



The BPW Beacon

Jupiter Local Organization

MARCH 2009

Next Meeting – **March 23, 2009**

. "A Tribute to Women's History Month - a Debate on the Equal Rights Amendment."
Patricia Persante, President/Jupiter BPW vs. Andrea Johnson, 1st Vice President/Jupiter BPW
Moderator: Lucky Doolittle

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President – Patricia Persante
561-346-6031

1st VP – Andrea Johnson

2nd VP – Nicole Payne

Rec. Scty – Peggy Sutton

Treas. – Nancy Robinson



Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month.

Networking and Sign In: 5:30 PM
Buffet Dinner & Program: 6:00 – 8:00 P .M.

Meeting Location:

Mangrove Bay
U.S. Hwy 1(south of Indiantown Rd)
Jupiter, FL

Cost: \$23.00 Members
\$28.00 Guests

RSVP to Nicole Payne 561- 693-8631



Dues for Active Regular membership are \$124.00 for the first year and \$109.00 to renew. Seniors 65 & over renewal will be \$99. This includes your Membership in the Local, State, and National BPW.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this letter, I feel very grateful for this group of wonderful women. Every time we organize an event, or get together, or drive to a conference, I am amazed at how well everyone supports each other with kindness, humor, intelligence and purpose.

The “*Share the Power*” Personal and Professional Development Seminar came off without a hitch this past Saturday, thanks to Andrea Johnson’s leadership and the planning and help of Nicole Payne, Lucky Doolittle, Cathy Azzerello, Peggy Sutton and Candy Koester. Member and speaker Jennifer Sabin was phenomenal as the main speaker. Everyone attending was really bowled over by the value of the information from Jennifer on “Powerfully Managing Change”; I do not think any of us will think about “change” in the same way every again. Cynthia Davis gave us great insight into keeping the balance in our lives and Christine Schiller, Nurse Practitioner, was as fascinating as she was when she spoke to us this past fall. We have a very popular program in the making. So many women (10 members and 13 non-members) want to come back to the next one! The really astounding news is that we raised a substantial sum of money in the process! How? The hard work of your members [planning an interesting event with Jennifer, Christine and Cynthia as speakers], the support of the community [Integrity Bank’s Community Room at no charge plus business support through ads] and a tremendous donation by Jupiter Medical Center Foundation of \$500. We are very appreciative of the opportunity to continue to provide an exciting, innovative forum for the professional women of this community and beyond. We are looking forward to seeing some of the attendees at our meetings in the near future as they attend and join us as BPW members!

We will be electing our officers for the BPW year 2009-2010 at our March 23rd meeting. Lynne Spears has acted as our Nominating Committee and has spoken with several members who have expressed an interest in serving in officer positions. Currently we are so excited about the nominees so far: Nicole Payne as President, Angela Vagell, as 1st Vice President (Chair of Programs). Candy Koester as 2nd Vice President (Chair of Membership) and Irene Soltis as Secretary. The position of Treasurer is open. Please let Lynne know if you have any questions/are interested/know anyone who is interested. The Treasurer’s position does not require any formal training in accounting so if you are good with numbers and money, step on up. In addition to the officer positions, we are fortunate to have Lucky Doolittle continuing as our Fundraising Chair, an all important position. The Fundraising Committee of Lucky, Peggy, Candy, Larabee, Marion, Patricia, Angela, Lynne, Julie and Pam pledged to extend into the new year along with Judy Leiser as Chair of the Women Who Dine events. These wonderful commitments allow our events to go on without missing a beat! Keep in mind that ALL of these are open to whoever has the urge to contribute. There is no better way to get to know your fellow members and to get known than to volunteer! There will be a full list of committees at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting and seeing some guests from our “*Share the Power*” seminar! We will be discussing the Equal Rights Amendment—all the facts and rumors—so we can have a grip on the issues. Don’t miss it!

