

DECEMBER

2008

Holiday  
Gathering

Tuesday

Dec. 2nd

6:30 p.m.

Julie's House  
1350 Calumet  
Madisonville

BRING

\$10 gift for  
exchange

Finger Food /  
Dessert

Canned Goods  
for donation to  
local food  
banks

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# BPW/HC News

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## President's Message

Merry Christmas BPW members! I am rushing around trying to get ready for the Holidays. I am sure you are, too.

Wanda Crowe, Beth Moore, Patti Fallin, Sonia Sanders and me were at Interim Board Nov. 21 & 22. We had a great meeting. It was well planned. I was proud to be a BPW member.

I was saddened to find that our Federation is in desperate need of funds. I love this organization and I know you do, too. I would like to challenge you to give \$1.00. I know money is tight but \$1.00 from every BPW member would solve their problem.

Wanda Crowe has been working the Keys program. It is designed to help us increase our membership. I was so proud that we won an award for Keys and proud of Wanda's hard work.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our party at Julie Franklin's home. Julie is so sweet to invite us to her home. It is one of the highlights of the Christmas season. Good food

and good friends, what more could we want.

Please bring a can of food. We are planning to use it, for a donation to the food bank. I have heard that they were completely out of food last week. Isn't it wonderful how a small donation from each of us can help someone in need.

Teresea Hatler, President  
BPW / Hopkins County

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS TO  
YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY**

**MAY PEACE  
AND GOOD  
HEALTH BE  
YOUR GIFTS  
THIS YEAR**

## Calendar of Events

- DEC 1 Kentucky Cardinal Deadline
- DEC 2 HOLIDAY GATHERING – HOME OF JULIE FRANKLIN
- DEC 20 Newsletter Deadline
- DEC 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- JAN 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- JAN 6 Meeting – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
- FEB Women’s History Month
- FEB 11-14 BPW/USA Policy & Action Conference and Interim Board Meeting

## HOLIDAY GATHERING – DECEMBER 2ND

Our annual Holiday Gathering will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the home of member Julie Franklin, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Julie’s home is located at 1350 Calumet Lane, Madisonville. Almost everyone has been there before, but if you need directions, just give Julie a call at home at 821-1755.

Julie is making soup, and providing drinks, and everyone is encouraged to bring finger food and desserts to share.

If you want to participate in our gift exchange, please bring a \$10-15 wrapped (or bagged) gift. We play “Dirty Santa,” also known as a chinese auction. We always have a really great time and Wanda C. keeps things lively!

We also would like to donate canned goods to our local food banks, as they are in great need this year. Please bring whatever canned goods you can, and we will make sure they go to those in need.

## BPW / USA LEGISLATION – Legislative Hotline 11/21/08

### 1. Outgoing Administration Issues Last Minute Regulations that Hurt Women

Congress came back this week for a “Lame Duck” session that turned out pretty lame. The House and Senate met to elect leadership, but came to no agreement on a second economic stimulus plan or automaker bailout. Meanwhile, with just 60 days left in office, President Bush continues to [leave his mark](#) on policies that impact women and families.

- **FMLA Regulations** - On November 17, the Department of Labor (DOL) released regulations that modify the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The regulations will go into effect on January 16. Earlier this year, BPW/USA encouraged DOL to move quickly to extend FMLA to military families, but not make it harder for other workers to take leave. The good news is that there are two types of military family leave established by the regulations. 1) *Wounded Servicemember Leave* - Extended leave (26 weeks) for a family member or next of kin caring for a wounded servicemember and 2) *Qualifying Exigency Leave* - Use of the original 12 weeks of FMLA leave for families to address issues arising from deployment. However, despite strong opposition by workers, advocates for women and families, and members of Congress and a complete lack of data to support the need for any changes the DOL has effectively made it harder for employees to take FMLA leave. We will look to the new Congress and Administration to undo the damage caused by these harmful regulations, as well as to expand the FMLA.
- **Family Planning Regulations** - In light of [reports](#) that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is preparing to enact a rule that would undermine critical health care services for women and families, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and Patty Murray (D-WA) [introduced legislation](#) that would prevent the HHS rule from going into effect. The proposed HHS rule would require any health care entity that receives federal financing to certify in writing that none of its employees are required to assist in any way with medical services they find objectionable. The proposed bill would keep HHS from moving forward with this rule. While we do not expect the legislation to move, it sends a strong message to administrative agencies that their authority comes from Congress, and Congress may act when agencies exceed that authority as they have done with this ill-conceived, midnight regulation.

### 2. BPW/USA Participates in Congressional Briefing on Women Veterans

On November 14, BPW/USA CEO Deborah L. Frett spoke to a packed room about the challenges facing women veterans transitioning from active military to the civilian workforce. The breakfast briefing was sponsored by Women’s Policy, Inc., the Women’s Research & Education Institute, Disabled American Veterans, Business and Professional Women/USA, BPW Foundation and the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues. Frett spoke about BPW/USA’s historical interest in supporting women veterans and the groundbreaking research conducted by BPW Foundation. “Women have historically banded together to support one another, so reaching out to women veterans was a natural step for us. While we knew we wanted to help, we needed to be sure that we were meeting the real needs of women veterans. That meant we needed to gather the facts. Preliminary research found that women veterans receive less support upon return from service and generally have a difficult transition. Coupled with the issues of pay equity, worklife balance and gender discrimination that continues to plague women, it was apparent that we needed to support our military sisters as they returned to their careers, lives and families.”

