



WOMEN IN ACTION

San Angelo Business and Professional Women's Club

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Mission: "The Courage to Make a Difference"



As my reign as president comes to a close, I look back over the past two years and feel very blessed. I thought I was writing my last newsletter last month, so allow me to echo what I said at that time. I am very thankful for my officers, committee chairs, and fellow BPW sisters for your commitment and dedication to making our club successful this year. I am very blessed to have worked with each and every one of you. Thank you all for making my job easy these past two years. I hope we continue to "make a difference" every day!!

The State President's theme for June is: "Make a Difference as you plan for a new year in BPW". Our new president, Tricia Affleck, has been planning for this year and has great things in store for our local organization. Please show her the love and support that you have shown me; I know she will do an excellent job for our club. After planning, we should also be thinking on focusing on officer's training. If you were a committee chair, please put your papers, folders, binders, and/or boxes together in preparation for changing hands in July. The biggest asset and help from outgoing officers to the new officers are being mentors and providing them guidance as the new officers take place.

We hope to have great success with our final fundraiser for our club at the Festival on the Concho, sponsored by Junior League of San Angelo, held on June 8th – 10th. Thank you in advance to everyone who helped and put in long hours in the hot sun!!

Please mark your calendars for these very important upcoming dates:

- June 14th, Installation Banquet of new officers
- June 26th, Networking Luncheon, meet at noon at China Garden
- June 21st – 24th, BPW State Convention, Midland Hilton
- June 28th, Women's Roundtable Business Event, LeGrand Alumni Center from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm – sponsored in part by BPW

Be Powerful Women
Laura Whisenhunt


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 Hello Ladies,


 I wanted to send out a BIG THANK YOU to a few ladies who worked very hard to make our fundraiser a success this year!


 THANKS to: Tricia, Liz, Ann & Dave, Mary, Leonora & Jamie, Joyce, Donna, Ruth, and Hortense. (I hope I didn't miss anyone)

 These ladies worked many hours and volunteered their time to come work our booth for the Festival on the Concho.

 This is just preliminary...we don't have all the final numbers...but we should come out with a net income of \$500!!!

 We had much better weather & came out with a better income this year. (it was still warm, but there were some cooler moments...so we survived!)

 Thanks again!

 Hope to see you Thursday for our Installation Banquet!

 Laura



Birthday Wishes

If your birthday is not listed, our membership committee is lacking that information.

Happy Birthday!

Kristan Hereford	June 12
Rose Ng	June 21
Melissa Lane	June 27

We need desperately to have help in the following positions for Convention:

Timekeepers need at least one more.

Pages/ need 3.

Doorkeepers/need 2

There are too few of us to do it all locally and run the show. Any volunteers appreciated. Please contact me if you have anyone in your group willing to help.

Mona Bethany, Convention task force, Protocol Chair

BPW San Angelo Meeting**JUNE 14, 2007****Nacho's - 2502 Loop 306 Ste C**

5:30 Networking 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting

Installation of Officers for 2007-2008

please bring toilet paper and any other articles for the girl's home.

Ever wonder just what the different committees are responsible for? Please read the descriptions below and if you are interested in helping or chairing a committee, or just have a question about any of them, please call Tricia at 656-5487.

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the local organization shall consist of Finance, Legislation, Membership, Issues Management, Public Relations, Young Careerist, Foundation, Bylaws and Individual Development.

SECTION 2. Only individuals, who are members in good standing, shall be eligible to serve as chairs of standing committees.

SECTION 3. Committee chairs and members shall be appointed for a term of one year and may be reappointed. No person shall serve more than three consecutive years as same committee chair.

SECTION 4. The **Finance Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to prepare an annual budget for the local organization, to have general supervision of all expenditures, and to assist the local organization in developing a sound financial policy. The Finance Committee chair shall be a member ex officio, without vote, of all committees that disburse money.

SECTION 5. The **Legislation Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the Legislation Committee to promote the legislative programs adopted by the state and national federations. The committee shall be knowledgeable of local legislative needs in order to make recommendations to the local organization.

