



The BPW Beacon

Jupiter Local Organization

MAY 2009

Next Meeting – **May 18, 2009**
“Promoting Membership thru Community Volunteerism”
Audrey Criado, American Cancer Society, Marion Suro, Organ and Tissue Transplantation,
Glenda Clausner, Healing Touch Buddies

OFFICERS 2008-2009

- President – Nicole Payne
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- 1st VP – Angela Vagell
- 2nd VP – Candy Koester
- Rec. Secty – Irene Soltis
- Treas. – Terry Phillips



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 Candy Koester, 561-744-6661



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



When I joined the Business Professional Women Group of Jupiter in July of 2007, I joined because I just started with AFLAC and heard there were two ways to do business; go “knocking on doors” or join networking groups. I was living in Jupiter at the time and went straight to the local newspaper to find out what we had where I lived to build my business close to home. I sat next to Patricia Persante that night and had such a great time going to a meeting where I knew no one and had no idea what to expect. I went to that first meeting thinking I would build my business. Little did I know that I would more importantly build myself. BPW/Jupiter is not about building your business. It is about building a strong powerful woman, networking with women who have the same interests as you, coming to a meeting once a month to enjoy the company of great women and participating in great programs.

When I joined I also never thought I would become 2nd Vice President so quickly, never thought I would share my stories of my childhood and direct experience with domestic violence, and really did not think that I would become your next President. For those of you who do not know I now live in Lantana and have for over a year. When I invite women to our local or tell them where I am going on Monday night sometimes, they look at me with confusion because the group is so far from where I live. However, I could not think of a better place to be on the fourth Monday of each month, with the best group of ladies around. I want to personally thank each of you for helping me to grow and stretch in ways I never thought possible. I look forward to our monthly meetings, as well as, the “Women Who Dine” events, the “Share the Power” programs and all of our other fun adventures.

I am very excited about the upcoming year. We have a great mix of new members and veteran members ready to get involved on the board; Terry Philips volunteered to be Treasurer the night she was inducted, Irene Soltis is a recent member and is so excited to learn more about us, Candy Koester comes to us with great membership ideas and a great energy, Angela Vagell will continue the great programs we have come to expect. My goal for this year is to continue building BPW/Jupiter’s name in the local community. There are so many opportunities in our backyard to make changes locally where we can see immediate results. Whether it’s voting on a local organization to donate the money to from Women Who Dine, donating school supplies to a needy school or items to the local domestic violence shelter, the possibilities are endless and the rewards are vast.

When people ask you why you spend three and a half hours with a group of women once a month, I want you to be able to answer proudly that you belong to the best organization of women! Not only do they help you grow emotionally, mentally, and physically, but they also do so much for the community to change it and help it grow in a affirmative way that will have a positive effect for now and the future. I am looking forward to this upcoming year and am proud to say that I am the President of the Business Professional Women Group of Jupiter.

Nicole Payne, BPW/Jupiter President
Building **P**owerful **W**omen

Jupiter Business & Professional Women's Club
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 Mangrove Bay
 April 27, 2009



Patricia Persante, President, called the BPW/Jupiter meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. After welcoming the attendees, Patricia gave a brief synopsis of the mission and goals of the Business and Professional Women.

Andrea Johnson, Vice President and Program Chair asked the participants to start their introductions with an answer to the following question: "What are you doing now in your business or personal life?"

Following introductions, Patricia announced the presence of one of our past State Presidents, Sue Banks. Sue was warmly welcomed by the audience. Patricia announced that the table pigs are our scholarship fund and education/housing fund and asked for donations of any loose change or silent money.

Nicole Payne inducted Terry Rose as a new BPW/Jupiter member. She owns her own business called Letters from the Heart.

Patricia asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Peggy Sutton motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Nancy Smith seconded. A vote was taken and all approved.

Unfinished Business

A report on the merger meeting in Altamonte, March 28, 2009, was given by P. Persante, who reported on the status of the merger of BPW/USA with the BPW Foundation. We are encouraged to vote online or by paper ballots. If the merger is approved, it will be effective July 1, 2009. If the merger is approved, all memberships information will go to the state. Changes to by-laws will probably also be made.

The Maltz Wine and Cheese, "Evita" report was given by J. Heuer. The event was a success. The event produced a net of \$280.18.

