

Meet Our BPW/USA Area Representative



LYNIE MATHIS-HJELMSTAD

Lynie Mathis-Hjelmstad is one of three Area Representatives for BPW/USA Board of Directors serving Area 8. She is the Director of Client Services for Lifeline Consulting Group, a national debt counseling organization.

Lynie believes in coalition-building, mentoring, and advocacy. She is experienced in strategic planning, member development and recruiting, marketing, communications, fundraising, professional development training, and is an accomplished public speaker.

Lynie has nationwide experience, having been a member of the BPW/USA's Individual Development, Communication and Membership Committees. She has held membership or actively supported BPW throughout the Midwest and the West.

Lynie currently lives in Sunland, California, where she is learning to play golf and meeting new BPW members. She is the proud mom "of three very individualistic, daughters with two really fun grandsons and an opinionated granddaughter."

We welcome her to Valley Sunset District and look forward to seeing her at our meetings and events.

MEMBERSHIP CALL TO ACTION: Vote for BPW/USA's Future

At the 2008 Business Session during the Annual National Conference, presiding president Barbara Henton and president Diane Polangin dared each member to step into leadership and issued a Call to Action. In addition, **Vote for BPW/USA's Future**, <http://www.bpwusa.org/i44/pages/index.cfm?pageid=5587>, resolution was passed. It includes a plan for what each of us can do as individuals to ensure the future success of BPW/USA and our mission *to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.*

There are three steps to the plan for which we ask you to pledge your support to the mission:

1. Commit to **renew your membership early** and sign up for automatic renewal (see form on page 5 to do this manually);
2. Expand our reach by promoting **e-membership** and **Friends of BPW/USA**

e-Member Don't have time to participate, but want to stay informed? An e-membership provides access to all national member benefits, discounts and resources without the commitment of time. For professional women who wish to support BPW/USA and utilize its benefits, but do not wish to participate in its governance, this category will fit your busy schedule. Dues for this category are \$75. *This category does not participate in governance and does not vote.* Go to bpwusa.org and follow links to sign up.

Friends of BPW/USA, a new e-subscription to keep you plugged in to the issues that most impact working women and families.

Friends of BPW status gives you access to our quarterly *BusinessWoman Magazine* online and the *Legislative Hotline*, BPW/USA's e-alert on federal and state legislative activities. The fee to become a **Friend of BPW** is \$19.95/year. Go to www.businesswomanmagazine.org to sign up a friend or relative.

3. Demonstrate commitment through **financial support** by initiating a fundraising campaign to run through Dec. 31, 2008.

This is also available at the website. Since many members do not have internet access, maybe donations could be collected at a local meeting and sent to National.

Vote for BPW/USA's Future is the most important vote that you will cast for this organization. Share this charge with your communities, locals and states. If we invest in

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State President Will Attend Winter Conference



TRUDY WALDROOP
President of the
California
Federation,
will be the state
representative at
the Joint District
Winter Conference.

Trudy Waldroop will be the State Representative at the Valley Sunset/Sierra Mar Joint District Winter Conference on January 24. She has been a member of Business and Professional Women since 1973 when she joined the Gilroy LO. She has been a member in two states (California and Nevada) and five Locals.

Trudy was a Young Careerist in Peninsula District and was named Chico BPW Woman of the Year 1993-94. Since 1981

she has been on the BPW/CA Board of Directors, serving as President of Northern District three times; Young Careerist, Foundation, and Nominating Chairs; Editor of the California Woman; Consultant to District Presidents; member of Board of Directors and president of the California Education Fund.

She has served in the elective offices of Recording Secretary, Second and First Vice Presidents, President-Elect, and President of the California Federation 1990-91. Trudy has also been the State Parliamentarian and she is a graduate of the Individual Development Program and is a Certified Facilitator, having taught several classes. Nationally, Trudy served on the BPW/USA Political Action Committee and the Membership Committee.

Trudy strongly believes in BPW. She says, "For the business and professional attitude, for the friendships and for making its members believe in themselves, BPW is the best education that a person can obtain." There is something in BPW for every working individual."

