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Workingwomen moving FORWARD

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, Sept 3
at 6 pm - Boone Tavern
Berea

BPW Foundation Goals: To promote equity for workingwomen nationwide, through education, information and research.

Dear Friends,

The September 3, BPW meeting will be held at Boone Tavern, 6:00 PM Wednesday, with the program and business meeting following in the Trustees' Room. Zayda Flanery and I met with the Tavern events planner, as well as the chef as directed by members at the August meeting. They are working with us to address concerns as much as they are able. There will again be a thorough discussion and sharing of information Wednesday night.



Bea Riley and Rene' Poitra have completed the compilation of our cookbook, and it's off to the printers. We will be gearing up for the sale!

We also look forward to Rosann Effron's update on the "mum" sale, and Linda Van Winkle's Spiritcards.

The Rudolph Auction will still be conducted in the Oak Room at the Tavern in December.

Sounds as if we have WORK ahead and decisions to make.

Please call Mary Miller (625-9607) for Wednesday's meeting and attend to help us make these decisions. You are needed!

Respectfully
Joyce Mosher
President, BPW Berea

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men
AND WOMEN are created equal,
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,
that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Declaration of

Sentiments,

First Women's Rights Convention, Seneca Falls,
New York



Birthdays:

September Birthdays:

- Cloia Collins – 9/6
- Zayda Flanery – 9/23
- Mary Miller – 9/24

October Birthdays:

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

Happy Birthday!!!

◆ **Next Meeting:**

- Boone Tavern, Berea. Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. in the main dining room, the business meeting at 7:00 in the Trustees' Room. You should call Mary Miller with your reservation! The all inclusive cost for dinner is \$16 each. Our speaker will be Billie Dyer with MEPCO.

◆ **Events:**

- October 20 - 24 – National Business Women's Week
- October 1 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

◆ **Current Officers:**

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◆ **Please Let Us Know:**

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

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Highlights from The Web — August '08

August 26, 2008, marks the **88th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment** to the United States constitution giving women the right to vote. Women in the United States and in Great Britain suffered and even died to gain the right to vote, so it is important for women living today to honor these foremothers and to participate fully and knowledgably in voting and other forms of civic participation. This is why it is the highlight subject of this newsletter.

A 'bloodless revolution'

*By Coline Jenkins and Marsha Weinstein
Special to The Courier-Journal*

August 26, 2008 is Women's Equality Day, the 88th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote. To celebrate this important anniversary, the Frazier History Museum recently produced buttons declaring "I Am Woman — Watch Me Vote." Even though this is a simple sentence, few people know of the extensive effort involved in allowing women the most fundamental function of citizenship — the right to vote.

Although women make up more than one-half of the U. S. population, they were not full citizens until just 88 years ago. Actually, this is very recent history — when many of our parents were born, women did not have the right to vote. Yet today, most school textbooks only allocate a few pages to this subject, as if expanding democracy to the majority of the population is an insignificant occurrence in American history.

The good news is that federal legislation is now under consideration in Congress to tell the important story of how women won the right to vote. Senate Bill 1816 — the National Women's Rights History Project Act — will create a women's rights history trail, include women's history in a National Registry and establish opportunities for support of state historic preservation offices across the country.

This bill is a crucial and necessary step in honoring our national history. We cannot understand the present without understanding our past. The struggle to gain full citizenship for women is called "America's Greatest Bloodless Revolution," which lasted 72 years. The first shot of this bloodless revolution began in 1848 with powerful words spoken at the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N. Y. At this first Women's Rights Convention, Elizabeth Cady Stanton rose to read from the women's Declaration of Sentiments, modeled on the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson. In a steady voice, Stanton declared: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men *and women* are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The significance of women's history is captured by Edith Mayo, curator emeritus of the Smithsonian — the Political History Division of the Museum of American History. Mayo said, "Women need to see themselves as actors and participants in American history. ... There is a very crucial connection between being visible with your history in the past and empowering yourself in the present and the future."

The same can be said for all American citizens, as our society is based on "*E pluribus unum*."

The specifics of SB 1816 build on this belief.

This bill authorizes the secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the existing Women's Rights National Historical Park located in Seneca Falls. It would create an auto route across upper New York State that would link other properties historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's rights. Practically speaking, the auto route will include uniform signage, maps, educational handbooks, interpretive guides and Web sites. This legislation does not authorize any land acquisition, but it links sites, both privately and publicly owned. The legislation would assure that all sites on the tour have verifiable connections to the expansion of women's rights.

The second piece of this legislation recognizes that, while upper New York State is the site of the first phase of the struggle, the nation as a whole granted women their rights. Thus, the second piece of the legislation would authorize the secretary of the Interior to make annual grants for up to five years to assist state historic preservation offices in surveying, evaluating and nominating women's rights history properties to the National Register of Historic Places. This registry would thus become the foundation of an overarching project called "The National Women's Rights History Project National Registry."

Furthermore, SB 1816 will authorize the secretary of the Interior to update and expand the existing Web site, "Places Where Women Made History," www.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh. The Web site currently provides travel itineraries based on geographic areas and themes related to women's rights. Finally, authorization would be given to make matching grants and give technical assistance to governmental and non-governmental entities to develop interpretive and educational programs.

The Kentucky Commission on Women under the leadership of former executive director Genie Potter has developed a Kentucky women's history project entitled, "Our Legacy, Our Future," located on the Web site www.womeninkentucky.com.

This relatively inexpensive legislation will help fuel tourism not only in Kentucky and New York but in all states that participated in the struggle for women's rights.

With the passage of this bill, we will ensure that women's rights history will not vanish. In addition, it will promote a new appreciation of the efforts made on behalf of the majority of the population, enabling them to exercise the ultimate right of citizenship — the right to declare "I Am Woman — Watch Me Vote!"

Coline Jenkins is a great-great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and serves as president of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, Inc.; Marsha Weinstein, of Prospect, Ky., is vice president of that trust.



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