

OCTOBER
2008

Meeting

Tuesday

Oct. 7

6:30 p.m.

Madisonville
Country Club

Menu

Hot Brown
Tea / Coffee

Program

Brenda Glover
Hopkins
County
Democratic
Party
Representative

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BPW/HC News

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President's Message

It sure was sweet of Beth Moore to send me a card. She knew I was really stressed last month. My surgery is scheduled for Oct. 1. They found a cyst under my wisdom tooth so will remove it and the tooth. I hope to make our Oct. meeting.

It looks like we are going to be very busy in Oct. with BPWW. Be sure and watch for all the events. Sharon Smith and Evelyn Fine have been very busy planning everything.

Our planning meeting for the Jr. Miss Pageant was at Julie Franklin's home. Julie is always a wonderful host. The food was wonderful and there were some great idea's presented. There is a lot of interest being generated by this pageant . It will be a lot of work but I feel it will be well worth our efforts. Wanda Crowe , myself and my granddaughter Breanna attended the one at Henderson Community College. It was well attended and very professionally done. I can hardly wait to see how ours turns out.

Don't forget to get your nominations in for Woman of the year, Woman of Achievement, Business Equity. I know with all the great friends you have you can think of someone to nominate. Why not invite them to our next meeting. I am sure they would make a great member.

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Maybe, because it is my birth month. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting and all the great BPWW activities.

President, Teresea Hatler
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FUNDRAISERS

Finance Chair Lana Moore has information on two fundraisers going on now – Innisbrook Wrap and RADA Cutlery. Please contact her to obtain your order form for either/both of these. We need the participation of all members to ensure success. If you are unable to sell, please buy!! Contact Lana via e-mail at lanajmoore@hotmail.com.

Calendar of Events

OCT 7	MEETING – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
OCT 20-24	National Business Women’s Week
OCT 27	Newsletter Deadline
OCT 31	BPW/KY Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline
NOV 1	Deadline – Turn in Innisbrook & RADA orders to Lana Moore
NOV 4	ELECTION DAY
NOV 4	MEETING – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
NOV 21-22	BPW/KY INTERIM BOARD – Barren River State Park, Glasgow
DEC 1	Kentucky Cardinal Deadline
DEC 2	HOLIDAY GATHERING – TBA

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN’S WEEK HISTORY submitted by Sharon Smith

Since its creation in 1928, Business and Professional Women/USA have sponsored the event for the purpose of recognizing and honoring the achievements of working women throughout history. BPW/USA’s members call attention to local women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of workingwomen, share information about successful workplace policies, and raise awareness of the resources available for women in their communities.

The concept of National Business Women’s Week originated from Emma Dot Partridge, executive secretary of the national Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs from 1924-1927. The first observance was held April 15-22, 1928, and National President Lena Madesin Phillips opened it with a nationally broadcast speech. 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 were asked to participate in daily programs designed to call attention to the mission and achievements of BPW/USA. From this early effort, NBWW has grown to be a nationwide salute to all working women, as well as a spotlight on BPW/USA programs and objectives. NBWW was moved to the third full week of October in 1938. The change to the fall was initiated so that local organizations could use NBWW as a springboard for their new year’s programs. Over the years, NBWW has become an event widely recognized by public and private institutions and local communities. Each U.S. President since Herbert Hoover has opened the first day of NBWW with a letter recognizing the contributions and achievements of working women. In addition, on the state and local levels, governors and mayors often issue similar proclamations.

Though women have more business and professional opportunities today than in 1928, the program outlined for the first observance of NBWW is still relevant to our current challenges. Reports tell of many successful observances throughout the country based on a national program that included: Legislative Day devoted to national, state and local legislation of interest to women; Education Day devoted to 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.

As BPW/USA has grown, so too has the scope of NBWW. In 1928, BPW/USA had 874 local organizations. Today, BPW/USA has members in 54 state federations and 1,300 local organizations - the majority of which hold events to observe NBWW. The celebration of National Business Women’s Week has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.

NBWW EVENTS

Monday, October 6 **Proclamation by Mayor Will Cox**
City Council Meeting (begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 18 **Emblem Breakfast**
Home of Sharon Smith
Further details to follow via e-mail

Monday, October 20 **Open House – Curves**
6:00 p.m.

Curves is sponsoring an Open House on October 20th beginning at 6:00 p.m. (BIG THANKS TO MELINDA HOWELL-OGLESBY!) Everyone is welcome. Speakers during the evening will be:

Joan Lang, Kentucky Cancer Program
Sharon Smith, SPF in skin care products
Melinda Howell-Oglesby, Exercise
JoAnn Hale, Eating properly
Myers Karate, Self Defense

Other vendors will be there as well, BPW Hopkins County, Mary Kaye, Silpida Jewelry.

We will be talking also about a new product that is exclusive at Curves, Liv Aid. This is to be used during your self breast exam. Olivia Newton-John found her lump by doing a self breast exam. She and Dr. Bodai are promoting the Liv Aid by going on national TV and radio.

Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will be raising money by raffling off a basket worth \$250.00. We also have a bucket toss by tossing coins into a bucket and a wacky bra contest anyone can enter this we will be voting by giving money to the best bra. Who ever raises the most dollars wins. If you are interested in tickets 3 for \$1.00 call us or stop by and try your luck at the coin toss or the bra contest.

Thursday, October 23 **Banquet – Madisonville Golf & Country Club**
6:30 p.m. **Menu: Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Spiced**
Apples, Salad, Dessert, Coffee / Tea
Further details to follow via e-mail

BPW/USA LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE – September 26, 2008

Congress Completes Some Stuff, Leaves a Lot Undone

Congress is expected to work through the weekend on the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout and a Continuing Resolution to fund the government through next year. Many of BPW/USA's priorities including the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act and Paid Leave for Federal Workers, remain unfinished. The House acted on a series of public health bills but it is unlikely the Senate will take action before the end of the year.