She is also a Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians and has served as an officer of local and area units, plus several chairmanships at the state level.

Trudy has been married to Dan for 40 years. She attended Chico State University and retired from there June 2004 after 28 years and continues to work there part-time. She and family enjoy the mountains outside of Chester where they have property and spend most of the summers. They also enjoy their new family of Momma and her three puppies.

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2008-2009 Theme:

“Together We Make a Difference”

President's Message



So many exciting and interesting things have happened this fall...informative presentations at our local organization meetings...elections issues...National Business Women's Week...Veteran's Day tribute...the visit of our BPW International President, Dr. Chonchanok (Nok) Viravan. Of course, we had the special Women of Achievement luncheon which honored such exceptional and dedicated women.

Five members of VSD traveled to the BPW International Congress in Mexico City: Sandy Thompson, Anne Parlapiano, Mary Weightman, Margaret Eriksson and this officer, Marjory Hopper. We were joined by Juelle-Ann Boyer and Michelle Husby from Northern California. As USA members, we proudly wore our California capes, along with our patriotic scarves. It was fascinating to realize that we may have different customs and priorities, but, basically, we all have the same goals and issues. The hotel was a fashion center, with many of the attendees wearing their exotic national dress. It was interesting to explore the highlights of Mexico City and to enjoy their cultural entertainment.

After coming home from International, BPW Hollywood, as a result of the web site, entertained a young lady from Germany who is on her way to New Zealand to be a Nanny. Her grandmother, a long time BPW member, contacted us. Because Los Angeles is a big city, she wanted BPW to look after her granddaughter. Plus we have an invitation to visit Germany.

Our Winter Conference will be a joint one with Sierra Mar. Denise Rubin, Sierra Mar President, and I are delighted that our State President, Trudy Waldrop, will be our State Representative. She will share her thoughts on the future of our California Federation. We will also continue with our OUTLOOK program, discussing “hot topics”. The Young Careerists have agreed to come back, offering some solutions to the “membership” goal. Another OUTLOOK panel will have our State Past Presidents discussing “hot topics”. This will be moderated by Program Coordinator, Lynn Brandstater.

Reports and business items will be shared by both Districts. The *Make a Difference Award* will be presented to the Downtown Women's Center, which has just celebrated its 30th Anniversary. BPW was involved with its beginnings and has continued our involvement throughout the years. Today, it is nationally known as the prototype for programs striving to meet the unique needs of homeless women. Monica Martinez, DWC's Senior Director of Programs and Community Education, will be accepting the award and will speak about DWC's 30-year history. We take pride in presenting the *Make a Difference Award* to this deserving organization.

Please join us for our Winter Conference on January 24th, for *TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE*.

Marjory Hopper
President BPW Valley Sunset District

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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California Federation BPW bpwcal.org
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BPW International bpw-international.org

Winter Conference Program Needs Your Input

Membership is the crux of BPW's problems at National right now, and at the same time, the solution for BPW at all our levels: local, district, state, and national. BPW appears truly to be at a crossroad. President Marjory outlined the full day we have planned with Sierra Mar District for a joint meeting in her column.

The Young Careerist panel focused on membership was a true hit at the Fall Conference. So, we will regroup the ladies for part two at our next meeting. To add perspective, a panel of past State Presidents will follow. As the moderator for both panels, I need your input. What questions, prompts, and ideas do you want me to highlight with either or both panels? Let's get energized, edgy, and excited about membership ideas. It's not merely the panelists' job to brainstorm ideas. Let's get a real dialogue going based on their varying perspectives and, more importantly, on your needs, experiences, and priorities.

Call my office, 818-244-7257, ext. 1010, or email me at brandstaterceo@vmhc.org, or mail me suggestions at my office, VMH, 1540 E. Colorado St., Glendale, CA 91205.

Thanks in advance to those who are agreeing to serve on our two discussion panels. And, thanks to all of you for taking time to add your input to our program.

