

## Jo Wheeler's Legacy



The final piece of the puzzle was put in place on Monday, September 3rd. Jo Wheeler, the jigsaw puzzle enthusiast, finished the puzzle of life, peacefully passing away in her sleep. However, the legacy of F. Jo Wheeler will long be remembered by her friends and colleagues. BPW members called her Ms. BPW, for she was so knowledgeable in the inner workings of BPW.

Jo began her membership in Business and Professional Women in 1948 in the Glendale BPW. The reason she joined—she wanted some female friends! It seems she was the only woman working in a “man’s world.” What a blessing it became for our BPW Federation, because our organization became a second “lifetime” career for her. Her enthusiasm for BPW led her to take chairmanships and offices in the local organizations. That led her to be involved in the Los Angeles Sunset District and, finally, to climb the ladder to become the president of the California Federation. Jo loved BPW and shared her expertise to mentor new members and keep all members aware of the important issues concerning women. Her knowledge of parliamentary rules was called upon many times as the Parliamentarian. Jo was inducted into the California BPW Hall of Fame and received the Susan B. Anthony Award from BPW Hollywood. She was President of Eta Pi Unit Parliamentarians and remained active in the Southern Area of California Parliamentarians.

Jo loved talking about her animals. First it was the dogs, Tango, and then Penny; and finally it was two cats, named Tippy and Lady who became her best roommates. It was easy giving gifts to Jo — jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, and, oh yes, she loved jewelry and even made some. However, in her years of leisure, she did not want any phone calls when her soap operas were on the air.

Jo Wheeler Day was proclaimed on June 10th which was the date of the surprise party for Jo’s 90th birthday. Coordinated with BPW Hollywood’s meeting, Jo walked the Red Carpet and received her Walk of Fame Star. And what a day of celebration for an amazing woman! She was serenaded by Two for the Show, received presentations of her own jewel puzzle piece and letters from President and Mrs. Bush, along with special birthday greetings from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and our International BPW President. Proclamations from Los Angeles City Council, Valley Sunset District, and California Federation proclaimed it Jo Wheeler Day. Seventy-eight people were in attendance for Jo’s 90th, including seven past state BPW presidents. Guests came from as far as Kansas, Sacramento, and San Luis Obispo. What a joyous occasion with special memories shared and Jo at her best telling many a tale! It truly was a memorable event.

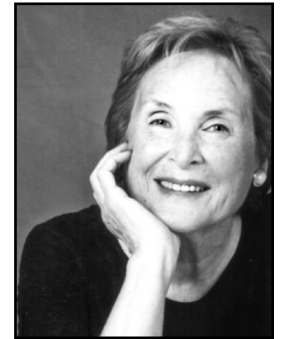
BPW local organizations that were privileged to have her as a member included: Glendale, Griffith Park, Burbank and, as a dual member, Greater San Fernando Valley, and BPW Hollywood.

We know Jo is now up there greeting old friends and getting her puzzles out and looking down on us as a shining star, polishing it brightly so that her legacy in BPW will be carried on. Jo will be missed.

## Focus On Women In The 21st Century At Valley Sunset District 2007 Fall Conference

**WOMEN’S ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY** is the theme for Valley Sunset District’s Fall Conference on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at Bard Mansion, on the Naval Base at Port Hueneme, Ventura County.

Luncheon speaker Judith Hirshberg has been active in politics and women’s issues since college days. In the early 80’s she co-founded the San Fernando Valley’s National Women’s Political Caucus, and has served as local and state president and national vice-president. Judith was chosen in 1990 as the 40th Assembly District’s “Woman of the Year” and again in 1999 by then Assemblyman Robert Hertzberg. That year, Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski selected her as a “Pioneer Woman” from the Los Angeles 11th Council District, and in 2002, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women presented her its “Woman of the Year Award.”