- **HEART for Women Act** – The HEART for Women Act passed the House on September 25 by an overwhelming margin. [Click here to find out how your Representative voted.](#)
- **Elder Abuse Victims Act** - Legislation aimed at curbing abuse of the elderly passed the House on September 25. The bill (HR 5352), sponsored by Rep. Sestak (D-PA), would direct the attorney general to study state laws on the abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly people.
- **Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act** - On September 23, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved legislation aimed at increasing and improving federal research into the environmental causes of breast cancer. The bill (HR 1157), sponsored by Rep. Lowey (D-NY), would create a new committee to promote and better coordinate federal research efforts on breast cancer.

Lilly Ledbetter Testifies Before Senate, Again

In an effort to keep equal pay on the radar, the Senate Judiciary Committee hosted a hearing titled, *Barriers to Justice: Examining Equal Pay for Equal Work*, on September 23. Lilly Ledbetter along with employment lawyers Lawrence Lorber and Cyrus Mehri testified. Only a few Senators were in attendance including Judiciary Chair Sen. Leahy (D-VT), Ranking Member Sen. Specter (R-PA), Sen. Feinstein (D-CA), Durbin (D-MI), and Cardin (D-MD). On September 17, Lilly Ledbetter announced her support for the Obama-Biden campaign. The Obama campaign is currently airing a second television ad about equal pay starring Lilly.

Government Can't Tell How Well Its Enforcing Anti-Discrimination Laws

On September 10, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a new report titled [Women's Earnings: Federal Agencies Should Better Monitor Their Performance in Enforcing Anti-Discrimination Laws](#). The report finds that neither of the federal agencies tasked with enforcing pay discrimination laws are taking all the steps necessary to eliminate wage discrimination. The report finds that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) does not comprehensively monitor its performance in enforcing the laws barring sex discrimination in pay, and thus lacks a complete picture to help identify trends, set agency priorities, and improve enforcement efforts. Similarly, the Department of Labor (specifically the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs) makes only limited efforts to monitor its own performance of enforcement and outreach activities, lacks effective mechanisms to determine if federal contractors are regularly evaluating their own pay scales, and does not monitor enforcement trends or performance outcomes on wage or other types of discrimination.

Women Believe a Strong Women's Movement is Still Needed

The [National Women's Law Center](#) released the findings from a July survey of women voters. Among the findings:

- 68% of women believe our nation needs a strong women's movement to push for changes the benefit women. 49% of men share this view.
- 64% of women say we still must do more or that we have a long way to go in providing equal rights for women, including equal pay for equal work and ending other discrimination in the workplace.
- 77% of women think is very or extremely important that the next President and Congress address the issue of providing women with the legal protections they need to get equal pay.
- 75% of women strongly or somewhat favor increasing government funding to ensure that parents have access to quality child care and early education.

For more go to http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/2008poll_whatwomenwantmemo.pdf

Cervical Cancer Screening Resource

September is Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and the [National Council of Women's Organizations Women's Health Task Force](#) has launched a campaign and website encouraging everyone to tell the older women in their lives about cervical cancer prevention. The campaign includes information on cervical cancer prevention along with interactive tools for spreading the message. Rep. DeLauro (D-CT) has introduced the Medicare Cervical Cancer Screening and Detection Coverage Act (HR 4055), a bill to provide Medicare coverage of HPV testing as part of routine cervical cancer screening.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES – Submitted by Nena Matheny, Secretary**September 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Madisonville Golf & Country Club. President Teresea Hatler called the meeting to order. The officers present were: Teresea Hatler, President; Algia Morrow, President-elect; Nena Matheny, Secretary; Patti Fallin, Treasurer; and Lana Moore, Parliamentarian. The minutes from the August 5, 2008 meeting were printed in the September 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, Melinda Howell Oglesby and Sharon Smith.
Guest: Evelyn Fine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2008 with a balance of \$1,302.55 was distributed and reviewed. The report will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card was received from Audrey Fowler, BPW/Hopkins County scholarship recipient. An invitation from the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts was received for an opening reception on September 7th for the Quilts by the Piecemakers Quilt Club exhibit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Lana Moore presented the 2008-09 Budget to the membership. Julie Franklin moved to “approve the budget as presented.” The motion was adopted. Fundraising projects this year include Innisbrook and Rada.

Junior Miss – Patti Fallin mentioned scheduling a meeting to plan for the program. The meeting is scheduled for September 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Julie Franklin's home.

Membership – Wanda Crowe discussed prospects for membership.

National Business Women's Week – Sharon Smith reviewed nominee selection for NBWW awards.

October 20th “Girls Night In” will be a joint event between Merle Norman, Curves, the Kentucky Cancer Program, and BPW. It will be held at Curves with an emphasis on health, skincare, and cancer detection and prevention. The club will have a booth/table setup at the event with information on BPW membership and the Junior Miss program. The event will raise money to pay for five women to have a mammogram at the Health Department. Approximately 1000 invitations will be mailed. BPW members will bring healthy food and snacks – at the October meeting we will need to know what each member is bringing. The annual banquet will be on Thursday, October 23 and Sharon is scheduling a speaker for the evening. The NBWW proclamation will be held early in October at the City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wanda Morrow stated the local political party representatives have been invited to speak to the membership. One representative did not attend this evening's meeting. The opposing party member will attend the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements and happy dollars were followed by the Emblem Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Nena Matheny, Secretary

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Editor's Note by Julie Franklin

Many thanks to Teresea, Nena, Sharon, Melinda, and Algia, for their submissions to this edition.

Please remember that your ideas, articles, and information are always welcome!

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