



New York

President's Message



Greetings Members:

I hope you and yours enjoyed the holidays and will have a healthy and happy new year. A new year has begun with all its bright and shiny possibilities make sure you take full advantage of this wonderful gift.

Something about the end of the year inevitably leads to reflection. This time of year prompts lots of thinking about what happened in the past year and the anticipation of what lies ahead of us. This is the time of year when we reflect on our blessings and accomplishments while setting goals for the future. Always remember to make **SMART** goals – **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant and **T**ime bound. As Abraham Lincoln once said, “In the end, it’s not the years in you r life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

When we begin a new year it is also a time to remember events of the past. Did you know that on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation became law and freed slaves in states that had seceded from the Union?

Mark your calendars now and reserve Saturday, March 1, 2008, for our attend for our next annual meeting at the Harmonie Club, New York City. **NOTE THAT THE AGM IS SCHEDULELD FOR A SATURDAY AND IS NOT ON MARCH 2ND AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.** Our meeting is held in conjunction with the UN’s Conference on the Status of Women. What an informative and great networking opportunity to meet your BPWI Board and visiting BPWI sister members.

Remember to save the date and funds for our October 24-28, 2008 International Congress in Mexico City, Mexico.

Lastly, don’t forget to read about what our BPWI sisters are doing, and what events lay ahead

With my very warmest wishes
Eileen Brennan

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Mission Statement

BPW International members take professional responsibility in all levels of society, the economy and politics, thinking and acting locally, nationally and globally in working with the United Nations and other international organizations while practicing networking, mentoring, lobbying and enjoying lifelong learning and friendships.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Reminders are in the process of being sent out for 2008 membership dues. If your entire club are members, please remind the President and Treasurer to submit payment.

WANTED – Members to join Committees or volunteer to assist at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Harmonie Club, New York City. This is a wonderful learning experience and a great opportunity to **serve on the TEAM.**



Don't Miss

Our 2008 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 1st, 2008

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Place: Harmonie Club

4 East 60th Street, New York
Corner of 60th Street & 5th Avenue
Tel: (212) 355-7400

Members: \$100.00

At the door and Guests: \$120.00

**Registration Fee Includes: Conference,
Materials,
Refreshments and Lunch**



Our annual general meeting runs in conjunction with the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) at the United Nations. Last year over 220 members signed up to attend these sessions. We anticipate even more this year: Many of our international executives will be attending this event, as well as other international members who are in NYC for the CSW. Each year these guests attend our conference to support us. Why not expand your horizons and join all of us at this great event!

Bay Shore BPW Home-Based Business Expo

Don't miss this great opportunity to attend on Saturday, February 9, 2008 9am – 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 79 East Main Street, Babylon, NY 11702.
Church Phone: 631-587-5838.

We Welcome our Interim Secretary Rolita James

Rolita James, a mother of five, was born and raised in Connecticut. She was educated in the Stamford School system and furthered her education in Hempstead, NY. After losing five siblings (three of her sisters in one year), Rolita had a dream to start her own company, which she named PASSION (Pursuing A Successful Seed In spite Of Negativity). Her company endeavors to produce productive citizens through laying a foundation of balance, education and basic life skills, challenging the mind and heart one child at a time. Rolita is also a motivational speaker, which has taken her to Tanzania, Uganda, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island and Gang Interventions. Rolita has also served as an officer in several of her community organizations.

Rolita's motto is: Life may not be the party that you have hoped for, but while you are here you may as well dance.

A Note from our Treasurer

I would like to welcome and thank the following new members for choosing BPWI/NY: Ruth Hegerty, Amy Allen, Barbara Howie, Valerie Fields, Jennifer Killikelly, Kerry Bassett, Lorena Bowie, Kisha Brewer, Betty Compass, Darlene Gelin, Linda Henley, Lioudmila Korobova, Alyse Krasnow, Barbara McGinn, Olga

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2008 dues renewal forms have been sent. Please send your dues to BPWI/NY, PO Box 247, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

BPW California

"BPW Violence Against Women Conference"
March 12, 2008 - ENDING VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN: Making it happen in LA

To learn what is happening with our sisters on the west coast visit <http://www.bpw-international.org/pdf/library-local-2007-11-newsletter-california.pdf>

Interesting but Horrifying Facts!

