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Message from the President:

Ladies,

My how time does fly, especially with spring in the air. I can hardly believe that another BPW year is winding down. I hope to see each of you at the annual awards banquet & officer installation on Monday May 19, 2008. We'll be recognizing the achievements of our local members, installing our new local officers, & inducting a new member to the BPW Hall of Fame.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the officers which were elected at our last meeting.

Sharon Taylor will be serving as President next year. I'm sure she'll be calling on each of you to become more involved and help with a committee or two.

Amy Ellis will be the President-Elect for next year. Amy will be taking care of organizing the programming at our regular monthly meetings. If you have any ideas or feedback for her I'm sure she'd be glad to hear from you.

Joyce Montgomery was elected to the office of Vice-President for the 2008 – 2009 year. Joyce will be leading the membership efforts for next year. If you have any ideas for membership recruitment or retention, please let Joyce know.

Debbie Johnson will be keeping the historical records of our club next year as she serves as Recording Secretary.

Pam Womack will be serving another year as Treasurer.

We are so fortunate to have each of these ladies as members of our local and for them to be willing to serve the club in such capacity.

Best Personal Wishes, Suzanne

For Everyone with a May Birthday:

Happy Birthday to you,

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Happy Birthday,

Amy Ellis - 7

Sylvia Pulliam - 23

Rita Vaughn - 27

Robbie Hesson - 29

Happy Birthday to you!



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FranklinBPW.org

Monthly Meeting May 19th

Electric Plant Board

Blewett-Bradley Building

\$12.00 per person **Dinner** at 6:30

Installation & Awards Banquet 7:00

PLEASE RSVP to Cathy by Fri. 16th

Leadership Team Spotlight:

The following members will be installed as your 08-09 Leadership Team on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 at the Blewett-Bradley Building. Installing the new officers will be BPW/KY Vice President Diane Croney-Turner from Hopkinsville, KY.
President-Sharon TaylorPres.-Elect-Amy Ellis**Vice Pres.-Joyce Montgomery**Executive Assistant-Cathy Hughes
 Secretary-Debbie Johnson**Treasurer-Pam Womack
 Parliamentarian-Katherime McCutchenImmediate Past Pres.-Suzanne Forshee**

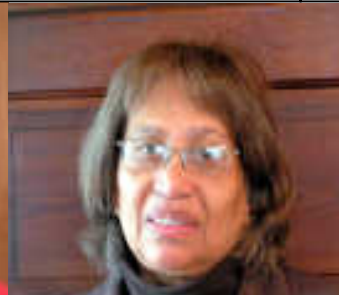


Sharon Taylor, daughter of Alice Bailey. BPW member for 21 years in Hendersonville, TN. 4 years in Gallatin, TN, and 3 years in Franklin, KY Currently serving as BPW Tennessee State President. 18 year old daughter, Liz Taylor lives in St. Louis. Sharon is the Operations Mgr at the African American Heritage Center & a member of the F-S Kiwanis Club, the Historical Society & Friends of the Goodnight Library.

Amy Ellis, owner Images by Amy photography studio Assistant editor Franklin Favorite Married to John Ellis-Captain of the Bowling Green Fire Dept. Two daughters: Hanna Ellis Kirby married to Stephen Kirby Chelsea Ellis - Jr at WKU one grandchild: Ellie Jo Miller one on the way - Chloe Kirby in July Involvement: BPW, Chamber of Commerce BOD, Gallery on the Square BOD, Chairman of Simpson Co. Junior Achievement Board, and on the District JA Board.

Joyce Montgomery, BPW member for 2 years. Currently serving as Franklin BPW secretary. One son (8) Trenton Hernandez. Lives in Franklin KY. Currently employed as an Account Manager at Quebecor World in Franklin.

Cathy Hughes Member of BPW 7 years in Franklin, finishing up second term as BPW/KY State Recording Secretary. She has held all officer positions except treasurer in local. Married for 9 1/2 years to Jason, and work at Luvata Franklin, Inc as a Customer Service Rep. Also serves on 4-H council and Simpson County Extension Council, and is on the Luvata Relay for Life team.



Debbie Brown Johnson Owner, RE/MAX Community Executives and have been a full time REALTOR since Oct. 1992. Married to Johnny Johnson. Together we have 5 daughters: Shannon Groves, Robbi Eaton, Jada Brown and Lindsay & Kayla Johnson. I have three grandchildren. Preston McMillin and Nick & Grayson Groves. I am involved with the Art Gallery as a board member, the Chamber of Commerce plus a member of the Realtor Assoc. of South Central KY, National & KY Assoc. of Realtors.

