

**Business and Professional Women
VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT**
invite you and your friends to the
ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, April 25, 2009

at the

SPORTSMEN'S LODGE HOTEL

12833 Ventura Boulevard
Studio City, California

INSTALLING OFFICER:

Marlene Greenfield

Past President, Los Angeles Sunset District

RETIRING PRESIDENT:

Marjory Hopper, BPW Hollywood

INCOMING PRESIDENT:

Jane Hendricks, BPW Hollywood

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Installation of Officers: 7:30 pm

Reception in the President's Suite
immediately following the program.

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

April 17, 2009

ANNUAL CONVENTION April 25-26



ELI DAVIDSON

Keynote speaker at
VSD Annual Convention,
the author of
Funk to Fabulous.

Our final meeting program, Valley Sunset District's Annual Convention at the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, will follow the format from our prior meetings. The Saturday morning session will feature keynote speaker, Eli Davidson. Thanks to President Marjory for finding this motivational powerhouse to kick up our energy. She is one organized lady! She asks for lots of advance information about the group she is presenting to, so she can tailor her remarks to meet a wide variety of needs. I completed her questionnaire for us and asked her to help us recommit to our mission, and re-invigorate our passion for BPW at all levels during this time of organizational change.

Next we'll feature our final OUTLOOK Panel for the year. Thanks to all our prior panelists for their honesty, humor, and creativity. The theme for this panel is "Passionate Perspectives." We'll hear from longstanding members about the legacies and legends of BPW, and newer and returning members about their interest in BPW today, as active working women facing challenges in 2009.

Our "Make A Difference" award recipient and luncheon speaker is Susan Kerr. Susan has devoted her professional life to Los Angeles County service, most recently in the Departments of Mental Health and Child and Family Services. She is currently the Senior Deputy Director for DCFS.

She will be retiring from County service next year, so this is our chance to recognize her impact on so many lives. She is a longstanding colleague who has become a friend, so I can attest that her efforts have led to the betterment of women and children throughout the County.

She will share her perspectives on the state of women and children in Los Angeles County and what we can do to help those in need.

On Sunday morning, our incoming president, Jane Hendricks, will give us a preview of the new BPW year. She has invited Rex Jennings, Chief of Volunteer Services, Department of Veterans Services, to be our guest speaker. Mr. Jennings will share information about the veterans' hospital, women veterans, their needs and those of their families, and how we can help.

We invite you to come on Friday evening for an open house in President Marjory's suite. You can enjoy appetizers and drinks, along with visiting with friends.

Come ready to participate, learn, and enjoy!

— Lynn Brandstater, Program Chair

INCREASED FEE For Late Registrations

Please note that the fee for registrations received after April 17 has been increased from \$5.00 to **\$15.00**. Please send your check and registration form to Margaret Prickett before the deadline!

BPW Pins: Members, we are going back to the tradition of wearing our pins to meetings and conferences. The Finance committee will be LOOKING. No pin-the fine will be \$1.00. Be sure to wear your pin. Proceeds from the fines will go to the Past Presidents' Council.

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION TASK FORCE on the Future of BPW/CA

A Message from BPW/CA President, Trudy Waldroop

Be sure to make your voice heard in the upcoming national vote on whether or not to have BPW/USA merge with our BPW Foundation effective July 1, 2009.

In order to get ready for this possibility, the California Federation Executive Committee, at their February 26 meeting, appointed a Task Force on the Future of BPW/CA. The Executive Committee tried to come up with a diverse task force membership: some newer members, some with many years of membership, some with membership in other Federations, those who are visionary, bean counters, and from the north and south of the state.

The appointed Task Force members are: Kimberly MacVicar, Kathryn Hopkins, Linda Wilson, Anne Marie Johnson, Trudy Waldroop, Chair; and Janet Ramsey, President-Elect, ex-officio.

VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT

ELECTED DISTRICT OFFICERS

President

MARJORY HOPPER

562-699-6288 • mjhop6334@aol.com

President-Elect

VACANT

Vice President

JANE HENDRICKS

562-862-4880

Secretary

DENISE LUCKHURST

818-525-1827

Treasurer

KATHLEEN HOLLAND

805-306-9205

Nominations Chair

SANDRA SANDERS

805-643-5928

LOCAL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Burbank President

DENISE LUCKHURST

818-525-1827

Conejo Valley President

MARY LOU WETTER

805-492-5698

Greater San Fernando Valley President

NAOMI ADAMS

818-341-4838

Hollywood President

JANE BOYD

BPW of Orange County President

PEGGY ANDREWS

909-845-8295

San Fernando President

JULIE RUELAS

818-361-8804

Santa Barbara President

CONNIE STAHL

805-985-4118

Sunland-Tujunga President

CELIA EIBEN

818-352-5514

BPW usa

President's Message



"Together We Make a Difference" in BPW Valley Sunset District. This year our District members have served as officers and chairmen for our State Federation. Three members traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend BPW/USA's National Conference. Hooray for Hollywood's Celine Malanum, who represented California as their Young Careerist and then went on to become BPW/USA's number one Young Career Woman! We are so proud.

In October, five members of our District attended the BPW International Congress in Mexico City. The attendees enthusiastically brought back memories and global ideas.

Our Local Organizations have been presenting excellent programs - updates on Project 5-O, women athletes and Title IX, the appearance of the BPW International President, and the 25th annual Susan B. Anthony Award presented to Congresswoman Diane Watson. Programs like these suit the diversity of our membership.

Our District is pleased to announce that award winning author and motivational speaker, Eli Davidson, will be the keynote speaker for our annual convention on April 25th. She will give us tips to increase BPW membership. Dubbed as a "Reinvention Expert" by the Today Show, Ms Davidson's book, "Funky to Fabulous", won the 2008 Motivational Book of the Year Award. Dr. Phil recommends her, and J. C. Penney uses her annually to motivate their employees. She is a regular contributor to the *Huffington Post* and you can read more about her online at www.elidavidson.com. We invite each of you to attend and tell your non-BPW friends about her appearance. There will be special arrangements for non-members to attend and hear Ms. Davidson's presentation free of charge.

The "hot topics" from our OUTLOOK panels have been interesting and have given us food for thought. Our final OUTLOOK panel will be a combination of seasoned BPW'ers and newer members. They will share **why** BPW membership is important.

It has been an honor for me to serve as President of BPW Valley Sunset District and to represent our District in Atlanta, and to wear our California cape in Mexico City. Giving the MAKE A DIFFERENCE Award at each of our Conferences has been rewarding. I thank you for the opportunity to serve and I will continue to SPEAK UP FOR BPW.

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in Valley Sunset District.

Marjory Hopper, President BPW Valley Sunset District

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One year ago I accepted the nomination for Vice President. The year has gone so fast and the fellowship has been great. I have attended the conferences and board meetings, and was chairman of the Women of Achievement luncheon in November. Being the First Timers chair has been a fun time, giving our new members "you are a star" smiley face dolls, and the First Place ribbons.

I am glad that I said yes to the nomination and I encourage all of our BPW members to come forward and take an office or appointment in Valley Sunset District.

Jane Hendricks, District Vice-President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As I complete the spring issue of the ValSun and think back over the past year, this editor thanks all the officers and chairs who have contributed to our newsletter. Special thanks and gratitude go to our publisher, Cindy Cleghorn, and her staff who transform the text and photos sent to them into an attractive and very readable format. Thanks also to my proof-readers, Jackie Melvin and Mary Stevens, for their "eagle eyes", catching many of the mistakes and typos that your editor has missed.

Rosemary Enzer, ValSun Editor

MEET ME IN THE QUAD: Reaching Out to Younger Professionals

"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends." — Mary McLeod Bethune, American educator, civil rights leader and adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The issue of growing, diversifying and retaining membership is at the heart of all nonprofits and political/social organizations. Especially in these tough economic times, it certainly isn't money that keeps these machines oiled and running – it's the commitment, passion and hard work of an organization's members. The questions for the past few years for BPW at all levels have been these: How do we reach out to new members? How do we retain them? How do we ensure the strength of our organization by making sure membership numbers are on the rise?