Patricia Persante

Jupiter Business & Professional Women's Club
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Mangrove Bay
 February 23, 2009



The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Patricia Persante after a group picture was taken. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Patricia welcomed everyone. After introducing our guest of honor and speaker, Venita Garvin Valdez, President BPW/Florida, and Sheri McCandless, President of BPW/Lake Worth, Past President BPW/FL and current Area 3 Representative, Patricia gave a brief explanation of who Business and Professional Women are. Patricia then asked Andrea Johnson to the dais to announce how our introductions should be made. Andrea announced the icebreaker was to name one person other than a family member who inspires you.

Induction of our newest member, Jeanne Gutkin was performed with all members participating in the BPW pledge.

After dinner, Patricia asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda, which could be found in the February newsletter. Larabee Johnson so moved. Candy Koester seconded. All approved.

Angela Vagell gave a brief wrap up of the Children's Home Society 5K. She thanked the volunteers from BPW (Candy Koester, Judy Leiser, Nicole Payne and Peggy Sutton, for manning the water stations. She explained there were approximately 375 runners and walkers but as yet did not have an estimate of the total amount raised.

Patricia announced the upcoming trip to the Solid Waste Authority still had seats available and that this tour is given by the SWA once a month. Patricia then stated that after discussions with the former District VIII current presidents about hosting the BPW/Florida 2010 State Conference, a decision had been reached. Venita will be running for re-election and has asked our "District" to host due to the conference for 2009 being held in Key West. Since this District has already been approved for the hosting duties, Venita ask that we co-chair with her District, should she be re-elected. It was decided that there was sufficient support from this area and we will go forth with co-chair the hosting duties of the 2010 conference. Peggy Sutton volunteered to co-chair with the individual from Marathon.

Judy Leiser has agreed to be chairperson for the Women Who Dine (WWD) fundraisers that are ongoing and gave a brief description of what it is and where the money collected is distributed. The Community Outreach Committee consists of Andrea Johnson, Marion Suro and Sandy Landsman. The Harmony House of YMCA was the recipient of \$310 from the WWD event on Feb. 28th. \$310 was also collected for the BPW/Jupiter scholarship funds. The next WWD will be held at Angela Vagell's home on Mar. 19th. JoAnne McCormack has volunteered her home for the May 14th Women Who Dine.

Andrea Johnson discussed the upcoming "Share The Power" seminar scheduled for March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., which will focus on leadership.

Peggy gave a brief explanation of the upcoming Spring Conference and announced that she will be driving up on Friday and has room for a roommate for anyone interested in attending. Candy Koester volunteered for the position of roommate.

Lucky presented an update on the Maltz Theatre fundraiser. There will be a Wine & Cheese party on April 4th in the lobby prior to the presentation of "Evita". The cost of the ticket is \$45 and there are only 20 tickets available.

Andrea introduced our guest speaker Venita Garvin Valdez. Venita explained her native costume and then gave an informative presentation on the various black women in history that have been the forerunners for black women in America citing specifically, Harriet Tubman and Mary McCloud Bethune. Venita also explained the meeting title of "Sankofa," the process of bringing the past forward to use in the present. Her program included discussion regarding pay inequity, domestic violence and ratification of the ERA. Venita stated that Jessica Lowe, Sue Banks, Nancy Hurlburt and she had attended "Lobby Days" in Tallahassee. They stressed to the senators that it was important for them to understand our position in order to move forward.

Drawings were held. After which, the emblem was recited.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

BRUNCH FOR JOYCE

For those of you that know Joyce, here are some pictures from the yummy brunch given for Joyce Segers on Sunday, February 22nd. Everyone had a wonderful time and the food provided was scrumptious. We all will miss Joyce but wish her the best in her new environment.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our accounts are as of February 28, 2009

Allocations

General Fund	\$1,984.59	Checking Account	\$1,836.49
Florida Education Fund	\$1,741.56	<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>\$2,587.19</u>
2009 State Conference Fund	\$ 000.00	Total Cash	\$4,423.79
District VIII Restricted Funds	\$ 000.00		
Member Education Fund	\$ 104.89		
<u>Local Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>\$ 808.38</u>		
Total Cash	\$4,423.79		

Nancy Robinson, Treasurer

How Can YOU Support***The BPW Beacon***

Be seen by Business and Professionals in the Community.

