

# **Western Gateway Gazette**

## **Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women**

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**February, 2011**

*Dear Members,*

*I am sick of shoveling snow! It was so overcast and blowing that when Punxsutawney Phil dug his way out from under that tree on Gobbler Hill; he looked around, saw no shadow, and said to the Inner Circle, "It will be an early spring. I don't know about you, but I'm going back to bed"! This is an unusual prediction for Phil and we all hope he's right. February is the month of change which can go in any direction weather-wise.*

*Perhaps when Julius Caesar decided that the Roman/ Republican Calendar was very confusing because it placed all of the planting, harvesting and holiday dates at the wrong time; mixing up the nones and the ides and, therefore, making everyone late. Caesar said the calendar had to be changed; after all he was the Dictator and Caesar liked his holidays! Even in Rome, February can be rough, so in his imperial wisdom, Caesar proclaimed it the shortest month of the year. The world has been thanking him ever since. Along with Caesar and Punxsutawney Phil, there are other dates in February that make it a memorable month. There are of course, The State Winter meeting (moved to March 12th.) St. Valentine's Day and the Super Bowl, which helped to launch the National Snack Food celebration. Only in America! Most important may be National History Month and Black History month. We, Americans honor the names of the popular few black women of history every February. The black women mentioned in history class or the media; women such as Harriet Tubman and her underground railroad or Rosa Parks, the civil rights activist and Madame C.J. Walker, the first self made black millionaire, or Maya Angelou, poet laureate, author and social commentator. This February let's take a closer look at the life of a contemporary black woman, Jewell LaFontant-Mankarious. Her present and past work is helping to change our present. Jewell LaFontant-Mankarious is a woman of many firsts. But you won't hear it from her.*

*Ambassador at-large and U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs she says it's not "important to be the first, if you don't open doors so other blacks and women can enter." She is the first woman to argue before the Supreme Court, a founding member of The Congress for Racial Equality and the first black woman to be elected to a major corporate board, Jewel Foods. She has been named to 16 other boards including Revlon and Equitable Life.*

*At 72, she still possesses a need to make a difference for women, and if it bears the burden of being the first, she says" so be it." Let us take a page from these women of merit and stand up and be counted among the doers of our world. You don't have to be famous; you just have to be there. Congratulations to our Woman of the Year, Inna Gertje, a woman who is always there and who is always doing for NBBPW. Thank you Inna.*

*I would also like to honor our Scholarship recipients who received their awards at our January meeting. Tondalee Holmes-Gunn will be studying to become a Dental Hygienist and Sarah Bohl, who will be studying to become a registered nurse. Our congratulations to these hard working young women.*

*With my best regards,*

*Dot Ransford  
NBBPW President*





## February Meeting

**Date:** February 23, 2011

**Location:** Williams Inn

**Program:** Nutrition & Your Health  
Dr. Francine LaJoie

**Menu:** Garden Salad

**Choice of:**

1. Battered Sole  
with Artichoke & Potato

2. Roast Sirloin of Beef  
with Mushroom Sauce

3. Vegetables tossed with Penne,  
Oil and garlic

**Dessert:** Mocha Banana Cream Pie

Coffee, Tea

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Hostesses:** Dawn Schrade  
413-663-5008

Elizabeth Manns  
413-663-7363

**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 WEBSITES!!

[www.bpwfoundation.org](http://www.bpwfoundation.org)

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

[www.northernberkshirebpw.org](http://www.northernberkshirebpw.org)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 21 – Presidents' Day

February 23 – NBBPW General Meeting

March 12 – BPW/MA Winter Program

(Registration form @ end of Newsletter)



### February Birthdays

**Francine LaJoie – 2/3**

**Martha Dailey – 2/15**

**Dawn Schrade – 2/18**

## **Reminder from BPW/MA ...**

BPW/MA Members

I would like to share an opportunity with you!