The report on Spring Conference, Sat., April 25, 2009, was delivered by Candy Koester. Training for BPW membership and Sue Banks (guest at tonight BPW/Jupiter and State Membership Chair) was there to train. Candy encouraged everyone to go online and register for the State Conference coming up in June.

New Business - Highlights of the 2008-2009 Year

Andrea Johnson, **Program Chair**, highlighted some of the topics emphasized by Florida President Venita Garver Valdez and covered the programs delivered during the year.

Nicole Payne, **Membership Chair**, covered our membership numbers: currently we have 41 members as of April 2009. We had 29 renewals, 12 new members and 6 lapses.

Judy Leiser and Patricia Persante, reporting for Lucky Doolittle as **Fundraising Chair**, summarized the 2008-2009 highlights of the fundraising events: Pound Auction \$221; Share the Power, \$1211; Women Who Dine, \$826; Maltz Wine and Cheese to see Evita, Macys (two times a year), \$1200; LIN LIN Challenge, \$200. Funds from these events support our education. The fundraising committee has agreed to stay on for the upcoming year.

Peggy Sutton, **Public Relations Chair**, reported that all PR continues with our monthly BPW/Jupiter newsletter, press releases to the Palm Beach Post, Seabreeze Publications, Jupiter Courier, on the web and this year on the radio. Peggy's goal for the 2009-2010 is to make a connection to the television media.

Nancy Robinson, **Treasurer**, for 2008-2009, reported that we raised over \$6000.00 toward our education fund, which will be distributed as follows: \$2,500 to the Florida Education Foundation, \$2,000 to our Local Scholarship Fund, and \$500 to the National Scholarship Fund.

Patricia presented presents and thanks to all her Board members: Andrea Johnson, Nicole Payne, Peggy Sutton, Nancy Robinson and Lynne Spears. Andrea asked for a personal moment and presented Patricia with a thank you gift for her service to our organization for the last year. Patricia thanked everyone for all of their support and efforts to make 2008-2009 a successful year.

Lynne Spears announced the Slate of Officers elected for the 2009-2010 year. Lynne then performed the Rainbow Installation of the Officers for 2009-2010. The Officers for the 2009-2010 year are:

Nicole Payne -	President
Angela Vagell -	First Vice President
Candy Koester -	Second Vice President
Irene Soltis -	Secretary
Terry Philips -	Treasurer

Announcements, Upcoming Events, 50/50 Drawing

Judy Leiser announced Women Who Dine dates: May 14th at Joanne McCormack's home and June 16th at Candy Koester's home. Judy still needs volunteers for food donations.

June 11-14, 2009, State Conference will be in Key West, Florida.

Julie Heuer and Rebecca Barnes win Thank you baskets, and Jeanne Gutkin wins the 50/50.

BPW/Gold Coast will hold its monthly meeting May 6, 2009.

Next BPW/Jupiter monthly meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009 due to the Memorial Day holiday occurring on our normal meeting date

Peggy Sutton, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our accounts are as of April 30, 2009

Allocations

General Fund	\$2,178.76	Checking Account	\$2,987.46
Florida Education Fund	\$1,782.85	<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>\$3,819.76</u>
2009 State Conference Fund	\$ 000.00	Total Cash	\$6,807.22
District VIII Restricted Funds	\$ 000.00		
Member Education Fund	\$ 180.89		
<u>Local Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>\$2,664.72</u>		
Total Cash	\$4,423.79		

Nancy Robinson, Treasurer

SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Birthday to Peggy Sutton, Candy Koester and Jennifer Sabin.

Although **Peggy's mother Margaret** is somewhat better she is still in need of our prayers. **Karen Botelle** has relocated to 1282 SE Maplewood Dr, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 and her cell phone is 772-308-0400. Karen is a third generation BPW women and been a member just about all her life. Both her mother and grandmother were active in Stuart BPW .We send our condolences to her and her family with the passing of her Grandmother Anne Hiene. She lived in Palm City for 40 years and a member of the Stuart & other area BPW for over 30 years she was 93.

Congratulations to **Angela Vagell** for her new position at **Oppenheimer**. Congratulations to the past board of officers as they handed off the torch last month to the new board. It was a beautiful installation. What an exciting year we have ahead. Remember to invite your fiends, family and co-workers to our functions they'll be glad you did.

Larabee Johnson, Sunshine Chair

HEALING TOUCH BUDDIES, INC.

