

APRIL 2008

Meeting

Tuesday

April 1st

6:30 p.m.

Bart's

Downtown
Madisonville

Menu

Your Choice

Program

Barry Hill of
Edward Jones

REMINDER

APRIL 5th

Regional
Meeting at
Madisonville
County Club

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BPW/HC News

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President's Message

Hello Members!

Hopefully Spring is in the air and not just in my imagination. We've got a lot of things going on, and I really appreciate the members who give of their time and talents! These members are all about helping others - we have a bowling team for Bowl For Kids' Sake and we have phone workers for the Rotary Auction - thank you to everyone involved.

We are also going forward with the Junior Miss Program, we will have it at the end of summer 2009, but we will start working on it now.

It's time for our final fund raiser for the 2007-2008 year, our yard sale, so come with your ideas and suggestions and be sure you're saving all your stuff.

It is also our last meeting before the Northwest Region meeting that we will be hosting at the Madisonville

Golf & Country Club on Saturday, April 5th. Lunch is \$15 and hopefully most of you can come since it is here. I would like for us to be there @ 8:30 with registration set to begin at 9am.

Martha Phelps (an excellent choice by YC Chair Emily Ray) will give her speech at our April meeting on Tuesday, and then represent us on Saturday.

Our April 1st Meeting will be at Bart's at 6:30, I hope you will come and support Martha. We will be ordering off the menu.

See you there!

Wanda C.

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Calendar of Events

APR 1	MEETING – Bart’s in downtown Madisonville
APR 1	Deadline for State Award Submissions
APR 5	Regional Meeting
APR 20	Newsletter Deadline
APR 22	Equal Pay Day
MAY 6	MEETING – TBA
JUN 3	MEETING – TBA
JUN 6-7	BPW/KY Annual Conference – Bowling Green

BPW/USA submitted by Patti Fallin

Your Assistance is Requested

Because of recent National bylaws changes, all members will now have the opportunity to vote in the election of National officers and Area Representatives and on any National bylaw amendment relating to dues and membership. Ballots will be sent out by email or by snail mail (if a member does not have email listed in the BPW/USA database).

Due to the cost associated with mailing the ballots, we are asking each member to update and verify their personal information in the BPW/USA database. Make any address changes and preferably add an email address so ballots can be emailed to you and save the postage altogether. *(Please be assured BPW/USA does not share their email distribution list with anyone).* You do have the option of opting out of receiving other BPW/USA emails, such as the Headquarter News and Legislative Hotline, if this has been a reason not to provide your email address.

If you have computer access you can go on line and make corrections. If you do not have computer access or need further assistance with updating your information, feel free to contact Membership Chair Nena Matheny or Patti Fallin. Both ladies will be glad to assist you or make the changes for you.

FUNDRAISERS submitted by Beth Moore

The Finance Committee would like to remind ALL members of the need for fundraising for BPW Hopkins County. The club still has a commitment to provide our annual scholarship to a local student and we will have club members attending BPW/KY convention in June. So, it is important that we have funds to accomplish this.

The club has discussed having a spring yard sale during the month of May. We need someone to take initiative to locate a building, parking lot, or someone's home where we can have the sale. We also need a date for the sale. Finally, we ask all of you to commit to work the evening before the sale or the day of the sale. Contact Lana or Beth about this.

Co-chairs of Finance Committee,
Beth Moore (824-8610) & Lana Moore (339-1631)

**April Membership Dues Renewal**

Sonia Sanders

Each month we will put a reminder in the newsletter to help our members remember that their dues renewal is payable that month. Please send your national and state dues (\$74.00 as invoiced) to BPW/USA. The BPW/Hopkins County dues of \$20.00 are paid each year in May and are to be sent to Lana Moore, club treasurer.

Nena Matheny
Membership Chair

WOMEN IN KENTUCKY BUSINESS

Submitted by Sonia Sanders

Visit <http://www.womeninkentucky.com/site/business.html> for information on women in business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our own Barclay McCoy is featured here.

BPW/USA LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

March 17, 2008 - Legislative Hotline

1* New Jersey Close to Passing Paid Family Leave Bill

2* House Hearing on Paid Family Leave for Federal Employees

3* Free Online Training on the Economic Stimulus Payments

4* Department of Labor Asking for Comments on FMLA

1* The **New Jersey State Senate passed a paid family leave bill**, which will make New Jersey the third state in the nation to offer paid family leave for all its workers, after California and Washington. The bill will next be put to a vote in the Assembly this month. Advocates are assured they have the votes needed to pass the bill there, and the Governor has committed to signing it into law. New Jersey's bill would extend the state's existing temporary disability insurance (TDI) system to provide workers with family leave benefits to care for sick family members or to bond with newborn or newly adopted children. The legislation would provide 6 weeks of TDI benefits (two-thirds wage replacement up to maximum of \$524 per week) for a worker taking leave, financed by small employee payroll deductions.

