BPW/Louisville sponsors Workshop on Professional Development October 19

A workshop for the busy professional interested in improving her skills as a leader, organizer, and communicator will be held on October 19, 2004 in the Founders Union Building on the University of Louisville’s Shelby Campus, 9001 Shelbyville Road. The daylong workshop, “Developing You: An Individual Development Program for Women,” is co-sponsored by Business and Professional Women/Louisville and UofL’s Office of External Affairs.

BPW describes its Individual Development Program as an opportunity to help women improve speaking and presentation skills, develop leadership qualities, and improve management techniques. It will also prepare them to be more active participants in their community.

The registration deadline is October 5. The $60 registration includes materials and lunch. To register or for more information, call Brenda D. Gunn at 502-852-6175, or check out the BPW/Louisville web page announcement: www.louisville.edu/org/bpw/IDP Flier.doc.

Greetings from Janet Dabney, BPW/Louisville President

Wow! Who can believe it’s September already. The BPW year is almost at midpoint and it seems it just got started. The past few months have been really thrilling and exciting and I’m enjoying my presidency very much.

Many of our members have been working very hard to attract new members and to plan and to put in place our programs. I am the state Contact Chair for the May 2005 State Conference, which is just around the corner. I will be calling upon our members and friends for help and support.

There is still much work to be done and I need your help and support for all our committees. If you haven’t attended a meeting this year or signed up to work on a committee, please take the time and do so today. Also, please feel free to share this newsletter with your family, friends, and co-workers. As always, feel free to contact me at anytime with your comments, questions, concerns or suggestions.

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The next regular meeting of BPW/Louisville will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date. Officers and committee chairs (Executive Committee) will meet at 5:15 p.m.

NOTE: BPW/Louisville extend its sympathy to Janet Dabney over the loss of her mother, Edna Mae Crowder, who died September 7, 2004.
Share your favorite recipe for a worthy cause: Business and Professional Women/Louisville (formerly BPW/U of L) will publish a cookbook to benefit its Ruth L. Koch Scholarship Program. Please submit up to five of your favorite recipes to benefit this worthy cause. Categories include: appetizers and beverages; soups and salads; veggies and side dishes; main dishes; breads and rolls; desserts; cookies and candy; low-fat dishes; low-carb dishes. Recipes should be submitted (in Word) on a disk or via email to brenda.gunn@louisville.edu or phyllis.webb@louisville.edu no later than Friday, September 17. Books will go on sale toward the end of the year. Don’t miss the chance to be a part of this fantastic opportunity to benefit our scholarship program!

Stay informed on current BPW national activities:
Here’s the latest news from BPW National’s Legislative Hotline:
1* Republican National Convention
2* BPW/Michigan speaks out on affirmative action
3* New York Judge strikes down partial birth abortion law
4* Wage gap widens
5* National Women’s Law Center launches new initiative about judicial nominations

Headlines—Weekly news articles on issues pertaining to workplace equity and work-life.

Pick up a copy of the map highlighting historical women in Louisville: The League of Women Voters has published, Where Louisville Women Made History: A Tribute to the Extraordinary Contributions of Louisville Women. The map was produced by the League in partnership with Metro Louisville Government and financial support from Community Foundation of Louisville. These free maps are available at the public library or by calling the League at 895-5218.

Participate in local events raising awareness to prevent violence against women: October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. For a list of activities planned throughout the month, contact Rus Funk, The Center for Women and Families, at 582-7271 or rfunk@cwfempower.org. Louisville’s sixteenth annual “Take Back the Night” Rally, March and Speakout will be held on Monday, October 4 at the University of Louisville. For more information about how you can help, please call Sharon LaRue, UofL PEACC Program, at 852-7014 or email sharon.larue@louisville.edu.

Help us thank our tech support angel: The public relations committee would like to thank U of L’s Kurt Bendl for helping us update our web site. Thanks, Kurt!

Notes from BPW/Louisville’s Membership Chair

Hello! I’m glad you are reading this! On August 14th I had the pleasure of attending the regional leadership retreat in Elizabethtown. Many locals from around the state shared their creative ideas for membership recruitment and retention which I intend to borrow, steal, or adopt.

Our local membership campaign is an ONGOING process and all members are encouraged to invite prospects to our regular monthly meetings. I will continually ask you to submit your "invite list" to me and I will in turn mail our membership material to each prospect and make the necessary follow up phone calls.

I am seeking interested members to work with me on this committee in whatever capacity you have time for. A membership drive in which we can all participate prior to the end of the year is high priority. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Email me at aellisonhias@aol.com or call my daytime phone number, 964-3311. And when you are finished with your newsletter, pass it along to a prospect!

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BPW/USA Mission Statement
Business and Professional Women/USA, founded in 1919, promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information