Dear Jupiter BPW friends,

On behalf of all our volunteers, staff and the women we serve, please accept my profound thanks for the donation of \$280.00 to our Healing Touch Buddies program. The best way I can really impress upon all of you the value of your support, is to share this letter recently received from a patient who enrolled in our program immediately following her diagnosis with breast cancer. We helped her to prepare for surgery, actually were in surgery with her at the request of her two surgeons, and are currently supporting her through her chemotherapy. Thank you most sincerely,

Betty Ann Baker Executive Director

TESTIMONIAL

Healing Touch-My Experience

To me, being diagnosed with cancer and having a double mastectomy puts you in the need for nurturing; it's like needing your Mommy by your side again. Someone to hug you, touch, console and reassure you that things are going to be O.K., someone who will help walk you through this difficult journey.

“Claire” and healing touch did just that for me. She was so reassuring and comforting. She seemed to know and acknowledge everything I was going through. Healing touch was comforting. It helped me stay focused on healing and alleviate my fears. I truly felt better after every treatment, more relaxed and calmer, too.

I wish everybody with cancer could have this experience. It carried me through each day and I had something wonderful to look forward to in between the chemo treatments. I felt truly blessed to have “Claire” and healing touch as part of my journey through cancer. P.G.



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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Peggy Sutton – May 11
Candy Koester – May 15
Jennifer Sabin – May 20**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Deb Rasmussen - June 2

RENEWAL REMINDERS FOR MAY

**Eleanor Armitage
Carolyn George
Andrea Johnson
Angela Vagell**

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 Candy Koester 744-6661 or Treasurer Terry Phillips at 575-2193.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

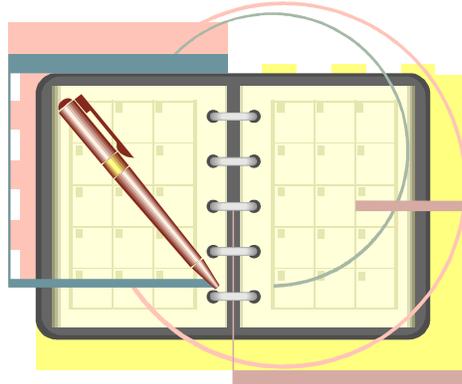
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THANKS FOR RENEWING

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Thursday, June 16th Women Who Dine at JoAnne McCormack's home

Jupiter BPW Calendar



2009 EVENTS

June 11-14 - BPW/FL State Conference - Key West
June 16th - Women Who Dine - JoAnne McCormack-Hostess

2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 22, 2009: ID Theft & Credit Card Protection, by Gina Oliver, RBC Bank
July 27, 2009: Collection of School Supplies with Ice Cream Social & Bingo
August 24, 2009: Woman Politician - speaker to be announced.
Sept. 28, 2009: Cancer - Wellness - speaker tba.
October 26, 2009: Domestic Violence - speaker tba.
November 16, 2009: Veterans Day - speaker tba.
December 5, 2009: Holiday Party
January 25, 2010: Life Coach - speaker tba.
February 22, 2010: To Be Announced
March 22, 2010: To Be Announced
April 26, 2010: Installation of New Officers

UPCOMING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

Thursday, May 28	
China Trip Orientation and Information Session Time: 5:30-7:00pm Description: Email Amy@npbchamber.com to reserve your spot! Speaker: Leo Liu, president of CITSLINC International	Location: Jupiter Beach Resort 5 North Highway A1A Jupiter, FL
Tuesday, June 09	
Small Business Seminar Time: 8-9:30am Topic: Hurricane Preparedness, Sponsors: PGA Credit Union Pricing: Members \$10.00 - Non-member: \$20; Members at the door: \$15	Location: PGA Credit Union 300 Avenue of the Champions, Suite 115 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Thursday, June 11	
Women in Business Luncheon Register Online Time: Registration: 11:30am, Program: 12-1pm Speaker: Jennifer Sabin Pricing: Member: \$25; Non-member: \$45; Members at the door: \$35	Location: Jupiter Community Center 200 Military Trail Jupiter, FL 33458

Motivational Minute

If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves.

