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A message from your president...

I would like to start this column off by extending my congratulations to Sylvia Proud, Lucy Milette, and Sandy LoPresto for the outstanding Woman of Achievement dinner we had on Oct. 25th. Approximately 92 people attended the dinner honoring Sarah (Sally) Goodrich and the club was able to donate over \$800.00 to the Peter M. Goodrich Foundation. The film documenting the establishment of the Foundation truly brought home to me the strength, courage, and commitment to giving this woman has. My personal thanks to Paulette Remillard for assuming my duties that evening as your President was still battling with laryngitis that night.

Secondly, I would like to extend my thanks to Deborah Felix for the excellent Meet & Greet Reception we had on Oct. 11th. Eight guests along with our 3 speakers and several NBBPW members were in attendance that evening. Deborah did a great job running the program and one of the guests in attendance has already sent in her application. Deb is off to a great start but she can use everybody's help in bringing new members into the club. Remember everyone who brings in a member has their name go into a drawing in May for two prizes. One prize is having a year's membership paid for by the club and the other is a mystery gift from Deborah Felix.

November is one of my favorite months of the year because it has what is for me the most important holiday of the year in it. That holiday of course is Thanksgiving and this is the one holiday that asks each of us to take the time to look at our lives and give thanks for all the blessings we have in it. Personally I am always most grateful for my family and the many friends I have at work, bowling, and especially in BPW.

Our meeting for this month will be on November 15th so as to avoid any conflicts with Thanksgiving. Our guest speaker will be Dan LoPresto and he will be doing a presentation on "Marketing your Business on the Web." Enclosed or attached to the newsletter is the Member of the Year Nomination Form. Please fill this form out and return it to Deborah Felix at either the November meeting or mail it to her at 5 B Street, Adams, MA 01220 by November 30th. We will also be distributing the club's annual 50/50 raffle tickets at this meeting. As many of you know, proceeds from this raffle will be donated to a local charity. The club directory will once again be available for members to pick up at this meeting.

So pencil November 15th on your calendar as your night for NBBPW and plan to join us for a night out. I look forward to seeing you there and to having my voice back for that evening. (Ha! Ha!)

Elizabeth Manns, President

NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: November 15, 2006
Location: Williams Inn
Program: The Importance of Web
Presence for Your Business
Speaker: Dan LoPresto

Menu: Soup de jour

1. Hawaiian Ham Steak
2. Baked Scrod
3. Vegetable Lasagna

Dessert – Pumpkin Pie

Coffee, Tea
Cost: \$20.00

Hostesses: Nancy Lescarbeau
413-663-6083
Kathy Ziarnik
413-743-2563

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 WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org

www.bpw/ma.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org

IMPORTANT DATES

November 7 – Election Day VOTE!!!
November 11 – Veteran's Day
November 15 – General Meeting
November 23 – Thanksgiving Day



October Birthdays

GWEN BOILLAT – 11/11
INNA GERTJE – 11/25

How You Can Benefit from BPW Membership

1. *Networking and Friendships*
Build a support network,
2. *Leadership Training and Opportunity*
for Advancement.
Polish your leadership skills through
the Individual Development and
Young Careerist programs and BPW's
workshops
3. *A Legislative Voice*
Legislative information and updates,
4. *Women Helping Women*
Make a difference through Equal Pay
Day and Scholarship awards.
5. *Travel*
BPW offers events throughout the
state and country.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

There are several programs taking place at the January meeting that are very important to NBBPW and need the input of all of our members. These programs are:

- Young Careerist
- Member of the Year
- Scholarship

Each one of these has its own criteria as follows:

Young Careerist

Criteria:

1. Age between 21 and 35 by July 31st.
2. Be or have been employed in business or professions, with a minimum of 1 full year experience.
3. Be living, working training or continuing education in the NBBPW area.
4. Must support the BPW/USA mission.

Nominations due by Dec. 20, 2006

Member of the Year

Criteria:

1. Must have been a member for at least 1 year, and be one who believes in and is a credit to BPW.
2. Has brought in new members who actively become involved in BPW, or
3. Has increased the visibility of NBBPW through media coverage, or
4. Has improved programming, or
5. Has implemented an outstanding project involving other NBBPW members which helped enhance the local organization, or
6. Has always been available to lend a helping hand whenever possible, someone you can constantly count on when help is needed.

Nominations due by Nov. 30, 2006

Margaret E. Lanoue Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to support the educational goals of women seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce, or to advance within their career field.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a woman, 25 years of age or older, a legal citizen of the United States, and a current resident of the NBBPW area (including Pownal, VT and Stamford, VT) for the last 2 years.
2. The award is to be used to offset the cost of tuition, fees, books, or other needed course materials.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited institution (Vocational, Technical, or Collegiate).
4. Applicant must have a definite plan to complete the course of study, to use desired training to upgrade skills for career advancement, to train for a new career field, or to enter or re-enter the job market.

Applications due by Dec. 15, 2006

