



# OK/BPW

Lighting the Way for ALL Women

## President's Letter - June 2007 Glenda DeShazo



Lately, I'm having to wear my sunglasses all the time because your lights are so brightly shining! There is a lot of excitement in the air. We had a fantastic President's School of Instruction on Saturday, June 9, at People's Electric Cooperative in Ada, hosted by Ada BPW. For those of you who were unable to attend, we had a Mexican Fiesta-themed meeting attended by 48 members who really "shook things up."

Congratulations to District Two Director Belva Leverett for having the most members in attendance. She received a lovely BPW Angel Pin donated by Vice President Nelda Tyler. Nelda is doing a great job leading the District Directors. Eight of the nine Directors were in attendance. The Directors are involved in two contests right now—one to win a registered puppy and the other to receive a beautiful quilt made by Mary Zeller.

Young Careerist Brandi Walters from Ada and Individual Development Representative Susan Barton from Tulsa Metro inspired us with their prepared speeches they are going to present at National Conference in Reno, Nevada, July 17-21 and also they each gave an impromptu speech. Both young ladies are Certified Public Accountants and also BPW members. I am confident the future of OK/BPW is in good hands with young women like Brandi and Susan willing to help lead the way. Susan and Brandi, OK/BPW is proud of both of you!

I am so pleased that the Silent Auction and two Progressive Auctions sponsored by District Two and District Nine resulted in a total of \$1,613.06 that was divided equally to help pay Susan and Brandi's expenses to Reno. OK/BPW Foundation President Sharon Baker also presented Susan and Brandi with congratulatory certificates indicating that the Foundation paid their registrations for National Conference.

Thank you, Dawn Elmore, Metro Tulsa President Elect and Weekenders Fashion Coordinator, who gave us an entertaining demonstration on *How to Pack Lightly for a Trip to Reno or Elsewhere*. Also, a great big thank-you to Ada President Dee Ann Jones for helping me with the Local President/Leadership Presentation by sharing many of her planning and organizational techniques she is implementing this year. Thank you to my local, Ada BPW, for being such gracious hostesses and for preparing a delicious Mexican lunch. I am so grateful for our State Contract Office and the outstanding job Kathy Zeller and Mary Zeller did—registering attendees, keeping track of the money, preparing professional Guidelines, District Director Manuals, Committee Chair Manuals and, this year, an updated copy of the Policies and Procedures. I am so thankful for each BPW member who gave up your Saturday to attend the meeting, many of you traveling quite some distance. I appreciate each of you and your commitment to OK/BPW. It does not go unnoticed!

The Finance Committee presented some exciting Fund Raisers for the year—Centennial Quilt Drawing of a beautiful custom-made embroidered quilt created by Katherine Zeller; Current Catalog Fundraiser Online Program; Recycling Used Laser Toners, Inkjet Cartridges and Cell Phones; and, Partnering with OSU on Management and Professional Development Seminars. The last three Fund Raisers can be on-going projects that will continue into future years. In addition to the monetary benefits, the Recycling Project will help save the environment and the OSU Partnership will greatly increase our visibility and credibility. More information will be distributed in the near future detailing each of these projects.

**Have a Safe, Happy Summer—Keep Your Lights Brightly Shining!**