

# THE SOCIETY PAGES

Newsletter for Supporters of The Society of Professional Women

## Director's MESSAGE



*"Normal people doing powerful things—that's what gives me hope." - Ms. Joyce Abbott*

When Ms. Joyce Abbott shared those words at our Women's History Month Trademark event in March, it wasn't just a moment of inspiration—it set the tone for a remarkable year at The Society of Professional Women.

The first months of this year have been defined by exactly that: powerful things, led by committed, purpose-driven leaders who continue to show up—for themselves, for each other, and for the broader community. Across our gatherings, we didn't just convene—we connected, learned, and took meaningful action.

In February, we launched our first Trademark event, Meet Them Where They Are: Unlocking the Power of B.R.A.V.E. Leadership. Meghan Pierce, CEO of The Forum of Executive Women, grounded us in data from the 2025 Women in Leadership Report. Keynote speaker Jen Croneberger brought it to life through her B.R.A.V.E. framework—Belonging, Resilience, Authenticity, Vulnerability, and Empathy—reminding us that leadership is about showing up fully and creating space for others to do the same.

Our March Women's History Month event with Joyce Abbott brought together one of our largest audiences to date. In conversation with Celeste Warren, Ms. Abbott—educator, veteran, and inspiration behind Abbott Elementary—reminded us that leadership is rooted in values, strengthened through experience, and sustained by community. Her comment about each one of us having the ability to make a difference resonated deeply with the room.

In April, we saw those ideas come to life at our first SPW Volunteer Day in partnership with Variety – the Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley. Thirty leaders stepped away from their schedules to give back—preparing gardens, building accessible beds, and connecting in a more human way. What emerged was not just service, but shared connection and joy.

Through the generosity of our partners, we also awarded \$1,000 grants to Devereux, SpeakUp!, and Variety—reinforcing that leadership is also about lifting others and creating lasting impact.

Our Women Helping Women Mentoring Series continued to grow, bringing together 17 participants for important conversations. Cheryl Gebeline-Myers of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia emphasized intentional leadership, while our cohort reinforced that confidence is built through action. We also welcomed Tracy Davidson, who offered powerful insights on public speaking—reminding us that clarity, confidence, and authenticity are skills we build through practice.

These experiences reflect a simple truth: when we come together with intention, there is no limit to what we can build, change, and achieve.

I am grateful to our speakers, sponsors, partners, and to each of you for continuing to invest in this community. And I'm humbled to lead this vibrant program as part of the Main Line Chamber, aligned closely with the Chamber's deep commitment to creating opportunity and success for all.

I look forward to seeing you at our future events, where we'll learn, connect, share, and create impact—together.

With kind regards,

**Vibha Agrawal**

APRIL 2026

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# Featured EVENTS

## Virtual Event

### No Limits Leadership for College Women

February 13, 2026



Ana Welsh, Wharton Lecturer and Workplace Dynamics Speaker

The No Limits Leadership: Mentorship Event for College Women brought together students from 30 colleges across Greater Philadelphia for mentorship, leadership, and career development. Participants joined breakout sessions, connected with employers, and explored opportunities with women leaders across industries. Keynote speaker Ana Welsh (Ana Welsh Leadership) shared insights on early career success, emphasizing resilience, accountability, internships, and learning from rejection. SPW Executive Director Vibha Agrawal led a panel with women leaders from Vanguard, Comcast Business, Firsttrust Bank, Villanova University, Stradley Ronon, UnitedHealthcare, AmeriHealth Caritas, VFIB, and PECO.



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## SPW Trademark

### Meet Them Where They Are: Unlocking the Power of B.R.A.V.E. Leadership

February 18, 2026

The Society of Professional Women's first Trademark event of 2026 featured "Meet Them Where They Are: Unlocking the Power of B.R.A.V.E. Leadership," a conversation on modern leadership. Jen Croneberger, Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer of The Human Leadership Institute, delivered the keynote on B.R.A.V.E. leadership—Belonging, Resilience, Authenticity, Vulnerability, and Empathy—emphasizing authentic leadership, resilience, vulnerability, and empathy as core skills. Meghan Pierce, CEO of The Forum of Executive Women, shared findings from the 2025 Women in Leadership Report, highlighting ongoing gender gaps in executive leadership and the need for mentorship, sponsorship, and advancement of women into leadership. Lisa Harmon of Comcast Business presented a \$1,000 grant to Melanie Beidler of Devereux, a nonprofit supporting individuals with emotional, behavioral, or cognitive differences.



L-R: Jen Croneberger, Vibha Agrawal, Meg Pierce



L-R: Vibha Agrawal, Melanie Beidler, Lisa Harmon



Jen Croneberger presenting on B.R.A.V.E. leadership

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## SPW Trademark - Women's History Month Fireside Chat

### Lessons from the Classroom of the Real Ms. Abbott! March 26, 2026

SPW's Women's History Month Trademark event brought together one of the largest audiences in the organization's history. The program featured a fireside chat with Ms. Joyce Abbott, educator, author, U.S. Army veteran, and namesake of the hit TV show Abbott Elementary, alongside Celeste Warren, Founder of Celeste Warren Consulting LLC. Ms. Abbott shared reflections on leadership and life, emphasizing values-based growth, the importance of surrounding yourself with the right people, resilience through lived experience, and the need to prioritize self-care. The event also recognized SpeakUp!, with Executive Director Martie Bernicker receiving a \$1,000 grant from Joanne Craig and The Foundation For Delaware County. A performance by Kendal Conrad helped set the tone for the afternoon, rounding out a program centered on connection, inspiration, and women supporting women, along with table giveaways provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes.