[Maria Edgeworth](#), *O Magazine*, April 2004

LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

Flurry of Equal Pay Day Activities

This year Equal Pay Day was April 28th but the celebration lasted all week. On Thursday, April 30th BPW co-sponsored a Congressional Briefing on the Paycheck Fairness Act. BPW Director of Public Policy Rachel Lyons was one of 4 panelists that spoke to a full room of coalition partners and Congressional staff. Rachel read testimonials from BPW members and business owners who support PFA. Rep. Rosa DeLauro was presented with the Winn Newman award for her unflagging support for fair pay. The briefing was a great success and we have added two more PFA co-sponsors for a total of 31!! Thank you to everyone for your amazing efforts. Check out what else was said and done during Equal Pay Week:

- YoungWomenMisbehavin.org highlighted the activities of BPW members
- [BPW press release](#) and [Pay Equity Coalition press release](#)
- The White House issued an [Equal Pay Day Proclamation](#)
- [Statement from Sen. Dodd and Rep. DeLauro](#)
- [Statement from Secretary Solis](#)
- [Report on Men Outearning Women in Almost All Occupations](#) – The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) released new analysis that shows that men out-earn women in nearly every occupation for which data are available.
- [Senator Harkin Introduces the Fair Pay Act](#) – On EPD, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) introduced the Fair Pay Act of 2009 to address the wage gap for jobs of equal value among men and women. This legislation would address the historic pattern of undervaluing and underpaying so-called "women's" jobs, by calling for similar wages for similar working conditions regardless of gender.
- [Wisconsin Passes Pay Equity Legislation](#) - The Equal Pay Enforcement Act punitive and compensatory damages to be collected by victims of gender-based wage discrimination. BPW Wisconsin members have been advocating this legislation for over 9 years.
- [Congressional Hearing on Gender Wage Gap in the Federal Workforce](#) – JEC chair Rep. Maloney (D-NY) convened a hearing focused on a newly released GAO report examining the gender pay gap in the federal government.
- [Article Catching Up with Lilly Ledbetter](#)

Swine Flu linked to Paid Sick Days

On April 28, Senator Kennedy and Rep. DeLauro sent a letter to fellow members of Congress calling attention to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that workers stay home to prevent the spread of swine flu, but nearly 50% of private sector workers have no paid sick leave. In the letter, Kennedy and DeLauro asked their colleagues to co-sponsor the Healthy Families Act which would guarantee workers up to seven paid sick days to recover from a short-term illness, to care for a sick family member, to seek routine medical care or to seek assistance related to domestic violence. The [Healthy Families Act](#) has not been introduced in the 111th Congress yet, but garnered 24 sponsors in the Senate and 106 in the House during the 110th. The [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#) also picked up on the correlation saying, "The swine flu situation raises the question of the public health costs of failing to provide paid sick days. Despite the public health implications and popular support - four of five Americans think that paid sick days should be a basic labor standard - no national or state laws require that workers have paid sick days."

Fixing the Bad FMLA Regulations

BPW joined other groups to urge Congress to support the [Family and Medical Leave Restoration Act](#), which would reverse the harmful and unnecessary FMLA regulations issued in November 2008. The regulations restrict access to critical protections that workers have relied on for 15 years—and make it more difficult for workers to take FMLA leave. BPW supported the regulations to extend FMLA to military families, but opposed the changes that make it harder for other workers to take leave. They jeopardize workers' medical privacy, limit the time available to workers to give notice of their need for leave, increase requirements and procedures when requesting leave and make it more difficult for workers to use paid leave while on FMLA leave, among other things.

Senate Approves Sebelius for HHS Post

On April 28, the Senate voted 65-31 to confirm Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services filling the last vacancy in President Barack Obama's Cabinet.

Sojourner Truth Bust Unveiled in Capitol

On April 28, BPW joined with Congressional women leaders and the First Lady at the unveiling of Sojourner Truth bust in the US Capitol. Truth is the first African-American woman to be memorialized with a bust in the U.S. Capitol. The unveiling ceremony was headed by a Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and First Lady Michelle Obama. [Check out the photos of BPW at the event](#)



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 Terry Phillips at 5447 Center St., 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/Programs Includes Young Careerist	Candy Koester
Membership	Candy Koester
Individual Development & Women in Transition	Nicole Payne
National Foundation and Scholarships	Lynne Spears
Finance	Nancy Robinson
Public Policy	Open
Public Relations Includes Website and Newsletter	Peggy Sutton

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Fundraising Events Chair	Lucky Doolittle
ByLaws	Julie Heuer
Audit	Julie Heuer/Larabee Johnson
Sunshine	Larabee Johnson
Telephone/Email	OPEN
Hospitality	Deb Rasmussen
Community Outreach	Marion Suro
Women Who Dine	Judy Leiser

How Can YOU Support **The BPW Beacon**

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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
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