Advertise!***Rates as follows:***

For MEMBERS only:

- Business card per month: \$10
- Business card for a year with or without 5 minute spotlight at meeting: \$75
 - One time half page ad with or without 5 minute slot: \$25
- One time full page ad with or without 5 minute spotlight at meeting: \$50

For NON-MEMBERS:

- Business card per month: \$15
- Business card for a year: \$100
- One time half page ad with no 5 minute slot: \$50
- One time full page ad with no 5 minute slot: \$75

Please submit a clean, original copy to Peggy Sutton, call 561-575-1270.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN/Jupiter

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

It's that time of year once again for our local community to start thinking about higher education. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining one of the scholarships offered by the **Business & Professional Women/Jupiter**, please print out the following pages for our application. For more information regarding criteria, see our website www.JupiterBPW.org or contact Lynne Spears at 561-744-1472 or e-mail: lynne Spears@bellsouth.net.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Birthday to Marge Billings our Birthday girl in March

Pat Heydlauff's son-in-law is doing better, but the doctors think it will still be a long haul to recovery. Our prayers go also to Pat's husband Joe is getting better after an accident. Life is a balancing act but if anyone can keep her family steered in the right direction it's Pat. She appreciates everyone's well wishes and prayers.

Kudos to Pat on a happier note from her. "My first ever published book came out in print and is also now available on Amazon.com. Who would have thought? It was four years in the making and I could wallpaper one of the walls in my office with all of the rejections. It's 174 pages with 30 plus charts or graphics I created and is just an easy way to help people eliminate a lot of clutter in their lives and create a little more calm in a chaotic world." Contact **Pat for more information.**

An update on last year's winner of our local scholarship **Bianca Murphy**: She is in her last semester at FAU in Boca Raton. She is studying to be a Vet. Currently is seeking an apprenticeship with her former professor working with Sea Turtles. She promises to keep us in the loop, time permitting and appreciates all of our support.

For myself I wanted to thank all of my Lin Lin competitors. It was great fun and naturally I am happy to win. We all won something, knowing that we can conquer our bad habits and feel better in the process. Congratulations to all the competitors as well as their rooting sections. My husband managed to lose 10 pounds in the process. Looking forward to a healthier 2009 for all.

Barbara Wolf has reported to me that one of her four legged companions, Tundra has suffered a recent leg amputation because of cancer. All of us with pets understand the connection and the sadness when one of them is ill. Best wishes to Tundra.

Thank you **Judy Leiser** and her husband for opening up their beautiful home and hosting the recent Women Who Dine, it was delicious. Looking forward to the next WWD at **Angela Vagell**'s home on March 19th.

Carolyn George is recently over a battle with gout but is now getting around. Spoke with both Carolyn and **Mamie Johnson**. Mamie is unable to attend meetings but keeps in touch through the newsletter.

For those of you members who remember **Pat Gustafson** I want to let you know that she passed away January 19, 2009 at 70 years old. She had been a member our Jupiter BPW in the 90's and early 2000's. She moved to Ocala with her husband Richard just a few years ago. Pat had the best sense of humor, she was an artist and articulate in everything. Pat believed in the BPW mission. She was a retired architect from New York. Our sympathy to her husband and family.

Thank you Peggy Sutton for your tireless efforts for Jupiter BPW.

If you know of any members who have not been at recent meetings, please let me know so that I can send them a note or give a call. I appreciate everyone who has sent me information about members.

Larabee Johnson, Sunshine Chair

RECONCILIATION
 Women Who Dine
 February 10, 2009 5:30 – 8:00 pm
 Judy Leiser's home

RECEIPTS

Donations at the door	<u>\$625.00</u>
Total Sales	\$625.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses were food items, all covered by the volunteer cooks, & donated door prizes from Candy Koester & Marion Suro

Expenses for credit card use	<u>\$ 4.02</u>
Total Expense	\$ 4.02
Total Profit to BPW Jupiter	<u>\$620.98</u>

\$310.00 was donated to the selected organization of YWCA Harmony House; \$310.98 was placed in the BPW/Jupiter Scholarship Fund

