



Business and
Professional
Women/Berea

DEFINE YOUR FUTURE
Workingwomen moving FORWARD

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, June 4
at 6 pm - People's Bank
Berea

BPW Foundation Goals: To promote equity for workingwomen nationwide, through education, information and research.

Dear BPW Friends,

This has been a beautiful spring — just the thing to ready us for our annual BPW potluck at People's Bank. We can look forward to our delicious variety of foods, and the sharing (the beginning) of our recipe collection. Remember to bring a copy of favorite recipes to give to Bea Riley, the chair of this great fund-raising idea.



Last Friday I was honored to present the three scholarships to our recipients from Madison Southern High School, and earlier in the month, the Berea Community School winner was recognized. What a heart-warming and joyous experience.

I hope you all are enjoying the fine weather, as well as the many activities that accompany the season.

Please bring ideas for the upcoming year to the June 3rd meeting, 6:00 PM.

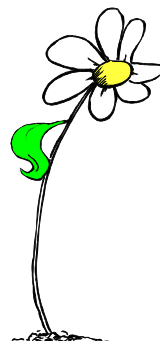
Joyce Mosher
President



What Cookbook?

In case you missed the last meeting, we discussed compiling a cookbook to sell as a fund raising project. The more recipes we include the better so you will find with this newsletter two sheets: one has a recipe form and complete instructions, the other is just the recipe form. Please, feel free to make lots of copies so you may turn in lots of recipes. If you need more, let Kathy know and she will get them to you.

Invite More Women!!!
Increase the strength of our voice!!!



Birthdays:

June Birthdays:

- Luise Lunsford – 6/4
- Brenda Smith – 6/8
- Rosann Effron – 6/29

Happy Birthday!!!

◆ Next Meeting:

- Annual Potluck Dinner, People's Bank, Berea. Wednesday, February 6, 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at the Peoples Bank on Chestnut St. Across from MACED and Everything Else. Not the main bank beside the new park. Come to the back door, someone will let you in. Bring your favorite food and if you made it, bring the recipe!

◆ Events:

- June 6 - 8 - BPW/KY Annual State Conference, University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green, KY
- July 22-26 - BPW/USA Annual Conference, The Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.
- October 20 - 24 - National Business Women's Week
- October 1 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

◆ Current Officers:

President -	Joyce Mosher	986-4366
Vice President -	Arritta Morris/Renee Poitra	986-8080
Treasurer -	Barbara Belcher	986-0647
Secretary -	Linda Van Winkle	986-9848

◆ Please Let Us Know:

If you have any comments, complaints, corrections, announcements or contributions (always very welcome), please contact:

Kathy Nell
859.985.2775/knell@gte.net

Highlights from The Web — Apr & May '08

House Passes Bill to Honor Alice Paul with the Congressional Gold Medal

May 15, 2008: Today the House of Representatives recognized Alice Paul for her role in winning women's suffrage by passing legislation to award her the Congressional Gold Medal. Paul was one of the leading figures responsible for the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote and penned the early version of the Equal Rights Amendment that would enshrine women in the Constitution. This long overdue honor recognizes Alice Paul as one of the great women in history for her work to promote women's rights, freedom and equality.

The National Organization for Women salutes the work of Representative Joe Baca (DCalif.) as he gathered 412 bipartisan sponsors for H.R. 406. The House passage of the bill is the first step toward honoring Alice Paul with a Congressional Gold Medal. We will be working with the bill's counterpart in the Senate, sponsored by Sen. Robert Menendez (DN. J.), with the goal of having the Gold Medal award posthumously to feminist heroine Alice Paul.

It was because of women like Alice Paul, who dedicated her life to the women's movement, that organizations like NOW have been able to be legitimate and pertinent forces in politics and in our culture today. It was only 89 years ago that women had no voting rights, little power, and married women had no separate legal status. With the help of Paul and her tenacity to do what was right, women now can not only vote, but own homes, run businesses, play sports, be a U.S. senator, or become the first woman president.

To honor Paul is to honor her life and work. She was the author of the Equal Rights Amendment, founder of the National Women's Party, and a lifelong activist for women's equality. Paul fought tirelessly to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment until her death in 1977, and though the ERA is still not in the Constitution, Paul's legacy continues today.

Report on Effect of Recession on Women

A new report indicates that women are bearing a disproportionate share of the hardship of this economic downturn. The report, *Taking a Toll: The Effects of Recession on Women*, was prepared by the Majority Staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). The report is part of the Committee's ongoing focus on women and family issues and was released in conjunction with Equal Pay Week. HELP Committee Chair Senator Kennedy (D-MA) said that findings show that we need to act immediately to restore women's right to fair pay. Some of the findings are:

- In contrast to previous recessions, in which women have typically fared somewhat better than men, early signs indicate that this recession is hitting women harder than men. Women are suffering more job losses and a larger reduction in wages in recent months than the general population.

- Since March 2007, the number of unemployed adult women has increased by 20%, compared to 17% increase among adult men.
- In 2007, the median wage of adult male workers fell by nearly half a percent; in contrast, women's median wages fell by 3%.
- Women represent a disproportionate share of the recipients of subprime mortgages. They make up only 30% of borrowers for mortgages, but 38% of subprime borrowers.
- Single women are the most likely demographic group to file for bankruptcy and comprise 40% of all bankruptcy filings.
- In part because of longstanding economic discrimination, women often have fewer assets and a weaker personal safety net than men and are generally less able to absorb the effects of a recession than their male counterparts.

Poll Takes Political Pulse of Women

As part of its Every Woman Counts campaign to engage women in the political process, Lifetime Networks released the results of a national poll on women's opinions of the presidential candidates. Some key findings were:

- Hillary Clinton was the only candidate who registered a significant net change in public opinion since January. 55% of the women surveyed said their opinion of Hillary Clinton had not changed since January, while 26% said they liked her less now and 15% said they currently like her more. 60% of the women surveyed said their opinion of John McCain is not any different than it was a few months ago. 45% percent of the women surveyed said their opinion of Barack Obama changed since the start of primary season, with 23% saying they like him more and 22% reporting they like him less now.
- 33% of women believe Clinton is receiving negative treatment in the media because she is a woman while 30% believe she is receiving positive coverage.
- 41% of the women surveyed think Obama has been helped more than hurt by the media due to his race. 49% of Hispanic women believe Obama has benefited from his race whereas 30% of African-American women believe he has gotten the short end of the media stick.
- The economy and jobs is the #1 issue for women overall (38%), followed closely by health care, Medicare, and prescription drugs (31%) and the war in Iraq (28%).
- 34% of the Pennsylvania women surveyed say they'll vote for Clinton, 29% for Obama, and 20% for McCain on the April 22nd primary.



Business and Professional
Women/Berea