Greetings from Janet Dabney, BPW/Louisville President

Business and Professional Women/Louisville will be holding a “Young Careerist” Speakoff on March 1, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Airport South.

Angela Wilson, chairperson of the competition, urges young women and men to apply. Others willing to serve as judges are also encouraged to participate.

The Young Careerist Program recognizes the accomplishments of successful women or men and introduces them to the mission and vision of Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW/USA).

The program, begun in 1964, involves a competitive selection process within local organizations, districts/regions, and 53 state federations, resulting in the selection of a Young Careerist to represent each state federation at the BPW/USA annual conference. The winner of the national competition will serve as the National Representative for BPW/USA and may attend functions in this capacity.

To participate in the program, a Young Careerist must: be between the ages of 21 and 35 by July 31, 2005; be or have been employed in business or professions with at least one year of full time work experience; be living, working, training or continuing her/his education in the area served by the sponsoring local organization conducting the program, and sign the BPW Legislative Platform Agreement.

The deadline to apply is December 17, 2004. First, second and third-place winners will win cash prizes. If interested, please contact Angela at Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, 636-0900 ext. 247 or email awilson@kyanags.org

The next regular meeting of BPW/Louisville will be the chapter's annual Holiday Party/potluck on Tuesday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Nia Center, 2900 West Broadway (corner of 29th and Broadway), Louisville. To rsvp, please contact Janet Dabney at janet.dabney@louisville.edu and let her know if you'll be attending and what dish you plan to bring.

BPW/Louisville Announces Annual Young Careerist Speakoff

Wow! Who can believe it's already November! With the holidays fast approaching, I'm sure we're all busy getting ready for spending time with family and friends.

I would like to encourage all our members to attend the Interim Board of Directors meeting in Bowling Green, KY, November 19-20. (Please contact me if you need more information.) This two-day event is filled with fun activities, personal/professional development seminars, and a great opportunity to see your state officers in action.

Our Individual Development Program workshop on October 16 was well attended. We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback. The speakers were very knowledgeable and they provided a lot of valuable information.

I wish everyone blessed and wonderful holidays. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 852-0270.
Something to Think About, Something to Do…

“Grow” with BPW/Louisville and meet interesting people from all over Kentucky: Attend BPW’s interim board meeting with BPW/Louisville president Janet Dabney.

Bring a friend to the BPW/Louisville Membership Reception on November 18 (see notes from Anita Ellison, Membership Chair): Spend a little “downtime” with some interesting women in an interesting location!

Support this year’s Young Careerist Speakoff: Do your part to spread the word. Contestant and judges are needed! (See Angela’s announcement on page 1).

Join us for BPW/Louisville’s annual Holiday Party on December 7: Bring a friend and your favorite dish.

Learn more about the Kentucky Business and Professional Women’s Foundation: Do you know someone who may need some financial help to go to school or acquire some additional business skills? BPW/Louisville is affiliated with the BPW/KY Foundation, established to create a funding and research source that would address some of the Commonwealth’s most critical needs in training and development. For more information, go to www.bpw-ky.org/ky_foundation.html.

Work for quality, affordable childcare: The University of Louisville does not offer on-site childcare for its student or employees. Learn more about the state of affordable, quality childcare in our community by checking out Community Coordinated Childcare www.4cforkids.org/ParentVoice.htm and Kentucky Youth Advocates at www.kyyouth.org.

Read what BPW/National has to say about the recent presidential election: Check out your national organization’s response to the results of the federal elections. Go to www.bpmusa.org.

Find out how Kentucky compares with other states according to BPW’s work/family issues: The Institute for Women’s Policy Research (IWPR) has released its latest report on the economic status of women in the United States. How do these findings compare with BPW’s worklife issues, which include child care, flexible work schedules, and family and medical leave policies? You can download IWPR’s full report on their website: www.iwpr.org.

“Click!” for BPW/Louisville: Valerie Casey, BPW/Louisville’s intrepid public relations committee dynamo, discovered that our chapter’s web site will land on the top of any search engine list the more time it’s selected by web searchers. So do your part to increase our chapter’s visibility! Go to www.louisville.edu/org/bpw.

Thank you to…
those who graciously shared their time and talents at the BPW/Louisville Individual Development Program for Women on October 19! They include:
- Carridder Jones, Interviewing
- Paula McCraney, Effective Leadership
- Paula Campbell, Networking
- Professor Kathleen Taylor, Communication
- Guest Speaker: Ralph Fitzpatrick, Ed.D.

Notes from Anita—BPW/Louisville’s Membership Chair

You are cordially invited to a BPW/ Louisville membership reception at the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville. The reception will be held on Thursday, November 18th, 2004 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

BPW/Louisville offers women an opportunity to network and be a part of a state and national affiliation, and it offers professional and personal development opportunities.

Formerly the Fischer Packing Company on Mellwood, this vast, 350,000 square foot center is being renovated into over 200 artist studios, storefront specialty retail, galleries (including a 3-story tenant art gallery), office space, rehearsal space for theatre groups and dancers, entertainment space and more. The Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center is located on 42 acres of land in close proximity to River Road, downtown Louisville, I-71, Frankfort Avenue & Lower Brownsboro Road.

To R.S.V.P. please call 852-0270. For more information, call me at 964-3311 or visit our web site at www.louisville.edu/