Pam Womack is married to Tony Womack and they have 2 children Tori (18)a Senior at FSHA and Lilly 7th grade (13),both girls are involved in CheerLeading & dance. Pam has been in BPW since 1998. Currently serves as Cheer Booster President and Project Graduation Treasurer. She is the Simpson Co. Property Valuation Administrator.

Katherine McCutchen a BPW member for 28 years. Past Franklin BPW President, Past Asst. & Regional Director, South Region. Past BPW KY Corresponding Sec. Awarded Woman of the Year & Inducted into the Franklin BPW Hall of Fame. Selected to attend the National Jefferson Awards in Washington, DC, 2005

Suzanne Forshee is married to Scott Forshee. they have two children, Zac Forshee - 15 & Allie Forshee - 10. Suzanne is currently serving as President of Franklin BPW, Executive Assistant for BPW/KY, & Treasurer of FSHS PTO. Suzanne is currently employed as a Senior Forecast Analyst at Fruit of the Loom in Bowling Green, KY.

What's Happening in BPW?

www.goodsearch.com This is a fundraiser activity for the BPW/USA Foundation. For each search BPW/USA Foundation earns a penny.

A penny can make a huge difference.
Let all your friends know.
This is a very easy fundraiser.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 19 Franklin Installation/Awards Banquet
June 6-7-8 KY State Convention
June 13-14-15 TN State Convention
June 16 Monthly meeting
July 21 Monthly Meeting
July 22-27 BPW USA National Conference in GA

We are women helping women.

As members you can advertise in the local Newsletter free of charge.

You can also advertise in the Cardinal \$25.00 business card size, \$50.00 half page.

More information is on the KY website.

BPW-KY.org



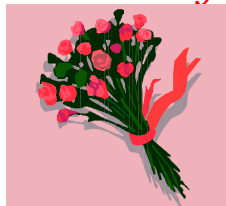
BPW Headquarters (in DC) is moving next weekend. Beginning the morning of May 2 the server and phones will be down for the move. The server and phones will be up and functional on the morning of May 5th. BPWUSA would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Email will be functioning on May 2, 2008

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For your **AVON** needs contact:
Sharon Taylor
270-586-5798
Or 615-319-6531



Have a Happy Mothers Day!!



BPW/KY

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



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270-586-4624 (fax)

www.homesinfranklin-ky.com

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.

May Renewals-. Alice, Katherine

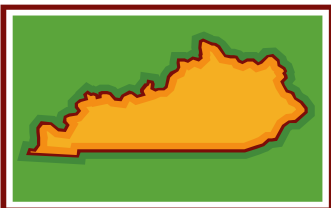
June Renewals- Brenita, Joyce

As of May 1st our membership total was 31 members.

WELCOME NEWEST MEMBER:

Lacey Steele, 313 Quail Ridge Rd., Franklin, KY 42134 (270)647-1900 lacey-steele@wku.edu

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**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

BPW/USA is greatly disappointed that the Senate was unable to bring the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (HR 2831) to a vote despite a majority of Senators being in favor of the bill. On April 23rd, the cloture vote on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act failed by a vote of 56-42, just four votes shy of the 60 need to invoke cloture and proceed to debate and final vote on the bill.\* Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), sponsor of the bill, vowed to fight on and Majority Leader Reid (D-NV) agreed to bring the bill to a vote again. The broad coalition of women and civil rights organizations that supported the bill said they would definitely count this vote in upcoming Senate elections. The Senators who spoke against the bill were Senators Isakson (R-GA), Enzi (R-WY), Hatch (R-UT), Hutchinson (R-TX) and **McConnell (R-KY).**

**Kentucky:** **Bunning (R-KY), Nay** **McConnell (R-KY), Nay**

BPW/USA members sent over 469 letters and emails to the Senate on the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act using the BPW/USA Advocacy Center. Over 200 of those letters were sent in the last two weeks alone! Those letters were sent by 165 members to 74 Senators. The most letters were sent from Florida (17), **Kentucky (14)**, Ohio (15) and Texas (15) and Pennsylvania (15).