BPW/Vermont is sponsoring an IDP (Individual Development Program) seminar weekend April 8th and 9th with an optional Train the Facilitator session on Sunday, April 10th. The program is open to BPW members and non-members alike, so please consider sharing this information with friends, neighbors and co-workers - it would be a wonderful introduction to the opportunities offered through BPW. BPW/VT will be utilizing the expertise of several experienced facilitators including Carolyn Frazier of NY (now a BPW/VT member), Kim Bina of BPW/VT, Shelley Maloney of BPW/CT and Laura Bauver of BPW/MA.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Please also let me know if you are interested in participating in this type of seminar, but are not available April 8-10th. If there is sufficient interest, I will do my best to hold a similar event in Massachusetts on another weekend this spring. Please be sure to let me know if there are weekends that you are not available. This will help me in my planning process!

Hope to hear from many of you!

Laura K Bauver, BPW/MA IDP  
Chair

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## ***Speaker for BPW/MA Winter Program***



**Barbara R. Donato, CGA**  
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If you're looking for a proven technique to reveal your aptitudes, social skills, integrity, and other personal qualities, look no further than your own handwriting! Certified handwriting analyst Barbara R. Donato will present an informative and entertaining talk on handwriting analysis to the Business and Professional Women's Group on Saturday, March 12, at 1:00pm. Her presentation will show you how to analyze handwriting in order to better understand yourself as well as people around you.

An officer of the Massachusetts Chapter of the International Graphoanalysis Society and member of the American Association of Handwriting Analysts, Ms. Donato regularly participates in seminars and conferences featuring prominent graphologists. Since 1988, she has performed hundreds of one-on-one analyses, helped businesses select qualified job candidates, and introduced the many uses of handwriting analysis to diverse organizations. In addition to her handwriting analysis expertise, Ms. Donato is a research coordinator in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Merrimack College, and her Master of Science degree in public relations from Boston University. She and her husband own and operate JoBarb Farms in Bolton, Mass.

**REGISTRATION**  
**BPW/MASSACHUSETTS**  
**WINTER PROGRAM**  
**March 12, 2011**

**The Chateau Restaurant**  
**95 Turnpike Road (Rte 9)**  
**Westboro, MA 01581**

**Registration Deadline: March 4, 2011**  
Please complete the following  
information. Include check made  
payable to BPW/MA.

**Mail to:** Lucienne Pelletier  
45 Riverside Street  
Danvers, MA 01923-3721

In the event that you must cancel your  
registration, please contact Lucienne  
prior to March 4, 2011. We regret that  
we will be unable to issue refunds to  
anyone canceling after that date.

Name:

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Address:

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Home Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_ Work

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

BPW Local:

\_\_\_\_\_ District:

Please check all that apply:

- Member
- First time Attending
- Local President
- Local President-elect
- District Director
- Guest: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- State Officer
- State Standing Committee Chair
- Special Appointee w/ vote
- Special Appointee w/o vote
- Past State President

**Registration: \$ 37.50 Registration**  
**Time: 10:30-11:00 AM**

To include:

**11:00 AM** Business Meeting

**Noon** Luncheon

**1:00 PM** Winter Program “Decades  
That Made A Difference, A  
Handwriting Presentation” by  
Barbara R. Donato

Business Meeting to resume after  
Presenter’s Program.

**Luncheon Choices (pick one):**

1. Chicken Roma\_\_\_\_\_
2. Broiled Sea Scallops\_\_\_\_\_
3. Broiled Marinated Sirloin Tips \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Italian Bread and Butter,  
Fresh Garden Salad, Coffee or Tea,  
Vanilla Ice Cream with Hot Fudge).

Please note any dietary restrictions  
here:

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All prices include tax and gratuities. No  
meals can be sold on site. Meals must  
be prepaid. In the event that you must  
register by telephone, please provide  
your full name, local, and day and  
evening telephone numbers to Lucienne  
Pelletier. Guests: Please include each  
guest's name and affiliation. Directions  
will be included in the BSN due out in  
February. Attendees are responsible for  
making their own arrangements for  
accommodations