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A message from your president...

Dear Members:

October already, September just flew by. Time for witches and goblins to come a 'calling.

October is a busy month for NBBPW. I hope to see everyone at our annual "Meet & Greet" on October 10th. It promises to be a fun night with great guests and fun munchies. It is our local members' time to shine and present ourselves to future members. A time to show how united we are and how proud we are of our group and accomplishments. Think about how dedicated we are in our advocacy for working women, our fundraising efforts, scholarships and the many women we have honored as our Women of Achievement. We have a lot to be proud of!

And, speaking of that honor, we will hold our Woman of Achievement Program on October 24th. Jane Swift has been selected as our current year's honoree, joining many other wonderful women. I'm sure that it will be a night of interest to all of us. Jane Swift has a lot to be proud of also and she will share her experiences with us. Remember the date, and join your fellow members that evening.

I have mailed out the club's advertising form for our newsletter and website. I again ask that you either mail your completed form, check and business cards to: NBBPW, P.O. Box 622, North Adams, MA 01247 as soon as possible or give them to me or Gwendolyn Boillat at the October 24th meeting.

To get the most advertising value you need to renew your ad soon.

The Big E is over and BPW once again had a presence. Our information booth was well staffed and we collected names of various women who showed an interest in joining our organization. Each will be contacted by the local in their areas. Thank you to Liz Manns, who worked the booth alongside me, as well as, Deb Felix and her husband Ralph, who took a turn with Liz later that afternoon. I was happy to see our local involved once again.

We are also celebrating a new local, Mid – Cape. Liz Manns and Patti Troumpe attended their "New Charter Party" on September 25th and by the sound of it, had a good time welcoming the newest local in Massachusetts.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Meet and Greet as well as, the Woman of Achievement evening.

Paulette Remillard, President



OCTOBER MEETING

Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Location: Williams Inn
Program: "Woman of Achievement"
Jane Swift

Menu

Choice of:

1. Prime Rib of Beef with Mashed Potatoes
2. Shrimp & Scallops with Penne Pasta
3. Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Peach Melba

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$30.00

For Reservations call:
Lucy Milette 413-663-6080

Please remember: Reservations are due by the Friday before the meeting. **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



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

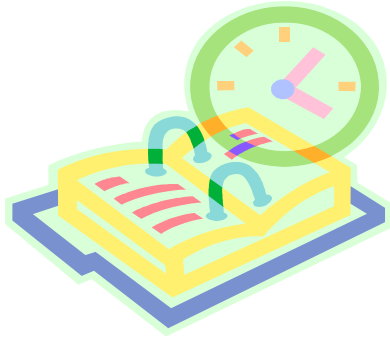
Jane Swift will be honored as "Woman of Achievement" during the NBBPW dinner meeting on October 24, 2007, in celebration of National Business Women's Week. The dinner meeting will be held at the Williams Inn, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Jane Swift was chosen by members of NBBPW as the award recipient in recognition of her more than a decade of public service as a state senator, a lieutenant governor, and a governor, as well as for her continuing dedication to improve the lives of children and families across Massachusetts. She speaks professionally on women's leadership, education improvement and work/family integration.

An active member of her community, Jane Swift serves as a board member on the Williamstown Elementary School Endowment and on the Community Outreach Board for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams. She remains actively involved in politics by serving on the Board of Directors of the Republican Leadership Council, and in advisory board capacities with Republican Majority for Choice and the WISH List.

A native of North Adams, Massachusetts, Jane resides with her husband, Chuck Hunt, and their three daughters, in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Proceeds from dinners to benefit the NBBPW Margaret E. Lanoue Scholarship Fund and a charity of the Honoree's choice.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10 – Meet the Members
October 15-19 - National Business
Women's Week
October 24 – Woman of Achievement
October 31 – Halloween



October Birthdays

Sharon Levesque – 10/25
Karen Kettles – 10/28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **While Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act was signed by the President in January, 2007, we still need to secure funds for the government to implement the law.** BPW members have the Power to make decisions on how the government spends money next year and Members of Congress need to hear from you! BPW members helped to get this bill signed into law and we can also help to get it adequately funded. Within the next two weeks, the bill that may or may not include money for implementation will be completed.
- **Next week is National Business Women's Week (NBWW)! Since 1928, Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW/USA) has sponsored National Business Women's Week.** Each year during the third week of October, BPW/USA, its State Federations, Local Organizations, and the business community as a whole take that opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of working women. The objectives of NBWW are:
 - To promote full participation and equity for women in the workplace;
 - To publicize the achievements of business and professional women on the local, state and national level;
 - To publicize the objectives and programs of BPW/USA as they relate to the millions of business and professional women across the country.

Over the years, NBWW has become an event widely recognized by public and private institutions and local communities. Each state and community tailors events and activities to meet its needs. Activities include WOMENomics forums, Woman of the Year Awards, Women Joining Forces programming, Employer of the Year Awards displays and exhibit, dinners and educational programs.

BPW/USA has received the 2007 National Business Women's Week Presidential Proclamation for the White House.

BPW/USA Legislative Hotline