



BWN Members,

As we approach the rebirth of Spring, an increasing number of vaccinations and decreasing number of COVID-19 cases have been so encouraging. However, we are still very much in the throes of this pandemic and that shouldn't be taken lightly. Every month that goes by is one step closer to a reopening stage and finally the possibility of in-person BWN luncheons, coffee meetups, and happy hours. The most critical concern of ours, thus far, has been your health and safety. That said, we want to be ready to see each other but only when it is safe to do so. Our initial plan is to have a hybrid luncheon, where those that are comfortable can join in-person and a virtual option for those not ready or able to do so. Our hope is to start in the summer timeframe, but we will keep an eye on progress and adjust this target as needed.

Please continue to support and be there for each other as we see this pandemic through. To hear stories of encouragement and care within the BWN organization and community has been so uplifting. Maybe you are the one that needs the support and, if you are, the BWN door is always open. Please reach out to me or any of your fellow members, as we are all in this together to the very end. Until we can BE TOGETHER, stay safe, healthy, and strong.

All the best,
Ashley Lazarewicz
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The BWN Scholarship Foundation Committee is pleased to announce that applications for the 2021 Lifelong Learner Scholarship are **now open!**

Our scholarship recipients have ranged from established career women who need additional education to reach the next level to those embarking on new careers. Other recipients had been out of the workforce for several years, raising children or caring for elderly parents and needed to brush up on skills or learn new ones to enter the job market successfully. Each \$1500 BWN Scholarship recipient has demonstrated leadership and commitment in her community and has a unique story to tell.

If you know someone who is in need of a Lifelong Learner Scholarship, please tell them to check out our website and apply. Applications are due by April 20th and will be awarded at the June BWN luncheon.

3/24 • Virtual Scholarship Bingo

• Everyone Welcome • Last Chance to Register and Play • Bingo card purchases available until 10 pm Sunday, March 21st

Join us for
VIRTUAL BINGO
Help raise funds for the BWN Scholarship Fund!

SCHOLARSHIP B-I-N-G-O

Wednesday, March 24th at 7 pm

Up to \$350 in prizes!

Register by March 21st

Click to Register

Host • BWN Scholarship Committee



Quarterly Nominations for the BWN Boss Lady Awards are closing March 31. Nominate a worthy member today!

Nominations for our prestigious **Annual Award** are now open as well. Your last chance to nominate a fierce, fabulous BWN Boss Lady is May 1.

LAST CALL for sponsors for this first-annual award. Sponsoring this award will allow BWN to recognize outstanding leaders in our community and will bring your business front and center as we celebrate these leaders. To inquire, contact **Faith Wachter**.

BWN BOSS LADY

Get Involved!

The 2021-2022 BWN Board and Committee Terms start July 1. We encourage diversity of all types in our leadership because that allows for different perspectives and different voices to work towards shared goals, therefore strengthening this amazing member organization. If you'd like to get involved, we welcome your perspective, experience and expertise!

Interested? Read about our current **Board** and about our **committees**, then reach out to your desired committee. Questions? Email bnwhoco2017@gmail.com for guidance on how you can participate.

Sponsor Spotlight

Girls on the Run Jessamine Duvall



Jessamine Duvall is Executive Director of Girls on the Run of Central Maryland.

Girls on the Run is a national physical activity-based positive youth development program for 3rd-8th grade girls. Participants develop and improve competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and oneself with care, create positive connections with peers and adults and make a meaningful contribution to community and society. Each session is led by trained volunteer coaches that guide and mentor the girls. The ten-week program concludes with all participants completing a celebratory 5K event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

Girls on the Run of Central Maryland is proud to serve Carroll County and Howard County, Maryland. Registration for our next 8-week season, which will include in-person and virtual teams with practices beginning March 21, 2021, is now open at www.gotrcentralmd.org.

EMAIL JESSAMINE



One of the benefits of being a BWN sponsor is the ability to write a blog that will both showcase your business and share your expertise with the BWN community. Blogs are posted on our website and promoted on social media. To read more, please visit [BWN's Sponsor page](#).

Guests Welcome!

BWN members have always been welcome to bring guests to luncheons.

Now, you have an even greater opportunity to share the power, strength and warmth of your BWN community with friends and colleagues. Each member is now able to register one guest for Virtual Coffees and Happy Hours, since we know they have a more intimate feel than the larger luncheons. Guests can join us once in the hopes that they will be thinking about joining us as a member. Guests must be registered by the member at the same time of member registration. **Let's do this!**

BWN Golf Club is Back!

Back by popular demand - Golf Club lessons for the spring are already full, but there are other great events and tournaments coming up to lean into and enjoy. Check out this [link](#) for more info and to be added to the interest list!

About BWN

BWN is a Community
Where Business Women Grow Together

Business Women's Network believes women are more successful when they are in community with other women. Our mission is to provide opportunities for motivated, professional women to empower one another, so that together we can grow our business and our leadership skills. What sets us apart from our other networking organizations is our warm and welcoming energy and our commitment to making genuine connections.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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