

Western Gateway Gazette

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A message from your president...

Dear Members,

The happy month of May has returned to us with her glorious array of flowers beckoning us toward the enjoyment of a beautiful spring and summer.

For BPW women, May means the Call to State Conference; this year being held in Plymouth, MA on May 21. The conference will celebrate the 90th anniversary of BPW/MA; elections for state officers will be held and BPW/MA will step boldly into her new future.

We members of NBBPW will take energy from the State Convention and create our new plans for the challenges and rewards of our upcoming year.

Our goal over the past two years was to re-engage our local in the awareness of equality for women in the workplace and the community; and to be Beacon of Light for others outside of our membership. We were rewarded with six new members as we retained our current membership. We should be proud of this accomplishment.

NBBPW is doing something right!

My two year term as your president is coming to a close and I'd like to reflect on our success as a Club. We can celebrate the fact that NBBPW makes a difference in the lives of other women with education, networking and support of their accomplishments. I've heard that what we make is a living, but what we give away is

what makes a life. To meet the needs of someone else is indeed being a Beacon of Light. Our light is shining in our community and it is because of you, our members. Thank you to all of you who have been there, supporting all of our efforts as a club. Thank you to those who served as officers and committee chairs, and to their committees. Thank you for the extra time and effort that each of you gave to make our Club a success. No one can do it alone. I am proud to be a member of NBBPW!

I thank you for your energy and commitment to our Local and ask you to continue our work with passion. Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, and the very Best Personal Wishes to all of you.

*Dot Ransford
NBBPW President*



~~ May Meeting ~~

Date: May 25, 2011

Location: Williams Inn

**Program: Installation of Officers
&
“Jewelry Party” - NBBPW Fund Raiser**

**Menu:
Garden Salad**

Choice of:

- 1. Roast Pork Loin with Dried Fruit
Stuffing & Mushroom Sauce**
- 2. Chicken Amandine**
- 3. Fettuccine Rachel with Mushrooms
and Spinach, oil & garlic**

Dessert: Cheesecake with Melba Sauce

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$25.00

Hostesses:

Maureen Riley-Moriarty 413-743-0432

Phyllis Alcombright 413-458-9879

**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

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 21 – BPW State Conference

May 25 – NBBPW General Meeting

May 30 – Memorial Day



May Birthdays

Lucy Milette – 5/25

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpwfoundation.org

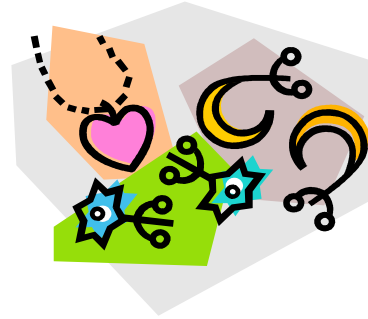
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Food for thought.....What are

the jobs women should aspire to if they want high-paying jobs? Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowgirls, because they'll earn a whole lot more if you steer them towards science, math, engineering and technical careers. High paying jobs for women are frequently found in fields where women are scarce. A handful of careers - many of them overlooked by the majority of women - lead to greater annual earnings than women typically average. Compare the annual salary of a teacher at \$43, 000 to a pharmacist at \$75,000.

NBBPW Fund Raiser



Top Paying Jobs for Women

Rank	Job	Median Yearly Income for Women	Percentage of Men's Earnings
1	Pharmacists	\$85,644	84.9%
2	Chief executives	\$83,356	80.1%
3	Lawyers	\$78,468	77.5%
4	Computer software engineers	\$70,252	87.3%
5	Computer & information systems managers	\$65,520	85.4%
6	Physicians & surgeons	\$63,960	59.1%
7	Management analysts	\$59,228	78%
8	Human resource managers	\$59,124	67.9%
9	Speech-language pathologists	\$58,448	100%
10	Computer scientists & systems analysts	56,264	83.7%

There will be a “Jewelry Party” at our May meeting, after the installation of the 2011-2012 NBBPW officers.

Eileen Meczywor will present jewelry from Premier Design Jewelry. The jewelry is very nice and modestly priced! All sales will provide a percentage to NBBPW. Guests are welcome to attend the Jewelry Party...the more the merrier! They may come for dinner (\$25) if they would like to learn about BPW or just come for the jewelry. If doing that, then they should arrive about 7:30 P.M.

When making your reservation, let us know if you are bringing a guest.