**JUDITH HIRSHBERG,**  
Luncheon Speaker at  
Fall Conference.

The luncheon topic will center on the impact of the National Presidential Primaries that begin in the state of Iowa (at this writing), come to California February 5, 2008, and close with the summertime National Party Conventions to select the candidates for the November 2008 presidential contest. Ms. Hirschberg will speak on “WHAT’S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT PRIMARIES?” Do Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina rule? Why are states clamoring to set early primary dates?

In the morning session, we will meet PAWS WITH A CAUSE whose Mission Statement is to “(train) Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provide lifetime team support which encourages independence.” Jackie Post, a Field Representative, and her assistant Jane Ann, will give a Power Point presentation about the organization and invite Libby, the Golden Retriever, and Roxie, the 2 year old Yellow Lab, to demonstrate their prowess.

In the afternoon session, this officer will

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— Marjory Hopper, Hollywood BPW (Mentored by Jo Wheeler)

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## 2007-2008 Theme: "WOMEN OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"

### President's Message



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21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"

This officer hopes each and every member of Valley Sunset District enjoyed the summer. The District vice presidents are busy making plans for our Fall Conference on October 27 at the Bard Mansion in Port Hueneme. Our Issues Management Vice President, Jackie Melvin, and her committee are busy planning a very interesting program with excellent speakers to whom everyone can relate. Joyce Morrissey will be our State Representative and CFBPW Immediate Past President, Connie Stahl, is looking forward to hosting us at the base.

Thank you to the members who attended National Convention in July. We are looking forward to hearing your reports.

Our two newest local organizations are Foothill Valley BPW and BPW of Orange County. We are pleased to welcome you all as members of Valley Sunset District.

Let's have 100% attendance at our Fall Conference! Invite your friends and co-workers.

— *Elvira Orozco*

### International News



This year the International Federation of Business and Professional Women celebrated 60 years of consultative status at the United Nations. This anniversary was celebrated during the Commission on the Status of Women's 51st Session with a dinner and at the BPW panel session at the United Nations Headquarters in March.

BPW Moscow presented Antoinette Ruegg and President Chonchanok Viravan (Nok) with Silver Medals, which were Peace awards from Russia for BPW International in recognition of the organization's work world-wide for peace. They also publicized the newly released "Empowering Women Worldwide: The History of Project Five-O", a book, written by Sylvia G. Perry, Past International President, which documented 25 years of BPW International's contributions to capacity building in collaboration with four other international women's organization.

On March 8, 2007, in the City of La Paz, B.C.S, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Nursing School, Ma. Silvia Salazar. The Project was initiated in 1985 by BPW International as part of a 5-O Project.

Scholarships were contributed by BPW Australia Joondulup Club, Liz Benham and the Darwich family. The BPW Club Central Coast, Australia, sent a donation towards the construction of the auditorium. An invitation is extended to all members to participate by making donations to finish the construction of the auditorium and increase the scholarships for the students.

The next International Congress will be held Oct 24 - 28, 2008. Please note that the location has been changed to Mexico City.

Be sure to check out the International website for more information on what is happening around the world at [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org). It has been redone recently and is very impressive.

— *Sandy Thompson*

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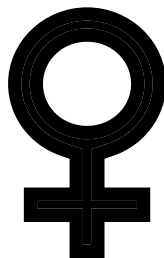
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## What's Happening On Women's Issues?

Good question. Let's take a brief look at few topics from the BPW/USA Hotline:

**ERA Updates** across the nation indicate that the fight goes on. Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Missouri, Illinois, and Arizona all introduced an ERA bill, but it either failed, didn't get to a committee, wasn't heard, or...any number of other negatives. Our BPW sisters in these states have not given up. They are working on Plan B for the next legislative session.



### What can you do?

If you know voters in any of these states, encourage them to petition their legislators for a positive response. As we know, letters to legislators are read, counted and matter.