With regards to reaching out to younger members, with the hopes they will become long-term members, BPW has it right so far. National has given the website a facelift, and the home page now directs young professionals to their own area chock-full of references to current, relevant issues such as early financial planning and new mothers integrating back into the workplace. Another smart move was setting up a BPW presence on the social networking sites where young professional women are apt to be these days: MySpace, Facebook, Twitter and Butterfly. If young professionals are the group BPW national is targeting, they've set up camp in all the right places.

EXCEPT ONE

College campuses are a huge, comparatively untapped resource of potential members. Both community and four-year public and private educational institutions have thousands of young women whose interests and skills fit within some part of the BPW mindset: women's education, equal civil rights, pay equity, work-life balance and more! We need to break out of our meeting spaces and conference rooms, and take the BPW message to the colleges and universities in our neighborhoods! We should go to the college or university website, and focus on the Business Schools and Women's Studies Programs. We should find out the names of deans and teachers (especially women), and contact them via phone and email. We should offer to speak to their students about BPW, and plan to offer incentives for college students to join – internships, community service hours, discounted memberships, mentoring. Many young professional women don't understand the necessity of having a membership with a professional (and social) organization such as BPW. They don't necessarily see it as a resume builder and networking potential, which it absolutely is. We must convey this benefit of BPW when we speak to students as well.

While these are just the sparking ideas, the full idea must be struck within an LO as they research schools. Then select 3-4 members who will be BPW ambassadors to the college or university. We should go to the very place many of our targeted new members are – the quad, the classroom and the student unions.

— Celine Malanum, 2008 Young Careerist

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

NEW ADDRESSES

Linda Benner
4434 Los Feliz Blvd., Apt. 103
Los Angeles, CA 90027-2133

Katerina Canyon
13802 NW Passage, Apt. 106
Marina del Rey, CA 90292-7477

Jane Hendricks
7323 W. 90th St.
Westchester, CA 90045
310-665-9891

janehendricks@att.net

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Julianne Burgess
818-784-4831

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Betty Jo Moore
bettyofcalif@aol.com

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Valley Sunset District BPW bpwvsd.org

California Federation BPW bpwcal.org

Business & Professional Women/USA bpwusa.org

BPW International bpw-international.org

VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT

APPOINTED OFFICERS & CHAIRS

Parliamentarian
SANDRA THOMPSON

Consultant to President
MARY ETHEL PIERSON

Programs
LYNN BRANDSTATER

Legislation
SHIRLEY KELLSTROM

Membership/ID
ANNE MARIE JOHNSON

Foundation
MARLENE GREENFIELD

Finance
MARY WEIGHTMAN

Public Relations
CONNIE STAHL

Young Careerist
DOTTIE ZOLD

VALSUN STAFF

Editor
ROSEMARY ENZER

Publisher
CINDY CLEGHORN
C&M PRINTING & MAILING

Proof Readers
LORRAINE DAVIS
JACQUELINE MELVIN
MARY STEVENS

www.bpwcal.org

LO PRESIDENTS:

If your members didn't receive this issue of the ValSun, please make sure their dues are current.

VALSUN AD RATES

SINGLE ISSUE

Full Page \$125
1/2 Page \$ 75
1/3 Page \$ 70
1/4 Page \$ 60
1/8 Page \$ 40
Business Card \$30
2 issues \$60
3 issues \$75

Contact Advertising Editor,
Elvira Orozco, 818-361-1920

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Our annual district election conference on April 25 is fast approaching. *Take advantage of this opportunity to run for office. Let's have contested elections for all offices this year!!*

When you serve as an officer, you both give back to the organization and grow as a leader yourself. Because we don't have a president-elect this year, nominations are in order for president as well as president-elect, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Candidates must be nominated by their local organization; L.O. presidents received copies of the nomination form in September and again in January. Nominations for office require submission of the form with the candidate's signed consent to serve and statement of qualifications for the office being sought. The consent and statement may be combined on one page; the qualifications for each office are explained in the bylaws.

