

**Western Gateway Gazette**  
**Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women**  
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Dear Members

*Welcome to Sweet June and the joy of summer, with her glorious flowers, fresh fruit and vegetables from the garden. The pleasures of the open air and the camaraderie of gatherings at the picnic table with good food and good friends are some of the special times of the year. June brings the Summer Solstice with long days and the best of Mother Nature's art. Don't you just love summer?*

*June also brings us to NBBPW's last general meeting of 2009-2010. This year, as always, we have programmed our "Fun Fest" meeting on a special theme and our Hostesses Nancy and Lucy are bringing us HULA HULA NIGHT. They have planned many surprises awaiting our pleasure, so be sure not to miss this one!*

*We will have some end-of-year business to attend to, including the Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 NBBPW year. Installation will be conducted by Past State President, Laura Bauver.*

*I look forward to sharing the fun with you all at the meeting on the 23rd. Come prepared to relax, laugh and enjoy.*

*Happy Summer!*

*Best Personal Wishes,  
Dorothy Ransford  
NBBPW President*



**UPCOMING**  
**EVENTS**

June 14 – Flag Day  
June 20 – Father's Day  
June 20 – First Day of Summer  
June 23 – NBBPW General Meeting  
July 4 – Independence Day



# June Meeting

**Date: June 23, 2010**

**Location: Williams Inn**

**Program:** 1. End of Year Social  
"Hawaiian Luau"  
2. Installation of New Officers  
3. Bonnie Nugent,  
Hand-Writing Analyst

**Menu:**  
Garden Salad

**Choice of:**

1. Luau Ham Delight
2. Filet of Sole Florentine with Rice
3. Grilled Vegetables with Creamy Polenta

**Dessert: Fresh Strawberries atop a  
Light Sponge Cake**

**Cost: \$25.00**

**For reservation call:**

**Lucy Milette: 413-663-6080**

**Nancy Lescarbeau: 413-663-6083**

**Maureen O'Mara: 413-458-9211**

**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**

# *June, July, August Birthdays*



*Linda Collyer – 6/25  
Linnea Nelson – 6/27  
Nancy Lescarbeau – 7/5  
Sylvia Proud – 7/7  
Dorothy Ransford – 7/12  
Allyn Basel – 7/16  
Patti Troumpe – 7/23  
Paulette Remillard – 8/29*



***Best wishes to  
Northern Berkshire  
BPW officers for  
2010-2011!***

*President: Dorothy Ransford  
1<sup>st</sup> V. President: Francine LaJoie  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. President: Maureen Moriarty  
Secretary: Pauline Davis  
Treasurer: Dawn Shrade*

## **Women WIN Jobs Act Has 48 Co-Sponsors**

The National Coalition on Women, Jobs and Job Training, of which BPW Foundation is a member, held a hearing on the [Women and Workforce Investment for Nontraditional Jobs Act \(HR 4830\)](#). Sponsored by Rep. Polis (CO-2) and Rep. DeLauro (CO-3), the Women WIN Jobs Act supports outreach, education, training, and placement of women in non-traditional occupations. In addition, it supports services such as child-care and post-employment retention to help women “embark on career paths that lead to self sufficiency in any field where they represent less than 25% of the workforce.”

## **Women Veterans Health Improvement Act Passes**

On May 5, the President signed the [Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act \(S. 1963\)](#) into law. The bill contains several provisions relating to women veterans including the [Women Veterans Health Improvement Act \(HR 1211\)](#) supported by BPW Foundation advocates. Sponsored by Sen. Akaka (D-HI), the omnibus bill requires the VA to report on barriers encountered by women veterans receiving VA health care and develop a plan to improve the provision of health care services to women veterans.

## **Women: Like Men, Only Cheaper**

Once again, the BPW family used [Equal Pay Day](#) to garner lots of media coverage of the continuing gap between men’s and women’s wages. BPW Foundation hosted an [UnHappy Hour](#) and a National Conference Call with Rep. DeLauro and AAUW for over 100 activists. As a result of all of your hard work, two more Senators signed on as co-sponsors of the Paycheck Fairness Act. There are

now 40 co-sponsors! [Go to the BPW Foundation Advocacy Center to send a letter encouraging the Senate to take action on PFA now.](#)

## **Fast Facts**

*Small businesses were responsible for the majority of job growth from 1993-2008.*

*Small businesses employ just over half of all U.S. workers.*

*Women-owned businesses have an economic impact of 3 trillion dollars annually.*

*Women-owned businesses are responsible for the creation or maintenance of 23 million jobs.*

*Women-owned small businesses lose from 5 to 6 billion dollars a year because of the failure of the federal government to contract with these businesses at an appropriate level.*



## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!**

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

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

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

# June 2010

## Bizarre and Unique

### Holidays

- 1 [Dare Day](#)
- 2 [National Rocky Road Day](#)
- 3 [Repeat Day \(I said "Repeat Day"\)](#)
- 4 [Hug Your Cat Day](#)
- 4 [National Doughnut Day](#) always the first Friday in June
- 5 [World Environment Day](#)
- 6 [National Gardening Exercise Day](#)- Get out and exercise with your plants.
- 7 [National Chocolate Ice Cream Day](#)
- 8 [Best Friends Day](#)
- 9 [Donald Duck Day](#)
- 10 [Iced Tea Day](#)
- 11 [Hug Holiday](#)
- 12 [Red Rose Day](#)
- 13 [Sewing Machine Day](#)
- 14 [Flag Day](#)
- 15 [Smile Power Day](#)
- 16 [Fresh Veggies Day](#)
- 17 [Eat Your Vegetables Day](#)
- 18 [National Splurge Day](#) - Oh yeah!!
- 19 [National Hollerin' Contest Day](#) - third Saturday in June
- 20 [Father's Day](#)
- 20 [Ice Cream Soda Day](#)
- 21 [Go Skate Day](#)
- 22 [National Chocolate Eclair Day](#)
- 23 [Take Your Dog to Work Day](#) (Why!?)
- 24 [Swim a Lap Day](#)
- 25 [Log Cabin Day](#)
- 25 [National Catfish Day](#)
- 26 [Beautician's Day](#)
- 26 [Forgiveness Day](#)
- 27 [Sun Glasses Day](#)
- 28 [Insurance Awareness Day](#) - Now who do you think invented that!?!)
- 28 [Paul Bunyan Day](#)
- 29 [Camera Day](#)
- 29 [Waffle Iron Day](#)
- 30 [Meteor Day](#)