

Western Gateway Gazette

Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women

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A message from your president...

Dear Members:

One of my favorite bluegrass songs has a verse that goes as follows: "Please help me stop the leaves from falling, help me tie them tight so they won't fall". If only we could! Summer is fast fleeting, and fall is almost upon us, days are shorter, nights are cooler and it is time to get back to business. Not that we haven't been busy this summer. This summer, we once again participated in the Adams' Susan B. Anthony Day's Street Fair and North Adams' Downtown celebration. My thanks to those who helped to organize and work these events: Marge Bissailon, Pauline Davis, Deborah Felix, Nancy Lesarbeau, Lucy Milette, Paulette Remillard, and Patricia Troumpe. Lucy's beautiful baskets were a big hit as well, her BBQ basket was so inviting, but the most delights were seen in the eyes of children eyeing her Ice Cream Sundae basket. I also would like to thank Amber DeMarco (daughter of Patti Troumpe) who donated her services for a massage. That prize drew a lot of interest as well, so thank you Amber.

Our leadership team for this year is almost complete. You can check out our current list of committee chairs at the club's website: www.northernberkshirebpw.org. I am still seeking chairs for the Nominating committee, and the 45th Anniversary Celebration. If anyone would be willing to serve in either of these capacities, please call me at 413- 664- 7945 or e-mail me at premillard@roadrunner.com

I will soon be mailing out the club's advertising form for our newsletter and website. I ask that you either mail your completed form, check and business cards to:

NBBPW, P.O. Box 622, North Adams, MA 01247 by September 31st or give them to me or Gwendolyn Boillat at the September 26th meeting.

The State federation is once again manning an information booth at the Big E this year, however, we are only covering 3 days, September 28th - 30th. Liz and I will be working that Saturday and would love to see other members participating as well. We are also celebrating a new local, Mid - Cape. They are hosting a "New Charter Party" on September 27th for anyone who can attend. Please let either Liz (who will be attending) or myself know if you would like to go.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the September 26th meeting as we officially launch NBBPW's new year.

Paulette A Remillard, NBBPW President



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Sept. 26, 2007

Location: Williams Inn

Program: "Identity Theft"
Gwen Boillat

Menu: Caesar Salad

Choice of:

1. Shaker Chicken with Apple Rings & Rice
2. Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce & Rice
3. Portabella Mushroom with Spinach & Tomato

Dessert: Lemon Cake

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$20.00

Hostesses: Liz Manns

413-667-7445

Deborah Felix

413-743-5812

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

September 26 – Fall begins

September 26 – General Meeting

October 8 – Columbus Day

October 10 – Meet the Members

October 24 – General Meeting

October 31 – Halloween



September Birthdays

Liz Manns – 9/6

Carol Kondel – 9/10

Irene Bator – 9/19

IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

www.bpw/usa.org

www.bpw/ma.org

www.northernberkshirebpw.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(from BPW/USA Member Services)

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP at MIT

Sept. 25, 2007

Technology Review is launching a one-day workshop to address the important issue of women in technology. Esteemed speakers from a variety of backgrounds will examine issues facing female technologists, both in academia and industry, through insightful keynotes and interactive, working sessions. Join a high-level, international audience in a unique forum to connect with senior-level people in a variety of areas of technology, raise awareness of the issues faced by female technologists, and explore practical conclusions to common barriers facing women in these fields. For more information, visit www.technologyreview.com/events/tr/ec/workshop.aspx

BPW/USA members receive a 10% discount! Use code BPWreg07 while registering online at <https://www.technologyreview.com/events/reglogin.aspx>

AARP FOUNDATION WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline – Oct. 31, 2007

Helping women 40+ Discover New Lives and New Futures: The AARP Foundation is dedicated to creating new opportunities for individuals to re-enter the workforce or obtain better employment so that they will

be more financially secure in the second half of life. The AARP Foundation has established the Women's Scholarship Program to help women 40+ overcome financial and employment barriers by allowing them to participate in education and training opportunities they could not otherwise afford. For eligibility requirements, or for more information, visit www.aarp.org/womensscholarship (Access key:AFWSP)

BPW/MA Fundraiser To benefit Dana Farber Cancer Institute

With the help of Pampered Chef consultant Nancy Manning, a basket of Pampered Chef products, valued at over \$450, will be raffled. The basket includes items such as kitchen gadgets (can strainer, garlic press, cheese grater), baking products (stoneware loaf pan, small bar pan, cooling rack) serving utensils (small spatula, pie server) and many other items. If you would like to view these items visit www.pamperedchef.biz/nancymanning

The raffle will be drawn at the BPW/MA Interim Board meeting on Nov. 3, 2007. The cost per ticket is \$5 or 3 for \$10. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Dana Farber from BPW/MA. For raffle tickets contact:

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