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Business and Professional Women of Aurora Dinner Meeting, Thursday, January 5, 2017

Village Inn

Mississippi and I-225

5:30 p.m. networking

6:00 p.m. meeting

Speaker - John Wiebenga

Topic: "I should be Dead"



John is a single Dad with three grown children. He worked for several large Fortune 500 companies, but wanted more time with his family and a better quality of life. These desires led him to move to Colorado and a career change in the early 90s. He currently works for the United States Postal Service and loves to spend time in the outdoors. He never planned to write a book or speak to groups, but after his diagnosis with cancer and an amazing journey back to health, he was challenged to share his story in order to help others and be an encouragement of hope and inspiration.

RSVP: t_mceldowney@msn.com by January 2, 2017

Letter from Cheryl, your President

Dear Members:

When we think of the New Year, we think in terms of resolutions. Here are some quotes to “make your day.”

“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.” Brad Paisley

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” Oprah Winfrey

“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before, and more importantly, you’re Doing Something. So that’s my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes, Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody’s ever made before. Don’t freeze, don’t stop, don’t worry that it isn’t good enough, or it isn’t perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you’re scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever.” Neil Gaiman

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.” Edith Lovejoy Pierce

“Make New Year’s goals. Dig within, and discover what you would like to have happen in your life this year. This helps you do your part. It is an affirmation that you’re interested in fully living life in the year to come.

Goals give us direction. They put a powerful force into play on an universal, conscious, and sub-conscious level. Goals give our life direction. What would you like to have happen in your life this year? What would you like to do, to accomplish? What good would you like to attract into your life? What particular areas of growth would you like to have happen to you? What blocks or character defects, would you like to have removed?

What would you like to attain? Little things and big things? Where would you like to go? What would you like to have happen in friendship and love? What would you like to have happen in your family life? What problems would you like to see solved? What decisions would you like to make? What would you like to happen in your career?

Write it down. Take a piece of paper, a few hours of your time, and write it all down — as an affirmation of you, your life and your ability to choose. Then let it go.

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.” Melody Beattie, *The Language of Letting Go*. Daily Meditations

Have a very Happy New Year! *Cheryl*

Information from Recording Secretary

Aurora Business Women

Minutes of the December 1, 2016 Meeting

Members gathered at the home of Mary Ellen Lewis for a BPW-Aurora Holiday dinner and party. Present were: Cheryl Rotkovich, Teresa McEldowney, Debbie Gilliard, Kay O'Connell, Vickie Rotkovich, Felicia Stanton and guest Cheryl Derman

After wine and appetizers, members enjoyed a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the fixings and a wonderful array of side dishes and desserts. Following this delicious meal, we had a gift exchange, great conversation, and played Scattergories. What a festive start to our holiday parties and events! Thank you to Mary Ellen and all the good cooks/bakers in our chapter!

Mary Ellen and Kay met prior to the gathering to work on BPW-Aurora Bylaws revisions. These will be sent to members in the near future and will be discussed at a business meeting and/or board meeting prior to being submitted to State.

Kay O'Connell, Recording Secretary



Debbie Gilliard, January 20

Teresa McEldowney, January 29



BPW COLORADO

MIDYEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

By the order of the President, Nancy Litvak, a meeting of the Colorado Federation of Business and Professional Women will be held

February 11, 2017

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Horan & McConaty Conference Room

1091 So. Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80246

ARTICLE XV, Section 2: A meeting of the state board of directors shall be held in January or February of each year for the purpose of planning and furthering the work of the organization.

The purpose of the midyear board of directors shall be to receive verbal reports of officers and committee chairs. The legislative chair shall present to the membership legislation affecting women that will be put to a vote for giving official support by BPW Colorado.

Article X 4(a): The nominations committee will be requesting nominations to submit at the annual convention and will collect forms at midyear.

ARTICLE XVIII, Section 2: Each Chapter in the state shall pay to the state treasurer the equivalent of one registration fee for each meeting, thirty (30) days prior to the date of the ...interim board meeting. ...

Please note: At least (30) days before the annual Midyear Conference each local organization shall pay to the state Treasurer a local organization registration fee of \$50. The fee is due even if the local organization is not present at the convention. For registration and more information please visit www.bpwcolorado.org or email president@bpwcolorado.org.

Complimentary Cocktail Reception, Friday, February 10, 2017

Please join us for complimentary wine, beers, and appetizers to meet and greet fellow BPW Colorado members.

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Ample street parking and across the street

