

10 Reasons to Join
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6. **LEADERSHIP** — *Develop leadership skills at the Local, level with mentors to help you along the way*
7. **VISIBILITY** — *Gain visibility and prominence in your community through involvement in BPW events*
8. **HELPING OTHERS** — *BPW has a proud tradition of “Women Helping Women”*
9. **MEMBER BENEFITS/ DISCOUNTS** — *Access to special programs for finding jobs, buying homes and entertainment*
10. **FRIENDSHIPS** — *Lasting and supportive friendships as well as important business relationships*



2011-2012 Officers

President: Penny Miller

Vice President: Lisa Gambino

Treasurer: Mary Baldelli

Secretary: Rosalind Silletto

Monthly dinner meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at:

**Kristy's
526 Routes 9
Waretown, NJ 08758
Cost: \$15.00**

If you are interested in joining our organization, apply online at

www.BPWSOC.org



**Business & Professional
Women
of Southern Ocean
County**

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BPW — What's it all about

BPW/NJ Business and Professional Women/NJ, founded in 1919, promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. With approximately 350 members in more than 10 Local Organizations, BPW includes among its members women and men of every age, race, religion, political party and socio-economic background.

One of the first women's organizations to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937, BPW has been a successful leader in promoting and supporting legislation affecting workingwomen ever since. In addition, BPW educates its members on policy issues and provides them the tools to become effectively involved in policy development in their own workplaces and in grassroots efforts at the local and state levels. BPW members not only work at the grassroots level but support their beliefs financially.

The objectives of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. support the BPW mission:

To elevate the standards of women in business and the professions.

To promote the interests of business and professional women.

To bring about a spirit of cooperation among the business and professional women of New Jersey.

To extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along the lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

BPW monitors legislation that affects working women and educates its members to become involved in public policy development in the workplace and at local and state levels and has been a leader in passing key legislation affecting working women.

Our signature event is our "Women Helping Women" celebration. At this event we recognize individuals who have aided and assisted women in Ocean County. This award recognizes those who have dedicated their time, expertise and financial resources to reach out to women in Ocean County to achieve more fulfilling lives. We accept nominees from various organizations as well as our own members.

Business and Professional Women of Southern Ocean County is made up of working women and retirees with varying backgrounds, who are willing to be of assistance to their peers in many fields, such as career counseling, domestic situations, health and technical services.

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1. **IMPACT** — *Be part of a national movement and make a difference in the lives of working women*
2. **NETWORKING**— *Exchange ideas, explore business opportunities at the community and state levels*
3. **ADVOCACY** — *Keep the working women's agenda — equal pay, worklife balance, better child and elder care, strong social security pension programs and workplace equity — at the forefront*
4. **EDUCATION/CAREER ENHANCEMENT** — *Programs specifically designed to provide personal and professional development*
5. **INFORMATION** — *Quick access to relevant up-to-date information about topics essential for working women*