



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"



WOW! Can you believe that it is already March? February is such a short month, yet it was so full of many different activities. Ann B. deserves a **BIG Thank You** for such a wonderful job with the Individual Development Program. All the ladies on her committee worked extra hard to help her have a successful day. We had an excellent team of speakers, who followed all the modules perfectly. The ladies who attended all had positive feedback! So, again, I applaud you all for a job well done.

Ann B. was invited to attend the first planning meeting with Grace Garcia, who is with ASU's Small Business Development Center, for the Tenth Annual Women's Round Table Event. This event is planned to take place in June 2007. Anyone else who is interested in serving on this committee, please see Ann. This is an excellent opportunity to network with some outstanding women in our community.

I was honored to attend the BPW Texas Mid Year Board this past weekend in Midland. Again, I must thank Ann B. for hosting the hospitality suite for Region 6; she baked over 400 cookies and gathered several goodies for the ladies to have. Tricia A and Jerrie S. also attended the meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2007. There were 84 ladies in attendance from all over the State. We attended several wonderful workshops and came home with some great ideas. The ladies in Midland did a wonderful job the entire weekend; we had fun at the MD Anderson fundraiser on Friday night, got down to business on Saturday, and wrapped it up on Sunday morning. The committee chairs said, "If this was the test for State Convention, we passed with flying colors"!! And, that is most certainly true! There is still much planning to do, but we can handle it. The ladies from other Regions always say that we know how to throw a party!

Congratulations to Judy F. as she retires from San Angelo Federal Credit Union on March 9, 2007. She will still be in San Angelo for a little while, but plans to move to her new house in Alpine. There will be a retirement party for her on March 8th at Southland Baptist Church, from 5 to 7 pm. That is our regular business meeting, so I have asked Tricia to run the meeting in my absence. Thank you so much Tricia for stepping in to help!! Remember that Tricia needs your help as she is planning for her year as President. So, if she calls you to be an officer or serve on a committee, I hope that you will dedicate yourself to that job and help our club continue to succeed!!

We have had three new members join during the past month. I am excited to see our local organization continue to grow. Welcome to Tamra F, Trudy T., and Kay B..

Please mark your calendars for March 20th to attend our Board meeting at noon at El Mejor. Also, I hope you will invite a friend to our networking luncheon on March 27th. We will meet at noon at China Garden, so make plans to attend as this is an excellent opportunity for networking with other peers around the city. Remember that we have changed our meeting place to Nacho's Restaurant; I hope you will be able to attend our regular meeting on March 8th!

Our sympathy goes out to Mary B. and her family for the loss of her husband, Charlie. Please keep them in your prayers.

Be Powerful Women
Laura W.

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Meeting Minutes — February 8th

The San Angelo Business and Professional Women's Club met February 8, 2007 at the Café Monterrey. Laura W., President, called the meeting together at 6:15 p.m. Those attending were Laura W., Tricia A., Elizabeth M., Joyce S., Mary B., Judy J., Jerrie S., Debbie E., Ann B., Kristan H., and Elaine M.. Laura W. gave the invocation.

Liz M., Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. The general account balance is 2, 402.69, and the report will be filed for audit. The minutes were approved as in the bulletin. There was no correspondence.

The program by Cecilia Janicata, with the Community Medical Centers, was about Women's Heart Health but also covered some general health topics.

Laura W. said that Angelo State University had already given the Ida Gerber Scholarship to two students this year. These students were Tamara Brown a sophomore studying Communication and the other one was Codi Dawn Waldrep a sophomore studying Kinesiology. Ann B. motioned to continue the award and Jerrie S. seconded.

Ann B. reported on the Individual Development Program. She asked the members to please spread their flyers around and extended the sign up deadline to February 17, 2007. She said they will be running an article about the program in the business section of the San Angelo Standard Times.

Ann B. asked that everyone donate water for the Mid Year Board. The San Angelo BPW will be helping at the Region 6 Hospitality Room, which will be located in the Hilton Hotel in Midland. She asked for volunteers to work the Hospitality Room.

Laura W. asked if we could move the drawing for the quilt to March. We could have a booth at Mid Year Board for \$15.00 and sell tickets for the quilt. Then, they would need someone to cover the booth and they would take the booth cost out of the quilt earnings. Elizabeth M. motioned and Mary B. seconded.

The club was asked if they would like to donate \$100 to MD Anderson. Jerrie S. motioned and Mary B. seconded.

It was brought up to decide where the next General Meeting would be held. Mary B. motioned and Ann B. seconded that it would be held at Nacho's Restaurant off Loop 306. The members asked if a sign could be put up in the entrance pointing to where the meeting was located.

The club will be collecting travel money for Patti Humphrey and will then send all Patti's Party Money to her.

It was brought before the club that our Chamber of Commerce dues were up. The membership costs \$300. We get in monthly newsletters, get online advertisement, can participate in the Business After Hours, and we have the money already budgeted. Mary B. motioned to continue the membership and Ann B. seconded.

They asked everyone to please mark your calendars for the Regional Spring Celebration held in Midland on April 14th, 2007. The program will be put on by Permian Basin.

Laura W. presented Ann B. and Mary B. with Starfish Awards.

The drawing was held for prizes. We closed the meeting with the Emblem Benediction. Laura W. adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristan H., Secretary

Birthday Wishes

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

Happy Birthday!