Only one candidate's documents were submitted in time to qualify for the ballot, **Jane Hendricks**, who is running for president. All other candidates will have to be nominated from the floor in April. The nominations chairman must receive the documents at least 24 hours before the conference.

The nominations chairman for next year is also to be nominated from the floor and elected in April. Candidates may be nominated by any district member. There are no nomination criteria or documents to be filed. Since the chairman's duty is data collection, not candidate recruitment, it is a good job for a newer member. Because it doesn't necessitate acquaintance with all the members, it is a good opportunity to get to know more members.

Please send completed forms to:

Sandra J. Sanders,
Nominations Chair
27 So. Ann Street, Ventura CA 93001
805-643-5928
sandy108@pacbell.net

Many thanks for the cards, phone calls and gifts sent to me by BPW members during my illness. Your thoughtfulness and kind words were greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. — Marlene Greenfield

MEET OUR CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT OFFICE



JANE HENDRICKS, Candidate for President of Valley Sunset District

Jane Hendricks has been a BPW member since 1973. Jane reminds us that was a time when you were invited to become a member and it took a vote by the local membership to join and that although, "times have changed, women are still trying to get equal rights, and this is 2009."

She goes on to state that, "Business and Professional Women gave me, as a small business owner, the foundation I needed to do my job. The training of Individual Development (ID) gave me the ability to speak in public. In the District I served appointed chairmanships. The many BPW programs at District and State that I attended have given me the background needed to be Valley Sunset District President."

Jane has worked with the family businesses, two Swedish American newspapers, where she wrote, sold ads, edited, did layout, typesetting, and anything else that needed done. Using her newspaper background, Jane and her mother edited and composed the BPW district newsletter. In 1968 she started a Scandinavian gift shop, called Sanco Gifts, which she takes to festivals and exhibits.

Jane has always enjoyed cooking and entertaining, and did catering for several organizations, entertained Swedish dignitaries and held open house tours of the Rives Mansion in Downey, an historical landmark in which she lived for 22 years. Jane and her nephew for seven years owned the Nordic Fox Restaurant, specializing in Scandinavian foods.

Jane is an active member of numerous organizations, including BPW of Hollywood, Woman's Club of Downey, United Methodist Church of Downey, Swedish American National League, Vasa Order of America, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Order of the Eastern Star, and Order of the Amaranth, Daughters of the Nile.

Currently she is doing some catering, gift fairs, and mystery shopping. She looks forward to serving the Valley Sunset District as President.



KANDACE KRAPU, Candidate for Vice President

Kandace Krapu has been residing in Los Angeles since 1995. Reverend Kandace founded the Westside Church of Religious Science in 2001, and continues to serve as its Pastor and spiritual leader. Raised and educated in Minneapolis, Minnesota., she received degrees in Business Administration and Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Upon graduating, Kandace moved to Sanibel Island, Florida, where she owned a New Age bookstore for several years. While living in Florida, Kandace

served as President of her local chapter of BPW. An avid boating enthusiast, she has extensively cruised the Bahamas and Caribbean, and has navigated the entire Mississippi River over 17 times.

KATHLEEN HOLLAND, Candidate for Treasurer

Kathy Holland is a candidate for treasurer. She is currently serving Valley Sunset District and her local organization, Greater San Fernando Valley, in that position. Kathy has also served as treasurer of Tri-Valley District. She has been a member of BPW since November 1993, first joining the Van Nuys local organization. She has served in numerous offices and chairmanships, including president and newsletter editor. Kathy is a CPA and partner at Wong Holland LLP in Woodland Hills.