- UNFEM estimates that women do 80% of the world's work, yet receive only 10% of the world's wealth
- The majority of families in poverty are female headed
- Around the world, at least 1 in every 3 women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during their lifetime
- Every 15 seconds a man beats his female partner in the United States
- Every day in our country, 4 women are killed by their male partners
- Physical violence in intimate relationships is often accompanied by psychological abuse, and it is usually accompanied by sexual abuse
- Each year in the US, 503,485 women are stalked by an intimate partner
- Rates of violence in same sex relationships are equal to those in heterosexual relationships
- 1 of 3 girls will be sexually assaulted BEFORE the age of 18
- Women make up 82% of new HIV/AIDS cases
- Most female Aids cases were diagnosed between the ages of 25 to 44

** Most Importantly 56% of girls and 76% of boys in high school believe forced sex is acceptable & 1/3 of their relationships involve violence. (John Jay College Women's Center)

Center to Assist Female Veterans Affected by Sexual Trauma

On Nov. 5, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) opened its first treatment center exclusively designed to assist female veterans affected by sexual trauma. VA research shows that 20 percent of female soldiers experience sexual harassment, assault or rape during their service. The VA operates 15 sexual trauma programs, but the new residential facility in Bernards Township, N.J., is the first to serve only women.

You Can Make a Difference by Helping Women's Shelters

You probably never thought of this, but women's shelters in the U.S. go through thousands of tampons and pads monthly. Assistance agencies generally help with expenses of "everyday" necessities such as toilet paper, diapers, and clothing, but one of the most basic needs is overlooked – feminine hygiene products. Perhaps you might like to help them out by making a donation.



History of CEDAW Convention

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women. Consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination.

The Convention defines discrimination against women as "...any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field."

By accepting the Convention, States commit themselves to undertake a series of measures to end discrimination against women in all forms, including:

- to incorporate the principle of equality of men and women in their legal system, abolish all discriminatory laws and adopt appropriate ones prohibiting discrimination against women;
- to establish tribunals and other public institutions to ensure the effective protection of women against discrimination; and
- to ensure elimination of all acts of discrimination against women by persons, organizations or enterprises.
- **Legal Rights:** In China, women are now guaranteed joint ownership of marital property and equal inheritance.
- **Work Life:** Germany, Guatemala, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the United King have improved maternity leave and childcare for working women.

The Convention provides the basis for realizing equality between women and men through ensuring women's equal access to, and equal opportunities in, political and public life - including the right to vote and to stand for election -- as well as education, health and employment. States parties agree to take all appropriate measures, including legislation and temporary special measures, so that women can enjoy all their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Convention is the only human rights treaty which affirms the reproductive rights of women and targets culture and tradition as influential forces shaping gender roles and family relations. It affirms women's rights to acquire, change or retain their nationality and the nationality of their children. States parties also agree to take appropriate measures against all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of women.

Countries that have ratified or acceded to the Convention are legally bound to put its provisions into practice by establishing measures to ensure the full development and advancement of women in all civil, political, economic and cultural arenas. They are also committed to submit national reports, at least every four years, on measures they have taken to comply with their treaty obligations. The Convention also creates committees to monitor reports of progress in the treatment of women by its adherents.

In many of the countries that have ratified the Treaty, it has guided the passage and enforcement of national laws that address discriminatory barriers faced by women such as

- **Sex Trafficking:** Ukraine, Nepal, Thailand and the Philippines passed laws to curb sexual trafficking.
- **Domestic Violence:** Colombia now ensures protection for all female victims of domestic violence.
- **Education:** Pakistan introduced coeducation in primary schools after treaty ratification
- **Health Care:** Argentina, Mexico, and Australia instituted programs to provide health care to indigenous and migrant women.

CEDAW has made substantial improvements for women in countries including Japan, Brazil, Sri Lanka and Zambia. The impact of CEDAW in these countries and others has helped women gain political office, equal employment opportunities and child care programs.