2* In more paid family leave news, the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Investing in the Future of the Federal Workforce: Paid Parental Leave Improves Recruitment and Retention." The hearing focused, in part, on a bill (H.R. 3799), sponsored by Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) titled "Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2007", which would provide all federal employees eight weeks of full pay and benefits for leave taken for the birth or adoption of a child. During the hearing, Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) clarified that the bill's provisions would not apply to congressional offices.

The hearing included a number of witnesses who testified in support of a paid leave bill for federal employees. They cited examples of how offering paid leave helps maintain office morale and retains employees.

3* Starting in May, more than 130 million households will receive an economic stimulus payment from the Internal Revenue Service. Most people don't need to do anything special to get a payment; they can just file their taxes as usual and the IRS will do the rest. But millions of people who are usually exempt from filing tax returns including low-income retirees, disabled veterans and low-wage earners must file a return in order to receive their payment. You can help by serving as a resource for the individuals and families in your community. The National Women's Law Center is hosting a free webinar to give service providers and advocates the information they need on the economic stimulus payments, including:

- Who's eligible for the payments
- How much the payments can be worth
- What individuals and families need to do to apply for the payments
- When individuals and families will receive the payments
- Tools that can help organizations educate the public

Register today for this webinar, Economic Stimulus Payments: What Families Need to Know

To be held at 3:00 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, March 20, 2008

To register, go to <http://action.nwlc.org/stimuluswebinar>

This online workshop is free to participants, but registration is required.

4* The public has until April 11, 2008 to comment on recent changes proposed by the Department of Labor (DOL) to the Family and Medical Leave Act regulations. For the last 15 years FMLA has worked for both employers and employees and has helped tens of millions of working families take unpaid leave for caregiving purposes without losing their jobs or their health insurance. BPW/USA was an early supporter of FMLA and does not believe that the changes should be made in the regulations that will scale back access to the program. In fact, this is a time when we should be working to expand the program to cover even more workers. BPW/USA is working with a coalition of like minded organizations to respond to the proposed changes and protect FMLA.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES – Submitted by Nena Matheny, Secretary**March 4, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at Ponderosa Steak House. President Wanda Crowe called the meeting to order. The officers present were: Wanda Crowe, President; Teresea Hatler, President-elect; Nena Matheny, Secretary; and Lana Moore, Treasurer. The minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting were printed in the March newsletter for review and approved at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Sally Taylor Buie, Wanda Crowe, Patti Fallin, Julie Franklin, Teresea Hatler, Nena Matheny, Lana Moore, Algia Morrow, Wanda Morrow, and Sharon Smith.

Guests: Sandra Mefford, Executive Director, and Lisa Moberly, Board Vice President, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Kristen Johnson of Trover Health System. Ms. Mefford and Ms. Moberly discussed the upcoming BB/BS Bowl for Kids' Sake. Ms. Johnson discussed the Junior Miss Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report as of March 4, 2008 with a balance of \$1,712.34 was distributed and reviewed. It will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation – Patti Fallin mentioned BPW/KY Foundation donations. She is matching the club member donations up to \$100.00; members had the opportunity to contribute that evening before the funds were mailed to the Foundation.

Hospitality – Algia Morrow will contact Bart's to schedule the April meeting if available.

Newsletter – The newsletter deadline is March 24th.

Young Careerist – Martha Phelps, BPW member and Madisonville Community College Financial Aid Coordinator, has agreed to represent the club as Young Careerist.

NEW BUSINESS

The BPW/KY Northwest Region meeting is Saturday, April 5, 2008 and will be hosted by BPW/Hopkins County at Madisonville Country Club. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. President Crowe discussed member responsibilities (registration, name tags, coffee, juice, and doughnuts) and asked for volunteers. In addition, Patti will be printing the programs and Lana will purchase the club's door prize.

Lana Moore volunteered to serve as the club's Bowl for Kids' Sake team captain.

After a Junior Miss discussion led by Patti, the members voted on the option to hold the Junior Miss program. A ballot vote was conducted; the vote was eight in favor of hosting and two against. The program would be next year but preliminary work will start soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements and happy dollars were followed by the Emblem Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Nena Matheny, Secretary

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Nena Matheny

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Lana Moore

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Editor's Note by Julie Franklin

Sincere thanks to Wanda C., Patti, Beth, Sonia and Nena, for their submissions to this edition.

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