**GLOBAL GAG RULE:** President Bush's policy "which blocks U.S. funds from going to any overseas health clinic if it uses its own, private, non-U.S. funds to provide legal abortion services, give referrals, or even take a public pro-choice position" Senators Boxer (D-CA) and Snowe (R-ME) plan to hold a Senate vote to repeal this rule. With the changes in Congress, we have our best chance in years to end this misguided policy.

### What can you do?

Take action now and urge your senators to vote to repeal the global gag rule.

*BPW/USA's Legislative Hotline is a service for BPW members and is updated each week. If you have any questions or would like additional information about BPW/USA's policy initiatives please call BPW/USA's Director of Public Policy, Elisabeth Gehl, at 202-777-8962 or email at [egehl@bpwusa.org](mailto:egehl@bpwusa.org).*

## WANTED BPW Members!

Membership is the core of all organizations. As Vice President of Membership, I challenge all the members of the Valley Sunset District to become recruiters for BPW. Introduce your recruit to one of the local organizations in our District. It is our responsibility to let them know about our activities in the District, State, National and International Federations. Once we recruit new members, then it is important to emphasize they are making a commitment. BPW is the power of connecting. As members they will benefit from personal and professional friendships and the opportunities for networking. Our BPW focuses on the success of the working woman. We are pioneers, mentors, net workers, and every one of us is a part of this office. MEMBERSHIP is your RESPONSIBILITY and I will have the privilege to be the District coordinator of membership. Let me help introduce your recruits to the wonderful benefits of membership in BPW. Remember BPW is WOMEN HELPING WOMEN.

Just a note...I have cherished my membership in BPW and would love to share the experiences that I have enjoyed in BPW Hollywood, the District, State, National and International.

— *Marjory Hopper, Vice President Membership, Valley Sunset District BPW*

## NEEDED NOW!

President Elvira is asking for your help. Valley Sunset District needs a volunteer to serve as Young Careerist Chair. Please consider supporting BPW by offering your assistance now.

## Speaking of Money...

On October 1, 2007 our national dues will increase to \$60.00. There will be no increase in state dues, which are \$30.50 (state dues include BPW International dues, as well as a stipend to each district for each member). The ValSun subscription fee been increased to \$10 per member.

The main fundraising project for the district will be the Holiday Tea. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the T Room in Montrose. Please mark your calendars and invite friends. Last year it was so much fun that the attendees begged for us to do it again. There will be flyers at the fall conference.

— *Anne Marie Johnson, VP Finance/Treasurer*



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## Ending Violence Against Women – In Los Angeles

Valley Sunset District BPW is working with other Project Five – O organizations to sponsor a one-day seminar in Los Angeles to address the issue of violence against women and what we can do to end it.

Project Five – O is a group of five women's organizations: Business and Professional Women International, International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International. The five organizations partnering in Project Five-O are all accredited to the UN. They, therefore, constitute a strong coalition advocating for women's issues.

The United Nations Secretary General issued a Report on Violence against Women in 2006. As a result of this paper, the Project Five – O groups in New York joined together and put on a one day seminar last November. Our groups are working toward a similar seminar in Los Angeles. March 12 is the date that has been selected and the location will be the California Endowment in Los Angeles.

Our coalition will use the findings and recommendations of the 2006 United Nations Secretary General's Report on Violence against Women, as well as the findings and recommendations of reports dealing with this problem specifically in the Los Angeles area. The purpose is to identify opportunities for improvement in resource deployment, in order to prevent, detect, prosecute, repress, and assist the victim survivors of violence against women in the Los Angeles area.

Shirley Kellstrom and Sandy Thompson have been representing Valley Sunset District at these meetings. But they will be reaching out to other members to help put on this program. Volunteers will be needed on the day of the event to help (wo)man tables and assist in the workshops. We have also accepted the responsibility for finance and will be receiving the registrations and handling all of the monies, both input and output. We will also need to raise some supporting funds.

