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President's Message

The beautiful sunny warm days this past week have made one think of spring. Spring also means our Annual Meeting of Northern District BPW. Our meeting date has been changed due to many conflicts for our host organization. When at least half the members will be elsewhere, it makes it hard to organize and be able to carry off a meeting.



NEW DATE - APRIL 17

The location will remain the same, Trinity PUD. The program is not yet determined, but this President knows our program chair, VP will have something planned before the date. We do know that the State Task Force will have given us some "working" assignments at Winter Board, so we will make sure to allow plenty of time for business and discussion.

This president hopes to see several members at the Annual Meeting at Trinity PUD on April 17, as we prepare for the coming year.

Carol Bethke



BPW/CA Bylaws

The state is working on presenting a Bylaws Revision at the state convention in May; much will be based on the recommendations from the Task Force's report. A bylaws revision means that a new set of bylaws will be presented and the entire document will be open to amendments; to strike or add words, sentences or paragraphs. The proposed Bylaws Revision will be sent with the Call 45 days prior.

Bylaws are the backbone of an organization and serve as the foundation for all policies and procedures, setting rules by members that dictate how they wish to be governed and have their organization operate.

Trudy Waldroop, BPW/CA Bylaws Chair

Local Organization Updates

Weaverville BPW - Weaverville has had some pretty lively discussions lately. Imagine that! With the political climate the way it is, there is plenty to discuss. With Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians we have many viewpoints. But, here is the clincher. This officer worked at trying to figure out the difference between the politicians and us and why we walked away not only still respecting one another but also respecting the other's viewpoints. It's because we started out with respect for each other not only as people but also as hard workers who have a common goal. We've worked together for so many years and tried so hard to make it a better world for our sister women that we know we are on the same page even if we don't always agree about the way to get there. They used to say men were better at compromise because they were used to team sports and beating the opposition together, well; we've got news for them now. We've learned, and practice is making perfect. Keeping the goals in mind is what it's all about and respecting each other enough to know that you can disagree and still stay friends. We don't have to force one another to "conform" to any ideal of our own. I like that about us, and I believe I learned it at the 725 BPW meetings I've attended through the years.

Weaverville is gearing up for our annual scholarship award. MaryLynn Rounds is Chair again, she did such a wonderful job last year. We had a hard decision to make to only grant one award this year but books are getting so expensive that a person needs more than they once did to even get those supplies, let alone everything else.

Weaverville is looking forward to hosting our annual Northern District meeting and seeing all of our friends. This next week we'll be having a plenary meeting and hopefully come up with something fun as well as enlightening. And by then the sun should be shining, yeah!

Jeanne Simmons McNeil, President

Red Bluff BPW - Red Bluff BPW was honored to host the Northern District BPW Winter Board meeting. While I was unable to attend due to illness, I heard it was a very successful meeting.

Many thanks to Linda Lucas for being a gracious hostess.

We have not been involved in many activities this year due to our small size, but we continue to enjoy our once per month meetings at local restaurants. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at noon. Please contact a local member for the location if you would like to attend one of our meetings-we would love to see you!

I am hoping that most of us will be able to attend the Annual Conference in Weaverville on April 17th, and am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Michelle Proctor

Chico BPW - We celebrated the holidays with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Since we have not been meeting regularly, it was wonderful to catch up with other members. Judy Winter brought her 'Santa bag' and we all had fun choosing gifts as it was passed around the table! We also collected donations for our local women's shelter, Catalyst.

Debbie Vermette

Odds & Ends

The state website now has a 'members only' section. The *Members Only* section is available from any page on the website by clicking on the 'Members Login' button at the top of the main navigation column. Visitors will be prompted for a username and password. Username: californiafederation (no caps, all one word). Password: bpwcalWeb (cap W only).

Per Northern District Policy and Procedures, each Local Organization is to submit \$4.00 per member for their subscription to the North Wind and Directory which assists with the printing and postage. Checks from each local should be mailed to Treasurer Trudy.

The Task Force on the future of California BPW has completed their final report, and it was distributed to state board members and LO/District presidents. If you would like a copy, please let Carol Bethke or Trudy Waldroop know.

Trudy Waldroop, Task Force Chair

Northern District Business & Professional Women Annual Meeting

Saturday • April 17, 2010

Tentative Agenda

- 9:15 Executive Committee meeting
- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Inspiration
Welcome
Introduction of Guests
Presentation of Officers
Roll Call
Registration Report
Quorum
Presentation of Agenda
Minutes for Information
Report of Financial Review Committee
Treasurer's Report
Announcements
- Break
- Local Organization Presidents Reports
Chico
Red Bluff
Weaverville
- Winter Board Report - Representatives Mary Lynn Rounds and Pat Long
- Lunch
- Program - Michelle Proctor
- Unfinished Business
New Business
Raffles
Collect
Adjournment.

Directions:

As you enter Weaverville from the East on Hwy 299, on the left you will see first County Offices, Trinity Alps Performing Arts, and the next left turn will be Ponderosa Lane with the PUD located on your left. Across the street is Trinity Animal Hospital.

Just a Taste of What Women are Achieving...

In Government - President Obama nominated Elizabeth Erny Foote to be a United States District Court Judge, Western District of Louisiana. Elizabeth, who holds a JD from Louisiana State University, is a partner in the Smith Foote Law Firm, LLP.

Also nominated to be a United States District Court Judge, Central District of California, was Josephine Staton Tucker. Judge Tucker, who holds a JD from Harvard Law School, is a California Superior Court Judge.

In Education - Learning.com appointed Diana Laboy-Rush as its new Product Manager for STEM solutions – supporting educators to integrate science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instruction across their curriculum. Diana, who holds a BA degree in Electrical Engineering from CSU, Long Beach, and an MA in Engineering Mgmt. from Portland State University, is an electrical engineer and a former math teacher.

Mount Holyoke College appointed Lynn Pasquerella, an accomplished scholar, its 18th President of the College. Lynn, who holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Brown University, is currently Provost at the University of Hartford.

In the Arts - Mary Tompkins Lewis, Art Professor at Trinity College, discovers new insight into the soul of the artist Vincent van Gogh through his letters in the newly published "Vincent van Gogh—The Letters".

The Philadelphia Museum of Art appointed Gail Harrity as the Museum's President and Chief Operating Officer. Gail, who holds an MBA in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Management, had been the Museum's Chief Operating Officer.

In Science - IBM announced that IBM engineers Irene Greif and Laura Haas have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) — one of the highest professional distinctions that can be awarded to an engineer. Irene, who holds a master's and Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT, is an IBM Fellow and Director. Laura, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, is an IBM Fellow and Director of Computer Science, IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, California.

Darcy Kelley, a Neurobiologist at Columbia University and a distinguished alumna of The Rockefeller University, is a featured speaker at the Rockefeller University Women in Science breakfast in New York. The topic: "Is Gender Balance Better for Business?".

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