DENISE LUCKHURST, Candidate for Recording Secretary

The Burbank Local Organization has endorsed Denise Luckhurst for the position of Recording Secretary with the BPW Valley Sunset District. Currently, she is President of the Burbank L.O. and has served this past year as District Secretary. She is self-employed as an engineering consultant, specializing in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. Recently, Denise stepped down from her involvement with the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering, where she has been an active member for over fifteen years.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, 2009

By The President Of The United States Of America

A Proclamation

With passion and courage, women have taught us that when we band together to advocate for our highest ideals, we can advance our common well-being and strengthen the fabric of our Nation. Each year during Women's History Month, we remember and celebrate women from all walks of life who have shaped this great Nation.

This year, in accordance with the theme, "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet," we pay particular tribute to the efforts of women in preserving and protecting the environment for present and future generations.

Ellen Swallow Richards is known to have been the first woman in the United States to be accepted at a scientific school. She graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1873 and went on to become a prominent chemist. In 1887, she conducted a survey of water quality in Massachusetts. This study, the first of its kind in America, led to the Nation's first state water-quality standards.

Women have also taken the lead throughout our history in preserving our natural environment. In 1900, Maria Sanford led the Minnesota Federation of Women's Groups in their efforts to protect forestland near the Mississippi River, which eventually became the Chippewa National Forest, the first Congressionally-mandated national forest.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas dedicated her life to protecting and restoring the Florida Everglades. Her book, *The Everglades: Rivers of Grass*, published in 1947, led to the preservation of the Everglades as a National Park. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993.

Rachel Carson brought even greater attention to the environment by exposing the dangers of certain pesticides to the environment and to human health. Her landmark 1962 book, *Silent Spring*, was fiercely criticized for its unconventional perspective. As early as 1963, however, President Kennedy acknowledged its importance and appointed a panel to investigate the book's findings. *Silent Spring* has emerged as a seminal work in environmental studies. Carson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously in 1980.

Grace Thorpe, another leading environmental advocate, also connected environmental protection with human well-being by emphasizing the vulnerability of certain populations to environmental hazards. In 1992, she launched a successful campaign to organize Native Americans to oppose the storage of nuclear waste on their reservations, which she said contradicted Native American principles of stewardship of the earth. She also proposed that America invest in alternative energy sources such as hydroelectricity, solar power, and wind power.

These women helped protect our environment and our people while challenging the status quo and breaking social barriers. Their achievements inspired generations of American women and men not only to save our planet, but also to overcome obstacles and pursue their interests and talents. They join a long and proud history of American women leaders, and this month we honor the contributions of all women to our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as Women's History Month. I call upon all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA

— National Women's History Project

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION UPDATE



By now those reading this article are probably aware that President Obama's appointment of Hilda Solis, California member of Congress, as Secretary of Labor has been approved. And that California Senator, Barbara Boxer, has been selected to head the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Two positive supporters of women's issues are in strategic places and we have every reason to believe they will continue to put gender equity among their top priorities. CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) stands its best chance to come to the floor of the Senate at long last. Pay equity issues will undoubtedly be visible and questioned in the Labor Secretary's plans. If not, we'll remind them. These two positives are worth a cheer or two ~ at the very least a big grin.

Always on the lookout for new important information, this chair discovered a treasure trove at the annual Government in Action meetings February 28-March 1, in Ontario, CA. State Legislation Chair, Barbara J. Davis, led a day and a morning of informative programs beginning with a workshop titled, "Follow the Money" presented by vice-chair of legislation, Mary Ward.

What an eye-opener most of us found this to be! Using the internet printouts provided, we followed the donations given to a recent candidate throughout his campaign. A group with an impressive name gave thousands of dollars several times, all documented. When the final tallies were made, the money remained, but the group had conveniently disappeared. There was no trace of who the members were, or any record of such a group at all. This apparently is not unusual. There are oversight bodies to investigate such devious tactics, but it usually happens after the fact.

You can go to www.fec.gov (Federal Election Commission) to check the files of your Federal elected officials for financial support information. Follow the money ~ know who is supporting your candidate.

We have a new advocate for our platform in Sacramento. Newly elected Assemblymember from the 61st District (Pomona, Ontario, Montclair, Chino), Norma Torres, told of her climb to being elected. In the afternoon we proceeded to screen three bills currently being considered that relate to our platform. We concurred with the screening committee to support both SB 248 on Title IX, and AB 422 changes to the Youth and Family Master Plan, and to watch SB50 dealing with victims of assault.

