



The Business Buzz

Wichita Falls Business & Professional Women

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In Step With The President

By President Sandra Sims

Happy Valentines, and Happy Healthy Heart Month! This month is also our first big BPW activity for this year. The Home & Garden show on February 21-22. Sign up to work at the booth for an hour. It's really not "work" at all; you'll get to visit with other BPW members and let show attendees know about our club. Also don't forget to get your show tickets beforehand. Our club gets to keep \$3 per ticket; plus you save money on at-the-door price. An extra incentive this year is a gift certificate to Johnny Carinos for the person who buys/sells the most tickets! Call Diane Hoskin at 691-5268 to sign up for a booth time and/or tickets.

Wight is heading up the ad-hoc committee to plan that event.

For a great way to de-stress at the end of the day, come to our monthly networking night at Los Tres Amigos. The next one is on February 19th – hope to see you there!

Together, let's "Step Into the Future" with BPW!

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We also have a book drive for the Adult Literacy Council coming up so look through your bookshelves and see which ones can be donated. Be on the lookout for information on the Trivia Night that will be held on April 24th. If you'd like to help with planning this fun event talk with Brenda Wehmeier. Spring Awards will be held the next day, April 25th. Edwina

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February's Program Meeting

by Sheryl Moses— Issues Management Chair

In February Teresa Pontius from the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation will talk to us about the Foundation and how it helps the community.

The mission of the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation is to provide charitable opportunities for area residents; to leave a legacy for the future; to facilitate donor's varied interests; and to promote philanthropy.

The Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation is a not-for-profit philanthropic institution organized and operated primarily as a collection of charitable funds that will have long term benefits for the Wichita Falls area. These funds are used wisely and efficiently to respond to area needs and to sustain existing organizations and institutions through grants in many areas, including: arts, culture, education, environment, historic preservation, health, and human services.

To learn more about the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation please join us at noon at Luby's on February 26.

Equal Pay Day

by Meredith Kennedy Lee—Recording Secretary

On Tuesday, April 28, 2009 thousands of women from across the United States will join in a national day of action against unfair pay called Equal Pay Day. April is symbolic of the point into the new year that a woman must work in order to earn the wages paid to a man in the previous year. This year it will take women until April 28th to earn what men earned as of December 31st. On a national level, women are paid only 78 cents for every dollar a man is paid.

Wichita Falls Business and Professional Women is extremely concerned about pay inequity for the women in our community. So, help us promote this cause. From now until April 28, 2009, please wear a RED PURSE, the symbol for pay equity for women. Then, on April 28, 2009, WEAR RED with thousands of women all across this country to bring awareness to how far women are "in the red" with their pay.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

by Sally Gray, Community Events Chair

Sally will still be collecting books for the Adult Literacy Council Book Fair through this month. They will be accepting book donations at 4309 Jacksoro Hwy, Ste 105 until March 17, 2009. Call WQLC at 767-5257 for drop-off information.

Sally will be attending our quarterly youth Birthday celebration with Sandy, at Southside Youth Center February 20th at 4:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in coming? You are invited and would probably enjoy seeing the children's happy faces.

The money collected in February will be spent on the birthday party cupcakes and bubbles .

BRAGS

Dennis and I were married on January 17, 2009
- Cheryl Eschmann Zachary



February Birthdays

- 3—Doris Lackey
- 10—Susan Gream
- 11—Lydia Ozuna
- 13—Diane Hoskin
- 19—Amy Anderson

Happy Birthday Ladies!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

BPW meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at noon, Luby's, 1801 9th St, (back entrance says "Monarch Catering"), Wichita Falls, TX.

February

19—Social Networking 5:30-6:30 Los Tres Amigos Party room, 2210 Southwest Pkwy

21-22—Home & Garden Show—MPEC

26—Program Meeting—Noon—Luby's Speaker: Teresa Pontius, Wichita Falls Community Foundation

March

5—Board meeting—Noon—Kemp Center

12—Business Meeting—Noon—Luby's

19—Social Networking 5:30-6:30 Los Tres Amigos Party room, 2210 Southwest Pkwy

26—Program Meeting—Noon—Luby's

28-30—Book Fair for Adult Literacy Council

April

9—Business Meeting—Noon—Luby's

16—Social Networking 5:30-6:30 Los Tres Amigos Patio, 2210 Southwest Pkwy

23—Program Meeting—Noon—Luby's Speaker: Jeff Hughes

24—Trivia Night

25—BPW Regional Spring Awards, Wichita Falls

28—Equal Pay Day

Shari's Shoes

(benefiting BPW/Texas Foundation MD Anderson Fund)

Shari Macioch, BPW/Texas State President, loved shoes. She collected everything having to do with shoes. When she lost her battle with cancer only a month after she was installed as BPW/Texas President, her family decided BPW could use Shari's love of shoes to benefit cancer research. So, a portion of her collection of porcelain shoes was donated to BPW/Texas and a shoe was given to each local organization.

Wichita Falls BPW decided to have a "Shari's Shoes" drive to raise money for the BPW/Texas Foundation MD Anderson cancer research fund. Please help us by making a donation in honor or memory of someone you know that was affected by cancer and color a shoe. We will be displaying our own collection of shoes to celebrate and honor Shari at BPW/Texas State Convention this summer. Thank you for your support.



Membership Report

by Edwina Wight—2nd Vice President/Membership

Boy, it sure is hard to get back into the swing of things - and here it is almost February!!! Can you believe that? Our membership drive continues, and we will be drawing for one new membership at the upcoming February Business Meeting - this is for our 2nd quarter (October, November, December). We also have another new member, Erin Hudson.

When you are planning out your week - and it just happens to be a BPW week - call a friend to come along with you. It is great to meet new ladies and get to know one another. And, be sure to put on your calendars the 3rd Thursday of February and come to Los Tres Amigos 5:30 to 6:30 pm for some networking- laughing - talking - fun!

See you at the next BPW meeting! Edwina Wight, Membership Chair

Membership Spotlight

by Edwina Wight—2nd Vice President/Membership

Our newest member is Erin Hudson. Erin is a sales representative for Hudson Blueprint. She is an alumni of Leadership Wichita Falls. Erin, in her spare time, enjoys reading, sewing and working! You can email and welcome her at: erin.m.hudson@gmail.com. We are so glad to have Erin in our club. Next time you see her, give her a great BPW welcome!



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