SECTION 6. The **Membership Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee to promote, increase, equalize, and inform the membership. The Membership Committee will be responsible for sending thank you letters to all guests and letters of invitation to prospective members.

SECTION 7. The **Issues Management Committee** chair shall be the vice-president. The committee shall consist of all other committee chairs. It shall be the responsibility of the Issues Management Committee to plan and implement a well-coordinated annual program based on federation objectives.

SECTION 8. The **Public Relations Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the Public Relations committee to present national, state, and local programs and activities through available news media.

SECTION 9. The **Young Careerist Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. It shall be the responsibility of the Young Careerist Committee to:

- (a) Encourage recruitment of young people into membership;
- (b) Organize and coordinate the Young Careerist Program according to state and national criteria;
- (c) To promote activities that involve the participation of young people.

SECTION 10. The **Foundation Committee** shall consist of chair and committee members. The Foundation Committee shall promote interest and support of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation.

SECTION 11. The **Bylaws Committee** shall consist of a chair and such other members as appointed by the president. It shall be the responsibility of the Bylaws chair to:

- (a) Assure local organization bylaws are reviewed in accordance with mandatory changes of state and national convention action.
- (b) Consider all proposed amendments to bylaws by local organization members;
- (c) Submit to the state bylaws chair revised local organization bylaws for approval.

INFORMED AND ACTIVE WORKING WOMEN



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LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

1* BPW/USA Advocacy Award Submissions due this Friday, June 15th

2* Women's Campaign Forum Online Poll

3* Louisiana Equal Pay Act

4* ERA Campaign Network Website Redesigned

1*If you are submitting an application to receive a BPW/USA advocacy award, which includes the Excellence in Legislation Award, Mariwyn Heath ERA Award, Giraffe Award, Megaphone Award or Issues Management Award, they are due by this Friday, June 15th. They must be postmarked by June 15th or received by email this Friday. Please send all applications to Elisabeth Gehl, Director of Public Policy, at BPW/USA's Headquarters or egeh1@bpwusa.org. If you need a copy of any of the above applications, please email Elisabeth at egeh1@bpwusa.org.

2*Women have the opportunity and ability to dramatically alter the country's political landscape by simply transferring a few of their discretionary dollars to the support of political candidates. In the wake of the 2006 elections, the Women's Campaign Forum Foundation set out to understand women's political giving and to determine how women make political spending decisions. Tell us what YOU think! Click here to take the online poll and give us your two cents,

A recent survey says that most women would rather donate to a favorite charity than to a political candidate. How about you? Share your opinion on this poll sponsored by the Women's Campaign Forum Foundation.

3*There was disappointing news in Louisiana last week as the Louisiana Equal Pay Act was defeated on the House floor by only 3 votes. While this was a crushing defeat for all of the equal pay advocates in the state led by BPW/LA, they have come such a long way since they first began this fight. This close vote proves that they are close to getting this bill passed and winning the majority. It also means that their lobbying efforts made a difference and legislators are hearing their message. This success is a great model for all of BPW's legislative activities and lobbying efforts. Congratulations to BPW/Louisiana on a well fought campaign and good luck next year!

4*The ERA Campaign Network website has now been redesigned, incorporating two major changes:

- 1) A news page to which important news bulletins can be, and will be, very quickly added
- 2) An organizations page with continually updated contact information by which site visitors can reach active ERA campaigning organizations and groups all around the country.

These changes significantly enhance the website's value in serving as a vital gateway and connecting link in ERA efforts around the country.

Please utilize this very informational website in your ERA advocacy efforts.

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Monthly Meeting - NEW LOCATION!

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BPW NETWORKING LUNCH

Tuesday, June 26th from 12:00-1:00 p.m

China Garden Restaurant 4217 South College Hills Blvd

Cost is \$10.00 for more info. contact Tricia at 656-5487.

June 14 - Installation of officers meeting

June 21-24 BPW/Texas state convention in Midland

June 28th, Women's Roundtable Business Event, LeGrand Alumni Center

The Business & Professional Women of San Angelo meet on the second Thursday of the month.
Reservations are required for dinner. Please call 656-5487 for reservations.
For more information or membership applications please contact tr23@suddenlink.net

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