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***A message from your president...***

**Dear Members:**

Greetings and welcome to the start of a new NBBPW year. I hope you all enjoyed the warm weather and summer days of July and August. With summer turning the corner into fall, this first day of September, it seemed like a good time to write the President's column for our newsletter.

**New Beginnings.....**

We have been busy planning programs, organizing fund-raisers, and discussing ways to increase membership, while attending to the needs of our current members. Because so many of you have mentioned that we need to end our meetings earlier, it was decided by the officers, to revise our past practice to include the following changes. Beginning with the September general meeting, our meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. The dinners will be \$20.00 and will include one ticket for a chance to win a door prize. Each hostess will be asked to provide one door prize with a limit under \$10.00, instead of 4 or more raffle gifts.

Allyn Basel is sending Yankee Candle packets to members, with orders due to be returned to her by September 16.

Nancy Lescarbeau has reserved the Greylock Club pavilion for the club's Tag Sale on September 24. We need everyone's participation to make these events successful fund-raisers. Please plan to spend some time helping at the

Tag Sale. Many hands will indeed make the day pleasant!!!

At the August Board meeting, we discussed the possibility of hosting a Mayoral debate/forum in October. It was felt by all that with the busy schedule of events in Sept. and Oct., this was not doable. We are looking at other possible community events for early next year.

Paulette Remillard has organized some excellent programs for this coming year, beginning in Sept. with Carol Guernsey, RN, speaking on Breast Cancer Awareness. Lucy Milette and Liz Manns are busy creating and editing the club's newsletters. Liz is preparing the club directory, which we hope to have ready for the Sept. meeting. Many thanks to Leon Peters, creative genius at MCLA for the cover....a work of art!

Carol Kondel is completing plans for the "Meet the Members" evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark that date and plan to bring a friend, co-worker, or neighbor that you would like to have join our club. Again this year, we are focusing on building membership in NBBPW.

Francine LaJoie, Chair of the YC committee, attended her first Board meeting in August and received materials to help in planning this event. Pauline Davis, Chair of the Scholarship committee, and Inna Gertje will be distributing the scholarship criteria and applications this month.

As you can see, we will be having a busy and rewarding year, beginning with our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. See you all there!

Sincerely, Sylvia

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Date:** September 28, 2005  
**Location:** Williams Inn  
**Program:** "Breast Cancer Awareness"

**Menu:** Garden Salad  
1. Sole Florentine  
2. Roast Pork with stuffing  
3. Fettuccini Rachael  
(fettuccini with mushrooms, snow peas, tomatoes, etc.)  
Dessert – Cheesecake with strawberries

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$20.00

**Hostesses:** Nancy Lescarbeau  
413-663-6083  
Sandy LoPresto  
413-458-5001

**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!**



## **September Birthdays**

Betty Kendall – 9/3

Liz Manns – 9/6

Carol Kondel – 9/10

Irene Bator – 9/19

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

September 24 – NBBPW Tag Sale

September 28 – General Meeting

October 10 – Columbus Day

October 19 – "Meet the Members"

October 26 – General Meeting

**"DO IT. MOVE IT. MAKE IT HAPPEN. NO ONE EVER SAT THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS"**

## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!**

[www.bpw/usa.org](http://www.bpw/usa.org)

[www.bpw/ma.org](http://www.bpw/ma.org)

\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

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**Hostesses are needed for the following meetings:**

**January 25, 2006 – 2**

**March 22, 2006 – 1**

**April 26, 2006 – 2**

**May 24, 2006 – 2**

**June 28, 2006 – 2**

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

### **Committees** **2005-2006**

1. **By-Laws - Nancy Lescarbeau, Paulette Remillard, Lucy Milette**
2. **Finance – Allyn Basel**
3. **Scholarship – Pauline Davis, Inna Gertje**
4. **Fundraising – Club Officers**
5. **Historian –Marge Bissaillon, Sandy LoPresto, Marilyn LoPresto**
6. **Individual Development – Dorothy Ransford, Margaret McComish**
7. **Membership – Carol Kondel**
8. **Mentoring (orientation) – Nancy Lescarbeau**
9. **Newsletter – Lucy Milette**
10. **Directory/Trifold – Liz Manns**
11. **Nominating – Liz Manns**
12. **Programs – Paulette Remillard**
13. **PR – Lucy Milette**
14. **Woman of Achievement – Nancy Lescarbeau, Sandy LoPresto, Lucy Milette**
15. **Young Careerist – Francine LaJoie, Fran Brooks**
16. **Parliamentarian – Liz Manns**
17. **Member of the Year – Fran Czarnecki**
18. **Legislation – Patti Troumpe**

**An excerpt from a letter from BPW/MA President, Pat Stowell**

**Dear Members,**

**First of all, I would like to thank each of you for your interest and support of women's issues through your membership in BPW. Whether you have been a member for a short time or are one of our more seasoned members, your commitment to the betterment of the workplace for all working women is to be commended. BPW has a future and we are all part of it! Now is the time to look at shaping the organization to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century woman and her daughters and granddaughters.**

**As we look at the future of BPW in Massachusetts we must look to our strengths, our interests and our weaknesses and determine where to put our energy. We need to look forward more than a few months or a year. It is time to look at the long-term focus of our organization-to strengthen our strong points, to build on these strengths. Time to develop an identity for BPW/MA and to move toward strengthening the organization to meet the needs of working women of today and tomorrow.**

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**Thank-you for your commitment to BPW – we are the voice of working women!  
Patricia Stowell, President,  
BPW/MA**