

The Business Buzz

February 2008

Believe in the Power of Women

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The President's Buzz

By President Keri Orsak

Well, here we are with one month of 2008 already in the history books. I cannot believe how fast the time passes!

My deepest condolences go out to Tandy Weaver's family and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. She was a good friend and will be greatly missed. Tandy was a wonderful example of a BPW sister.

For those of you who couldn't be at our January program meeting, you missed a GREAT kickoff to the new year. Our very own Mimi Cannonier taught us about disaster preparedness. Be on the lookout for information on the Trivia Night that will be held in the near future. This is the fundraiser for our local scholarship fund, and participants will have a

chance to win some fabulous prizes. There will also be a Chinese Auction to be held in conjunction with Trivia Night that will benefit BPW Texas Foundation. This foundation donates money to MD Anderson and awards a variety of scholarships to women.

Several of our region members attended the Mid-Year Board meeting that was held January 18th through 20th in College Station. Thank you to everyone who donated money to send our Executive Director Jerrie Schubert to National Mid-Year Board. I know she was elated to have this opportunity. As soon as I receive a report on Mid-Year Board from our Region Director I will pass the information along to you. This report should include more in depth information about what BPW Texas has planned for State Convention in June. I can-

not wait to go to Austin! If you or anyone you know needs Home and Garden Show tickets, please contact Diane Hoskin or me. Remember, our club gets to keep \$3 per ticket for each ticket we sell. Since the tickets are \$6 at the door, why not ask all of your friends who normally go to the Home and Garden Show to purchase their ticket through BPW. That way, it saves them money AND helps us raise funds for our club.

Until next time...
Believe in the Power of Women!
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February's Program

by Sandra Sims, Issues Management Chair

This month our guest speaker will be Bob Lindsay from the Wild Bird Rescue. This local group helps to preserve and care for wild birds in Wichita Falls and the surrounding area. They help provide treatment for wild birds who have been injured. Bob will also highlight some of the common species of wild birds that we may see near our homes, along the bike trails or at parks. Join us at BPW on Tuesday, February 26th for this interesting program.



Community Services

by Cindy Hambright, Chair

The Annual BPW/Christian Women's Job Corp Garage Sale is coming soon. If you are interested in helping with this committee., please contact Cindy Hambright. She is in need of volunteers to help with free publicity, donations, collections, pricing, and working the garage sale event. We are planning the garage sale a little early this year—March 1st or April 5th are proposed dates—so please volunteer to help now.

If you can help please contact Cindy Hambright at chambright@ipcisd.net.

What's up in your community?

by Meredith Kennedy-Lee

BPW is selling tickets to the **Home & Garden Show** which will be held February 23, 2008, at the MPEC. If you would like to sell or purchase tickets, please contact Diane Hoskin at 691-5268 or email her at grayhoskin@aol.com. Wichita Falls BPW gets \$3 per ticket back for each ticket sold, so if you plan to attend, please buy a ticket from BPW! Diane also needs BPW volunteers to man the BPW booth. It is a lot of fun!

Cosmetology Students shower the Rainbow House—Saturday, February 16th from 1PM-5PM at the Carrigan Career Center (1609 Blonde). The Rainbow House really needs items for helping to place CPS children with the necessities needed. Door prizes, refreshments, clowns, face painting and DARE officers will be there. Free manicure when you bring a gift. Gift registry at Target and Wal-Mart. First name Rainbow second name House. Call Janet Jackson at 940-781-6496 for more information.

Girl Scouts – The annual Girl Scouts Cookie Sale begins Feb. 8th. They will have a Cookie Rally – March 1, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sikes Senter Mall.

Valentines Ball — On February 14th Straight Street is having a Valentines Ball at the Country Club. For more information call 940-716-9898.

Happy Valentine's Day!





A Look Back by Sandra Sims, Issues Management Chair

At our January meeting Major Mimi Cannonier gave us a whole new perspective about disaster preparedness. We need to know where we would go and what to do in case of severe weather, a hazardous waste spill, disease outbreak or other emergency. Who would have thought that you need a whole gallon of water per person per day in a disaster kit? What about maps and phone numbers? All of us were challenged to become aware of what supplies we need to have on hand just in case disaster strikes. Mimi also stressed that we need to know the emergency procedures that are in effect for our local communities and schools. She gave us quite a few website resources where we can find out more informa-

tion. Her speech outline and all the weblinks are available on the BPW website at WichitaFallsBPW.com.

Mimi stressed creating a basic Home Disaster Kit which should contain the following:

- Food items that do not require refrigeration (protein bars, canned or dried goods, canned fruit and juice, peanut butter) for at least three days.
- Plastic cups and eating utensils
- One gallon of water per person per day.
- Flashlight.
- Battery powered radio.
- Additional batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Utility knife.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.

- Local map.
- Toilet paper.
- Paper painters' face masks for dust protection.
- Soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Garbage bags.
- Plastic sheeting.
- Duct tape.
- Extra cash.
- Picture identification.
- Extra clothing and shoes, cold weather clothing may be needed depending on the time of the year.
- Unique family items such as baby items, pet food and feminine hygiene products.
- Prescription medicine and spare eye glasses.
- Contact name, phone number and addresses of family members.

February Birthdays

2 - Cassie Schulze
 3 - Doris Lackey
 9 - Ashley Frayser
 10 - Sue Gream
 11 - Lydia Ozuna
 13 - Diane Hoskin

BRAG TIME

Congratulations to **Penny Miller** for starting her own business. Penny has formed Venture HRO, LLC, which provides Human Resource services to small businesses. Her office is in the MSU Dillard College of Business, Rm 292. You may contact her at 397-4557.

