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My Dear Members,

The intensity of the year-end BPW activities is over with the national membership voting to consider a merger of BPW/USA with the National Federation. This possible merger will be reviewed, defined and put to the full membership to accept or reject in the Spring of 2010. This means that the year ahead will be a year of change and decision on all levels of our organization. This looks to be a year of opportunity for the state federations and all locals to become more autonomous and creative on their own. As to the question of dues, there is no change at the present time, which means the price of membership for NBBPW will still be \$91.00. A change may come before the Spring of 2010, but that has not been determined yet. The short story here is, if your dues are coming up soon, pay them, as if things have not changed, because they haven't. National still exists until the merger is voted upon. If you have more questions, we'll try to answer them at the June meeting.

May has quietly bloomed into June and we are all quickening the pace in an effort to complete unfinished business and make some future plans for NBBPW before the fun and easy pace of summer begins. I ask that all of last term's officers bring any materials they have to the June meeting to pass on to the incoming officers. I would also ask members to bring your ideas for program topics, fundraising, and activities that you think would interest other club members. Please walk in with your "volunteer shoes " on, as we need

committees, hostesses and greeters for a successful club year.

Now let's have some fun! For the last few years our club has had a garden party celebration of summer as a theme for our June meeting. This year I'd like to make it a Mad Hatter garden party. It would be fun to dress up as something you enjoy, or dream about being, or just dress wacky. It will be summer for our June 24th meeting, so let's welcome her with a BANG!

I wish you fair winds and a wonderful relaxing and enjoyable summer. May you all share in the blessings of life with safety and good health; and return to NBBPW in September with renewed energy to do the work of our mission of Women Helping Women.

Best Personal Wishes,

Dot

*Dorothy L. Ransford
President*



June Meeting

Date: June 24, 2009

Location: Williams Inn

**Program: End of Year Social
"Garden Party"**

**Menu:
Fruit Salad**

Choice of:

1. Roast Sirloin of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce
2. Seafood Crepes
3. Grilled Vegetables with Polenta

Dessert: Lemon Cake with Strawberries

For reservation call:

Lucy Milette: 413-663-6080

Nancy Lescarbeau: 413-663-6083

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 – Flag Day

June 21 – Father's Day

June 21 – First Day of Summer

June 24 – NBBPW General Meeting

July 4 – Independence Day

June, July, August Birthdays



Nancy Lescarbeau – 7/5

Sylvia Proud – 7/7

Dorothy Ransford – 7/12

Allyn Basel – 7/16

Patti Troumpe – 7/23

Paulette Remillard – 8/29

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpwusa.org

www.mabpw.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org



Best wishes to Northern Berkshire BPW officers for 2009-2010!

*President: Dorothy Ransford
1st V. President: Nancy Lescarbeau
2nd V. President: Francine LaJoie
Secretary: Pauline Davis
Treasurer: Dawn Shrade*

BPW Headquarters News

Members Approve Merger with BPW Foundation

On May 15, 2009 at a special BPW/USA membership webinar, it was announced that the BPW/USA membership had voted to approve the merger with BPW Foundation. There were 3,194 votes cast with 79% or 3,130 voting in favor of the merger. The merger is effective July 1, 2009. A summary of the vote and the breakdown by state can be found on the [website](#).

BPW/USA President Diane Polangin and BPW Foundation Trustee Chair Roslyn Ridgeway said in an e-mail to all members, "This vote by the BPW/USA membership will assure that the mission of the organization will continue through BPW Foundation as well as the proud 90 year legacy of supporting working women and families." You can read both President Polangin and Chair Ridgeway's remarks given at the membership meeting and the press release that was

issued announcing the merger on the BPW Transition Information [webpage](#).

Do You Misbehave?

Young Women Misbehavin' wants to hear from women and advocates on issues impacting the workplace, families and employers. It's time that we heard from you! Become a guest blogger. Email to info@youngwomenmisbehavin.org Make your voice heard TODAY!

On the lighter side... ..

Three men were hiking through the forest, when they unexpectedly came upon a large, raging, violent river.

Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed to God, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river."

POOF! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about 2 hours after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing what happened to the first man, the second man prayed, "God, please give me the strength and tools to cross the river."

POOF! God gave the second man a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing a couple of times.

Seeing what happened to man number one and man number two, the third man prayed, "God please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross this river."

POOF! God turned him into a WOMAN. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of yards and walked across the bridge.