This is an excellent opportunity for us to not only get the BPW name out into the community, but to also work toward achieving one of our platform items. Please mark your calendars for March 12 and plan to volunteer to help with this exciting project.

— Sandy Thompson

## Welcome To Business And Professional Women Of Orange County (BPWOC)

As Valley Sunset District welcomes BPW of Orange County to our district, here is a little history of this local organization.

Founded in 1922 as Fullerton BPW, our name was changed to North Orange County in 1986 to be more representative of the area we served. Then in 2000, Saddleback BPW merged with North Orange County and we became BPWOC.

The original Fullerton BPW local members were very active within San Orco Southern District, with ten past district presidents and two state presidents. We currently have eleven members, seven of whom attend most functions locally, as well as district and state meetings. Most of our members have served the district in multiple chairmanships over the years. We currently meet in members' homes about every other month.

One of our members, Audrey Wilson, formerly of Yucaipa Valley BPW, has been a member of BPW since 1952 and is still a very active member. Another member has been in BPW since 1956 and another since 1962. We also have a third generation BPW member, Rossann Andrews-Guetzkow.

Over the years, we have participated in many community projects such as women's shelters, The Boys and Girls Club, Women Helping Women, and the awarding of multiple scholarships to high school seniors and women re-entering the work force. During the past several years, we have donated to the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas – Honduras Mission School Project to help with school and medical supplies in a very poor rural area of Honduras. This has been a very rewarding project and periodically we receive letters from Sister Gloriana describing what is being done to educate the women and children of the area. We have also been supporters of the Miss American Scholarship Pageant in Placentia and the Placentia Public Library.

One of our favorite BPW projects has been the Woman of Achievement, Young Careerist and Golden Nike Awards Night. For several years, our BPW was known in the North Orange County area as having the best awards presentation dinner with over 100 guests, including many local politicians and dignitaries, in attendance.

— Elaine Wakeham

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## WOC Honors Elected Women

The Women's Organization Coalition met on June 23, 2007 at the University Club at CSUN to celebrate a luncheon honoring elected women from the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles County. Honorees attending were Judy Chu, Board of Equalization 3rd District; Wendy Gruel, Councilwoman, LA City Council; Julie Korenstein, 20-year Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District; Tamar Galatzan, newly elected Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District; Julie Ruelas, Mayor of San Fernando; and Ang Reinke, Councilwoman, Burbank City Council. Each of the women was given the opportunity to discuss their plans for the coming year.

Valley Sunset District Past President Sandy Thompson reported on the 5-0/Cal Project which will present a program on the UN Violence Against Women Report in the Spring of 2008. WOC members were encouraged to participate and watch for more information.

Judy Chu discussed the tax classification of the so called "Alcopop drinks", which mimic lemonade, cola, fruit punch and other flavors and do contain a small percentage of alcohol. The drinks are

currently taxed as non-alcoholic at the rate of two cents a six pack and the Board of Equalization wants a reclassification that would boost the tax on a six pack of the drinks by nearly two dollars. The Board was asked to consider the change by a group of California teenagers working to curb underage drinking. (Note: On Tuesday August 15, 2007 the Board voted to approve the change)

The WOC organization consists of Business and Professional Women, National Women's Political Caucus, American Association University Women, League of Women Voters, National Organization of Women and various representatives from the offices of elected officials.

Judy Chu presented a resolution praising WOC for the work it has accomplished.

The next meeting of WOC will take place this fall, with the time and place to be determined.

— Betty Jo Moore, President (818) 347-6926

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION REPORTS

### HOLLYWOOD'S 21ST CENTURY WOMEN CELEBRATE

by Rajmro Popehr, WPB WHYOLOD  
Marjory Hopper, Hollywood BPW

BPW Hollywood hosted a Garden Party to introduce some outstanding women of the 21st Century. Some BPW'ers came as some of their favorite women of the century and in attendance were Barbara Walters, Sandra Day O'Conner, Jennifer Lopez, Vanna White, a military woman, and a Suffragette, who is living in this century and was still looking for her EQUAL RIGHTS! Of course, our BPW members are definitely excellent examples of Women of the 21 Century. Hostess Marjory Hopper introduced Christy, her true 21st century lady. Christy is Marjory's beautiful gray and white long haired cat.