Way to go **Cassie Schulze!** Cassie received the Martha Reeves Spark Plug Award for being the Gold Coat of the Year. Congratulations!

If you have a brag, please send an email to newsletter editor Meredith Kennedy-Lee.

Legislative Update

by Meredith Kennedy-Lee

You would have to be living under a rock to not know that we have an election this year. Super Tuesday has just passed and the **Texas Primary Election** is **March 4th**. Regardless of whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, the primaries are full of drama and suspense.

It is not just the national elections that are highly contested, though, there are some exciting races here locally as well.

The League of Women Voters (LWV), **VOTERS GUIDE** is in the process of being developed. There are sixteen candidates in contested races for State Senator, County Commissioner Pct. 1, County Commissioner Pct. 3, County Sheriff, and Justice of the Peace Pct. 4.

The Wichita Falls LWV's website indicates that there will be three parts to this year's Voters Guide, which will include races in both the Democratic and Republican Primaries: (1) Our



local candidates, (2) Statewide Candidates, and (3) Presidential Candidates—with contributions from the LWV State and National offices.

As always it will be a great resource to get informed about the candidates.

Early voting for the Texas Primary Election begins in Wichita County on February 19, 2007. If you would like to vote early and in person, you may visit the following locations:

1. Wichita County Courthouse
Feb 19-22, 8:00-5:00;
Feb 23, 7:00-7:00;
Feb. 24, NOON-5:00; and
Feb 25-29, 7:00-7:00
2. Wichita County Tax Office
Feb 19-22, 8:00-5:00;
Feb 23, 7:00-7:00;
Feb. 24, NOON-5:00; and
Feb 25-29, 7:00-7:00
3. Little Red School House (Burkburnett)
Feb 19-22, 8:00-5:00;

Feb 23, 7:00-7:00;

Feb. 24, NOON-5:00; and

Feb 25-29, 7:00-7:00

4. Commission, Pct 4, Bldg (Electra)
Feb 19-22, and Feb 25-29
(all dates 8:00-5:00, but
closed from NOON to 1:00)

5. Home Depot
Feb 19-22, 10:00-7:00;
Feb 23, 9:00-9:00;
Feb. 24, NOON-5:00; and
Feb 25-29, 9:00-9:00

6. Sikes Senter Mall (Penny's Court)
Feb 19-22, 10:00-7:00;
Feb 23, 9:00-9:00; and
Feb. 24, NOON-5:00

Hopefully you are already registered to vote (since the last day to register in time for primaries was February 4th). If you are not, please get registered TODAY! There is still plenty of time to register before November's election. Get registered, get informed, and VOTE!

The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

Abraham Lincoln

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 BPW Board Noon @ Kemp (Super Tuesday)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 BPW Business Noon @ Women's Forum	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19 Early Voting Begins	20 See Legislative Update for Early voting locations and times.	21	22	23
24	25	26 BPW Program Noon @ Women's Forum	27	28	29 Early Voting Ends	Coming in March Texas Primary Election March 4th



BPW/State and Region 7 Updates

by Meredith Kennedy-Lee, Region 7 Secretary

Are you interested in expanding your membership past Wichita Falls BPW? Now is the perfect opportunity. Region 7 Directory Mary Huneycutt has put her name on the ballot for BPW/Texas Treasurer and will have to step down as Region 7 Director. Lana Benardin from Sherman has indicated she will run for Region 7 Director, but that means her place as State Nominating Committee Member will be vacant. Please consider helping Region 7 by becoming an officer. For more information, please contact me.

Do you know someone that is interested in BPW and what it does for women, but cannot come to the meetings? My mom is a perfect example. She loves to hear stories about our programs and what BPW/USA is doing for women, but she just cannot come to meetings. I introduced her to E-Membership, which is just \$19.95 per year. So the next time you invite someone who says they can't come to lunch, invite them to sign up for an E-Membership.

Scholarship Update

by Cassie Schulze, Chair

The Wichita Falls BPW Scholarship Application has been updated for 2008 and will soon be posted on the website. Every year we get more and more interest in our scholarships, so please help us again this year get the word out to women over 21 who are enrolled in college. We generally give two \$2,000 scholarships every year depending on the applications. Who could not use an extra \$1,000 for college?

The North Texas Nike Club is working on their program and fundraising dinner for their scholarship fund. This year the topic will be about internet stalkers and monitoring your child's MySpace page. It should be very interesting. More information will be coming soon.

The Menu

February 12, 2008 -

- Chicken Tetrazzini
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls/Butter
- Cookies

February 26, 2008 -

- Pork Chops
- Ranch Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls/Butter
- Sheet Carrot Cake





Tandy Weaver

Member, Officer, but most importantly, Friend



Light a Candle

Light a candle for those we mourn.

Into a new life they will be born.

Do not look for them at the gravesite.

They are somewhere else radiating their
beautiful light.

They have gone to a new world where
there is no darkness, no pain.

Their light and essence will always remain.

Light a candle for those who have left this
mortal place.

They are free to travel through time and
space.

When we think of them, they are near.

When we sit in a beautiful garden. Their
voices we hear.

When we listen to a divine symphony,

We close our eyes, their faces we see.

Light a candle for they have not really
gone.

With each flickering flame, in your hearts
they will always belong.

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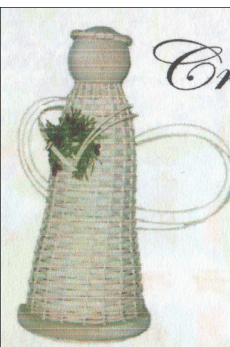
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