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**Northern Berkshire Business and Professional
Women**

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A message from your president...

Jingle bells, jingle bells everywhere you go, a sure sign that the Christmas holiday season has begun. This month's Holiday gathering will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20th. **Please note that for this month, the cost of the dinner will be \$25.00.** It was voted at the November meeting to donate proceeds from the evening dinner, along with the 50/50 raffle money, to the COTY Youth Center. Please remember to bring your sold raffle tickets and the money to the December meeting. If you cannot attend, please mail the tickets and money to our Treasurer, Gwendolyn Boillat, 265 Daniels Road, North Adams, MA 01247.

It was also decided at the November meeting to forgo the traditional \$5.00 grab bag in favor of the members bringing items to donate to the Louison House. Suggested donations include paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, liquid dishwashing detergent, coffee, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, hairspray, toothpaste, and hand lotions. If you would prefer to donate something for infants and toddlers, you may bring crayons and coloring books, PlayDoh, reading books, infant toys, infant toiletries, and booties and socks. Please bring whatever items you wish to donate to the

meeting and arrangements will be made to get the items to the Louison House.

In the past, the club has also made a donation to the food pantry. However NBCC Director Marie Harpin has told us that all the area food pantries are full at this time and has asked us to delay any food donations for now. If the members would still like to do a food drive, we can plan one for around the Easter season.

Deborah Felix has received multiple nominations for the club's member of the year. She will be passing out ballots at the December 20th meeting so that everyone can vote on who will receive this honor. Our Member of the Year recipient will be formally recognized at our January meeting. So on December 20th, take a break from your holiday preparations, and come to the Williams Inn to share a fine meal and holiday cheer with your Northern Berkshire BPW friends.

Elizabeth Manns, President

***Happy Holidays from your
club officers!!!!***



DECEMBER MEETING

Date: December 20, 2006
Location: Williams Inn
Program: Holiday Celebration

Menu: Tomato/Cucumber Salad

1. Petite Filet Mignon
2. Baked Stuffed Shrimp
3. Stuffed Twin Peppers with Rice & Couscous

Dessert – Ice Cream Puff

Coffee, Tea
Cost: \$25.00

Hostesses: Officers

Reservations: Liz Manns
413-6634-7445
Gwen Boillat
413-663-9328

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!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 16 – Hanukkah
December 20 – General Meeting
Holiday Party
December 25 - Christmas



December Birthdays

MARION DUFFY – 12/6
FRAN CZARNECKI – 12/9

Congratulations and best wishes to Francine LaJoie and her husband on the birth of their daughter – October 16th!



IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org

www.bpw/ma.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org

Of Interest...

The Women's Vote and Voice

Women and BPW members made their voices heard at the polls this Election Day. Women in leadership as well as pro-women candidates can make a difference in the furtherance of the BPW/USA platform.

BPW/PAC had a very successful Election 2006- over half of the BPW/PAC endorsees were either elected or re-elected to Congress. Overall the 2006 election brought a record number of women to the U.S. House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

With the women's vote, we can ensure that pro-women candidates are elected to office!

National Business Women's Week 2006

BPW members nationwide organized and participated in NBWW events and activities including proclamation signings, Women of the Year presentations, Women of Achievement presentations, candidate forums and banquets, just to name a few. These successful events not only garnered a lot of press attention but increased community awareness about BPW as well as gained new members for the organization.

Feeling Stressed??

According to Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA), women are twice as likely as men to suffer from General Anxiety Disorder. To educate individuals about the difference between normal stress and/or anxiety and anxiety disorder, Business and Professional Women Foundation has partnered with ADAA for [National Stress Out Week \(NSOW\)](#).

Brochures are available about ADAA's [Women Initiative](#); will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. To request copies, send an email including quantity to marketing@bpwusa.org

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A few Holiday greetings written by author Christopher Morley....

***Should you or your folk ever call at
our door
You'll be welcome, we promise you--
nobody more;
We wish you the best of Joy and
Cheer
That can come with Christmas and
last through the year!***

***Jolly old Yule, Oh the jolly old Yule
Blesses rich man and poor man and
wise man and fool--
Be merry, old friend, in this bright
winter weather,
And you'll Yule and I'll Yule, we'll all
Yule together!***

***May blazing log and steaming bowl
And wreaths of mistletoe and holly
Remind you of a kindred soul***

***Whose love for you is warm and
jolly!***