Sunday morning was a lesson in the effect of domestic violence in the workplace. Employees who are victims of domestic violence occurring especially

GIA UPDATE, continued on page 6

LOCAL ORGANIZATION REPORTS

BPW CONEJO VALLEY — Mary Lou Wetter, President

Conejo Valley BPW meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Westlake Hyatt Hotel at 7:00 p.m. We have many interesting speakers from California Lutheran University, including a recent program on Title IX. We have one new member and several other women seem interested in joining BPW.

BPW HOLLYWOOD — Marjory Hopper, President

Women's History Month is a special time to celebrate and it is also the 88th Anniversary of BPW Hollywood and the 25th presentation of our Susan B. Anthony Award. Our luncheon event is Sunday, March 29th, at the Woman's Club of Hollywood. This year's Susan B. Anthony honoree is the Honorable Diane Watson, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California's 33rd District.

Congresswoman Watson lives the words of Miss Anthony, "Failure is Impossible"! She is a native of Los Angeles, a former educator, school psychologist, and former member of the Los Angeles School Board. She served in the California State Senate from 1978 to 1998 and was the Ambassador to Micronesia. Since 2001, she has been a member of Congress. Part of her district represents Hollywood.

The 25th Anniversary of the Susan B. Anthony Award makes it a memorable time and the luncheon will be dedicated to the memory of Netty Anderson Ray, who for 24 years was AKA "BPW's Susan B. Anthony".

BPW Hollywood invites you to attend our special celebration. Reservations are essential. Call (310) 674 3374 or mjhop6334@aol.com.

BPW SANTA BARBARA — Constance J. Stahl, President

Santa Barbara BPW meetings have been changed from the 2nd Monday to the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Plans are being finalized to present the BPW Individual Development program to the women residing in the Salvation Army Transition House in Ventura. The course will be jointly taught by members of Valley Sunset and Sierra Mar Districts. Presenters will include Constance Stahl, Lila Hines, and Mary Ann Wesson, State ID Chair. The first class will begin at the Transition House in early April, with modifications to the program that have been approved by BPW/USA.

Our organization has long been recognized as a leader in helping women "Break the Glass Ceiling" with success. We now have the opportunity to help women whose "feet are glued to the ground". These classes will provide training to women who are minimum wage earners, who have entry level jobs, and who have had limited education and job training opportunities.

BPW VERDUGO HILLS — Kandice Astamendi, President

Our meetings are held at the La Cabanita Restaurant in North Glendale, with early networking at 11:30. Lunch starts at 12:00 and the meeting ends promptly at 1:30 p.m. Our membership is very diverse and many are planning to join our group when the Foundation/National merger is worked out. Diana Tyson of Silpada Jewelry is our newest member.

In February we went to Dream Dinners to see our newest partner and had a great time, tasting all of the new menu ideas that you can put together and take home in under an hour. We have tentatively scheduled the June meeting at this location as our "field trip" to make a dinner and network with our great members and friends. So come and enjoy this event with us.

Other upcoming events are:

April 13 Laurice Brown, Image Consultant

May 11 Laura Friedman, Possible Glendale City Council member

June 8 Dream Dinners at the La Crescenta location

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **BPW Hollywood** member, **Celine Malanum** and her fiancé, Mark Taylor, who are expecting their first baby in mid-August. Celine, who was named National Young Careerist last July, is the Program Manager for WriteGirl. Mark is a middle school teacher with Los Angeles Unified School District.

GIA UPDATE

continued from page 5

over the weekend have a direct effect on their job performance the next week. They might call in "sick", or come to work with injuries that impede their ability to do their jobs well. Barbara Davis, who is in charge of Human Resources at the Harris Ranch, has direct contact and responsibility for these victims. Her stories painted a grim picture of a cycle of victimization faced by not only the victim, but her employer. We learned of the efforts and techniques used by employers and organizations to protect endangered victims ~ a mind-opening workshop!

