



The Franklin BPW News



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The VOICE OF WORKING WOMEN

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Message from the President:

Hi everyone!

What a great time we all had at the Pancake Breakfast on the 20th.

Wow ! Cindy have you caught up from August yet? Get ready because October will have many activities.

BPW Activities for October are listed on page 3. Please invite women in the community out to celebrate NBWW and to join the Franklin BPW. Have a great month Ladies. Sharon



New member Rachel Cothorn was inducted into the Franklin BPW at the September meeting. Rachel is working on the YC and the Choices committee. Welcome.

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Franklin, KY
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For Everyone with a
OCTOBER Birthday:

Laura Smith 21

Annie Massey 29

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



October 20th

At the Blewett Bradley Building

Dinner at 6:30

\$10.00 per person

YC Competition 7:00

Awards Presentation 7:30

PLEASE RSVP to Cathy by Fri. 17th



October 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Check out
BPWUSA on
FACEBOOK!!!!

www.facebook.com

GO BIG BLUE!!!! GO WILDCATS!!!!

TUTORS are still needed!!!
The African American Heritage Center has after school tutoring available on Tues. & Wed. from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at the Brooks-Wright Center. If you would like to volunteer as a tutor, please contact Sharon Taylor for more information 586-0099.

A background check is done on all volunteers

Dates to Remember

- October 19- 24 NBWW
- November 17 BPW Meeting
- November 21-22 KY Interim Board

OCTOBER IS:

**Domestic Violence Month and
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month**



Business and Professional Women/KY



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African American Heritage Center

500 Jefferson St.
Open 9:00 to 4:30
Monday-Friday

AAHOnline.org

270-586-0099

Located across from Dunn's BBQ

For your **AVON** needs contact:

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410 Jefferson Street

Wed-Fri 10:30-5:00

Saturday 10:30-3:00

270-586-5115

Custom Catering Available

Horace Dunn, Owner- Operator



Antique Car Show 9-20-2008



Pancake Breakfast

Franklin BPW and FS Kiwanis jointly held the 1st Pancake Breakfast during the Antique Show at the FUMC Fellowship Hall from 5:30am till 10:30am. The event was a success and we hope to make it an annual event for BPW.



**Special Thanks to all who volunteered
(and to Sid, who was still back there cooking)**

What's Happening in BPW?

National Business Women's Week® A Business and Professional Women/USA Signature Event

October 20-24, 2008

Since 1928 Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW/USA) has sponsored **National Business Women's Week®**. Each year during the third week of October BPW/USA, its State Federations, Local Organizations and the business community as a whole, take the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of workingwomen.

The objectives of National Business Women's Week® (NBWW) are:

- To promote full participation and equity for women in the workplace;
- To publicize the achievements of business and professional women on the local, state and national level;
- To publicize the objectives and programs of BPW/USA as they relate to the millions of business and professional women across the country.

Over the years, **National Business Women's Week®** has become an event widely recognized by public and private institutions and local communities. In the past, the President of the United States, at the request of BPW/USA, has declared the third full business week in October as **National Business Women's Week®**. On state and local levels, governors and mayors issue similar proclamations.

Each state and community tailors events and activities to meet its needs. Activities include WOMENomics Forums, Woman of the Year Awards, [Women Joining Forces](#) programming, Employer of the Year Awards, displays and exhibits, dinners and educational programs.

The History

The idea for the **National Business Women's Week®** (NBWW) originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 - 1927. The first annual observance was held April 15-22, 1928, when Business and Professional Women/USA President Lena Madelin Phillips opened NBWW with a nationally broadcast speech. In her remarks, she stated that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world."

BPW Local Organizations implemented daily programs designed to call attention to the mission and achievements of BPW/USA. Reports about activities for those early observances tell of many successful events throughout the country including: *Legislative Day* devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women; *Education Day* emphasizing the need for equitable educational opportunities; *Club Rally Day* for prospective new members; *Community Day* honoring leaders in the community; and *Goodwill Day* devoted to working with other women's organizations.