This Feb. 10, 2009 event was the second in a series of evening dinners at members' homes, designed to raise funds for BPW/Jupiter educational purposes & for community needs. It was held at member Judy Leiser's home with various members bringing soups, salads, desserts & coffee. It is a feature of the event that all attendees donate the amount of money that they themselves would have spent at a restaurant that night if they had gone out to dinner, including drinks & tip. The funds are equally divided between BPW educational needs & the selected organization voted on by the women in attendance that evening. BPW/Jupiter Community Outreach Committee of Andrea Johnson, Marion Suro & Sandy Landsman had reviewed many organizations located in the Palm Beach area & had presented 6 to the Board at the previous Board meeting. The Board selected the three organizations to be voted on at the event.

Invitations to the event were extended to all BPW/Jupiter members, previous guests & contacts of members. The event is intended to raise funds for the two purposes, raise the profile of BPW/Jupiter in the community, & increase membership interest by introducing women who are interested in community work.

Twenty-five women, thirteen BPW members (of forty-two total or 31%) & twelve non-members, had time for networking & conversation along with soup & salad prior to the 30 minute meeting at 6:30. A table was set up for the display of one business item from each attendee so that networking/business information was available. The meeting introduced the mission of BPW & where the BPW funds would be used. Announcements were made regarding the upcoming fundraising events of "Share the Power" on Mar. 7th & the next two Women Who Dine events set for March 19th & May 14th. The meeting then proceeded to a discussion of the three organizations in the local community to be considered for the donation of the evening. The three presented were the YWCA Harmony House for domestic violence victims, Florida Resource Center for domestic violence victims & P.A.C.E. which provides resources & training for girls 12-18 years. Harmony House was the selected winner with 12 of the 23 votes present. A total of \$625 was donated that evening; charges of \$4.02 were fees for four credit cards leaving \$620.98. A check for \$310 was made payable to Harmony House & \$310.98 was placed in BPW/Jupiter's scholarship fund. After the meeting portion, six door prizes were given away & dessert & coffee were served with more conversation among the guests.

The food was excellent; acquaintances were renewed; BPW's existence was reinforced & for some people, heard for the first time. There was great accomplishment in the discussion of the needs of the community & the knowledge that our donation was going to make a difference.

Harmony House was notified of the donation & a check will be mailed to Mary Cauthen, Director.

Patricia Persante, 2/16/2009



EVITA

Come one! Come all to BPW Jupiter's social event at the Jupiter Maltz Theatre:

Your BPW Jupiter is sponsoring an afternoon theatre event on Sat. April 4th at 2pm to see the matinee performance of *Evita*. We are also holding a "Wine and Cheese Party" including perhaps bloody mary's or pina coladas prior to the performance at noon in the lobby. We know you are always looking for more social activities through our membership so this idea was initiated by your board.

Tickets are \$45 and are going fast - if you wish to join us you need to **CONTACT LUCKY NOW** at 799-6348 or 889-4050 or luckydoo77@cs.com for your reservation to be secured. Then you must send her a check payable to BPW Jupiter and quickly mail it to Lucky Doolittle, 402A Sea Oats Drive, Juno Beach, Fl 33408 to insure your seat.

The musical production of *Evita* is poignant with a wonderful score and a historical story that you will love. We hope to see you there!

Lucky Doolittle and
Your Fund Raising Committee



“SHARE THE POWER”

Saturday, March 7, 2009
Integrity Bank, Jupiter, FL

BPW/Jupiter’s “Share the Power” Personal and Professional Development Seminar proved to be a tremendous success. Those who attended received valuable information about work-life-balance and taking leadership in their lives. This educational seminar turned out to also be a great networking opportunity and fundraiser. Between the registration fees paid, the advertising by several local businesses in the program and a \$500 donation from Jupiter Medical Center Foundation, the event raised a total of \$1,211.35. Wow! Great job ladies! The Board will be meeting in April to vote on the disbursement of the money for scholarships, the education foundation, a local charity, or any other group related purpose. If you are a member and you have input on where the money should be utilized please email or call one of the board members and let us know so that your voice is heard.

