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Dear Members,

The frost is not quite on the pumpkin yet, but it is the busy month of October with our scheduled programs well underway. Please make an effort to be part of the "Meet and Greet" being held Oct. 8th, both as a membership drive and a fund raiser; featuring Tastefully Simple foods. We expect a good number of guests who are interested in of being part of NBBPW, so let's be well represented.

Another important October event is, of course, Our Woman of Achievement dinner, which will be on October 28th and will honor Carol Crossed, owner and restorer of the Susan B. Anthony birthplace. The Woman of Achievement Dinner always brings many guests to our NBBPW door and offers a great opportunity to earn money for our scholarship fund, so again please plan to be part of this event.

I strongly recommend that everyone read our BPW/MA newsletter (Bay State News) and the comments made by President V.J. Hartnett as to the changes on the state level. The state officers need to know your personal intentions as to the licensing fee. The pros and cons are restated in the Bay State News and the decision is individual. Please read President Hartnett's statements on the dues structure and decide how you wish to continue. If you wish to support the continuation of BPW/MA then send your \$40 contribution to BPW/MA for the license agreement to our Treasurer Caroline Coscia. If you do not choose to contribute the \$40. pay the \$31.00 dues before October 31, so that the State may

know your thoughts. There is much to consider as to our association above the local level, so I leave you to your thoughts on this matter, the essence of it being explained in the Bay State News. As I close, I am always reminded of what BPW and NBBPW are about. we are about empowering all women. We became members of NBBPW because we share common beliefs and goals. Our club embraces women and men from many different walks of life, some are working two jobs, some are caught up with raising children and working, some are retired and for some the work is never done. We are all living our different lives, yet active or not so active, our dues continue to support our Club's service to women's causes; and your contact and conversations with others lead to new members and increased participation in the wonderful programs of BPW. In this month of membership, let's renew our energies for these causes, pay our dues and talk us up. You too can make a difference.

Best Personal Wishes,

Dot



OCTOBER MEETING

Date: Oct. 28, 2009
Location: Williams Inn
Program: "Woman of Achievement"
Carol Crossed,
Owner of Susan B. Anthony
Birthplace Museum

Menu: Garden Salad

Choice of:

1. Roast Prime Rib of Beef
with Mashed Potato
2. Baked Scrod
with Crumb Topping
3. Pasta Primavera
with Oil and Garlic

Dessert: Apple Crisp and Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$35.00
Hostess: Nancy Lescarbeau
Work: 413-743-7875
Home: 413-663-6083 (leave message)

Please remember: Reservations are due by the Friday before the meeting. If you haven't been called, call the hostess 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 – 7:00*

Guests are welcome!

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpwfoundation.org
www.mabpw.org
www.northernberkshirebpw.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12 – Columbus Day
October 19-23 – National Business
Women's Week
October 28 – NBBPW
General Meeting
October 31 – Halloween



October Birthdays

Sharon Levesque – 10/25
Pauline Davis – 10/22
Karen Kettles – 10/28

A Simple Inspiration...

*"Never give up, for that is just
the place and time that the tide
will turn."*

Harriette Beecher Stowe



Anthony

Susan B. Anthony

Birthplace Museum

The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, dedicated to preserving the birthplace and raising public awareness of the wide-ranging legacy of the great social reformer, Susan B. Anthony. She was a noteworthy figure in the 19th century movements to abolish slavery, to secure equal rights for women and to safeguard the rights of the unborn. As part of its mission, the Museum will highlight the familial and regional influence which shaped Ms. Anthony's early life, by displaying the textiles and furnishings of that period, as well as the literature and other memorabilia associated with her later career.

The Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum plans to host an opening celebration in February, 2010, Anthony's 190th birthday.



Fast Facts

- Nearly half (48%) of private-sector workers don't have a single paid sick day to care for their own health or that of a family member.
- Half of all working mothers report that they have had to miss work to care for an ailing child and of those half reported that they lost wages in the process.
- Two-thirds of families with children have either two employed parents, or a single employed parent, most of whom now work full-time
- Companies that provide paid sick days and leave tend to have lower job turnover rates, lower recruitment and training costs, lower unnecessary absenteeism, and a higher level of productivity than firms that do not offer this benefit.
- On average, workers need 1.8 sick days a year to care for themselves and 4 days a year to care for sick children
- 10.1 million firms are owned by women, employing more than 13 million people, and generating \$1.9 trillion in sales as of 2008.
- Women-owned firms account for 40% of all privately held firms.
- 1.9 million firms are majority-owned (51% or more) by women of color in the U.S.
- One in five firms with revenue of \$1 million or more is woman-owned.
- 3% of all women-owned firms have revenues of \$1 million or more compared with 6% of men-owned firms.

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