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Women

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A message from your president...

Oh, October! What a glorious month...the red and gold of fall foliage, crisp new apples, bright orange pumpkins, hot sunny days and cool nights, the aromas of cinnamon and clove! Enjoy this wonderful month! NBBPW began this year with 23 attending the September general meeting four guests indicated an interest in joining our Local. Thank-you Paulette for providing an excellent speaker for the program on Breast Health Awareness. Carol Kondel is making the final preparations for the "Meet & Greet" event on October 19th. I will be there and hope that all of our members will attend also. It's VERY important to show our commitment to BPW.

We will be celebrating National Business Women's week by naming Jane Allen as our Woman of Achievement at the October general meeting. Be sure to attend to honor her.

Also...BPW/USA's new military and veterans membership outreach program will be officially launched on October 20, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Hope to see you on the 19th and the 26th!

Sincerely, Sylvia



OCTOBER MEETING

Date: October 26, 2005
Location: Williams Inn
Program: "Woman of Achievement"
Jane Allen

Menu: Caesar Salad
1. Roast Beef au Jus
2. Poached Salmon
3. Vegetarian entrée
Dessert – Apple Crisp with
Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$25.00

Hostesses: Marge Bissailon
413-743-0759
Marion Duffy
413-663-7094

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 DATES

October 19 – “Meet & Greet”
October 16-22 – National Business
 Woman’s Week
October 22 – Fall Board Meeting
October 26 – General Meeting
 Woman of Achievement
October 31 – Halloween



~*~*~FYI~*~*~

A quote from “101 Facts on the status of working women”: “The wage gap has narrowed by only a half a penny a year for the past 40 years.”

Thirty-one percent of women in Massachusetts have a four-year college degree, the second highest rate in the nation. Yet the state’s gender wage gap ranks 26th: college educated women in Massachusetts earn 70 percent of what college educated men make. View an interactive “learning and earnings’ map of all 50 states at www.aauw.org/research/statedata/.

NBBPW WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT JANE ALLEN

Jane Allen is a retired elementary school principal with a 40-year career in education. She is a graduate of MCLA (formerly North Adams State College) with a B.S. in elementary education. She also earned an M.S. in educational administration from the State University of New York. She served as principal of Crane Community School, Cummington School, Kitteridge School and Clarksburg School. Earlier she had been a teacher with the Williamstown Elementary School and Chapter I Director for the Central Berkshire Regional School District. Jane is active within the local community, including serving as chair of the Williamstown Select Board. She has been bestowed numerous awards and honors for her community service and civic engagement, including the North Adams State College Promising Teacher Award. In 2002 she received an honorary doctorate from MCLA. In her capacity on the MCLA Board, which she has served on since 2002, she sits on the Student Affairs Committee. Jane resides with her husband John, in Williamstown, MA.

*****ATTENTION*****

**Hostesses are needed for the following meetings:
March 22, 2006
April 26, 2006
May 24, 2006
June 28, 2006**

See Paulette Remillard to schedule your availability for one of these meetings.



October Birthday

Karen Kettles – 10-28

QUICK FACTS ABOUT BPW

What does BPW do?

Since 1919, the Business and Professional Women have been building women's careers and skills, by holding legislative forum, providing scholarships, organizing skill workshops, supporting clients of domestic violence prevention services, building public issues awareness through the media, and much more. BPW/USA is the most powerful grassroots organization in the United States for working women. Members benefit from networking opportunities, resources, career positioning, educational programs and visibility. BPW/USA has continually created equity for women in the workplace. With a powerful network of members and nearly 2000 local organizations nationwide, BPW means business for you"

BPW/USA General Information

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org

www.bpw/ma.org

National Business Women's Week **October 17-21, 2005**

[Washington, September 27, 2005 – BPW/USA] –October 17-21, 2005 is National Business Women's Week (NBWW), sponsored by Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW/USA). Since 1928 BPW/USA, other women's organizations, businesses and the media have utilized this week as an opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the accomplishments of working women and their important role in the business community. Every President of the United States since Herbert Hoover has declared the third full week in October as National Business Women's Week.

NBWW provides an excellent opportunity to do special coverage of working women, their many accomplishments and the important role they play in the economy of this country. In addition, in depth coverage of issues of importance to working women such as pay equity, fairness in the workplace and work-life balance issues would be of interest to women across the country.

Every year BPW/USA Local Organizations across the country hold Forums, give Women of the Year and Employer of the Year Awards, host special exhibits and events, and receive government proclamations declaring the third full week of October "National Business Women's Week".

Contact BPW/USA to learn what is happening in Massachusetts.