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**Women**

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*A message from your president...*

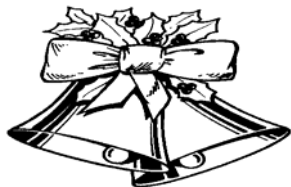
**SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!**

Here it is, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving. Fresh snow, frosty breath, a clear winter's day, sunny and bright, bring us to think about our holiday celebration on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

January brings us to Scholarship awards. Pauline Davis and Inna Gertje are seeking candidates. If you know of a woman from the local area who is a non-traditional student, give Pauline a call (413-663-7844). Scholarship criteria and applications have been placed at MCLA, McCann Regional High School, Southern Vermont College, local businesses, etc. February is Young Careerist month. It is a time when we honor a young woman for her outstanding achievements, both personal and professional. Contact Francine LaJoie (413-663-3753) with names of individuals you would like to nominate for this prestigious award. Remember that our December meeting is one week earlier than our usual meeting time.

I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely, Sylvia



**December Meeting**

**Date: December 14, 2005**

**Location: Williams Inn**

**Program: Holiday Party**

**Menu: Tomato & Cucumber Soup**

**1. Petite Filet Mignon**

**2. Baked, Stuffed Shrimp**

**3. Angel Hair Pasta with  
Asparagus, Tomato,  
Mushrooms, in a Garlic  
Butter Sauce**

**Dessert – Chocolate Yule Log  
Coffee, Tea**

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Hostesses: NBBPW Officers**

**Reservations: Allyn Basel**

**Home: 802-694-1466**

**Work: 413-743-0001**

**Sylvia Proud**

**Home: 802-826-5535**

**Work: 413-662-5434**

**Please remember:** Reservations are due by the Friday before the meeting. If you haven't been called, call one of the hostesses above. **Also, you are responsible for reservations made and not honored.** We must pay for meals ordered.

*Networking – 6:00*

*Meeting opens – 6:30*

*Dinner – 6:45*

**Guests are welcome!**

## Dates to Remember

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day  
December 14 – December Meeting  
December 25 – Christmas  
Hanukah begins  
December 26 – Kwanza  
January 1 – New Year's Day  
January 16 – M. L. King Day  
January 25 – NBBPW meeting

~\*~\*~**FYI**~\*~\*~

(From November Meeting)

A suggestion was made to substitute our usual Holiday Grab Bag with donations to the persons temporarily living at Louison House. The following is a list of items needed:

### Adults

Deodorant, Shampoo, Body wash, Kleenex, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Advil), Aleve, Roloids, Sudafed, Tube socks (men & women)

### Children

Children's Tylenol  
Sippy cups

## NOT NEEDED

Toothpaste  
Tooth brushes  
Hand Lotion  
Body Lotion

Please be generous!

## ALSO...

Bring non-perishable items for the Northern Berkshire Food Pantry. There is a great need there!

## Reminders. . . .

1. Give your YC nominations to Francine LaJoie or a committee member.
2. Scholarships applications are being accepted by Pauline Davis & Inna Gertje.
3. 50/50 Holiday Raffle ticket returns are due at the Holiday meeting. Winner will be drawn at that time.

## December Birthdays

*Marion Duffy - 12/6*

*Fran Tzarnecki - 12/9*



## BPW/USA and BPW Foundation Publications

### BusinessWoman

*BusinessWoman*, published quarterly, is an essential resource for workingwomen nationwide and the main communications vehicle for the BPW membership. Ninety percent of readers rate *BusinessWoman* as an excellent resource for workingwomen.

### Headquarters News

This electronic publication keeps BPW/USA members across the country up-to-date on the latest happenings at the national level and important developments in issues and trends affecting workplace equity.

### Legislative Hotline

BPW/USA's Legislative Hotline provides BPW/USA members current information and reports concerning our legislative priorities.

### Workingwomen Speak Out

Between fall 2003 and spring 2004, the BPW Foundation conducted a survey, *Workingwomen Speak Out*, of American workingwomen asking about their workplace, security and quality of life concerns. The 7,377 respondents represented a broad cross-section of workingwomen from every region of the United States, every income level and every demographic. The responses were analyzed by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR). According to the survey results, domestic issues are far more important to workingwomen than terrorism and international issues. The survey provides clear information on the interests and needs of workingwomen for both employers and policy makers.

### 101 Facts on the Status of Workingwomen

This publication is a helpful resource that compiles up-to-date statistics on the status of workingwomen in America. One of the Foundation's most popular publications, 101 Facts, contains information on women in the labor force, women entrepreneurs, the wage gap, women's health and retirement, women in the Fortune 500, workingwomen and their families and other workingwomen's issues.

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

[www.bpw/usa.org](http://www.bpw/usa.org)

[www.bpw/ma.org](http://www.bpw/ma.org)

*From your editor. . .  
During this Holiday Season,  
whether you celebrate  
Christmas, Hanukah or  
Kwanza, I wish you the  
best. . . Health, Happiness  
and Peace! Happy  
Holidays!*

*Lucy M.*