From this early effort, **NBWW** has grown into a nationwide salute to all workingwomen, as well as an opportunity to spotlight issues of importance to workingwomen. In more recent years activities have included Women of the Year Awards, Employer of the Year Awards, Individual Development workshops, and issue panel discussions.

NBWW was moved to the third full week of October in 1938 so that Local Organizations could use **NBWW** as a springboard for their new year's programs. U.S. President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing **NBWW** and the contributions and achievements of workingwomen. Presidents since then have always issued a letter acknowledging the important role women play in the nation's economy.

National Business Women's Week

October 19-24



SUNDAY(Cathy Hughes)

**Prayer Breakfast 7:30am at the Franklin Country Club
Speaker will be Melinda James**



MONDAY(Sharon Taylor and Sindy Crabtree)

**Awards Banquet and YC Competition
at the Blewett Bradley Building 6:30 pm**



TUESDAY NIGHT—(Brownie Bennett and Helen Pearson)

Political Forum at Central Office at 6:30 pm



WEDNESDAY-(Joyce Montgomery)

**Lunch and Learn about Women's Self Defense
at East West Kung Fu (500 N. Main St.) from 12 to 1**



THURSDAY- (Sharon Taylor and Debbie Drake-Davis))

**Lunch and Learn about Heart Health and Breast Cancer Awareness
at the Blewett Bradley Building from 12 to 1**



FRIDAY-(Pam Womack, Amy Ellis and Debbie Johnson)

**Ladies Luncheon 11 to 1 at the Franklin First Baptist Church
And Fashion Show at 12 noon**



FRIDAY NIGHT (Joyce Montgomery)

“Pamper ME Night!!!at the Blewett Bradley Building 6:30

Small fees might apply for some items

NBWW 2008 Award Applications can be found at www.ky-bpw.org

Boss of the Year—Woman of the Year—Woman of Achievement—

Business Equity Award—Non-Traditional Scholarship

Applications can also be picked up at : Franklin Favorite Office, Charlies Electric, PVA Office, AAHC.

If you have any questions please contact Sharon Taylor (615)319-6531 or (270)586-5798

Deadline for all applications is October 15th



Breast cancer is the most common malignancy in women and the second leading cause of cancer death (exceeded by lung cancer in 1985). Breast cancer is three times more common than all gynecologic malignancies put together. The incidence of breast cancer has been increasing steadily from an incidence of 1:20 in 1960 to 1:7 women today. The National Breast Cancer Foundation estimates that each year over 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and over 40,000 patients will die from the disease. Breast cancer is truly an epidemic among women and we don't know why.

"When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96%." National Breast Cancer Foundation

Breast cancer is not exclusively a disease of women. For every 100 women with breast cancer, 1 male will develop the disease. The National Breast Cancer Foundation estimates that approximately 1,700 men will develop the disease and 450 will die each year. The evaluation of men with breast masses is similar to that in women, including mammography.

The incidence of breast cancer is very low in a person's twenties, gradually increases and plateaus at the age of forty-five, and increases dramatically after age fifty. Fifty percent of breast cancer is diagnosed in women over sixty-five, indicating the ongoing necessity of yearly screening throughout a woman's life.

Breast cancer is considered a heterogeneous disease, meaning that it is a different disease in different women, a different disease in different age groups, and has different cell populations within the tumor itself. Generally, breast cancer is a much more aggressive disease in younger women. Autopsy studies show that 2% of the population has undiagnosed breast cancer at the time of death. Older women typically have much less aggressive disease than younger women.

Facts : Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.

- One woman in eight who lives to age 85 will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55.
- Seventy percent of all breast cancers are found through breast self-exams. Not all lumps are detectable by touch. We recommend regular mammograms and monthly breast self-exams.
- Eight out of ten breast lumps are not cancerous. If you find a lump, don't panic-call your doctor for an appointment. Mammography is a low-dose X-ray examination that can detect breast cancer up to two years before it is large enough to be felt.