BPW's own Copenhagen Caterer grilled hamburgers for everyone and then the BPW Hollywood officers renewed their contracts for the coming year. Sandy Thompson, Valley Sunset District past president, introduced the BPW officers and their credentials, with Charlie Chaplin presenting star trophies to the Producer, Scriptwriter, Casting Director, Director and the STAR! A 21st Century Woman Quiz was won by Linda Wilson, Vice President Legislation of the California Federation, and Sandy Thompson won the Scrambled Names Game.

### SUMMER IN SUNLAND – TUJUNGA

Shirley Kellstrom, President

We have played and enjoyed just being together this summer before settling down to the more serious business for the coming year. July's Ice Cream Social was a culinary and musical delight.

In August our surprise picnic at Penny and Sam Blackwell's provided us an opportunity to celebrate inducting four members into our LO. CFBPW Vice-Chair of Membership, Sandy Thompson, performed an informative ceremony for Martha Lonsdale, Mila Maronyan, Sarineh Minassia and Carmen Martinez to officially welcome them to STBPW. We welcome you all!

Honoring shy and reluctant Sam Blackwell was more challenging and a surprise party at his home made it happen. His many services to STBPW and its activities were cited, as were his watchful and protective services to a usually quiet neighborhood where he foiled two robbery attempts and scared off an armed gunman intent on robbery. STBPW presented him with a certificate for his unfailing support for our activities and his grateful neighbors presented him with a trophy and a Superman shirt. It was a memorable evening and a perfect way to slide into the coming activities.

The operative word this year is "support". We will make every attempt to support other LO programs and District/State activities, to help increase their audience/dinner attendance, with the anticipation that they will do the same. We invite you to join us whenever you can!

### GSFV, Burbank, San Fernando, and Sunland-Tujunga

#### PLAN YEAR OF JOINT MEETINGS

Rosemary Enzer, President, GSFV

Four local organizations in Valley Sunset District have joined forces to plan an exciting year of joint meetings. The members of each LO will plan and host one meeting to be held in their area. Topics will focus on the District theme: "Women in the 21st Century" and, we believe, will interest and inform all our members.

In September Greater San Fernando Valley LO hosted the first of the series, "*The Golden Years in the 21st Century: Fun, Fitness and Functioning (for the old broads)*". Laura Trejo, General Manager for the Los Angeles Department of Aging, was the featured speaker. She was followed by a members' forum, during which each attendee shared her personal means of having fun, keeping fit, and functioning mentally.

With important elections coming in 2008, Sunland - Tujunga has chosen to focus on legislation. In February San Fernando will host a meeting with an international theme and in March, Burbank will spotlight women's history.

We invite all the members of Valley Sunset District to attend our meetings. For details of time and location, see the ValSun calendar or call the LO president.

## WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 17

Chairman Carolyn Blundell has announced that this year's luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley. In addition to recognizing the achievement of outstanding women, the event is designed to increase awareness in our communities of BPW and its mission.

Members and non-members may be recognized in the following four categories:

- BPW Woman of Achievement
- BPW Community Woman of Achievement
- Community Woman of Achievement
- Woman Business Owner of the Year

Additional details, nomination forms and submission criteria will be sent to local organization presidents.

