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***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

As you can tell by this column, Paulette and I survived the Great Ice Storm of 2007 and made it safely back from Winter Board. There were many happenings of interest to come from this meeting. Paulette had the pleasure of attending several excellent ID programs and will give a report on them at our March meeting. A member can now receive up to \$2500 dollars from MEAF. They can receive it in installments of \$500 with only a 1-year break between \$1000 installments. State has some care packages that they would like to mail to veterans serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, but new regulations require that the packages be mailed directly to the soldiers. Therefore, if anyone has the names of soldiers serving overseas and their mailing addresses, I am asking that you let me know so that I can forward that information on to State ASAP.

Both State and National have significant bylaws coming up that will affect the way each organization conducts business in the near future. The bylaws themselves will be coming in each organizations next publication. If ever there was a time for grassroots members to attend these conventions, it is now. State, for us, is only a stone's throw away at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke, MA, from May 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be only \$75. If you want to stay the hotel though, reservations will have to be made by April 16<sup>th</sup> so as to

avoid the College graduation rush. What little information, I have on these changes, I will briefly cover at our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Speaking of our March meeting, our own Pauline Davis will be giving a presentation on the Importance of Mammograms to Woman's Health. Also, for members who have District Raffle tickets out, please remember to bring the money and tickets to me at the meeting so that I can see that everyone who bought tickets has a chance of winning at the District Annual meeting. March is also our month for taking nominations from the floor if anyone wants to run for an officer's position in the Local.

I am happy to report that at the February meeting we had a full slate presented by Nominations Chair, Dorothy Ransford. Candidates are Paulette Remillard for President, Deborah Felix, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dorothy Ransford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Pauline Davis, Secretary, and Gwendolyn Boillat, Treasurer. I want to commend both Dorothy Ransford on her excellent work in securing a full slate and each of these ladies who have come forward and agreed to serve the Local in these most important positions. With participation like this, I know that Northern Berkshire BPW's future is bright indeed.

*Elizabeth Manns*  
*President*

## MARCH MEETING

**Date:** March 28, 2007  
**Location:** Williams Inn  
**Program:** Pauline Davis  
“Importance of Mammograms to  
Woman’s Health”

**Menu:** Soup de jour

**Choice of:**

1. Herb Roasted Chicken Breast
2. Poached Salmon
3. Cheese Tortellini with Marinara

**Desert:** Brownie Sundae

**Coffee, Tea**

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Hostesses:** Fran Brooks  
413-743-1709  
Francine LaJoie  
413-663-2822

**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*

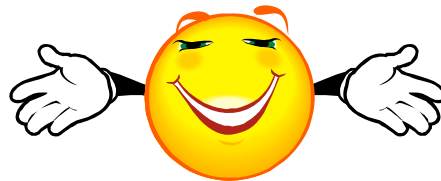
*Dinner – 6:45*

**Guests are welcome!**

## IMPORTANT DATES



March 17 – St Patrick’s Day  
March 20 – Spring begins  
March 28 – General Meeting  
March 31- Western District Meeting  
April 23 – Equal Pay Day  
May 18-20 – BPW State Convention,  
Holyoke, MA



**Welcome New  
Members!**

**Sharon Maxwell  
Sharon Levesgue  
Deborah Blood**

## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!**

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

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

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



## March Birthdays

Jacqueline Metsma – 3/4  
Lynda McClendon – 3/12

## **BPW Headquarters News.....**

**Training and Career  
Development**

### Women Joining Forces ID

Do you know of a veteran that could benefit from BPW/USA's ID Program? The launch of *Women Joining Forces (WJF) ID* was held on Feb. 8 in Washington, DC. This valuable program will be offered again at the 2007 BPW/USA National Conference. BPW/USA has tailored its professional development training series to meet the unique needs of veterans. The goals of WJF ID are to:

1. provide the opportunity for veterans to practice skills that will improve their personal development;
2. identify services necessary to continue development; and
3. establish a professional foundation for a future in the civilian workforce.

For more information, email to [wjf@bpwusa.org](mailto:wjf@bpwusa.org)

### Get Your Piece of the Pie

...Executive Pie that is. This online resource for business women has a wealth of information and is a BPW/USA strategic partner. Register at [www.executivepie.com](http://www.executivepie.com) to create a professional profile.

### Barefoot Parties

Become a Barefoot Consultant! This business was created by a woman so that women can shop and party at the same time. Learn about CEO Lisa Hammond.

Start your own business! Coolest part is that women can be in business for themselves, but never by themselves. For more, visit [www.barefootparties.com](http://www.barefootparties.com).

### Of Interest...

#### Match Point

The All England Club, which organizes the Wimbledon tennis championships, said that from now on it will offer women the same prize money as men. The chairman of the club, Tim Phillips called the decision "good for tennis, good for women players and good for Wimbledon". Wimbledon was the last holdout among the Grand Slam tennis tournaments in not awarding equal prize money to women across the board.

#### Gifts to Celebrate and Inspire Women

Check out one of the top women's catalogs in the country! The coolest part about it is that all the items for sale in the catalog are created by women for women.  
[www.femailcreations.com](http://www.femailcreations.com)