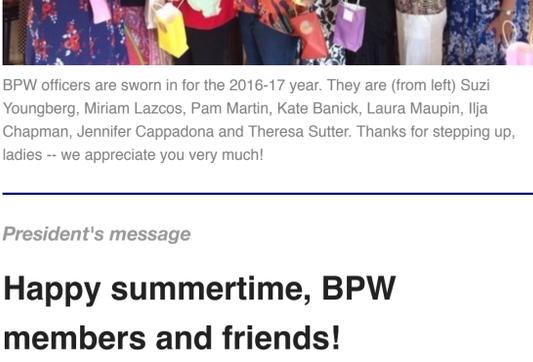




# BPW Connection | June 2017

Summer is upon us!



BPW officers are sworn in for the 2016-17 year. They are (from left) Suzi Youngberg, Miriam Lazcos, Pam Martin, Kate Banick, Laura Maupin, Ilja Chapman, Jennifer Cappadona and Theresa Sutter. Thanks for stepping up, ladies -- we appreciate you very much!

### President's message

## Happy summertime, BPW members and friends!

It seems as though everyone is coming and going (especially now that we can get around) and finding fun activities this time of year. I hope you're enjoying some fun for yourself.

Thank you to everyone who made it out to our May installation ceremony at Corks And Curds. It really was a blast, and I'm so grateful to our eight-member board for their commitment and dedication to our organization.



Ilja Chapman will be headed to the BPW state conference in St. Petersburg next weekend to represent our chapter. I'm so proud of her for stepping up as president-elect!

This week we welcome Cheryl Meads as our speaker, sharing her story. She is definitely a woman about business! We'll also be installing new members and presenting a scholarship.

We hope you'll join us at the Holiday Inn (Casa 1 room, not African Queen) 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 21.

Over the next few months, we've decided as a board to have evening events at some great locations, so be on the lookout for those. The evening events are a great opportunity to bring a friend and share the energy that's created when we all come together for networking.

Connection makes us stronger!!

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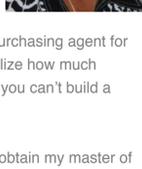
#### Questions?

Email [info@upperkeysbpw.org](mailto:info@upperkeysbpw.org)

### Our June Luncheon

COUNCILWOMAN CHERYL MEADS on Whistleblowers: Ethics, Compliance and Overcoming Adversity in the workplace

Join us!



WEDNESDAY June 21st 11:30 AM - 1 PM  
Holiday Inn MM 100 OCEANSIDE In the front room - "Casa 1" Enter from the front of the hotel.

#### Our Speaker: Cheryl Meads



Cheryl Meads was the whistleblower in a landmark case she brought on behalf of the federal and state governments alleging that pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline released to the market contaminated and adulterated drug products from its huge plant in Citra, Puerto Rico. In October 2010, following a 6-year investigation by the Department of Justice, GSK paid the government \$750 million to resolve the Meads' lawsuit, including a \$150 million criminal fine and felony guilty plea.

Cheryl is a Manager of Global Quality Assurance for GSK. She has a degree in Chemistry and is an expert in managing large teams ensuring pharmaceutical QA and FDA regulatory compliance. In 2002 she was given responsibility over the Citra plant. She complained to numerous GSK senior execs about conditions at the plant and urged that the plant be closed. She alerted GSK's CEO and General Counsel, and made a full report to the Compliance Department, but no action was taken. She

then reported to the FDA, which carried out the largest seizure of adulterated drug products in FDA history at the plant. In 2005, the plant's output was restricted by the FDA, and by 2008, when it closed, only one drug product was still made there. Meads is a Board member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a DC-based public interest group that promotes whistleblower laws. She is the founder of a real estate company and is engaged in various philanthropic endeavors, primarily in health care and housing, in the US and abroad. She is also a Councilwoman in Islamorada, seat #2.