— Lynn Brandstater, Program Coordinator

MEETING THE 'LISTS' and FRIENDS

Were you one of the many who took the opportunity during the past exhilarating, exhausting, but exciting, election to connect with the List cousins, Emily and California? They have been prominently featured on websites and emails for the past year along with BPW/USA, National Political Women's Caucus, American University Women, NOW, to mention but a few of the women's and political organizations soliciting funds to help promote women "candidates for change" from both major parties. They reached out to women all over the country, urging our support.

The ladies, old and young, purple, green, black, orange, and white; Republicans, Democrats, Independents, as well as many men, answered the call. This chair hopes you are feeling proud that you contributed both at the ballot box and from your checkbook. Look at what occurred with our help:

On January 20, 2009 Nancy Pelosi will swear in ten new Congresswomen, and Vice President Cheney will swear in two new women Senators. That's ten Democratic women and two Republican women who will join our federal government, along with Beverly Perdue (D), the new Governor Elect for North Carolina who joins the other 7 incumbent women governors. (5D, 3R).

This was no landslide, but another steady push toward realizing women can move into legislative decision making positions when supported by other women. When The House begins its 111th Congressional year, 64 women (49D, 15R) will be joined by the following 10 newcomers to bring a new high of 74 Congresswomen. Ethnic statistics show 12 (D) African Americans; 7 Latinos (6D, 1R); 2 (D) Asian Americans.

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| KATHY DAHLKEMPER (D), Pennsylvania | SUZANNE KOSMAS(D), Florida |
| MARCIA FUDGE (D), Ohio | CYNTHIA LUMMIS (R) Wyoming |
| DEBBIE HALVORSON (D), Illinois | BETSY MARKEY (D) Colorado |
| LYNN JENKINS (R) Kansas | CHELLIE PINGREE (D) Maine |
| ANN KIRKPATRICK (D) Arizona | ALICE DINA TITUS (D) Nevada |

In the Senate 17 women (13D, 4R) will set a new record. SUSAN COLLINS (D Maine) won re-election and newly elected KAY HAGAN (D) North Carolina and JEAN SHAHEEN (D) New Hampshire will join her on January 20 for 111th Congressional year.

Lt. Governor, BEVERLY PERDUE (D- NC) is new this year, joining re-elected incumbent CHRISTINE GREGOIRE (D-WA) and six incumbent women governors not facing election at this time. The total is 8 (5D, 3R) matching the number currently serving.

We owe a large thank you to the List cousins and all the women's groups that pushed us, begged, wheedled, and kept us informed. You can find more information at feministing.com, Emily's List, California List, and specific women's organizations websites.

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VSD Members Attend International Congress

The XXVI BPW International Congress was held in Mexico City, Mexico October 24-28, 2008, with 59 countries represented by almost 500 women. Five members of Valley Sunset District were in attendance. They were: Sandy Thompson, Anne Parlapiano, Mary Weightman, Margaret Eriksson, and District President Marjory Hopper. Also attending from the state were Michelle Husby and Juelle-Ann Boyer. Juelle-Ann presented one of the workshops. Marjory received a Triple Crown Award for bringing in at least three members during the three year term.

On October 24, after the pre-Congress meetings/workshops/Board of Directors meeting, we had a beautiful Opening Ceremony at Centro Cultural Universitario Tlalolco. This included the March of the Flags, the ceremony for the inaugural Lena Madresin Phillips Awards, awarded to Dr. Livia Ricci, Dr. Yvette Swan and Sylvia Perry; Badge of Honour Awards, presented to Dr. Charnsamorn Wattanavekin, Dr. Pat Harrison and Joan Bielby; and the Gertrude Mongella Award, won by BPW Barbados. A police band and Aztec dancers added pomp and culture to the ceremony. This was followed by the President's Reception.

The following day the social events began with the traditional Young BPW Breakfast with the President when we took a group photo on the balcony of the Presidential Suite. A live volcano was visible in the distant horizon. The fun continued in the evening with Young BPW Girls Night Out at the Salon Tenampa, where mariachis play their music all day and all night. The Friends and Fellows function this time was a visit by BPW Friends and Fellows to the Frida Kahlo Blue House and then an enjoyable dinner at San Angel Inn Restaurant, including a beautiful singing performance by Dr Silvia Salazar, and more fun and games.