**Well behaved women rarely make history!**

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**GLORIA POLLACK** of **Greater San Fernando Valley**, a longtime member of Business and Professional Women in California and in New York, was presented with the 2007 Fernando Award, the most prestigious award for civic and volunteer service in the San Fernando Valley. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, presenting the prize, called it "the Academy Award of volunteerism in the Valley. *Greater San Fernando Valley members congratulate Gloria on this accomplishment.*

**KELLY KEANE** of **BPW Hollywood, Valley Sunset District** and **California Young Careerist** is now living in Reno, Nevada, close to her family. There Kelly started a new school year as the Principal at Caughlin Ranch Elementary School. She reports, "It is an amazing, high achieving school in Reno, NV and the Washoe County School District. The staff is absolutely incredible, professional, and down to earth. I am so in the right place, exactly where I am supposed to be." *Congratulations and best wishes to you, Kelley.*

**CINDY CLEGHORN**, member of **Verdugo Hills LO**, will soon complete 18 months of volunteer service as L.A. City Commissioner to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (NCRC). Cindy was appointed by L.A. City Mayor Villaraigosa in 2006 to represent neighborhood councils in the North San Fernando Valley. The NCRC has reviewed the City's neighborhood council system and will present a full report of their recommendations to the L.A. City Council in late September. Cindy also serves as the elected president of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, one of the most active all-volunteer neighborhood councils in the City. Cindy is the owner of C&M Printing, Copying, Mailing located in Tujunga. *Kudos to you Cindy for your hard work and diligence.*

## Past Presidents' Council Reception Scheduled at Fall Conference

A reception and meeting for all members will be held at the Bard Mansion following the adjournment of the Fall Conference. Refreshments will be provided. If you are a past president of your local organization, a past district president, or a past president of the California Federation, you are a member!

The Valley Sunset District Past Presidents' Council was formed to serve and support our district. Dues are only five dollars per year and this money is used to provide the coffee at our district conferences, to provide refreshments at the Friday Night Open House at Annual Convention, and to defray the cost of the installation of district officers.

Plan to attend the meeting, enjoy punch and cookies, and thank our Council president, Anne Parlapiano, and our treasurer, Mary Weightman, for their service.

— *By Anne Marie Johnson, Vice-President Financ*

## Welcome To Historic Bard Mansion

Senator Thomas R. Bard was a California Senator from 1900 -1905. The Bard Mansion was originally built in 1876 on Senator Thomas Bard's estate named "Berylwood." In 1911, the enlarged second home was torn down to clear the site for the construction of the present Thomas Bard House. The present house boasts over 17,400 square feet of floor space, a passenger elevator, 12 bedrooms, 7 full bathrooms, and 4 half baths. Surrounded by unique gardens on the Port Hueneme Naval Base in Ventura County, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The home is believed by some to be haunted by the former Senator's wife, seen as recently as 2005 when she was "spotted" by a cameraman. To see the apparition, search the internet for "Bard Mansion in Ventura County" and you will be led to the Apparition at Senator Bard's mansion...wooooooo.

## CFBPW Annual Convention



VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT was well represented at the Annual Convention of California Federation BPW (above.)

Valley Sunset District Young Careerist Kelly Keane (left), shown here with Connie Stahl, Immediate Past President of the CFBPW.

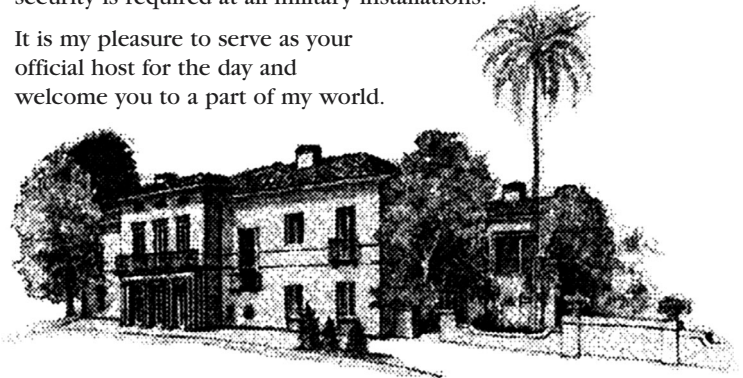


## Spend The Day At Bard Mansion

### A MESSAGE FROM CONNIE STAHL

I invite you to spend the day at the historic Bard Mansion, US Navy Base, Ventura. This is a day to enjoy the camaraderie of your BPW sisters, relax in Old World Charm, and conduct the business of Valley Sunset District. The regulations of admittance may seem burdensome, but the security of Base personnel, civilian surroundings, and, ultimately, the United States, is paramount. This security is required at all military installations.

