

## **President's Candle Light Message 2020**

## Wish and Dream

## For our 90th Anniversary Theme

## The BPW We Want

My very dear BPW sisters across the Globe

It gives me a great honor to address you all in this great tradition of our candle light Ceremony with my message for 2020.

As 2020 marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BPW International , the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beijing Conference for Women and the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations which will be under the theme of , 'The Future We Want, the **UN** We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism'.

So in our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are aspiring to have the BPW that we want .The Organization that embraces all of us with no woman is left behind , the bond that ties us in real sisterhood, the bridge that connects all the cultures together with no discrimination, The body that we all belong to on equal basis with no centers of power, The democratic organization with freedom of expression with no fear, The positive energy that fills our souls and not the negative energy that crawls ,the light that shines our path and not the darkness that blinds, the magnet that attracts members for good and peace ,The sun that spreads its rays of love and friendship ,The field for mentorship not battleship ,

Our BPW that should be the tool that really empowers all women , the channel for Business opportunities ,the advocacy platform for better legislation, the society that unites and not divide ,the association that strengthen its members in every field..

In all your lives you will find people who tries to pull you down

Please get away this culture of fear that sometimes control some of us. Leadership is not to please some people who put you under pressure but to do the right thing that you believe in.

Don't let people with negative energy around you ,don't allow people to destroy relations but to build them ,don't be part of conspiracies that aim at fighting .but spread peace and love,

We are only living one life so don't waste it without enjoying its treasures of love and friendship.

Don't listen to people who try to fill your soul with hatred and division.

Let us dream together and wish while we are lighting our candles and remembering our sisters across the world of the BPW We want. The BPW that we all aspire to, for our BPW Sustainability.

Lots of love to all of you

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**BPW International**