

Western Gateway Gazette

Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women

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A message from your president...

Dear Members,

WOW! This year has flown on the wings of time. It has been an interesting year, one with challenges, some fulfilled and others waiting for the next administration. We chose a wonderful "Woman of Achievement", Jane Allen. We were successful in awarding the Margaret E. Lanoue Scholarship to Cynthia Cote, and were happy to honor Carol Kondel as our "Member of the Year". All of our programs were thoroughly enjoyed and provided much useful information...breast cancer awareness, nutrition, heart health and positive thinking. Our fund raising helped to raise our "piggy bank", thanks to the Tag Sale, the Yankee Candle Sale and the 50/50 raffle. Thank-you to everyone.

As you know, we are looking for members for the Web-site committee...a chairperson and two committee members. If you have expertise in this field, please let Liz know. We should make the most of this wonderful opportunity to promote Northern Berkshire BPW.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for their support and participation in the organization and administration of our Local this year. You are the best! I also want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as club president this year!

Sincerely,
Sylvia

*****MAY MEETING*****

Date: May 24, 2006

Location: Williams Inn

Program: "Women & Investments"

Guest Speaker: Joanne Gagne

Also: Installation of new officers

Menu: Fresh Fruit Plate

Choice of:

- 1. Pork Stir-Fry over Noodles**
- 2. Chicken Picatta with Capers & Lemon Sauce**
- 3. Cheese Tortellini with Fresh Vegetables in Light Tomato Basil Sauce**

Dessert: Key Lime Pie

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$20.00

Hostesses: Paulette Remillard

413-663-7945

Deborah Felix

413-743-5812

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!

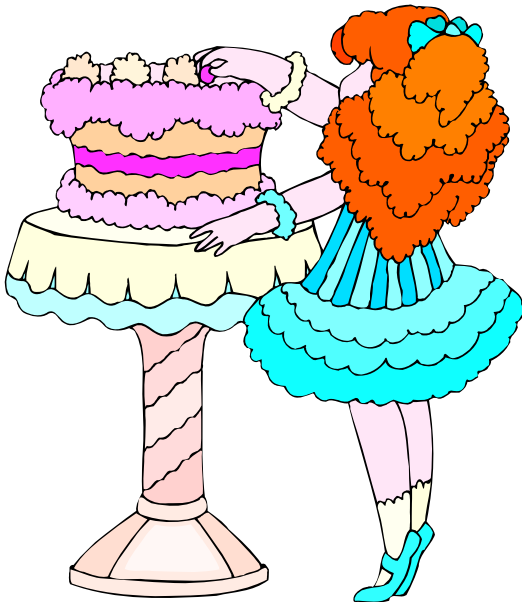
Dates to Remember

May 14 – Mother's Day
May 17 – Women's Business
Conference *
May 19-21 – BPW/MA
State Convention
May 24 - NBBPW Meeting
May 29 – Memorial Day
July 18-22 – BPW National Conf.
Dallas, Texas

* Dr. Mary K. Grant, Keynote
Speaker, Pittsfield
Country Club

May Birthdays

Marge Bissailon – 5/23
Lucy Milette – 5/25



IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org

www.bpw/ma.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org

*****BPW/MA*****

SKILLSHOP DAY RETURNS!

Saturday, June 3 – Noon to 5PM at
the UMass Medical Center,
Worcester, MA

This program is designed to help Local and District Officers get the year off to a great start! Learn how to effectively lead your local organization into a successful year. Hear great ideas for PR, programs, membership drives and legislative action. Meet your compatriot officers and share your concerns, ask questions and learn from those who have gone before you.

Kick-off with a brainstorming lunch – self pay – provocative topics lead to great conversation! After lunch, gather for group training-then break out sessions to address specific topics. Direct requests to: Kathleen Pavelchek (781 290-2218, kpavelchek@oehm.net.) Cost of the day is your lunch and parking. All incoming Local and District officers and any other interested members should attend.

Bay State News

~*~Did You Know?~*~

The BPW Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary from Feb.1, 2006 to Jan. 31, 2007. During the last 50 years, the BPW Foundation has been a leading supporter of working women through research, strategic partnerships, information sharing and scholarships and BPW members have been in the forefront of supporting the BPW Foundation's work. This year, the BPW/USA Executive Committee challenges all BPW State Federations, Local Organizations and members to increase their past giving level by at least 50 percent and promote the BPW Foundation in their communities.

~~*FYI*~*~*

On Tuesday, May 17, 2006, from 9AM to noon (lunch to follow), a Women's Business Conference will take place at the Pittsfield Country Club. The conference is entitled "Leading the Way". Dr. Mary K. Grant (NBBPW's Woman of Achievement) is the keynote speaker. Panel members include: Lola Jaffe, Pam Malumphy and Susan Mongue.

"Join with area women as they discuss their leadership roles in business, politics, education and the community and the challenges and successes they have experienced. Share stories and insights on what motivates women to assume leadership roles and the styles of leadership they find most comfortable and effective".

The registration fee is \$45.00: lunch is optional and costs an additional \$12.00. To pre-register or for more information, call 413-499-0933. Mail payment to Nancy Bergmann, MSBDC, 75 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

😊 Important Notice! 😊

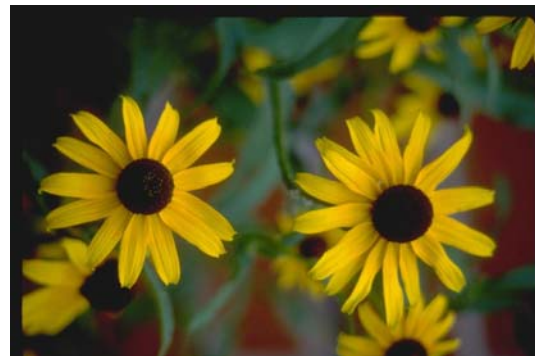
It was suggested, at the NBBPW Board meeting on MAY 1, 2006, to e-mail the newsletter to members who have access to the internet as a way to lower expenses. This is a choice for members... The June newsletter will be sent by traditional mail AND e-mail as a test. Included in

this newsletter is a form to fill in with your e-mail address and preference for receiving the newsletter. Please make sure that either Lucy Milette or Liz Manns receives the form before June 9, 2006.

√ - REMINDER

TO ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS... PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORT FOR THIS PAST YEAR TO SYLVIA, AT THE MAY 24TH MEETING.

TO ALL MEMBERS... PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE DIRECTORY IS CORRECT...I.E. ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, ETC. GIVE INFORMATION TO LIZ.



Success Quote of the Day...

The greatest crime in the world is not developing your potential. When you do what you do best, you are helping not only yourself, but the world.

Roger Williams