

MARCH 2009

Meeting

Tuesday

March 3rd

6:30 p.m.

Madisonville
Golf &
Country Club

MENU

Fried
Chicken

Macaroni
Casserole

Roll

Drink

PROGRAM

TBA

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President's Message

I hope each of you weathered the recent ice storm, without injury or loss. Our area looks terrible. I know it will heal with time.

I was just getting my new office, Hearing Solutions, open when the storm came. It really slowed us down but we are now open. If you know anyone who needs hearing help please send them to us.

Time sure flies! We missed a month and I'm all backed up.

Please read the information on the changes taking place in our organization. I feel the merger is a move in the right direction.

Patti sent us information about webinars to help answer our questions. I have printed the information if you would like to read it.

If you know anyone who might need information on our scholarship, please get the application from Nena. She did a great job getting it ready and out to young people.

Everyone does a wonderful job! I am sure I missed something important.

Thanks for your help.

**Teresea Hatler, President
BPW / Hopkins County**

REMINDERS

**Junior Miss Program
Committee Meeting
Sunday, March 1
3:30 p.m.
Home of
Tammy Sanders
569 Hunters Glen
(Off Wexford Way)
Madisonville
Everyone is Invited!**

**Bowl for Kids Sake
Team Members Needed
Event is April 25th
Please Contact Julie
Franklin, Team Captain
ASAP!**

Calendar of Events

MARCH	Women's History Month
MAR 1	Junior Miss Program Committee Meeting
MAR 3	Meeting – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
MAR 15	Kentucky Cardinal Deadline
MAR 20	Newsletter Deadline
APR 1	Deadline for State Awards Submissions
APR 4	Northwest Region Meeting – Hopkinsville
APR 7	Meeting – TBA
APR 20	Newsletter Deadline
APR 28	Equal Pay Day
APR 30	BPW/KY Foundation Scholarship Application deadline
MAY 5	Meeting – TBA

BPW/USA WEBINARS submitted by Patti Fallin

Earlier this week President Diane Polangin sent all BPW/USA members a letter announcing the vote of the BPW/USA Board of Directors to merge with the BPW Foundation. We know there are many questions about this decision, so all members are urged to participate in one of the informational webinars that have been scheduled over the next two weeks to ask questions and learn more about this important decision. Webinars are scheduled on:

- February 24th at 7:30PM EST
- February 26th at 9:30 PM EST
- March 3rd at 9:30 PM EST
- March 5th at 7:30 PM EST
- March 7th at 1:00 PM EST

This is an historic juncture in BPW/USA history and all members must be involved in this decision-making process.

(Note: President Polangin's Letter is reprinted in its entirety on page 3 of this newsletter)

CURVES FOOD DRIVE submitted by Melinda Howell-Oglesby

Curves is having its 11th annual food drive during the month of March. So if everyone could bring items at the meeting, that would be great. It will all be donated to the local food bank. Anyone who wishes to join can do so by bring in 10lbs of food and we will waive the service fee.

LETTER FROM BPW/USA PRESIDENT

Date: 2/18/09
 To: BPW/USA Members
 From: Diane Polangin, BPW/USA President
 Subject: Vote to continue the mission of BPW/USA

In a historical moment for BPW/USA, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, the BPW/USA Board of Directors voted in favor of a merger with BPW Foundation and authorized the BPW/USA Executive Committee to negotiate a merger plan with BPW Foundation. This action will ensure that the mission and work of BPW/USA will continue. In addition, it will preserve our brand, visibility and reputation. This decision came after carefully evaluating four restructuring options. BPW/USA board members have determined that the appropriate business decision is for BPW/USA to merge with BPW Foundation.

Now, BPW/USA members have the unique opportunity to make a dynamic contribution to the history and future of Business and Professional Women by approving the merger plan and becoming a part of a special membership class of BPW Foundation.

Membership in State and Local Organizations will not be changed. State and Local organizations will carry on the business of their organizations with emphasis on state and/or community activities. BPW/USA has appointed qualified members to a State and Local Organization Transition Issues Task Force and this task force is ready and willing to begin assisting State and Local Organizations become autonomous organizations.

Why a merger?

The missions of BPW/USA and BPW Foundation are inextricably linked. Since the establishment of BPW Foundation in 1956, the sister organizations have worked together to serve workingwomen and promote workplace equity. In this economic climate, it is critical that we unite by consolidating our assets, to further equity for workingwomen and families. As workingwomen, we must understand that it is *good business* to combine our respective strengths toward the fulfillment of a shared vision. A merger with BPW Foundation would continue and expand the work of both organizations in a fiscally sound manner.

Changing to meet the needs of working women and the market has been a reoccurring theme at BPW. Over the years, the names, looks, and configuration of our organizations have changed.

- In 1956 responsibility for research and scholarships moved to the new BPW Foundation and that same year our Headquarters moved from New York to Washington, DC.
- In 1963 we increased our lobbying efforts through the National Legislative Conference, which then became Policy and Action.
- In 1979, we started a political action committee (PAC).
- In the 90's, in response to the rise of the Internet, we launched bpwusa.org.
- In 2004, BPW Foundation expanded its mission to include successful workplaces and policymaking and adjusted its governance to reflect that change.
- In 2007, the BPW/USA and BPW Foundation Webinar Series began using technology to provide cost-effective training and meetings.
- In 2008, BPW/USA created a new governance system based on knowledge, trust and nimbleness.