It is my pleasure to serve as your official host for the day and welcome you to a part of my world.



### Directions To The Bard Mansion

- 101 to Victoria Avenue off-ramp; south on Victoria.
- Go 5 miles to Channel Island Blvd.
- Turn left (east) to Ventura Road (1.5 miles).
- Then right to the Sunkist Gate.
- You must pass through a security gate. Check before entering.
- Tell them you are with the BPW Conference at the Bard Mansion.

## Conference

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introduce a panel consisting of Rosemary Enzer, *ValSun* Editor, and Lynn Brandstater, CFBPW Young Careerist Chair, for a presentation of **BEHIND THE PAY GAP**, a recent report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation, which queries "Why have women's educational accomplishments failed to close the gender pay gap in the workplace?"

VSD President Elvira Orozco will preside at the day long conference, Local Arrangements Chairwoman and Past State President Connie Stahl has arranged the luncheon as well as an early morning *Salute to the Military*, and serving as State Representative will be Past State President Joyce Morrissey.

— *Jackie Melvin, Vice-President Education and Issues Management*

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## Fellowship at National Conference

In July ten members of Valley Sunset District attended the BPW/USA Conference in Sparks, Nevada. I believe that the other nine members will agree with me that this was an excellent conference. Not only did we have the opportunity to hear and learn from knowledgeable and entertaining speakers, shop at the expo, and watch Nancy Jackson in fine form conducting the business sessions, but we had time for fellowship. When you are at an event for five days, you have the opportunity to enrich existing friendships and to make new ones.

On Friday night the women from VSD did some bonding. We had a celebratory dinner at Trader Dick's, which is one of the several great restaurants in the Nugget and, yes, it has a South Pacific theme. That night we were honoring two members. One is a new member and the other a BPW veteran.

The new member, Kelly Keane, represented California in the Young Careerist competition. Although Kelly did not win, she made us very proud. Both of her speeches were right on target. This talented and friendly young woman is the quintessence of what the YC program is all about. That Friday night the VSD members were thanking her for a job well done and also congratulating her. Congratulations were in order because Kelly has a new position. She is now principal of an elementary school in Reno. We will miss her, but we wish her all the

best in this exciting new adventure. And we expect her to become president of BPW/Nevada in the very near future.

The veteran member, Netty Ray, has been a BPW member for over 62 years and that night we were celebrating her upcoming birthday. Netty, who lives in Covina, is a dual BPW member. She is active in both the Sierra Mar and Valley Sunset districts. Netty is friendly, outgoing, and quite the character. To know her is to love her. During this year's conference, she collected personal information from at least three waitresses and is planning to get them involved with BPW/Reno. Everywhere she goes, Netty is working as an ambassador for BPW and making friends.

After dinner, several of us wandered into the BPW International open house. This event, sponsored by New York, has become a conference tradition. After a couple of chocolates, a few sips of liqueurs and more socializing, we were through with fellowship for the evening. Off to bed to prepare ourselves for the Saturday business session.

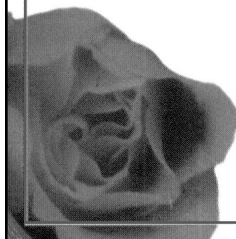
**NOTE:** You can read more about the details of the conference/convention in the recent issue of the *California Woman*. The structure of BPW has changed. Please take time to read the reports.

