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*A message from your president...*



*Dear Members:*

*Will spring be arriving soon?  
Some days I think so, others days  
I think it will never get here.  
Hopefully next month we'll see  
blue skies, bright sunshine, and  
crocuses poking through the  
snow.*

*Everyone is busy getting ready  
for the Western District's Annual  
Meeting to be hosted by Berkshire  
BPW this year. We will discuss  
our obligations for the meeting at  
this month's meeting.*

*As a reminder, both the District  
and the State Federation are  
looking for candidates to run for  
office. It is a great way to get  
more involved with BPW and can  
be a lot of fun as well. We will  
discuss this further at our next  
meeting.*

*On January 28th, we had  
planned on recognizing our  
Member of the Year, and  
scholarship honoree. However  
due to a particularly nasty storm,  
all events will be held at our  
February meeting.*

*See you at the meeting. Think  
Spring!!*

*Paulette Remillard,  
President*



## February Meeting

**Date:** February 25, 2009

**Location:** Williams Inn

**Program:** Member of the Year,  
Scholarship Award

Inna Gertje will give a presentation of her life in Germany.

**Menu:** Garden salad

**Choice of:**

1. Battered Sole with Artichoke and Diced Potato
2. Hanger Steak with Peppercorn and Brandy sauce
3. Penne Pasta & Vegetables tossed with Garlic & Oil

**Dessert:** Boston Crème Pie

Coffee, Tea

**Cost:** \$25.00

**For reservation call:**

Paulette Remillard - 413-663-7945

**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

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 18 – Presidents Day

February 25 – NBBPW General Meeting

February 28 - BPW/MA

Board of Directors Meeting

March 28 – Western District Annual Meeting



## *February Birthdays*

*Francine LaJoie – 2/3*

*Dawn Schrade – 2/18*

## **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)

# Reminder....

## BPW/MA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Freedom Hall – Cotuit, MA  
February 28, 2009

The February meeting of the BPW/MA Board of Directors will focus on planning and preparation for our Annual Convention and the next BPW year. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Come early for breakfast. When business is finished, we'll have some fun and mingle during the BPW "Bingle".

### SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 Registration

8:30-9:00 "Heart Healthy Breakfast"

Sponsored by Ria's Travel and Special Events

9:15-12:15 Business Session

12:30-1:30 Lunch and Program

1:30-2:30 Business Session

2:30-3:30 BPW "Bingle"

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Nominating committee report

Review of proposed 2009-2010 budget

Legislative agenda

Standing Committee reports;

Local and district award information

Proposed Policy and Procedure changes

Proposed Bylaws amendments

Local/District Forum:

Reaching Your Destination Progress Updates

Preview of State Convention

### PROGRAM

Women and Money: Making Good Financial Decisions

Amy Kates and Evelyn Young

### REGISTRATION

Registration deadline is February 23. Cost for "early bird" registration (by February 13) is only \$22. (Registration form enclosed.)

### ACCOMMODATIONS

There are several hotels in Falmouth (12 miles away) and Hyannis (10 miles away). Or reserve room with other BPW/MA members at the Cape Cod Holiday Estates. (Information enclosed.)

*The official Call to Meeting was distributed on January 14, 2009.*



## FYI

### BPW/USA Attends Historic Bill Signing

BPW/USA CEO Deborah L. Frett joined leaders of women's, civil rights and human rights organizations at the White House to witness the historic signing of the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act*. "It is significant that the first piece of legislation to be signed by President Obama is one we have fought so hard for - the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act." said Frett.

"Equal pay for women has long been one of BPW/USA's top legislative priorities and it is fitting that in our 90th year we can celebrate the signing of the first major equal pay bill since the 1963 Equal Pay Act," says BPW/USA president The Honorable Diane Polangin. BPW/USA leadership was also present at the 1963 historic White House signing.

### February is BPW Foundation Month

BPW Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of the BPW/USA membership especially during February when members make a special effort to support the work of the Foundation through financial contributions. Thank you for making the BPW Foundation your Valentine during the month of February. You send a check to the BPW Foundation at:

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