Lunch will be served. Questions: [info@upperkeysbpw.org](mailto:info@upperkeysbpw.org)

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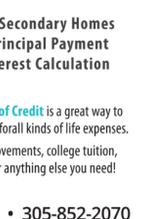
Reserve your spot for lunch



### Member Spotlight

Debra London

In 1977, I moved from Pennsylvania (alone at 17 years old) to Miami and attended Miami-Dade Community College downtown campus and then Florida International University (FIU) studying Business Administration.



The operations management professor at FIU (who was also the operations manager at Motorola in Fort Lauderdale) requested resumes from the top five students in class and I was one of those (I had paid my way through school as a bartender and waitress with no parental assistance.)

Luckily I was hired to work at Motorola in the position of purchasing agent for circuit boards and flexible circuits. Looking back now I realize how much confidence they had in me as a 24-year-old woman since you can't build a radio or a pager without the circuit board first!

Motorola also paid for higher education and I was able to obtain my master of business administration degree while employed there. I purchased my first home in Fort Lauderdale at 26 years old. I married my husband and had a son Johnny (now 26) and a daughter Lauren (now 23) who still live in Fort Lauderdale.

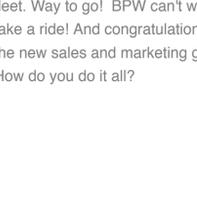
My career in procurement continued to working for Broward County government until 2012 when I permanently relocated to Monroe County, where my Round Up Fishing Charters cofounder and I have the business.

I also worked full time for the City of Marathon from 2012-14 on projects such as the Grassy Key Fire Station, the City Hall and the Oceanfront Park.

In 2014, I was hired as a project manager for Monroe County working out of Key Largo -- thank God I did not have to make the 104-mile round trip commute to Marathon anymore!

The projects I work on are primarily roadway and drainage improvements in addition to the U.S. 1 bypass shared use path, the pedestrian and bicycle trail, Marvin Adams Highway (the cut), Big Pine Key, the entrance and exit signs, Pigeon Key ramp and other construction projects.

For fun, I love being on the water -- my favorite way to see the Keys is by catamaran on the weekends!



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### Atta-girl!

#### Smith named president-elect

Margie Smith has been appointed as president-elect of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce. What an accomplishment!



### Atta-girl!

#### Relay for Life leader

Great job again this year with the leadership of Relay for Life, Suzi Youngberg. Suzi thanks all volunteers and teams for their participation. To learn how to get involved or make donations, click the link below.



Learn more

### Atta-girl!

#### Well-deserved promotion

Devonne Hall has been promoted from admissions coordinator to activities director at the Plantation Key Health and Rehab Center. Congratulations! You worked very hard and deserve it



### Atta-girl!

#### New addition to the fleet

Jeanne Harstad Austin has just added another vehicle to the trolley fleet. Way to go! BPW can't wait to take a ride! And congratulations on the new sales and marketing gig. How do you do it all?



### Atta-girl!

#### Great interview!

Ilja Chapman, our president-elect, is the subject of a great interview in Keys Weekly magazine. Ilja has seen it all.



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### New and renewing members

Help us welcome Shevaun Shamon, consultant for Beautycounter, Heart of Yoga & Massage, as the latest member to our group.

Renewing members include:

- Lisa Feliciano, Center State Bank
- Margie Smith, Center State Bank
- Theresa Sutter, Virtual Assistant
- Miriam Lazcos, Columbus Capital Lending
- Nancy Perez Miller, Nancy Perez Miller Architect, LLC
- Debra London, Monroe County government

### Choosing to change my religion to stand up for women's rights

By President Jimmy Carter

Women and girls have been discriminated against for too long in a twisted interpretation of the word of God.



I have been a practicing Christian all my life and a deacon and Bible teacher for many years. My faith is a source of strength and comfort to me, as religious beliefs are to hundreds of millions of people around the world. So my decision to sever my ties with the Southern Baptist Convention, after six decades, was painful and difficult.

Read more from President Carter here

