

Business and Professional Women/Berea

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 7 at 6 pm - People's Bank

April 2010

Greetings from your President:

Finally, Spring is in the Air! Our club has many new and exciting projects going on over the next couple of months. There are many topics and decisions that we need to make. Hope you can join us for your valuable input and contributions to making our club a success.



We will be holding our April meeting at People's Bank Conference Room for pizza and planning. We will need to wrap up the planning for the gift bags that we will be supplying for the South Central Regional Meeting.

In May we will be meeting at the Smokehouse Grill. We will need to get our committee together so we can conduct the interviews with the high school seniors. Also in May we need to start thinking about whom our club wants to nominate for our new club officials. We will have the installation at the June meeting.

I would like to give Kathy Nell a big "Thank You" for all her hard work and research that she puts into the newsletter. I really appreciate all you have done with your computer skills and support!

It seems like we have so much to do, with so little time. But with all the experience our club members have our projects always get pulled off. Try to keep that spring fever under control. Hope to see all of you soon!

Rene' Berea-President





Well-Behaved Women Seldom

Make History

— Laurel Ulrich

Birthdays:

March Birthdays:

- Arritta Morris 3/3
- Carlene Zumstein 3/4
- Edith Baker -3/8
- Rene Poitra − 3/9

April Birthdays:

- Jean Huffman 4/9
- Linda Van Winkle 4/13

Happy Birthday!!!

♦ Next Meeting:

 People's Bank, Chestnut St. Across the street from MACED.
 Wednesday, Apr 7, 6:00 pm. You should call Mary Miller with your reservation!

♦ Events:

- March Women's History Month
- April 4 PBS Showing of Seneca Falls
- April 20 Equal Pay Day
- April 24 South Central Regional Meeting in Berea.
- June 11- 12- State Meeting Barren River State Park Resort

♦ Current Officers:

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Kentucky Women's Health Registry

Ashley McCorkle, the outreach coordinator for the Kentucky Women's Health Registry has asked us to spread the word about the Kentucky Women's Health Registry. In the past they have told women in the BPW about the Kentucky Women's Health Registry. However, she thought it was very possible that many women still have not heard about the Registry and others may have wanted to join but have yet to do so. We can spread the word about the opportunity to help change health and health care for women in Kentucky through the Kentucky Women's Health Registry? Any woman who is over 18 years of age and currently lives in Kentucky can join. You are encouraged to spread this information to any women you know.

Traditionally, most health research has focused on men. Researchers are now discovering greater than expected differences between men's and women's health. To help researchers improve the understanding of women's health, the Kentucky Women's Health Registry at the University of Kentucky needs women who are over 18 and who live in Kentucky to complete a confidential health survey once a year.

The survey can be taken online at http://www.kywomensregistry.com or by calling 800 929 2320 to request a paper version of the survey. The information is used by researchers at UK and at U of L to better understand how women's health changes over time. They would like to know how stress, who we take care of, where we live and where we work, affects our health.

Your personal identifying information is not shared with anyone and is stored separately from your answers. Your name and address is only used to remind you to take the survey again next year, to send you quarterly newsletters about what is being learned from the Registry and to tell you about other forms of research you may also be interested in. The Registry also has a certificate of confidentiality from the National Institute of Health which protects your information in all circumstances, even from legal proceedings. Check out this link to learn more: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coc/background.htm

Join the 11,000 Kentucky Women who are already working together to improve health and health care for themselves, their daughters and their granddaughters! Then, help spread the word by telling other women how they too can join.

Highlights from The Web — March '10

Women's History Month 2010 Theme: Writing Women Back into History

2010 will be the 30th anniversary of the National Women's History Project. When we began mobilizing the lobbying effort that resulted in President Carter issuing a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as the first National Women's History Week, we had no idea what the future would bring. And then, in 1987, another of our successful lobbying efforts resulted in Congress expanding the week into a month, and March is now National Women's History Month.

The overarching theme for 2010 and our 30th Anniversary celebration is Writing Women Back into History. It often seems that the history of women is written in invisible ink. Even when recognized in their own times, women are frequently left out of the history books. To honor our 2010 theme, we are highlighting pivotal themes from previous years. Each of these past themes recognizes a different aspect of women's achievements, from ecology to art, and from sports to politics.

When we began our work in the early eighties, the topic of women's history was limited to college curricula, and even there it languished. At that time, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women and when included, women were usually written in as mere footnotes. Women of color and women in fields such as math, science, and art were completely omitted. This limited inclusion of women's accomplishments deprived students of viable female role models.

Today, when you search the Internet with the words "women's +history + month," you'll find more than 40,500,000 citations. These extraordinary numbers give testimony to the tireless work of thousands of individuals, organizations, and institutions to write women back into history.

Now, more than ever, the work of this movement needs to continue and expand. Each new generation needs to draw information and inspiration from the last.

Women's History Museum

The National Women's History Museum (NWHM: www.nwhm.org) is pleased to announce that October 14, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 1700, also known as The National Women's History Museum Act of 2009.

The mission of NWHM is to gather and chronicle the amazing history, heretofore untold and/or under represented in our Nation's Capital, of women's role in helping build our Nation and our society. The Museum's organizers promise all Americans will be surprised and delighted at what NWHM can and will teach them and future generations about the accomplishments and stories of women who, individually and collectively, have woven our nation's fabric. "Prepare to be amazed..." Ms. Wages added.

The National Women's History Museum, founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. Until legislation passes in Congress designating a site for a permanent museum in Washington, D.C., the NWHM promotes women's history through its permanent and temporary exhibits, special events, CyberMuseum, and online educational materials (www.nwhm.org).

From the Committee to Elect Darlene F. Price to U.S. Senate 2010

Moreover, currently we have no voice for women from our state on Capitol Hill - no women U.S. Senators and no women U.S. Representatives in Congress. What a coincidence, KY ranks 48th in the nation for equal pay and promotions for women. Further, KY has NEVER elected a woman to the U.S. Senate!!! Hey girls, how about we change the KY license plate to read, "KY, where men are men, and WOMEN WIN!" = Price is Right for U.S. Senate!!!! Let's elect the first ever woman veteran to the U.S. Senate and make not only state history, but NATIONAL HISTORY.

Women's History Month Quote of the Day:

"We need to understand there is no one formula for how women should lead our lives. That is why we must respect the choices that each women makes for herself and her family. Every women deserves the chance to realize her own Godgiven potential. but we must recognize that women will never gain full dignity until their human rights are respected and protected." —Hillary Rodham Clinton

If you have any comments, complaints, corrections, announcements or contributions (always very welcome), please contact:

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