

# The Business Buzz

January 2008

*Believe in the Power of Women*

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## The President's Buzz

By President Keri Orsak

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I hope ya'll are ready for more exciting BPW events for 2008.

Thank you to everyone who helped us make Christmas a little merrier for some deserving foster children. Through your kindness, we were able to fulfill Christmas wishes. So, ladies, you can rest assured that your contributions of money and/or gifts were really appreciated!

Since we have officially passed the half-way point in our year, it's not too early to start planning for the events and deadlines that come each spring. Mid-Year Board meeting will take place in

January. Deadlines for award packets begin in March. Spring Awards for Region 7 will be held in March in Wichita Falls. The annual garage sale benefiting the Christian Women's Job Corps is scheduled for April or June. And last but not least, State Convention is to be held in Austin. In addition, we have scholarships to award, a BPW Trivia night to host, and a Chinese Auction fundraiser to hold.

I know that this seems overwhelming, but with everyone's help we can achieve our goals. And just think of the fun we'll have working and playing together as we round out the year. Remember, if each one of us does a little, we will complete one BIG successful year!

Serving as President of any BPW organization is a challenge, but with the support of the membership it is an enjoyable challenge. Regardless of the task or project, I know I can always count on my BPW sisters to make sure that the job is accomplished. I have enjoyed serving as your President for the past six months and look forward to the remaining six!

Until next time...

**Believe in the Power of Women!**

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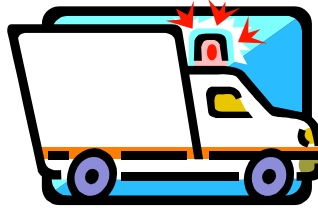
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## January's Program

by Sandra Sims, Issues Management Chair

Will you be ready, not *if*, but *when* severe weather strikes? What about other unexpected events? Unfortunately it's not something that we usually think about until something happens. This month Major Mimi Cannonier will help us get ready with a special presentation on disaster preparedness. She will show us her home kit and exactly what needs to be in our own disaster kit. Mimi will also discuss how we can be prepared at work and school. Join us at BPW on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> for this informative program!



## Emergency

## Community Services

by Cindy Hambright, Chair

Ground Hog Job Shadowing Day is Friday, February 1st. Students in our area will be shadowing a professional, in a wide variety of careers. He/she will spend the day learning about what is involved in their chosen field. Mentors have a tremendous impact on a student's career decisions, so please volunteer for a placement for area High School seniors in the following areas: wedding planner, sports nutritionist, computer game designers, graphics, civil engineers, mechanical engineers, robotics, real estate, banker, animal shelter veterinarian, dental.

To volunteer or for more info please contact:  
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## What's up in your community?

By Meredith Kennedy-Lee

The Wichita Adult Literacy Council is collecting books. If you have books that you would like to donate, please contact Sue Gream at 767-5257 or email her at [sgream@sw.rr.com](mailto:sgream@sw.rr.com) to get more information.

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](mailto:grayhoskin@aol.com).

Bowl for the Cure. On February 10, 2008, at Village Bowl, you can bowl for a good cause. Entry fee is \$20.00 and registration is open to the first 200 entries (space is limited). If you are interested in bowling for this great cause, contact Shari Hicks at 723-0771.



## Legislative Update

by Meredith Kennedy-Lee

Some time ago, I reported about the high incidence of sexual assaults in the military. VA research indicates that 20 percent of female soldiers experience sexual harassment, assault, or rape during their service. On November 5, the Department of Veterans Affairs opened its first treatment center designed solely to assist female veterans affected by sexual trauma. The new women-only facility is located in Bernards Township, N.J.

The 2008 Policy & Action Conference is scheduled. This year's theme is "Partnering for Political Change" and to that end, BPW



has partnered with the National Education Agency. This year's registration and accommodations are almost \$100 less than last year, thanks to the partnership. BPW/PAC will be lobbying for the HEART for Women Act, Fair Pay Restoration Act and Family Leave Insurance Act. The Policy & Action Conference will be February 13-15 in Washington, D.C.

Are you registered to vote? If not, NOW is the time. Primary elections in Texas will be March 4, 2008. That is not too far away. The General Election is November 4, 2008. This year is not only about the Presidents, though.

There are many contested races right here in Wichita Falls, including Sherriff, 89th District Judge, and many others. If you want to know more about what offices will be on the ballot, you can visit the Texas Secretary of State's website by going to <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2008offices.shtml>. There is also a wealth of information on the League of Women Voters website at <http://www.lwvtexas.org/votersintro.htm>.

So, get registered, get informed, and VOTE!

### January Birthdays

- 4- Janet Jackson
- 9 - Judith Krebs
- 11 - Cheryl Cogdell
- 15 - Sheryl Pulley
- 12 - Beverly Bumgarner
- 26 - Debi Smith

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



# Something to Think About

by Meredith Kennedy-Lee

Someone gave me the following Letter to the Editor which was published in the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*. I found it interesting:

I am a bibliophile, as I have freely admitted in past letters.

I rarely watch television, choosing instead to read a good book.

I never watch the *Oprah* show, but have been mystified that she can name a book and it is an instant bestseller.

Do these people not know how to select a book without her prompting?

Then I read in the *Star Telegram* on Sept. 6, "Oprah may

play prominent role in Obama campaign," and I was more than mystified. I was stunned and appalled.

Not only does she select the books her audience members read. Now she is selecting their president?

The article says her most loyal viewers are female between 25 and 55. It quotes Susan Harrow as saying, in reference to Oprah's audience, "they are followers."

Harrow believes they trust Oprah's opinion more than they trust their own. That brings to mind a flock of mindless sheep.

Is her audience aware that

Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Stanton, Carrie Catt, Alice Paul and many others fought for the right for women to vote and finally won?

The 19th Amendment allowing women the right to vote was ratified Aug. 18, 1920—144 years after the 13 colonies declared their independence from England.

After that hard-fought battle was won, how easily these women are willing to give up their rights and allow a TV personality to tell them what to read and how to vote.

Heaven help us all!

- Ruth Orren  
Forth Worth

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Congratulations to Alicia Pruitt for completing her Doctorate—that is Dr. Pruitt to us, now!

The Evelyn Lucus, CPA, firm now has a new name and new partners. Evelyn has made Keli and Keri partners in her firm, which is now Lucus, McCord, and Orsak.

If you have a brag, please send an email to Meredith Kennedy at [meredith-kennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meredith-kennedy@sbcglobal.net).

## The Menu

January 8, 2008 -


- Cheese Enchiladas
- Spanish Rice
- Pinto Beans
- Chips/Hot Sauce
- Apple Cobbler

January 22, 2008 -

- Baked Fish
- Wild Rice
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls
- Assorted Pies



# January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day 2 No Board Meeting	3	4	5	
6	7	8 Business Mtg Noon @ Womens Forum	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	22 Program Mtg Noon @ Womens Forum	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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**January 2007**

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