During October 25-27, there were over 40 workshops and over 100 speakers from more than 25 countries, held in parallel to the business sessions. All the reports that were presented during the business session will be posted on the Congress web site.

Most of the resolutions derived from President Nok's report on Organization Review and Reform Recommendation and many resolutions from BPW affiliates were accepted. On the other hand, a lot of constitutional amendments deriving from the same report were "deferred" and left lying on the table until the 2011 Congress in Helsinki. They are pending review of the Taskforce that will consider them as part of the modernization of the constitution during this next triennium.

The essential one, an amended Constitution Amendment 15, was passed "to ensure that maximum efforts are made to maintain a general reserve fund set at the level of one year of BPW International expenditure. This will ensure the financial sustainability of BPW International." Of course, the surplus from 2006-2007 of over 200,000 Euros is already available to help to establish this reserve.

The Congress provided a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our sister U.S. members from New York, Pacific Rim, Chicago and El Paso.

On Sunday, October 26, in the evening, we had a worry-free beautiful and fun Gala Dinner, hosted by National Women Institute of Mexico, at Ex-Convento de San Hipolito.

Awards were presented to winners of Power to Make a Difference through Leadership, Advocacy, and Action. Leadership Awards went to Elisa Pozza Tasca (Italy) and Anne Marie Desvarieux (Haiti). Advocacy Awards went to BPW New Zealand, BPW Nepal, and BPW UK. Action Awards went to "Give Women a Second Chance" project from BPW Bangkok, Thailand; "Migrant Women" project from BPW Auckland, New Zealand; and "Skill Training" project from BPW Nepal. The total of women that BPW members have helped to help themselves during

1996-2008 now exceeds 200,000 women. There was also a special recognition to H.E. Annette Lu, former Vice President of Taiwan R.O.C, first woman to be elected Vice President of Taiwan, who helped over 120,000 women to help themselves.

Countries bidding for 2014 Congress put on the entertainment at the Gala Dinner. Members enjoyed lovely shows from BPW Egypt, BPW Korea and BPW Italy, in addition to Mexican Dancing. To support their bid for Congress, BPW Korea also hosted a reception on the evening of October 17, 2008. Italy decided to withdraw its bid in order to support BPW Korea, which eventually won the bid of 2014 Congress

An election was held for the new Executive of BPW International and Elizabeth (Liz) Benham became the new International President. Liz is from New York. Other officers include

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| 1st Vice President | Gabriella Canoninca | (Switzerland) |
| 2nd Vice President | Freda Miriklis | (Australia) |
| Executive Secretary | Dr. Jean Murray | (Australia) |
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Regional Coordinator:

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| Africa | Huguette Akplogan-Dossa | (Benin) |
| Asia-Pacific | Young Hai Park | (Korea) |
| Europe | Amelie Leclercq | (France) |
| Latin America and Spanish-Speaking Countries in the Caribbean | Dr. Yasmin Darwich | (Mexico) |
| North America and Non-Spanish Speaking Countries in the Caribbean | Jill Worobec | (Canada) |

Last but not least, there was a fun-filled Farewell Fiesta. Members were entertained by Folkloric Mexican Ballet, Marimba, Mariachis, various Mexican games, including "Little Bird Picks Your Fortune".

— Sandy Thompson, District Parliamentarian

Greetings From BPW International

Liz Benham, president of BPW New York and newly elected president of BPW International, sends her best wishes to all Valley Sunset District members.

State Board Report Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker **Aileen Clark Hernandez** traced the outgrowth of the modern women's movement from Eleanor Roosevelt's successful inclusion of women's rights in the United Nations' human rights plank, through the amending of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act to include "sex" and creation of the Federal Commission on the Status of Women and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); the work on African apartheid by the International Congress of Women, and the failed Equal Rights Amendment. She reminded us that we must be concerned about our potential losses, such as *Roe v. Wade*, and that we must finally get our voices heard, loud and clear.