### 3. Do You Want to Work for President-Elect Obama?

BPW/USA is working with a broad coalition of women’s organizations to recommend qualified women for the over 8,000 federally appointed positions that must be filled by the incoming administration. *Are you interested?* We invite interested BPW/USA members to submit their professional information for inclusion in the list to be provided to the transition team, White House, and various agencies throughout the federal government. For more information on what positions are available [check out the Plum Book](#), an inventory of positions that will soon be vacated by the Bush administration and open for hire. Submit your resume and the position you are seeking to BPW/USA Director of Public Policy Rachel Lyons at [ryons@bpwusa.org](mailto:ryons@bpwusa.org).

### 4. Women’s Groups Weigh-in on Cabinet Nominations

Only 33 women have held Cabinet or Cabinet-level appointments, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Bill Clinton holds the record for female nominees, appointing 14 during his two terms in the White House. He’s followed by George W. Bush, who put eight women in top-level posts. BPW/USA along with our partners in the women’s community are closely monitoring the Cabinet selections and weighing where appropriate. Backlash [from women’s groups](#) may have pushed former Clinton Treasury Secretary Larry Summers off the short list for Treasury Secretary.

**HOLIDAY HUMOR** submitted by Julie FranklinFOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

MISTLETOE

The weary holiday traveler looked in disbelief at a bunch of mistletoe hanging above the luggage check-in center.

Turning to the attendant, he said, "Okay, I give up. Why is the mistletoe hanging there above the luggage scale?"

The attendant said, "So you can kiss your luggage good-bye."

TWELVE THINGS TO DO WITH A FRUITCAKE

1. Paint a few white and place them outside on the grass so people won't park on your lawn.
2. Use it as building material. (This is actually what the Ancient Egyptians used to build the Great Pyramids.)
3. Keep one under your pillow for home defense.
4. Send one to the junk mail company with a note asking them to take you off their list.
5. It's colorful, use it as a Yule Log.
6. Carve the Presidents' faces in it and submit as a science or art project.
7. Give one to your boss and tell him it's a life preserver.
8. Use it as a base for flower arrangements.
9. Donate to the local airport for use as airliner wheel blocks.
10. Grind a few up and give it back to your in-laws in a bag marked "lawn fertilizer."
11. For a community project, sink a few in the ocean and build an artificial reef.
12. Tie one to each foot when you walk through deep snow to keep your feet dry.

ONE - LINERS

What do they call Santa's helpers?

Subordinate Clauses

What do you call Santa Clause after he's fallen into a fireplace?

Krisp Kringle

Which of Santa's reindeers needs to mind his manners the most?

"Rude"olph

What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A cookie sheet

**NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES – Submitted by Nena Matheny, Secretary**

**November 6, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, November 6, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Madisonville Golf & Country Club. President Teresea Hatler called the meeting to order. The officers present were: Teresea Hatler, President; Algia Morrow, President-elect; Nena Matheny, Secretary; Patti Fallin, Treasurer; and Lana Moore, Parliamentarian. The minutes from the October 7, 2008 meeting were printed in the November newsletter for review and approved at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Sally Taylor Buie, Wanda Crowe, Patti Fallin, Teresea Hatler, Nena Matheny, Lana Moore, Algia Morrow, Wanda Morrow, Melinda Howell Oglesby, Sharon Smith.  
Guests: Evelyn Fine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report as of October 31, 2008 with a balance of \$1,166.40 was distributed and reviewed. The report will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Lana Moore reviewed the Rada and Innisbrook sales: Rada sales were approximately \$1,045 = \$418 profit; Innisbrook sales were approximately \$242 = \$107 profit. Final totals will be announced at a later date.

Junior Miss – Patti Fallin mentioned the club will need a person to secure judges and work with them at the competition.

Membership – Wanda Crowe announced that Evelyn Fine is our newest member and welcomed her to the organization. She reviewed the new BPW/KY Keys program, discussed a club web page on ISurf Hopkins County for more visibility, and asked for volunteers to contact lapsed members.

National Business Women's Week – The "Girls Night In" event raised over \$700. The money was presented to the Hopkins County Health Department for mammograms. Enough funds were raised for approximately 12 women to have a mammogram. Sharon Smith noted that ISurf Hopkins County has an article and picture about this event on their web site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BPW/KY Interim Board meeting is November 21-22. Teresea, Patti, Wanda C., Beth, and Sonia are planning to attend. The BPW/KY Foundation fundraiser will be held again this year and the club will donate a gift.

NEW BUSINESS

The Christmas party will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Julie's home. Members will bring finger foods/appetizers/desserts, a \$15 Dirty Santa gift and a charitable contribution for the local food bank.

President Teresea mentioned the Choices program and asked members if there was any interest in participating. Others thought this program would be a worthwhile project in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements and happy dollars were followed by the Emblem Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Algia Morrow

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Nena Matheny

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Patti Fallin

Parliamentarian  
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## **Editor's Note by Julie Franklin**

Many thanks to Teresea and Nena for their submissions to this edition.

I look forward to seeing you all in December at our Holiday Gathering.

Please remember that your ideas, articles, and information are always welcome!

Submit your articles, info, reports, announcements, recipes, funnies, etc. to me as follows:

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