A big thank you to everyone who helped organize the event, invited attendees, collected donations, made donations, advertised in the program, and assisted in the “day of” event duties. Our featured speakers, Jennifer Sabin, Cynthia Davis and Christine Schiller were enjoyed by all and helped to make the day so productive. A special thank you to members, Patricia Persante, Peggy Sutton, Lucky Doolittle, Deb Rasmussen, Nicole Payne, Jennifer Sabin, Candy Koester and Cathy Azzarello (who designed a beautiful program) for your help and support; you all made the day a great success!

The total attendance was 23, which included 20 Attendees and 3 Speakers. Of the attendees, 10 were BPW members (both from Jupiter and Lake Worth LO’s) and 13 were non-members. A fabulous and healthy lunch was provided by 2 Girls Food Emporium and Karen Cappello from the CAbi clothing line offered a wonderful fashion presentation, utilizing two models from the audience, including our own Deb Rasmussen, who should consider modeling as a second career!

Andrea Johnson
1st Vice President





OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

Business and Professional Women

is an organization of individuals dedicated to improving the professional, personal, economic and educational outlook for women. Contact Peggy Sutton with suggestions regarding the Jupiter BPW Beacon. Phone: 561-575-1270 or choresgalore@att.net

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marge Billings – March 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lucky Doolittle – April 30

RENEWAL REMINDERS FOR MARCH

**Diane Flanigan
Candy Martin
Deb Rasmussen
Barbara Wolf**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATES

Remember, you can renew online at www.bpwusa.org on a secure site with your credit card. Renewal cost is **\$109**; **over 64 is \$99**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me Nicole Payne 693-8631 or our Treasurer Nancy Robinson at 694-1040.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

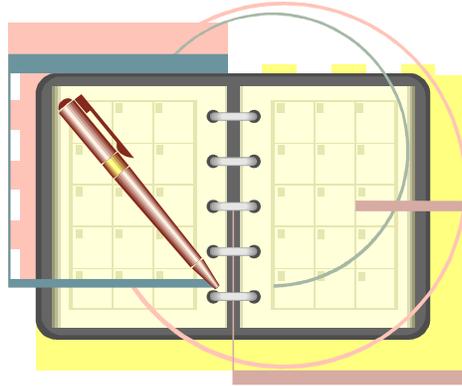
THANKS FOR RENEWING

**Larabee Johnson
Mamie Johnson
Joyce Segers
Lynne Spears**

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

**Thursday, March 19th – Women Who Dine at Angela Vagell’s home
Thursday, May 14th – Women Who Dine at JoAnne McCormack’s home**

Jupiter BPW Calendar



2009 EVENTS

Thurs., Mar. 19th Women Who Dine-Angela Vagell's
 Thurs. May 14th Women Who Dine – JoAnne McCormack
 Sat. Apr. 4th Evita, Wine & Cheese – Maltz Theatre

2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 23rd Women's History Month and ERA
 April 27th Officer Installation and Pound Auction

UPCOMING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

Thursday, March 19

Business After Hours:

Time: 5-7pm, **Sponsors:** Cafe Protégé, **Pricing:** Member: \$10.00; Future Member (Non-Member): \$20.00; Champion's Club: \$0.00
Location: Protege Cafe at Florida Culinary Institute, 2410 Metrocentre Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Wednesday, March 25

Business Before Hours:

Join us for the Teacher of the Year awards as well as the Giba scholarship award winners.

Time: Registration: 7:15am, Program: 8:00; **Topic:** Education Awards Breakfast; **Sponsors:** Schumacher Automotive and Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce Foundation; **Pricing:** Member: \$20.00; Nonmember: \$40.00; Corporate Table: \$500.00; Champion's Club: \$0.00; **Location:** Palm Beach Gardens Marriott; 4000 RCA Boulevard; Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Motivational Minute

“Gratitude is an appreciation of your life right now, versus where you want it to be.”