Virginia Allan Young Careerist Program

The Virginia Allan Young Careerist Program (Young Careerist) recognizes the accomplishments of young, upcoming leaders and provides them with professional development skills and opportunities.

Established in 1964, Young Careerist involves a competitive selection process within local organizations, districts/regions and 54 state federations, resulting in the selection of a Young Careerist to represent each state federation at the BPW/USA annual National Conference. Candidates are judged in the following areas: written and biographical information, judges' interview, their ability to help others achieve, group interaction and prepared speeches on specific topics. The winner of the national competition will serve as the National Representative for BPW/USA and may attend functions in their official capacity. To participate in the program, a Young Careerist must:

- Be between the ages of 21 and 35;
- Be a member of BPW/USA to compete at the national level;
- Have been employed with at least one year of full-time work experience in her/his career area;
- Support the mission of BPW/USA.

Young Careerists benefit from networking opportunities, opportunities for personal and professional development, opportunities to learn about the issues of concern to workingwomen, educational programs and visibility.

These are the 2008-2009 Y C Speech Topics

1. What can BPW offer women leaving military service and/or what can women leaving military service offer BPW?
2. How will you use your experience in the Young Careerist Program to enhance/change your life or to influence others?
3. How can men and children help women achieve equality and what responsibilities do women have to educate men and children on the inequalities that exist today for women?
4. How can you, as a Young Careerist, assist in educating the BPW membership on the benefits of e-Membership and other technological advances, i.e. Virtual Local Organizations, e-balloting, Facebook, etc.?
5. How can Young Careerists encourage their colleagues/peers/friends to participate in the Young Careerist or Individual Development Programs?
6. How can you, as a BPW member, assist workingwomen in educating and promoting our legislative issue of pay equity to the general public?
7. How can women's groups partner on projects and programs? To what *extent* should they collaborate?

The BPW/USA Mission Statement and the BPW/USA National Legislative Platform are available on page 8 of this newsletter. **Speeches are to be four minutes in length.** No props are allowed and all Young Careerist Representatives will be required to remain at the podium when speaking.

For additional information, please see the **2008-2009** BPW/USA Young Careerist Program National Competition Guidelines as posted on the Web site. www.bpwusa.org

Blessing, Prayers and Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to:



*****Maxine Mumford** had a cyst taken off her spine last month. She is doing good but rehab is a struggle.
*****Marian Phillips** suffering with lung cancer. She is taking treatments at Vanderbilt and is in good spirits.
*****Cheryl Reels** husband **Paul** is better but is still in need of our prayers.



It's another BABY!!!!
It's a Girl-
Helen Pearson
is a Grandma again!!!!

Born Sept. 3rd
8 lbs, 1 oz
19 1/2 inches



Katherine McCutchen was installed as Kentucky Baptist Women's Missionary Convention President on Saturday 9-20-08 . She is also the Union District Women's Auxillary President.

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: **September** - Brownie, Suzanne, Sylvia, Leslie, Laura,.

October— Rita. Vaughn **November** —Debbie Deweese, Helen Pearson

As of October 1st our membership total was 39 members.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members:



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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



BPW/USA Mission:



To achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

2008-2009 BPW/USA National Legislative Platform

Preamble

The Equal Rights Amendment, as authored by Alice Paul, shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the national platform of this Federation until equal legal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution, because all statutory law derives therefrom.

The Equal Rights Amendment "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Platform

Economic Equity

Ensure pay equity and equal educational and economic opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help ensure economic self-sufficiency for women.

Health

Ensure reproductive choice and full access to all reproductive health services and education; ensure funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs; and encourage the development of a national health care policy recognizing the special health care needs of women.

Civil Rights

Ensure equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; support affirmative action; and eliminate all forms of harassment and violence against women.

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