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The Franklin BPW News

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Message from the President:

Wow, what an exciting time at the KY State Convention last month. Suzanne was elected Recording Secretary. I was appointed State Membership Chair. Congrats to Franklin BPW on the Awards received at the 2008 Convention. I was happy to see so many of the Franklin members at the convention showing support for BPW.

I was also happy to see so many yummy treats at the July Jam. I am sure I bought more than my share. Thanks to everyone who brought baked items and those faithful few who participated at the booth.

Have a great month and I will see you all at the July Get-together on the 21st. Remember to bring a prospective new member and a lawn chair.

Have a Happy 4th of July,

Sharon

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with BPW 2008-2009

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For Everyone with a JULY Birthday:

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday,
Happy Birthday to you!

7th Pam Womack
27th Sharron Burch



Monthly Meeting JULY 21st

The home of Debbie Johnson

BRING A Prospective New Member
(A Lawn Chair and Swim Suit)

Dinner at 6:30 \$7.00 per person

Cook – Out and Pool Party FUN !!!

PLEASE RSVP to Cathy by Fri. 18th

Directions are: 31-W North (B.G. Rd.) to left on Vances Mill Road @
Bushels-n-Blooms, go approx. 3/4 mile and house is on left.
It is a big white house, sits off the road a bit. (775 Vances Mill Rd)



These members attended the KY BPW Convention:
 (back row) Alice, Katherine, Brownie and Sharon
 (front row) Sindy, Jerilyn, Cathy and Suzanne

2007-08 Administrative Assistant-- Suzanne Forshee
 2007-08 Recording Secretary – Cathy Hughes

Meet your State Officers:



The following ladies were installed as your 08-09 KY BPW Leadership Team.

President

Debrah Pierce

President Elect

Diane Crony-Turner

Vice President

Janis Turner

Treasurer

Karen Lamb

Recording Secretary

Suzanne Forshee

Executive Assistant

Phyllis Hargrave

Parliamentarian

Bonny Manning



Franklin BPW received several certificates:

Effective Programming
 National Business Women's Week
 Cardinal Advertising
 BPW/KY Foundation Contributions

We were the State 2008 Membership Overall Winner

What's Happening in BPW?

FRANKLIN BPW NAME TAGS:
If you would like to order a nametag please email Sharon to place your order.
Cost: \$8.00

We are women helping women.

As members you can advertise in the local Newsletter free of charge.
 You can also advertise in the Cardinal Business Card Size 35.00 // ¼ Size 60.00
 ½ Size 85.00 // Full Page Size 150.00



DATES TO REMEMBER:

JULY 21 MONTHLY MEETING

July 23-26 BPW USA National Conference
 August 18 Monthly Meeting

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African American Heritage Center

500 Jefferson St.
 Open 9 to 4:30
 Monday-Friday
AAHOnline.org
270-586-0099

Located across from Dunn's BBQ

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Leadership Franklin-Simpson –Sharon Taylor is a member of the 2008 class
 The class went to Camp Lucan to complete their opening retreat for team building exercises.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: If you have not received your National membership renewal form, you can send it to the Franklin BPW, P.O. Box 155, Franklin, KY 42135 and the Treasurer will forward your payment to National or you can go online to renew with a credit or debit card.

Renewals: June – Brenita July - Jerilyn, Debbie J. August -0-

As of July 1st our membership total was 36 members.

**Welcome members transferred from TN:
Sharon Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Michele Jackson,
Tiffany Jackson and Charles West**



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



House Approves Paid Leave for Federal Workers

On June 19, the House of Representatives passed the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008 (HR 5781). The bill provides four weeks of paid administrative leave, at regular salary, to federal workers, to be taken within one year of when babies are born or adopted. Right now, 75 percent of Fortune 100 companies provide an average of six to eight weeks of paid leave to new mothers, but federal employees who become parents are entitled only to unpaid leave under FMLA. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) was the lead sponsor and champion of the legislation, which passed with the support of 50 Republicans. The next step is for the Senate to consider the companion bill (S3140) sponsored by Senators Jim Webb (D-VA) and John Warner (R-VA). President Bush has threatened to veto the bill should it pass both chambers. While 1.8 million federal workers will benefit directly if this legislation becomes law, all workers will win when the federal government demonstrates that paid parental leave is good for employers as well as employees.

Report Shows Women Veterans Getting Inferior Health Care

On June 13, the Department of Veteran's Affairs released a study which finds that health care for female military veterans lags behind the care offered to male veterans at many of the VA's 139 facilities, even as women are serving on front lines at historic levels. There are clear needs for more physicians trained in women's care and more equipment to meet women's health needs. Women make up about 5 percent of the VA's population, but that is expected to nearly double in the next two years. Overall, women make up about 14 percent of the U.S. Armed Forces. Of the 1.7 million troops who have deployed in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 190,000 — or about 11 percent — are women. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) encouraged passage of legislation that would, among other things, force the agency to do comprehensive studies of women veterans' care and conduct a pilot program providing child care for veterans seeking mental health care. Rep. Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) has introduced a bill to improve health care services for women veterans and BPW activists lobbied on the bill at this year's Policy Action Conference.

Health Legislation Aimed at Small Businesses Introduced

Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) and a bipartisan group of House members introduced the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Act (HR 6210). The SHOP Act seeks to create statewide and national healthcare purchasing pools for small businesses. The bill would give a tax credit to the self-employed and small businesses with fewer than fifty employees that pay at least 60% of their employees' health care premiums. SHOP itself is a national pooling plan that, through a five year process, would allow these same businesses to band together to obtain group health care prices by spreading risk over a larger number of participants. The sponsors of the legislation reportedly do not expect the legislation to move in this Congress, but hope the bill serves as an educational tool for members

Minutes of the June 16th Franklin BPW Meeting:

The June meeting of the Franklin Business and Professional Women's Organization was held at the Electric Plant Board on June 16th.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sharon Taylor.

The invocation was given by Katherine McCutchen, collect led by Brownie and Cathy led the pledge to the flag.

D I N N E R

Those attending the meeting were: Sharon Taylor, Joyce Montgomery, Katherine McCutchen, Cathy Hughes, Brownie Bennett, Sindy Crabtree, Alice Bailey, Jill Broderson, Amy Ellis, Suzanne Forshee

****Business Meeting:*

Minutes were sent out in the June Newsletter. Cathy moved to accept the minutes as sent out, Joyce, Second. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report was passed out, reviewed and filed for audit.

Correspondence from: Kim H. – Project Graduation

Kelly Clark – Loving Cup Award

Heather Rogers – Jr. Achievement

Donations: Relay for Life \$500.00

Jill Broderson was presented the New Member of the Year Award.

There was discussion on the different committees and the need to schedule meetings for each Committee. 2008-09 Yearbook updates were passed out and reviewed.

Brownie Bennett announced that the Garden Spot Trot was going to be held on August 9, 2008, and that Steve Thurmond was going to make a donation to our scholarship fund as a result.

Cathy Hughes requested donations for baked goods for Relay for Life on 6/28/08.

We would be working in conjunction with the Kiwanis's Club for the Pancake Breakfast on September 20th.

Katherine, Alice, Cathy, Brownie, Sindy reported on their experiences and enjoyment of attending the State Convention.

The National BPW Conference in July was the only new business discussed. The conference will be July 22nd-26th, 2008, in Atlanta GA. Other information can be found on the BPWUSA.org website.

Door prizes were given to Sindy Crabtree, Joyce Montgomery, Sharon Taylor, Katherine McCutchen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M with the reading of the Collect.

Debbie Johnson, Secretary