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message from your president...



My Dear Members,

We've set our clocks back again, and yes, it's November and the beginning of all of the holiday hustle and bustle that is both exhausting and wonderful. Our local always anticipates this busy time by having our monthly meeting one week earlier on November 18th. Please mark your calendars for an interesting program in support of our women veterans.

I want to thank 1st Vice President, Nancy Lescarbeau, for preparing and conducting our highly successful October meeting in my absence. I also thank Lucy Milette, our Newsletter Editor for all of her assistance and for being Nancy's "private secretary", and I wish to thank all of the officers and committee chairs and each member who worked together to make our Woman of Achievement Program with Honoree Carol Crossed so special. This is the kind of teamwork that makes me proud to be a NBBPW member. Thank you so much ladies. It is not often that NBBPW can honor a woman such as Carol Crossed, who has achieved multiple goals as an activist, humanist and historian on the national scene; and has taken her skills and gifts to the North Berkshires to accomplish the seemingly impossible task of restoring and re-invigorating the Susan B. Anthony

Homestead Museum! Several well intentioned persons tried to do this, but fell short. Carol Crossed just did it! You can "Google" Carol and be impressed by her accomplishments, but you would not hear of these from Carol because this humble woman feels she is just giving back to her fellow beings. As an example of this, she and her husband made a donation to NBBPW that will fully fund our scholarship for this year! Carol Crossed and her staff will officially open the Susan B. Anthony Homestead Museum on November 14th. Let us be there both as NBBPW members and as proud North Berkshirites to view and support this special Museum.

We have a busy period ahead of us with new information coming to us from the State after Fall Board; so please try to be active and get to the activities and the meetings. Everyone of you is important to our goals.

I hope to see you at the museum opening and at our November meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Best Personal Wishes,

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NOVEMBER MEETING

(Note Date!)

Date: Nov. 18, 2009

Location: Williams Inn

Program: Roseanne Frieri

“Support our Women Veterans”

Menu: Clam Chowder

Choice of:

**1. Roast Turkey with Dressing,
Giblet Gravy, & Mashed Potato**

**2. Lemon Sole with Potato &
Artichoke**

3. Vegetable Lasagna

Dessert: Pumpkin Pie

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$25.00

Hostesses: Liz Manns

413-664-7445

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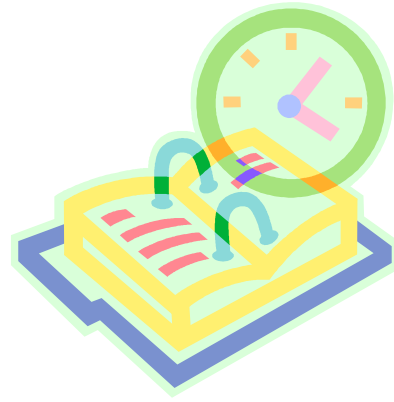
Please remember: Reservations are due by the Friday before the meeting. If you haven't been called, call one of the hostesses above. Also, you are responsible for reservations made and not honored. We must pay for meals ordered.

Networking – 6:00

Meeting opens –6:30

Dinner – 6:45

Guests are welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 18 – NBBPW General Meeting

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day



November Birthdays

Sharon Maxwell – 11/4

Maureen Moriarty – 11/09

Gwen Boillat – 11/11

Inna Gertje – 11/25

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpwfoundation.org

www.bpw/ma.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org



Biography: *Roseanne Frieri*

Rosanne M. Frieri graduated from Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA. In 1994, she graduated from Hallmark Institute of Photography, Turner Falls, MA and is currently, the Director of Veterans Services for the City of Pittsfield. She is a member of Public Affairs staff at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield, MA.

Awards include: Air Force Training Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 2 devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 devices, Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with 5 devices, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 1 device. Roseanne is a member of the American Legion and the Zonta Club of the Berkshires and resides in Richmond, MA.

Fast Facts

- The jobless rate for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan is currently 11.2 percent. The national average is 9.8 percent.
- Nearly 40 percent of women veterans are employed in management and professional occupations, with another 33 percent working in sales and office jobs. These proportions were virtually the same as those for female non-veterans.
- States with the largest number of women veterans are California, Texas, Florida, Virginia, and Georgia.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs projects the number of women utilizing health care services is likely to double in next 2-4 years
- Women veterans who use the VA are younger than men, averaging 49.5 years compared to 61 years. Eight-five percent of Iraq and Afghanistan women veterans are under 40.

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