Dr. Robert Emmons, The Psychology of Gratitude

BPW/USA MERGER WITH BPW FOUNDATION NEWS

To BPW/USA Member:

I wanted to share with you the following letter in support of the proposed BPW/USA – BPW Foundation merger signed by 22 Past National Presidents. In the letter they urge all members to vote in favor of the merger. I hope that you will share this with your members and publicize it at your meetings. If you would like to print out a copy of the letter, it is available on the [Merger page in the Members Section of the website.](#)



Diane Polangin
 BPWUSA President
 March 2, 2008

Dear fellow BPW member,

As Past National Presidents we want to encourage you to support the merger of BPW/USA and the BPW Foundation. Here is why.

BPW/USA was founded in 1919 to advance the cause of workingwomen and was the first national organization created by and for business and professional women. Like many other membership organizations, BPW has experienced a steady decline in membership since 1975. The continuing decline in membership, stock market losses on investments, low attendance at the 2008 National Conference in Atlanta and the downturn in the economy combined to put BPW/USA in a precarious financial position.

Following the 2008 National Convention, the Executive Committee appointed a Taskforce on the Future of BPW/USA to evaluate four alternatives and make a recommendation on BPW/USA's future:

1. Continuation of the turnaround process,
2. Merger with another like-minded organization,
3. Suspension of the corporation, or
4. Dissolution of the corporation.

The Taskforce thoroughly evaluated the four options and agreed that the prudent business decision is to merge with the BPW Foundation. The missions of BPW/USA and the BPW Foundation are still relevant and closely aligned. Since the establishment of the Foundation in 1956, the sister organizations have worked together to serve workingwomen and workplace equity. The merger of BPW/USA with the BPW Foundation would enable the heritage, vision, and mission of BPW/USA to continue. The merger would protect the BPW brand and continue national visibility. Further, the merger would strengthen the strategic and financial position of the merged organization.

The BPW/USA Executive Committee, Foundation Board of Trustees and BPW/USA Board of Directors have accepted the recommendation to merge BPW/USA with the BPW Foundation effective July 1, 2009. This means that as a membership organization, BPW would continue on the state and local level, but not at the national level. National dues would be eliminated and members encouraged to make a tax-deductible, charitable contribution to the BPW Foundation. A taskforce has been established to address state and local transition issues.

Merger with the BPW Foundation opens the door to many possibilities and opportunities. For instance, it is possible that BPW/USA members could become non-voting members of the BPW Foundation and that BPW/USA Signature programs could continue through the BPW Foundation and at the state and local level. Advocacy on public policy issues could continue through the BPW Foundation in much the same way as we do today.

BPW/USA members will have the opportunity to vote on the Merger Plan. We urge you to join with us in voting to support the merger. There will be much more information coming out on the details of the merger as they are negotiated. For now, just know that as Past National Presidents we support the merger. This is the next step in our history to further the cause of working women. We hope you will strongly support the merger.

With **Best Personal Wishes**,
 BPW/USA Past National Presidents:

<i>Geraldine R. Eidson</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>	<i>Laverne F. Reid</i>	<i>Carolyn Grady</i>
<i>Dr. Dorine</i>	<i>Jo Etta Y. Wickliffe</i>	<i>Susan B. Dailey</i>	<i>Nancy Lee Hurlber</i>
<i>Chancellor</i>	<i>The Honorable Cindy L. Winckler</i>	<i>Robin J. Robinson</i>	<i>Roslyn A.</i>
<i>Polly Madenwald</i>	<i>Dr. Anna M. Vacca</i>	<i>Patricia E. Cornish</i>	<i>Ridgeway</i>
<i>Anne Steinbeck</i>	<i>Candace Butler</i>	<i>Leslie R. Wilkins</i>	<i>Nancy L. Jackson</i>
<i>Betty Forbes</i>	<i>Joyce R. Hart</i>	<i>Cindy L. Young</i>	<i>Barbara A. Henton</i>

LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

****Take Action** Urge Your Senators to Co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act**

The [Paycheck Fairness Act \(S 182\)](#) is moving rapidly through the Senate and it needs your help! The Paycheck Fairness Act will update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act, closing loop holes and improving the law's effectiveness. BPW members have been championing this legislation since it was first introduced in 1997. We are so grateful to Congress and President Obama for quickly passing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in January, but the work to eliminate the wage gap is not done. Ledbetter gets us back to the starting line, now we need to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to move us forward in the battle to close the persistent gap between men's and women's wages.

