



Business and Professional Women/Berea

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, Nov 4
at 6 pm - Smokehouse Grill

October 2009

Happy Halloween!

May the force be with you and not too many ghosts and goblins. We have been truly blessed with a wonderful pallet of fall colors. Our meeting on October 7th was at the Smokehouse Grill with eight members attending and our speaker. During this month's meeting we had a most delightful and informative speaker. Gina Noe, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences provided some valuable information from her agency. I would highly recommend our members become Madison County Homemakers or Mailbox Members. I am a mailbox member and look forward to the newsletter each month. There are so many activities and events and a lot of them are free of charge. If interested, you can contact the agency at (859) 623-4072.



I would like to give you a little recap about our meeting we held this month, so we can keep everyone up-to-date and informed. Everyone mark their calendars for November 1st, we will be showing the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" at the Berea Public Library Theater. Hilary Swank and Anjelica Huston starred in the film. The movie will start at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We will be giving out the awards for the "Woman of Achievement" and "Club Woman of the Year". Hope to see you all on November 1st!

Leona Stewart was very instrumental in the design and ordering of our KFBPW vinyl banner. A big thanks for taking care of that project! Now our club will have a sign for all our events and festivals.

Our Rudolf Auction is fast approaching; the auction and Christmas will be here before we know it. We need to go ahead and start working on the businesses for their gift donations. Remember if you get a donation worth \$25 or more we will acknowledge that business in the ads printed by the Berea and Richmond newspapers. We will need to work hard the next two weeks because we will have to have this information to Kathy by the 15th of November. The traditional Christmas meal provided by Boone Tavern will be \$19.00. Please make your reservations with Mary Miller (859) 625-9607.

For the November meeting on the 4th we will be organizing and planning our strategies for the Rudolf Auction. I am looking forward to working with everyone. For those of you we have not seen lately, we think about you often and hope you can join us soon.

Have a Great Day!
René Poitra
President – Berea

Birthdays:

October Birthdays:

- Georgia Lunsford – 10/1
- Christina Webster – 10/27

November Birthdays:

- Leona Stewart – 11/3

Happy Birthday!!!

◆ Next Meeting:

- Smokehouse Grill, Berea. Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm., the business meeting at 7:00. You should call Mary Miller with your reservation!

◆ Events:

- November 1 – Free Showing of Iron Jawed Angels - Berea Public Library
- November 13 - 14 – KFBPW Interium Board, Hopkinsville, KY
- December 1 – Rudolph Auction, Boone Tavern

Need stocking stuffers?

We still have spirit cards and cookbooks available.

◆ Current Officers:

- President:
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*Well-Behaved Women Seldom
Make History
— Laurel Ulrich*

Highlights from The Web — November '09

Violence Against Women Act Saves Lives, But More Funding is Needed

October 22, 2009

By Qing Luo, NOW Legal Intern

Fifteen years ago, the landmark Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed by Congress and has become a valuable instrument in reducing violent acts against women. Statistics tell the story. Between 1993 and 2008, the rate of intimate partner violence against females declined 53 percent and the overall rate of female homicides fell 43 percent from 4.18 to 2.38 homicides per 100,000 female U.S. residents from 1993 to 2007.¹ Despite this commendable progress, an average of four women each day die as a result of partner abuse!

The federal government, many state governments, state domestic violence networks and local programs are making an concerted effort to help survivors of domestic violence and to increase public understanding of and opposition to domestic violence. Local law enforcement officials, generally, now recognize domestic violence as a potentially lethal problem, not merely a family argument. Police no longer walk away, but take violent behavior and violent threats seriously. Perpetrators face jail time, restraining orders and are often ordered to counseling. More women are overcoming the age-old stigma associated with being abused by a spouse or partner and are coming forward to ask for help. But this great work can only be continued and expanded by the Violence Against Women Act when it comes up for reauthorization in 2010.

The complete article can be found at:

<http://www.now.org/issues/violence/102209vawa.html?printable>

Bringing History to Life

When they set out to tell the story of Alice Paul and her colleagues, the filmmakers who created *Iron Jawed Angels* knew that many Americans weren't aware of this chapter in U.S. history. Determined to capture both the power and drama of the suffrage movement, the film's writers interviewed historians, delved into newspapers and studied archival photographs. The images on the web page below show how the writers, costume designers and actors brought suffrage history to life.

<http://www.time.com/time/classroom/voting/history.html>

Be sure to visit this web page, it is full of pictures and information.

Senate Committee Examines Disparities in Insurance for Women

On October 15, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held a [hearing](#), "What Women Want: Equal Benefits for Equal Premiums." [Jim Guest](#), president of the Consumers Union, said, "The reasons women are disproportionately impacted in the current health care system are well documented: lower incomes, more part-time work, more small businesses, more periods of unemployment to care for children or aging parents, more bankruptcies, higher use of medical services and so forth." He continued, "In the thousands of stories we gathered in recent years of people's experiences and concerns with the health-care system, the reality is clear: Common health needs specific to women too often are not covered under current health insurance practices. We heard from numerous women who found themselves with coverage delayed or denied because of very common health needs, such as benign fibroids, previous fertility treatments, pregnancies and the like."

"Although the leading Democratic health care reform bills in Congress the Senate HELP Committee's Affordable Health Choices Act, the Senate Finance Committee's America's Healthy Future Act, and the House Education and Labor Committee's America's Affordable Health Choices Act intend to help women, they would leave all Americans, including women, worse off than they are at present," said, [Diana Furchgott-Roth](#), senior fellow at the Hudson Institute. "First, everyone, including women, would pay more for health insurance. Second, the higher cost of health insurance premiums would lower cash wages for Americans. Third, those on government plans, such as Medicare and Medicaid, predominantly women, would receive worse care. Fourth, the economy-wide effects of health care reform mandates would discourage job creation and incentives to work by raising taxes." Ms. Furchgott-Roth added, "Young women would have to pay substantially more for health insurance than they do at present because premium differentials for health insurance would be capped. All women would have to pay more due to the government's definition of a qualified plan."

Please read the entire article at:

<http://www.womenspolicy.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=9543>

UK Ovarian Screening

The UK Ovarian Screening Program. Call in November to schedule a May appointment. To participate in Ovarian Screening call: 1-800-766-8279 or 859-323-4687 or on the Internet at: <http://clik.to/ovary>

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

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