beth Wepplo  
Newsletter—Betty Gubrud, Brenda Santamont

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## Mentoring by Julie Asmus

We were excited to have two new girls join us in October. Our two newest BPW members, Lana Palmer and Stephanie Carlson, stepped up and volunteered to be mentors and make a difference in a young girls life. Lana met with her new girl, Alisae, and her mother in



Our two newest mentors.

Lana & Alisae and Stephanie & Autumn

early October and Stephanie met with her new girl, Autumn, and her father at Roosevelt school. Both girls are very excited to be a part of our program. We decided to go bowling at the KEC to

have a fun, interactive activity to introduce the two new girls to the group. We all went to Culver's for supper and then went bowling.

Julie Asmus



Angela and Jeanette



Lona, Amelia and Jeanette waiting for their turn to bowl



We sure had some pretty balls!

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## Fund Raising

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## **Open House Fundraiser**

**for the BPW Mentoring Program**

**Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**At LuLu Beans Coffee House**

**1020 1<sup>st</sup> St So, Willmar**

**Tastefully Simple**

**Thirty-One**

**Simply Said**

**Miss Betty's Headbands**





*Shopping With a Purpose*  
*Holiday Fundraiser & Silent Auction*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*Willmar Conference Center*  
2104 HWY 12 - WILLMAR, MN 56201

- OVER 30 VENDORS -

ORIGAMI OWL  
ASHLEE BEAM

ALI J BOUTIQUE

SHARON SCHUETZE  
FINE ART

YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OILS  
SARA JACOBSON

THIRTY ONE  
HOLLY KILIBARDA

AND MANY MORE!

*Thank You to Our Sponsors!*



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