— By Anne Marie Johnson, Vice-President Finance

*My best wishes to the President &  
Executive Committee for the year  
2007-2008.*

*Sincerely, Mary Deightman*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2007-08

<b>Sept. 28-30, 2007</b>	CFBPW Fall Board Meeting Atrium Hotel, Orange County
<b>October 23, 2007</b>	Governor's and First Lady's Conference for Women Long Beach
<b>October 14-20, 2007</b>	National Business Women's Week
<b>October 27, 2007</b>	Fall District Conference "Women's Issues in the 21st Century" Bard Mansion, Port Hueneme
<b>November 17, 2007</b>	District Women of Achievement Luncheon Grand Vista Hotel, Simi Valley
<b>December 2, 2007</b>	Valley Sunset District Holiday Tea The T Room, Montrose
<b>January 19, 2008</b>	Winter District Conference Mission College, Sylmar
<b>February 6-9, 2008</b>	BPW/USA Interim Board/Policy & Action Conference Washington, D.C.
<b>Feb. 28-March 2, 2008</b>	CFBPW Winter Board/Government in Action Hawthorn Suites, Sacramento
<b>April 11-13, 2008</b>	District Annual Convention Grand Vista Hotel, Simi Valley
<b>May 16-18, 2008</b>	State Annual Convention Milpitas Sheraton (Tentative location)
<b>July 22-26, 2008</b>	BPW/USA National Conference Atlanta, Georgia
<b>October 24-28, 2008</b>	BPW International Congress Mexico City, Mexico

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION EVENTS 2007-08

<b>October 8, 2007</b>	Santa Barbara Woman of Achievement and National Business Women's Week Santa Barbara Club
<b>October 8, 2007</b>	Verdugo Hills Luncheon Meeting Pasadena Women's City Club
<b>October 9, 2007</b>	Sunland – Tujunga hosts joint Legislation Meeting Elk's Lodge, Tujunga
<b>November 12, 2007</b>	Santa Barbara – Food Bank and Direct Relief International Santa Barbara Club
<b>November 12, 2007</b>	Verdugo Hills Luncheon Meeting Pasadena Women's City Club
<b>November 13, 2007</b>	GSFV Business Meeting Sherman Oaks Fashion Square Community Room
<b>December 4, 2007</b>	GSFV Holiday Party Sportsmen's Lodge
<b>December 10, 2007</b>	Santa Barbara – Holiday Party and Women's Health Santa Barbara Club
<b>December 10, 2007</b>	Verdugo Hills Luncheon Meeting Pasadena Women's City Club
<b>December 29, 2007</b>	Sunland – Tujunga – Secret Santas
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<b>January 14, 2008</b>	Verdugo Hills Luncheon Meeting Pasadena Women's City Club

**REGISTRATION INSIDE  
BARD MANSION, PORT HUENEME  
FALL CONFERENCE  
VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT  
*Saturday, October 27, 2007***

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**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)  
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For security reasons all members attending must provide identification which will be sent to the Navy Base by October 24. Drivers should be prepared to present their driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.

**REGISTRATION**

\_\_\_ Registration                    \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Lunch                            \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ **TOTAL PACKAGE**            \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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VALLEY SUNSET DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 27, 2007**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

<p>7:30 a.m. Registration        8:45 a.m. Call to Order                  Greetings from the Military                  Business Session        10:00 a.m. Break        10:15 a.m. Morning Program                  <i>"Paws with a Cause"</i>        11:30 a.m. Social Hour        12:15 p.m. Lunch                  Guest Speaker: Judith Hirshberg                  <i>"What's All the Fuss about the Primaries?"</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. L.O. Presidents' Reports        2:00 p.m. Afternoon Program – Panel Discussion                  <i>"Behind the Pay Gap"</i>        2:45 p.m. Business Session Resumes        3:00 p.m. Break        3:15 p.m. Business Session Resumes                  Announcements        4:30 p.m. Adjournment        4:45 p.m. Past Presidents' Council Reception and Meeting                  Tours of the Bard Mansion</p>
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