Twinning Ceremony BPW Basel BPW Nicosia, September 11th 2014

Gabriella Canonica, Past First Vice President BPW International

It is my happy privilege and responsibility to proceed into the official Twinning Ceremony. Will the responsible carrier of this Twinning please advance to the front?

Welcome dear President of BPW Nicosia, Cyprus Mary Papadopoulos and immediate Past Co-President BPW Basel, Switzerland, Georgia Bross

BPW Europe / BPW International are very happy and proud of you. You proposed this twinning, which will be officially processed now.

The first contacts between you go back to the European Congress in Munich in 2009.... Georgia Bross as Co-President BPW Basel, and Mary Papadopoulos, President of BPW Nicosia.

You did not lose patience and perseverance to keep your goal of the twinning very high as one of your priorities. And now finally, we are gathered here in the beautiful town of Nicosia, Cyprus.

Thank you for having realized this "vision of twinning".

The purpose of the Twinning consists to promote the collaboration and support of common projects, to integrate and respect the aims of BPW worldwide, exchange best practices and projects, and of course the friendship between the two Clubs, between members and Executive.

Twinning is the way to build deeper relationships within our global community. It moves beyond networking.

Twinning is the direct link between two clubs, two groups of women.

What is important about twinning is that the gains and contributions are equal and mutual. It is an equal relationship.

Twinning can be for:

Fun and friendship

Professional & business development

Cultural exchange

Pursuing interests in common,

Mutual support in BPW activities

Just making greater connection.

OR IT CAN BE ALL OF THESE.

>> As we have here the signed Document from BPW International dated December 3rd 2013, I ask now Mary and Georgia to "re-sign" the document to make it valid for the "eternity"....
Please advance to sign...

Signing of documents

With these signatures you promise to cherish and keep the meaning of this twinning high and that the two Clubs will work together as described on the signed document.

Mary: As the President of BPW Nicosia, Cyprus, it is my duty to ensure that BPW Nicosia will work together with BPW Basel, Switzerland, to fulfill the aims of the Twinning

Georgia: As the immediate Past Co-President of BPW Basel, Switzerland, it is my duty to ensure that BPW Basel will work together with BPW Nicosia, Cyprus, to fulfill the aims of the Twinning

Gabriella: Will the members and Guest please rise?

Members of BPW Nicosia and BPW Basel. You too have a great responsibility to ensure the success of this twinning arrangement. Your President's alone cannot make this twinning arrangement work without your support. The measure of the lasting effectiveness of our federation/club's work is the measure of every member's willingness to give herself to that work.

End of Ceremony...

Gabriella Canonica
Past 1st Vice President BPW International
Past Regional Coordinator BPW Europe
11th September 2014,
Nicosia, Cyprus