



# NIKE News

## BPW Newsletter

HENDERSON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, INC.

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### Monthly Meeting Dates:

- December 12, 2017
- January 18, 2018
- February 1, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- May 17, 2018

*Henderson BPW is looking for new members to join our club.*

*Membership is open to men as well as women, and current employment is not required. Bring a friend or friends to a meeting so they can see what BPW is all about.*



Come out and join us for the Christmas Social at Maria Bailey's House. Remember the gift exchange and we hope to see you there!

Date: December 12, 2017

Cost: \$12.00 Members, \$7.00 guests

### October News



Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club held its regular meeting in the board room at Maria Parham Hospital on October 19th. Following a buffet dinner, there was a Presentation by Cara Gill of the Strength and Mending Child Advocacy Center. A Henderson native and graduate of UNC Wilmington, Cara worked in Alamance County prior to returning to Henderson. She has used her MSW to work with Child Protective Services and has now established her non-profit to assist local agencies with serving children who are victims of sexual or physical abuse or are witnesses of violent crimes. The Center provides a safe, non-threatening environment for interviews. A local doctor conducts medical exams as needed at the Center. The Center provides videotaped

supported analysis of victim or witness interviews and works as part of a multi-agency team serving Vance, Franklin, Granville and Warren counties to provide victim services.

A business session followed the presentation. Maria Bailey presented her afghan to be raffled off for the Club fundraiser. June Blanks will deliver tickets to members as requested. The December meeting will be held at Maria's home on December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

The Henderson BPW holds a dinner meeting every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Maria Parham Medical Center Board room. Meetings are open to guests and new members. For reservations, contact June Blanks at [252-438-6732](tel:252-438-6732).

### Upcoming Events

January 20, 2018—"Women Mean Business"  
Wayne County Museum, 116 N William Street, Goldsboro, NC

December 12, 2017—Christmas Social  
Maria Bailey's House





## August News



Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club kicked off its new program year at its regular meeting in the board room at Maria Parham Hospital on August 17th. Following a buffet dinner, Melissa Elliott, director presented a program on the history and status of Gang Free, Inc. The organization served 53 kids in a seven week summer camp. Youth and volunteers have established memorials for victims of gang violence and participated in beautification projects, educational programs, leadership development and recreational activities. The volunteer organization has developed partnerships with numerous organizations and businesses including, the United Way, Sheetz, Walmart, Food Lion, local churches, Public Safety, 4-H, Girl Scouts and the Vance County Schools. A relationship with Food Lion and NC Central Food Bank is resulting in a new kitchen for the building. As an emergency food center, Gang Free, Inc. has served over 9,000 meals this year. The Steve Harvey Show in Chicago recognized the local work with a spotlight and a \$10,000 contribution. The need for volunteers is on-going.

A brief business meeting followed the program. The Audit committee report was accepted and the membership list reviewed and updated. The meeting was adjourned with a recitation of the club collect.

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Picture caption: Donna Starnes, HBPW Assistant Treasurer and Melissa Elliott, Director, Gang Free, Inc.

## September News



Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club held its regular meeting September 21st in the board room at Maria Parham Hospital. Following a buffet dinner, Program Chair, Patti McAnally presented updated information on the programs and operation of H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library. The library foundation and the City/County officials are working on ways to address the loss of hours of operation due to funding issues. New resources are becoming available to the library due to partnerships with the state library system. Once completing the library update, McAnally led the group through an artistic activity. She explained the Henderson Rocks project and provided rocks and paint pens. Club members painted rocks with inspirational messages and colorful images. After the meeting, McAnally "lost" the completed rocks around the exterior of the hospital for visitors to find.

A brief business meeting was held during the rock session. The annual budget was adopted. Members were reminded of the WEE Event to be held in Goldsboro January 19-20. The meeting was adjourned with a recitation of the club collect.

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Picture caption: Rocks created by the Henderson BPW and "lost" at Maria Parham Hospital.

### Great reasons to join BPW!

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| Impact             | Leadership | Personal Connections | Networking | Visibility |
| Career Advancement | Advocacy   | Helping Others       | Resources  |            |