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A message from your president...

Dear Members:

October already, September just flew by. While traveling to Peabody for the State Fall board meeting last weekend, we noted some impressive foliage. The maples were bright with yellows and oranges.

October is a busy month for NBBPW. October 20th through the 24th is National Business Women's Week and on October 22nd we will hold our Woman of Achievement dinner. Sue Mead of Williamstown has been selected as our current year's honoree joining many other wonderful women. I'm sure that it will be a night that is of interest to all of us. Sue 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 am told that many ads have not been renewed yet they were allowed to be run online and in our newsletters. They now have been removed from the newsletters and shortly from our website. If you want to renew your advertisement in support of NBBPW, I 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 Dawn Schrade at the October 22nd meeting. To get the most advertising value you need to renew your ad soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Woman of Achievement evening.

*Paulette Remillard,
President*



OCTOBER MEETING

Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Location: Williams Inn
Program: "Woman of Achievement"
Susan Mead

Menu: Spinach Salad with Oranges

Choice of:

1. Shaker Chicken with Apple Rings and Rice
2. Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce and Rice
3. Portabella Mushroom with Grilled Vegetables

Dessert: Apple Crisp and Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$35.00

Hostesses: Liz Manns
413-664-7445
Sylvia Proud
802-823-5535

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

October 9 – Yom Kippur
October 13 – Columbus Day
October 20-24 – National Business Women's Week
October 22 – NBBPW General Meeting
October 31 – Halloween



October Birthdays

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org
www.bpw/ma.org
www.northernberkshirebpw.org

Of Interest...

Women Believe a Strong Women's Movement is Still Needed

The [National Women's Law Center](#) has released the findings from a July survey of women voters. Among the findings:

- 68% of women believe our nation needs a strong women's movement to push for changes that benefit women. 49% of men share this view.
- 64% of women say we still must do more or that we have a long way to go in providing equal rights for women, including equal pay for equal work and ending other discrimination in the workplace.
- 77% of women think it is very or extremely important that the next President and Congress address the issue of providing women with the legal protections they need to get equal pay.
- 75% of women strongly or somewhat favor increasing government funding to ensure that parents have access to quality child care and early education.

Men's Wages Hurt By Egalitarian Attitudes

A study, published in the September issue of the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, found that men with egalitarian attitudes about the role of women in society earn significantly less on average than men who hold more traditional views about women's place in the world.

The study raises the prospect that part of the wage gap between men and women who do the same work is really a gap between men with a traditional outlook

on the role of the sexes and everyone else. The differences found in the study were sizeable. Men with traditional attitudes about gender roles earned \$11,930 more a year than men with egalitarian views, and \$14,404 more than women with traditional attitudes. The wage gap between working men and women with a traditional attitude was more than 10 times larger than the wage gap between men and women with egalitarian views.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Everyday domestic violence traumatizes victims, endangers children, harms families, and threatens communities. According to the Department of Justice, there were almost 700,000 incidents of domestic violence in 2001. Approximately one-third of women who are murdered each year are killed by their current or former husband or partner. Children who are subjected to domestic violence too often grow up to inflict violence on others, creating a cycle of violence that must be stopped.

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A Simple Inspiration....

"How wrong it is for a woman to expect the man to build the world she wants, rather than to create it herself."

Anaís Nin