Hernandez, a graduate of Howard University, began her career as an organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. Through her work she became involved in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which was founded in 1915, was appointed to the federal EEOC at its inception, and was the second national president of National Organization for Women (NOW).

— Sandra Sanders, District Representative

Call for Candidates

The Call for Candidates was sent to L.O.s on September 25. Candidates are sought for the offices of President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2009-2010 year; candidates for President are needed because we do not have a President-Elect this year.

Nomination requires submission to the Nominations Committee of a signed LO nomination form, signed consent to serve, and summary of qualifications. The summary of qualifications is limited to 200 words and must include the candidate's name and occupation, local organization's name, and name of the office for which endorsed. The consent to serve and summary of qualifications may be on the same page. To obtain the LO nomination form, contact the Nominating Committee Chairman Sandra Sanders at sandy108@pacbell.net or 27 South Ann Street, Ventura CA 93001

For the nominee's name to be included in the list of candidates in the District Call to the annual meeting, and placed on the printed ballot, the documents must be mailed to the nominating committee by January 1. For nominations to be made from the floor, the nominating committee must receive the documents at least twenty-four (24) hours before the annual meeting; the candidate's name will not be on the printed ballot.

A Nominating Committee chairman will also be elected at the annual meeting; nominations for this function are made from the floor and no documents are involved.

— Sandra Sanders, Nominating Committee Chair

Call to Action

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BPW/USA, we will continue to impact the lives of workingwomen and families, making real-life differences that move us closer to realizing the mission. All of us believe in it; now it's time to take it to that next level!

WE CAN DO THIS AND WE MUST! Women in this country are counting on the fulfillment of our mission.

— Information Compiled from BPW/USA's Website
by Anne Marie Johnson, Membership Chair

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LOCAL ORGANIZATION NEWS

BPW HOLLYWOOD

Jane Boyd, President

BPW Hollywood has had some great meetings this fall, including the visit of International President, Dr. "Nok" Viravan; the traditional Veterans' Day program, which paid tribute to the American Legion with lively patriotic music; and hosting the District's FUNdraiser. Mark your calendars for our Men of Hollywood program, honoring men who have made a difference in Hollywood. In March we celebrate BPW Hollywood's 88th Anniversary, Women's History Month, and our annual Susan B. Anthony Award.

How proud were the members that Marjory Hopper was proudly wearing the "Triple Crown" pin that she received at the International Congress in Mexico City! Newly-elected president of BPW International, Liz Benham, created the Membership Award for members who had brought three or more members into BPW. *Hooray for Hollywood!*

GREATER SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BPW

Women of Wonder — "WOW"

Naomi Adams-Worlund, President

Greater San Fernando Valley BPW is having joint meetings with Burbank, Sunland-Tujunga, and San Fernando this year. Our first joint meeting was held with Burbank and featured a guest speaker who provided information on the coming election. A lively discussion followed.

GSFV BPW held their regular October business meeting at *Toast Restaurant* in Woodland Hills. Discussions and planning for our upcoming holiday party was the order of the day. The party, held at the home of President Naomi Adams-Worlund, featured food from *Stone Fire Grill* and a members' gift exchange. Our members also donated Target gift cards to the women at Hope Gardens, located in Lopez Canyon. Hope Gardens provides permanent housing for senior women and training and transitional housing for young women who were formerly homeless.

In November we attended a joint meeting hosted by San Fernando BPW where our guest speaker described the services offered by Friends of the Family. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner at the San Fernando Regional Pool facility in Cesar Chavez Park.

GSFV honored Jane Stanton, Executive Director of the North Valley Family YMCA, as our Community Woman of Achievement. We presented her with a plaque at the District luncheon held in Glendale on November 15.

We welcome all BPW members and friends to join us for fun and fellowship at our meetings.

MEMBER NEWS

Valley Sunset District sends wishes for a speedy recovery from surgery to **Mary Lou Pozzo** and **Martha Houk** of **Sunland – Tujunga** and to **Marlene Greenfield** of **Greater San Fernando Valley**.

