



# OK/BPW

Lighting the Way for ALL Women

## President's Letter - August 2007 Glenda DeShazo



Summer is quickly coming to an end and we will be moving into Fall—another exciting season for OK/BPW. Everyone who attended National Conference in Reno got pumped up and we want to pass that enthusiasm on to each of you. National President Jackson presided with style and humor—she demonstrated good judgment, fairness, respect for all participants, patience, and never seemed to be rattled by anything that happened. We are so pleased that Nancy Jackson, joined by BPW/USA Treasurer Tina Garner from Texas, will be our featured presenters at OK/BPW's Board meeting, *Oklahoma Workingwomen ~ Celebrating Our Centennial/ Changing for the Future*, at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City on October 26-27, 2007. I am challenging you to have 80 people in attendance for the Board Meeting and Foundation Gala.

Highlighting the Foundation Gala that evening with a Centennial theme will be a Mystery Dinner and Auction. A delicious Western/Centennial Buffet will be served. Gala Chair, Mary Zeller, assisted by the whole Zeller family and Committee members Barbara White, Marie McQueeney, and Barbara King have been hard at work getting ready for the memorable evening where everyone will have the opportunity to support OK/BPW Foundation and BPW/USA Foundation. To get us in the Centennial mood, talented 14-year old Lawton singer, Aly Sutherland, well-known across Oklahoma, will be entertaining us during the day with Centennial songs. Mike Klemme, world-renowned official photographer of the Oklahoma Centennial and the primary creative force behind the book *Celebrating Oklahoma!* will be giving a Centennial presentation Saturday morning followed by a book signing. The lovely Centennial quilt designed and created by Katherine Zeller for an OK/BPW fund raiser will be on display throughout the meeting with plenty of tickets available. The OK/BPW member selling the most quilt tickets between now and the State Conference, May 16-18, 2008, will win free basic registration to the Conference. Start planning now what Centennial outfit you will wear to the Gala. It will be an evening you won't want to miss! More information will be available in the September issue of the **Oklahoma Business Woman (OBW)** that will be published the middle of next month. Also check [www.okbpw.org](http://www.okbpw.org) for the registration form, hotel information, speaker bios, and tentative agenda.

Congratulations to District V Director Karen Miller for being the first Director to hold your District Conference on August 14 in Stillwater. OK/BPW Vice President Nelda Tyler was the State Representative.

I hope every local organization is planning some type of special activity for National Business Women's Week, October 14-20, 2007, which has been celebrated since 1928. The week was established to commemorate the important contributions women have made to business, the professions and their communities. Be sure to invite the State Officers, your District Director and VIP's from your community to your special events.

Deadline to submit officer candidate information for 2008-2009 is December 3, 2007. To be eligible for election to office, you must (1) be an employed active member in good standing, (2) have been a member for at least three years, (3) have served as District Director or state standing committee chairman, and (4) officially and publicly support the National Legislative Platform. It would be great to have several candidates for office to be voted on in May at State Conference. Contact me for more information, [sandgdeshazo@cablone.net](mailto:sandgdeshazo@cablone.net).

**Keep Your Lights Brightly Shining!**