

Western Gateway Gazette

Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women

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A message from your president...

Dear Members:

Where did the summer go? I remember rain, thunderstorms and oppressive heat. That must have been our summer. We now have some relief as the days grow shorter, and the nights get cooler. This summer, we 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: Elizabeth Manns, Pauline Davis, Inna Gertje, and Patti Troumpe. At both events we gave out BPW brochures, bookmarks and applications. New this year, we held a "Guess How Many Candies are in the Jar" contest at each event. Both times, the correct guess was from young girls, ages 9 and 10.

Our leadership team for this year is almost complete. I am sorry to report that our newly elected treasurer, Kristen Wittig has moved away from the area and is unable to serve in her position. If anyone is interested in assuming her duties, please let me know. You can check our current list of committee chairs at the club's website:

www.northernberkshirebpw.org

I am still seeking chairs for the 45th Anniversary Celebration and a few other positions. If anyone would be willing to serve in any 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/ads to: NBBPW, P.O. Box 622, North Adams, MA 01247 by September 31st or give them to me at the September meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the September 24th meeting as we officially launch NBBPW's new year.

*Paulette Remillard,
President*

*September: Flower – Aster
Birthstone –Sapphire*



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Sept. 24, 2008
Location: Williams Inn
Program: "Mary Kay Ash:
Inspiration for All Women"
Jude Ann Garjiula,
Independent Sales Director
Lisa Degroff,
Independent Beauty
Consultant

Menu: Garden Salad

Choice of:

1. Roast Pork with Stuffing
2. Baked Scrod with Crumb Topping & Rice
3. Pasta Primavera with Garlic & Oil

Dessert: Lemon Chiffon Pie

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$20.00

Hostesses: Lucy Milette
413-663-6080
Fran Czarnecki
413-664-6149

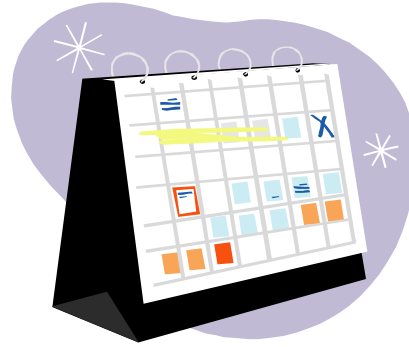
Please remember: Reservations are due by the Friday before the meeting. If you haven't been called, call one of the hostesses above. **Also, you are responsible for reservations made and not honored.** We must pay for meals ordered.

Networking – 6:00

Meeting opens –6:30

Dinner – 6:45

Guests are welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

September 24 – General Meeting

September 30 - Rosh Hashanah

October 4 – Fall Board Meeting,
Peabody, MA

October 9 – Yom Kippur

October 13 – Columbus Day

October 20-24 – National Business
Women's Week



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



Get Out The Vote!

Voter registration deadlines are only weeks away, so plan your [GOTV activities](#) now! *Now* is the time to use the [GOTV Guide](#) to plan a voter registration drive or debate watch party and encourage voting in this year's election. BPW/USA is encouraging members to promote *get-out-the-vote* activities during [National Business Women's Week \(NBWW\) – October 20-24, 2008](#).

The GOTV Guide provides sample materials and press releases to use at the time of your voter education events and for your follow-up efforts. National Business Women's Week is the time to host activities, follow-up on contacts made during your GOTV events, and remind your community to represent working women at the polls on Election Day.

Here's what you can do:

1. Download the GOTV Guide and [NBWW Materials](#);
2. Join [BPW/USA on Facebook](#) and [MySpace](#) to learn how other members are getting out the vote;
3. Share the GOTV Guide with other community groups through online list serves;
4. Get Out The Vote!
5. Plan follow-up activities during NBWW.

Women have a strong and unique voice. Acknowledge the accomplishments of working women by getting out the vote. Questions? E-mail memberservices@bpwusa.org.

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Membership Services & Activities

Connecting Online

BW Magazine (Winter 2008) featured an article on "Tapping into Technology for Career Advancement." It addressed different ways to take advantage of technological tools like blogs, wikis, online courses and meetings, and social networking online. Here's how you can stay connected with BPW/USA through online social networks:

1. Visit BPW/USA on MySpace to add your own business or personal page to our list of friends! Go to: www.myspace.com/buildingpowerfulwomen. Click "Add to Friends" on our page to sign up.
2. Visit BPW/USA on Facebook.com. Click here (or copy and paste) for direct access to our page: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9467632262>. Under the BPW logo on the right, click to "join group" to create your new account.
3. Once you have joined Facebook, "search" for the Business and Professional Women's Foundation Young Careerist Initiative discussion group and join in!