Celeste Warren and Ms. Abbott's fireside chat on leadership and resilience



L-R: Celeste Warren, Vibha Agrawal, Ms. Abbott



L-R: Joanne Craig, Martie Bernicker, Vibha Agrawal

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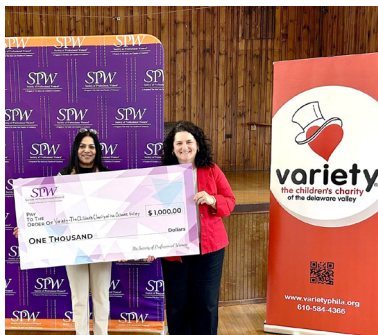
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## SPW Volunteerism

### Community Service at Variety – the Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley April 22, 2026

For Earth Day and National Volunteer Week, SPW hosted a community service day at Variety – the Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley. Our SPW community spent the afternoon on campus weeding and cleaning garden areas, preparing beds for spring planting, creating plant labels for an upcoming flower sale, and learning how to assemble accessible flower and vegetable beds for individuals of all abilities. The group also presented a \$1,000 donation to Variety, funded by The Foundation For Delaware County. The day combined hands-on service with connection, as participants worked together outdoors in support of Variety's mission to help children and young adults with disabilities build thriving lives.



Vibha Agrawal (left) and Dominique Bernardo (right) with a \$1,000 grant provided by The Foundation For Delaware County



SPW community with Dominique Bernardo (left) and Allie Shank (right) of Variety



SPW volunteers getting hands-on with gardening and weeding to help beautify the campus

# Women Helping Women



*Cheryl Gebeline-Myers discussing confidence with the cohort*



*L-R: Laura Breslin, Tracy Davidson, Debbie McCabe*

## SPW 2026 Women Helping Women Cohort

We kicked off the 2026 Women Helping Women cohort, a peer mentoring program that brings together women across generations and professional backgrounds in small, confidential mentoring circles. Participants share experiences, challenges, and insights while receiving guidance from peers, seasoned professionals, and guest experts to support professional growth and development. The first session focused on confidence, courage, and taking bold action, featuring Cheryl Gebeline-Myers, Vice President of Operations at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who shared insights on leading with intention and resilience. The second session welcomed Tracy Davidson, Emmy-winning journalist and keynote speaker on resilience and leadership, for a discussion on public speaking and presentation skills. Thank you to Fearless Restaurants for hosting and to Debbie McCabe, Past Chairman of The Main Line Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, for facilitating the program.

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**COMING UP NEXT IN MAY & JULY**

***Flip the Script on Overwhelm: Workshop & Book Launch with Corrie LoGiudice***

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**CREATE A STRATEGY TO CURE YOUR OVERWHELM CULPRIT™: WORKSHOP & BOOK LAUNCH CELEBRATION**

Corrie LoGiudice, Speaker, Coach & Author of The 5 Overwhelm Culprits™  
May 21, 2026  
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Triple Crown at the Radnor Hotel



It's time to flip the script on overwhelm. Join us for an interactive workshop and book-launch celebration with Corrie LoGiudice as she unveils her new book, The 5 Overwhelm Culprits: How to Reclaim Your Power, Rewrite Your Story and Lead an Extraordinary Life. In this lively and hands-on session, Corrie will help you identify which of the 5 Overwhelm Culprits™ may be holding you back, and guide you through practical strategies to reclaim clarity, confidence, and consistency in your leadership. Come ready to laugh, reflect, and leave with a personalized roadmap to reduce stress and move forward with purpose. Don't miss this unique chance to sharpen your leadership skills and be part of an exclusive book-launch party with one of today's most inspiring voices in women's leadership.

***From Awkward to Effortless Networking: Workshop and Happy Hour with Sean Hand***

**SUMMER SPECIAL** .....

**LET'S NOT MAKE THIS AWKWARD – THE ART OF PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING**

Sean Hand, Executive Business Development Coach & Author  
July 22, 2026  
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Radnor Valley Country Club



Calling all name-forgetters, small-talk avoiders, and awkward networkers. You're not alone. In this high-energy, interactive workshop, Sean Hand shares practical strategies for professional networking and shows how to turn strangers into friends. Drawing from years of coaching top performers, Sean will guide participants in preparing for success, facilitating impactful conversations, understanding key stakeholders, and sustaining strong relationships. Attendees will leave with practical strategies, fresh confidence, and a playbook for building authentic relationships that elevate your career and your influence.

**Bonus:** Practice what you learned! A happy hour will follow this session where attendees will get to implement the lessons from Sean's presentation.

**For more information and to register, visit [www.spwmainline.com](http://www.spwmainline.com)**



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