Lorraine Davis of **Greater San Fernando Valley BPW** has moved to Colorado and would appreciate your cards and phone calls. Her new address is Sunrise Creek Living Center, 1968 Sunrise Dr., #235, Montrose, CO 81401. Her phone number is 970-240-6994.

Congratulations to **GSFV** member **Anne Parlapiano** and her husband, Anthony, who celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on November 30.

Holiday Greetings from Our Members

Best wishes to all our BPW friends.
— BPW of Orange County

May you have a sparkling holiday season
with happiness in the New Year.
— Carole Zide

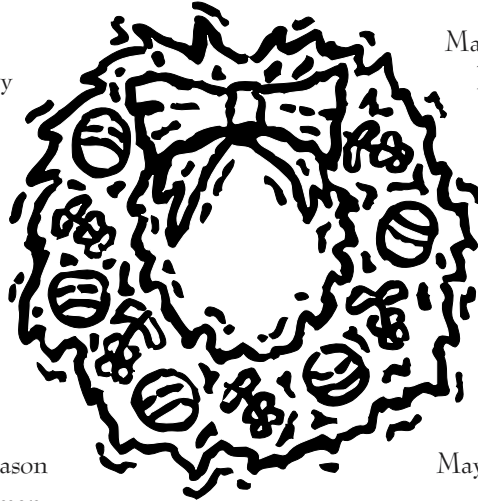
May your holidays be happy, your
New Year bright, and may BPW enrich
your life.— Sandy Thompson

May the joy and happiness of the holiday season
remain with you always. — Mary Weightman

Wishing you joy in your home and peace in your world in the
holiday season and throughout the year. — San Fernando BPW

May your holidays be happy, your New Year bright, and may
BPW enrich your life. — Margaret Prickett

May the joy and love I feel as Verdugo Hills Woman of
Achievement enrich your holidays. Thanks to all.
— Lynn Brandstater



May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and
happiness.
— Greater San Fernando Valley BPW

Best wishes to our BPW friends.
— Anne and Anthony Parlapiano

May you have a sparkling holiday season
with happiness in the New Year.
— Marjory Hopper

May all your holiday dreams come true.
— Joyce Morrissey

May your holidays be filled with joy and happiness.
— Anne Marie Johnson

May the peace and beauty of the holiday season be with you in
the coming year. — Rosemary Enzer

May your holidays be happy, your New Year bright, and may
BPW enrich your life. — Naomi Adams-Worlund

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**Business and Professional Women USA – California Federation
VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT AND SIERRA MAR JOINT WINTER CONFERENCE**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| <p>SATURDAY January 24, 2009</p> <p>8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration</p> <p>9:40 a.m. Call to Order</p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>THE OUTLOOK...</i> Panel of Young Careerists</p> <p>11:00 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>11:15 a.m. <i>THE OUTLOOK...</i> "More Hot Topics" Panel of Past State Presidents</p> <p>11:45 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>12:00 p.m. LUNCHEON</p> | <p>12:45 p.m. Luncheon Speaker Recipient of the "Making a Difference" Award Downtown Women's Center</p> <p>1:15 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Parade of Presidents — Local Organization Reports "California: Its Future" Trudy Waldroop, California State President</p> <p>2:45 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Business Session</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Adjournment</p> |
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2008-2009 Theme: "TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2008-09

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| January 24, 2009 | Joint Valley Sunset and Sierra Mar Winter Conference Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio city |
| Feb 27-Mar 1, 2009 | CFBPW Winter Board/GIA Airport Hilton Hotel, Ontario |
| March 2009 | Women's History Month |
| April 2009 | Equal Pay Day |
| April 24-26, 2009 | Annual District Convention Location TBA |
| May 15-17, 2009 | CFBPW Annual Convention Merced |
| 2011 | BPW International Congress Helsinki, Finland |

MEMBERS & 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.

WIN A PRIZE

At our Winter Conference, the **MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD** will be presented to the LOS ANGELES DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. A prize will be given to the most creative and practical centerpiece that has items that would be useful for the women at the center.

Remember it is a centerpiece, so it cannot be too big. Each local organization is responsible for one, and perhaps your L.O. will be the winner! Good Luck!

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