



# Berkshire Business & Professional Women

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## **BBPW February 3, 2020 | *A Closer Look at Our Community***

Kara Mikulich, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

The Berkshire Business & Professional Women meet Monday, February 3, 2020. Our guest speaker is Kara Mikulich, Chief Philanthropy Officer at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. The meeting will be held at Mazzeo's Ristorante, 1015 South Street, Pittsfield, MA. Networking takes place at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$35 for Members and \$40 for Guests.



The Berkshire Business & Professional Women organization provides professional and personal development and networking opportunities for working women from diverse fields with the mission to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency. Guest speakers address a variety of topics of interest and importance.

Throughout history, the central role of women in society has ensured the stability, progress and long-term development of nations and the need for women to help advance the Berkshires is no different. A recent community assessment published by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation identified key trends and needs in the Berkshires region: jobs and the economy, demographic transition, youth and the future workforce, deepening inequality, and assets and infrastructure.

Results from the project's resident survey include:

- 60% of all residents reported challenges accessing job opportunities for themselves or a family member
- 1 in 5 reported challenges with transportation to work or school
- 1 in 8 reported challenges securing fresh and healthy food
- 44% of residents under age 46 answered “yes” or “maybe” when asked if they are considering moving in the next three years

Women's voices, experiences and participation in all aspects of society are more important than ever. This month we hope you will join us as we learn about the challenges our community faces and hear about some innovative ways you can be a part of moving our region forward.

Read the full report here: [A Closer Look](#)

For more information about Berkshire Business & Professional Women or to register, please visit [BerkshireBPW.org](http://BerkshireBPW.org). **Registration deadline is Monday, 1/27/2020.**