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| Suzie D. | March 4th |
| Ms. Mary W. | March 17th |
| Kay N. | March 20th |
| Ruth J. | March 25th |
| Mary B. | March 31st |

In Loving Memory

Charles Lee Blakeley

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and family during their time of loss.



We had a very successful Individual Development Program this year. We had 25 paying attendees and wonderful speakers: Laura Whisenhunt (BPW intro), Tricia Affleck (behavioral and communication styles, your advocacy role and developing your goals), Texas State President Patti Humphrey (reading people/listening skills and business etiquette), Cindy Jordan, (creating presentations and public speaking), Debbie E. (networking), LeAnn Byrd (interviewing), Glenna Frederick (negotiating), Joy Hopper (leadership), Liz McGill (parliamentary procedures), and Pat Atteberry (media relationships).

Thank you to all the committee members: Tricia A., Mary B., Debbie E., Melissa L., Hortence W., and Laura W.. A special thank you to new member Tamra F. for helping with registration. All attending said it was a very beneficial course. Best of all, we made a profit of \$245.71.

Ann B.
Individual Development Chair

BPW San Angelo Meeting**March 8, 2007****Nacho's - 2502 Loop 306 Ste C**

5:30 Networking 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Speaker

Glenna Fredericks from the Better Business Bureau

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

And Now a Word From:

Chamber of Commerce - Identity Theft – On Thursday, March 29th, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Riverview Room of the Visitor Center, business owners and individuals have the opportunity to hear the latest information on identity theft and how to guard against it. Identity theft continues to be on the rise, and this program will focus on how to protect yourself and your business. San Angelo Police Chief Tim Vasquez and Better business Bureau Executive Director Glenna Friedrich will team up to present a fast-paced, one-hour program. There is no charge to attend, but seating is limited to 50 participants. Call the Chamber today at 655-4136 to reserve your seat.

Terri Russo, Legislative Chair, BPW/TX

The Healthy Families Act would provide full time employees with 7 paid sick days a year to be used for their own needs or to tend to the medical needs of a child, spouse or parent. Part Time employees would receive a pro-rata share of the sick days. The problem is particularly acute for working women, who are still predominantly responsible for meeting family care giving needs. Almost half (49%) of working mothers report that they must miss work when a child is sick. And of these mothers, 49% do not get paid when they miss work to care for a sick child.

BPW has supported this legislation in the past and this year it was featured in our visits to Congress at the Policy and Action Conference in Washington DC. We discussed the Healthy Families Act with both of our Texas Senators Hutchison and Cornyn.

Issues and Information of Interest:

Patti Humphrey, President BPW/TX
Please remember to send photos, clippings, programs, newsletters, etc. for Patti's President book to:
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617 East 9th Street
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Or send to: sdelaney@gct21.net

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LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

1. Recently the House approved the Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007. This tax relief bill was passed in response to the passage of the minimum wage in both chambers of Congress, along with the Senate's passage of a small business tax relief bill. Specifically the bill would raise the limit on small business expenses from \$112,000 to \$125,000, allow a business that is jointly owned by a married couple to file as a sole proprietorship, and deny the lowest capital gains tax rate to the dependent children of those in the highest income tax bracket. The tax credits contained in the bill are expected to increase the likelihood that the House and Senate will agree to legislation raising the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 per hour over the next two years. Now that the House has acted on its small business tax cut legislation, the final minimum wage bill will include a level of small business tax cuts.

If you haven't already done so, BPW/USA encourages small business owners and women executives who support the minimum wage to sign on to a petition, which includes a long list of business supporters. Already a number of BPW members have signed the petition but we hope to have more. To sign the petition, [click here](#).

2. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act has been re-introduced in Congress with sponsors Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Representative Jo Ann Davis (R-VA). Overall the bill would require insurance companies to cover a minimum 48-hour hospital stay for patients undergoing a mastectomy to prevent a "drive-through mastectomy" where women are forced to go home just a few hours after surgery against the wishes of their doctor.

The bill would amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan or a health issuer offering group health insurance coverage that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient (and in the case of a lumpectomy, outpatient) coverage and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment. Prohibits such a plan or issuer from: (1) restricting benefits for any hospital length of stay to less than 48 hours in connection with a mastectomy or breast conserving surgery or 24 hours in connection with a lymph node dissection; or (2) requiring that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or issuer for prescribing any such length of stay.

3. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has approved a resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

Authored by Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), the resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- * women worldwide are participating in the world of diplomacy and politics, contributing to the growth of economies, and improving the quality of the lives of their families, communities and nations;

- * women leaders have recently made significant strides, including the 2007 election of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives, the 2006 election of Michelle Bachelet as the first female president of Chile, the 2006 election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as the first female president in Africa's history, and the 2005 election of Angela Merkel as the first female chancellor of Germany, who will also serve as the second woman to chair a G8 summit beginning in 2007;

- * of the 1.3 billion people living in poverty around the world, 70 percent are women and children; and

- * according to the United States Agency for International Development, two-thirds of the 876 million illiterate individuals worldwide are women, two-thirds of the 125 million school-aged children who are not attending school worldwide are girls, and girls are less likely to complete school than boys.

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Monthly Meeting - NEW LOCATION!

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BPW NETWORKING LUNCH

Tuesday, March 27th 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.

March 20th - Board Meeting - lunch at El Mejor
March 27th - Networking Lunch - China Garden
April 8th - Easter Sunday

April 12th - BPW Meeting - Nacho's
April 14th - Region 6 Spring Conference - Midland
April 24th - RED PURSE DAY - Networking Lunch

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@wcc.net

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