[Please take a moment to write your Senators and ask them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.](#)

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act are a one-two punch in the fight for pay equity. This week BPW Director of Public Policy Rachel Lyons joined with other pay equity advocates at meetings with key Senate offices urging them to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. There are currently 27 co-sponsors, [click here](#) to find out if your Senator is one of them.

You can easily write your Senator using the [BPW/USA Advocacy Center](#). Just enter you zip code and then click on "Write Your Legislators" under the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Policy and Action Day: Special White House Guest Added

Register now for BPW/USA Policy and Action Day 2009! Join BPW/USA members and working women advocates to lobby and learn in the nation's capitol. [Click here to register online.](#)

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Where: AARP Brickfield Center 601 E Street NW, Washington, DC

Rates: \$250 for Members / \$275 Non-Members/ \$50 Students

House Committee Hearing on Family Friendly Workplaces

On March 3rd, the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Workplace Protections held a hearing to explore how family-friendly policies, such as grants to support state paid leave programs, paid leave, expansions to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and paid sick days make sound economic sense not only in good times, but during recessionary times as well. Chairwoman Woolsey (D-CA) said, "We share President Obama's optimism that the recovery plan currently being implemented will get people back to work. But in addition, we also need to pass legislation that will help to ease the burden on working families to balance their jobs and their family responsibilities." [Click here to read more testimony from the hearing.](#)

Women Veteran Health Bill Introduced

Last week, Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD) introduced a bill to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The [Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act \(HR1211\)](#) will expand and improve VA services for women. The VA projects that the number of women seeking services will double in the next 2-4 years.

BPW Participates in Business Womens Summit

On February 26th, BPW CEO Deborah L. Frett spoke on panel with other leaders of women business organizations at the 2009 Women's Business Summit sponsored by the National Women's Business Council (NWBC). NWBC is a bi-partisan federal advisory council created to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Small Business Administration on economic issues of critical concern to women business owners. The Summit provided participants an opportunity to discuss how best to position women's entrepreneurship for economic growth in the coming years. The participants spoke about the importance of access to capital and an open government procurement process for women entrepreneurs.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Bus. Address _____

Are you a former member of BPW? y n If so, what was the name of the BPW Club and Location _____

Other Org. to which you belong _____

Date of Birth (year optional) _____ Place of Birth (State) _____

Hobbies-----

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TALENTS YOU CAN SHARE WITH OUR CLUB

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Leadership qualities | Computer knowledge |
| Organizational skills | Writer |
| Finance | Idea person |
| Speaker | Party planner |
| Artistic talent | Legislation interests |
| Willing to give a class | Detailed person |
| Love to be on the telephone | Other (explain) |

Please submit dues in the amount of \$124.00 for membership. Renewal dues are \$109.00 for those 18-64. For those 65 and older, membership is \$114/\$99. Membership dues include: dues for local, state and national. You will receive yearly subscriptions to National Business Woman and Florida Business Women magazines and Jupiter's monthly newsletter. Visit our websites at www.bpwfl.org, www.bpwusa.org, and www.bpwjupiter.org.

Return this complete application with your check made to BPW/Jupiter. Mail to Nancy Robinson at 145 Seagrape Drive, #103, Jupiter FL 33458, or turn it in at a meeting to any officer. Renewals will come automatically to you in the mail.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsored By _____

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN/Jupiter – Membership Application

Following are lists of our committees; ask for information about each one. You are welcome to join a committee at any time. Check off those that interest you and a Chair will inform you what they do and invite you to a committee meeting. **This is one of the best ways to learn about BPW and its commitment to “helping women,” and get to know fellow members.**

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Issues Management Chair	Andrea Johnson
Includes Young Careerist	
Membership Chair	Nicole Payne
Includes Individual Development and Women In Transition	
National Foundation and Scholarships Chair	Lynne Spears
Finance Chair	
Public Policy Chair	
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