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**CHOICES UPDATE and REQUEST:**

A special Thank you goes out to Alice Bailey, Choices Chair and the volunteers that have been teaching the Choices Program this year at the Boys and Girls Club. The class is small but the girls are getting more specialized one on one training, they are learning and having fun.

*At the end of the program we will have a Pizza Party for the girls (5) If you have 5 items that you would like to donate for their goody Bags please contact Sharon Taylor 615-319-6531 or you can drop anything off at the African American Heritage Center between 9:00am and 4:30pm. Integra Bank has donated Back Packs, Mc Donald's donated burger certificates, we also have paper and pencils, Avon products, etc.*

***Any 5 items that you would like to donate to help fill the backpacks with goodies would be appreciated.***

Thanks Alice for the work that you have done as chair, with the choices program.

Thanks to : Leslie, Katherine, Brownie, Joyce, Sharon and Amy

## Region News



Lacey Steele YC 1<sup>st</sup> Runner  
Marcie 2008 YC Winner  
Stacy King YC Participant

## State News

**BPW/KY State Convention will be held at the convention center in Bowling Green, KY June 6-7-8.**

Suzanne Forshee will be running for BPW/KY Recording Secretary. Make plans to attend. Information is available on the website

**BPW\_KY.ORG**

## National News CALL FOR VOTE:

One of the most significant outcomes of the February convention was the adoption of amendments allowing every member to vote for national officers, area representatives, and bylaw changes. Now every member has a voice, not just those able to travel to national conference.

- Members will receive either an e-mail or paper ballot.
- The "polls" will be open from June 4 to July 2, 2008.
- Ballots must be received by the vendor by close of business July 2, 2008.
- Members return their ballots, either electronically or by U.S. Mail.
- Voting will be secure and managed by an experienced vendor.
- Every email address we have in the data base will improve efficiency of the voting process.
- It is possible to provide BPW/USA with an email address that will only be used for voting.

In order to ensure your voice is heard, it is essential that BPW/USA has your current e-mail address or your correct mailing address on record. Remember that you can update your membership profile on line in the member section.

Just follow these five steps:

1. Go to: [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org)
2. Login to the "MEMBER CENTER"
3. Click on your name under "PROFILE" (left bottom)
4. Verify your profile and edit as necessary
5. Click "UPDATE"

Additional steps to follow for those members supplying an email for **electronic voting purposes only:**

From the "Edit Profile" screen

- Select "MORE INFO" button (top of page)
- Select "PERSONAL INFORMATION" at next screen
- Enter email for "CONFIDENTIAL VOTING EMAIL"

# Franklin BPW

## April 21, 2008

### MINUTES



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| Call to Order                       | Suzanne Forshee                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Pledge of Allegiance                | Sharon Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Collect                             | Jill Broderson                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Dinner                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Introductions                       | Suzanne Forshee                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Program                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ◆ Financial Questions Answered      | Debbie Null & Annie Dupere                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Attendance                          | Suzanne Forshee, Sharon Taylor, Alice Bailey, Jill Broderson, Janet Crocker, Katherine McCutchen, Joyce Montgomery, Brownie Bennett, Leslie Sanders, Sylvia Pulliam, Brenita McCutchen, Natalie Burton (guest),                          |
| Minutes                             | Will be distributed in the next meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Treasurer's Report                  | File for Audit                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Correspondence                      | Thank you from Suzanne Forshee for all of the support during the deaths in her family.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Donations                           | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Committee Reports                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ◆ Meeting Meals                     | Brownie Bennett<br>Meals will be \$7.00 beginning in June. If you confirm for the meal you will be expected to pay. "Reservation made is a reservation paid".                                                                            |
| ◆ Choices                           | Alice Bailey<br>Classes have started at the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to all of the teaching volunteers. Goody bags will be given to the girls if you have any items for the bags. 5 items needed for the 5 attendees. Call Sharon. |
| ◆ Equal Pay Day                     | Joyce Montgomery----Letter to the editor, Picture of proclamation in the newspaper, Sharon Taylor did a radio spot.                                                                                                                      |
| Old Business                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ◆ Pancake Breakfast during Car Show | Update next month                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Announcements                       | Brownie needs volunteers to help with registration at State Convention. BPW Franklin is "hosting" this at the Plaza in Bowling Green, additional information was emailed by Suzanne.                                                     |
| Emblem Benediction                  | Jill Broderson                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Adjourn                             | Suzanne Forshee                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