This chair feels sad if you missed this truly energizing, educational, and - yes - fun weekend. Remember this when GIA comes up again next year. It's a terrific exercise in advanced citizenship. **Don't miss it!**

— Shirley Kellstrom, Legislation Chair

LAW OFFICES OF
JACQUELINE A. MELVIN

TELEPHONE
(818) 225-1760

WARNER FINANCIAL CENTER
6355 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, SUITE 519
WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA 91367

Debi Vasques
Financial Advisor

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



15315 Magnolia Blvd., Suite 230
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
Bus. 818-788-4408
Fax 888-248-0254
www.edwardjones.com
California Insurance License 0C24309

**VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION
SPORTSMEN'S LODGE HOTEL
12833 VENTURA BOULEVARD, STUDIO CITY
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 24-26, 2009**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____ (B) _____
 Cell _____ Fax _____
 Email _____
 Local Organization _____

CONFERENCE CAPACITIES (check all that apply)

____ State Officer ____ Special Chair
 ____ District Officer ____ LO President
 ____ Member ____ First Timer
 ____ Standing Chair ____ Guest

Medical/Dietary Restrictions (check if applicable)

____ Vegetarian
 ____ Medical (be specific e.g. "no chocolate", etc)

REGISTRATION

____ Registration \$ 20.00 = \$ _____
 ____ Lunch \$ 22.00 = \$ _____
 ____ Dinner \$ 30.00 = \$ _____
 ____ Breakfast \$ 14.00 = \$ _____
 ____ **TOTAL PACKAGE** \$ **86.00** = \$ _____
 ____ **Late Fee** \$ **15.00** = \$ _____

RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 17, 2009

Send checks payable to **Valley Sunset District BPW**,
with this form to:

Margaret Prickett,
13790 Oro Grande Street
Sylmar, CA 91342-2208
Telephone: 818-367-0010

Registration postmarked after April 17, 2009,
will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

**VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY April 24, 2009	2:30 p.m. Officer and Chair Reports
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception in President's Suite	3:15 p.m. Business Session
SATURDAY April 25, 2009	4:30 p.m. Adjournment
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration	4:40 p.m. Past Presidents' Council Meeting
9:40 a.m. Call to Order	6:00 p.m. Reception
Nominations Chair Report	6:30 p.m. Installation Dinner
Election of 2009-2010 Officers	7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers
10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Eli Davidson	Reception in President's Suite
11:15 a.m. BREAK	immediately following program
11:30 a.m. <i>The Outlook Panel</i>	SUNDAY April 26, 2009
12:00 p.m. Cocktail Time	8:30 a.m. Breakfast
12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON	9:15 a.m. Memorial
1:15 p.m. <i>Make a Difference Award & Speaker</i>	9:30 a.m. Preview of the New Year
1:45 p.m. BREAK	Speaker: Rex Jennings,
2:00 p.m. Parade of Presidents	Veterans Administration
	11:00 a.m. Adjournment

2008-2009 Theme: "TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2009

March 2009	Women's History Month
April 18, 2009	Equal Pay Day
April 24-26, 2009	Annual District Convention Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel Studio City
May 15-17, 2009	CFBPW Annual Convention Piccadilly Inn on Shaw Fresno
2011	BPW International Congress Helsinki, Finland

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

The Valley Sunset District Past Presidents' Council will meet on **Saturday, April 25 2009**, immediately following the district meeting.

All members who have served as president at the Local, District and State level are automatically members of the Council.

Dues are \$10.00 per year and are used to support Valley Sunset District with expenses, including the installation of officers and coffee served at conferences and Annual Convention.

**REGISTRATION INSIDE
SPORTSMEN'S LODGE HOTEL, STUDIO CITY
CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION
Business Professional Women
Valley Sunset District
Friday thru Sunday
April 24-26, 2009**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT
BPW USA, Inc., California Federation
c/o Rosemary Enzer, Editor
22160 Costanso Street
Woodland Hills, CA 91364**