And now in 2009, we are at another crossroads for the future of working women and families...merging or rather uniting our two organizations for today's and tomorrow's realities.

I urge you to participate in one of the informational webinars that have been scheduled over the next two weeks to ask questions and learn more about this important decision. Invitation to these webinars will be sent directly to your email address on record with BPW/USA. It will be important for members to be informed of this exciting opportunity since adoption of the merger plan requires a vote and the approval of BPW/USA members. Voting ballots will be sent in late March.

BPW/USA and BPW Foundation are not fearful of making changes to meet present and future needs and adapt to the issues of the day and the vision for the future. As Dr. K Frances Scott, past national president 1946 - 1948, said "As Clubs and as a Federation, we are subject to the same laws as all living things: we grow; we change; or we die." *BPW cannot die...there is still too much to do!*

I urge your support of the merger.

Hon. Diane Polangin

More information about the merger is posted online in the MemberCenter.

LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ICE STORM

1. Nothing will wake you up faster than sitting on a cold toilet seat.
 2. Propane camping stoves are a good investment.
 3. The person who figures out a way to make gas furnaces heat houses without electricity will make a fortune.
 4. Second most beautiful sound of the past week - the radio static caused by the power company being in your neighborhood.
 5. Most beautiful sound - tie between hearing that loved ones are safe and the whoosh of the furnace kicking on.
 6. Look of the week.....scruffy.
 7. It's hard to read with gloves on.
 8. Great workout - cleaning your yard up.
 9. Scent of the week.....kerosene.
 10. Most fun - watching the trees rain icicles.
 11. Are the people who love winter happy yet?
 12. Is global warming a threat or a promise?
 13. Who knew cell phones didn't work during power outages?
 14. Nothing feels better than a hot shower after days of cold and dirty.
 15. If it's 52 degrees outside and 48 inside, should you open a window?
 16. It was warmer inside my refrigerator than it was in my house.
 17. When ice is an inch thick, the best way to use a can of deicer is to hit the ice with the can.
 18. In nine months, how many babies can wear a shirt that says "Winter 09"?
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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES – Submitted by Nena Matheny, Secretary**January 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at Country Cupboard. 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 November 6, 2008 meeting were printed in the December newsletter for review and approved at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Wanda Crowe, Patti Fallin, Julie Franklin, Teresea Hatler, Nena Matheny, Lana Moore, Algia Morrow, Wanda Morrow, and Sharon Smith.

Guests: William and Connie McReynolds from Prepaid Legal Services, Inc. presented the program on preventive, motor vehicle, trial defense, and IRS audit legal services.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A revised Treasurer's report for October 31, 2008 with a balance of \$691.40 was distributed and reviewed. A deposit was lost in October – two checks for \$20.00 each from the NBWW banquet are still needed to replace the lost checks. The Treasurer's report for November-December as of December 31, 2008 with a balance of \$1,267.18 was distributed and reviewed. The reports will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you letter was received from Dawson Area Personal Services for the contribution of food items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws – Patti Fallin noted the local bylaws were submitted to the State Bylaws Chair and have been reviewed by that Chair and approved by the BPW/KY President.

Finance – Lana Moore reviewed the Rada and Innisbrook sales: Rada net sales were \$394.43; Innisbrook net sales were \$97.85. As sales were lower this year, the members will need to participate in other fundraisers in the upcoming months.

Junior Miss – Patti stated it is time to get started on the program. The 501C3 has been sent to the national organization. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 3:30 p.m. at Sharon Smith's home.

Membership – Wanda Crowe mentioned that membership is down and discussed past members returning.

Newsletter – Julie Franklin asked for all newsletter information to be sent in by January 20th.

Scholarship – Nena Matheny discussed the scholarship application and asked for another volunteer to serve on the committee. Teresea Hatler volunteered to serve with Beth Moore and Nena.

NEW BUSINESS

Wanda Crowe mentioned the BPW/KY Foundation's new Promise Campaign initiative and reminded members that February is Foundation month.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Nena Matheny, Secretary

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Nena Matheny

Treasurer
Patti Fallin

Parliamentarian
Lana Moore

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Editor's Note by Julie Franklin

And on the 20th day, there was light, hot water, and cooking on a real stove!

I hope that all of you faired better than Charlie and I! We went 20 days without electricity (Yep . . . Kenergy customers). On the 6th day, we purchased a generator and were able to have TV, space heaters, coffee pot, the toaster, and some real lamps.

Funny how all the things that caused me stress and worry prior to the ice storm just disappeared; we had a whole new set of problems to stress about! While times were tough, I can certainly say that those few weeks taught me what is really important in life; having your family around you and good health is all that really matters.

Things are almost back to normal (still no landline phone on Calumet Lane).

Thanks to Teresea, Patti, Sharon, Melinda and Nena for their submissions. Please remember that your ideas, articles, and information are always welcome! Submit them to me

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