Currently, **185** countries - over ninety percent of the members of the United Nations - are party to the Convention. Almost **20 years after the First World Conference on Women, the United States has still failed to ratify the most comprehensive human rights treaty addressing international women's rights** -- the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) placing us in company with countries such as Iran, Qatar, Palau, Tonga, Somalia, and Sudan. We are **the only industrialized democracy that has not yet ratified**. Since the United States already recognizes the equal status of women, they say, US ratification is necessary solely to bolster the standing of the Convention in the rest of the world. It has everything to do with the half of the globe where to be female is to be persecuted until, often, death."

It is embarrassing that the United States, a proclaimed leader in human rights advocacy, has not yet ratified CEDAW. This is one more backlash to the women's rights movement.

Why is US ratification important?

The United States has a bipartisan tradition of support for international standards through human rights treaties. Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton ratified similar treaties on genocide, torture, race and civil and political rights. Ratification of CEDAW would continue that proud tradition.

The United States has long been a world leader on human rights. US failure to ratify the treaty allows other countries to divert attention away from their neglect of women and undermines the powerful principle that human rights of women are universal across all cultures, nations, and regions.

The U.S. already has laws consistent with the CEDAW Treaty. Under the terms of the Treaty, the U.S. would submit regular reports to an advisory committee, which would provide an important opportunity to raise up our best practices and assess where we can do better.

Ironically the US was instrumental in drafting CEDAW. In 1980, President Carter signed CEDAW and submitted it to the Senate for ratification before he left office. In order for the US

to ratify an international treaty, two-thirds of the Senate must consent – that is 67 “yes” votes. No action is required by the House of Representatives.

I implore each and every one of our members to pressure their senators to vote in support of CEDAW. Even some conservative stalwarts are said to be leaning towards ratification, their opinions having been swayed by the overwhelming number of calls their offices have received from pro-CEDAW constituents. It is always better to adapt and personalize letters to officials rather than send form letters. You might include illustrations of gender discrimination that you have experienced or witnessed. Members can also contact their senators at <http://www.senate.gov/>.

It's time that the U.S. government joins the world in this strong position against sex discrimination. We must demand that our leaders protect our human rights.



Candle lighting Ceremony

Beginning February of each year BPWI federations worldwide conduct a candle lighting ceremony reflecting the bonding of women from many parts of the world. It is an emotional event which leaves women with the uplifting thought that they are members of a worldwide network of strong and dedicated women. For directions and additional information visit <http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/about-bpw-candlelighting-ceremony.htm>

Donate to the Project Five-O General Fund



Project Five-O offers funding for projects in vocational training for women in developing countries. As Project Five-O funds are depleting, member organizations need to help raise funds so that support for the projects may continue. It is essential that individual members and affiliates of BPW help raise funds on a volunteer basis.

La Paz Nursing School



You or your club can sponsor a La Paz Nursing School student for *\$60/student per semester*. What a great thing to do for such a small amount of money!

Together Everyone Achieves More...

BPW Roster

BPW members can now view BPW Roster for Federations and Associate Clubs from all 5 regions online via www.bpw-roster.info OR via www.bpw-international.org under MEMBERS / ROSTER. The roster online brings you the latest contact information when you need it. There are instructions in all 4 official languages on how to make updates.

BPW Business and Member Pages

Are you looking to increase your business exposure or to expand internationally? Be sure to register on BPW's Business and Member Pages at www.bpw-business.org/



International Women's Day (IWD) is observed on March 8th every year. It is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women.

Started as a political event, the holiday blended in the culture of many countries (primarily Russian). In some celebrations, the day lost its political flavor, and became simply an occasion for men to express their sympathy and love to the women around them - somewhat similar to Western Mother's Day and St Valentine's Day mixed together. In others,

however, the political and human rights theme as designated by the United Nations runs strong, and political and social awareness of the struggles of women worldwide are brought out and examined in a hopeful manner. For further information visit

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/about.asp>

What's Happening In Other Parts of the World?

Visit

<http://www.mdgmonitor.org/map.cfm?goal=2&indicator=0&c>
d for an interactive data map on how the world is advancing toward achieving Millennium Development Goal 3 – to Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women.



Happy New Year 2008 BPW New York

For the year that passed
Count your blessings.
Count things that went right.
Count your wins and thanks
those who stood by your side.

For the new year
Let's begin
With hope, determination
And a will to win.

Visualize your success
And start to pursue.
Dream an impossible dream
And make it comes true!

Warm wishes,

Chonchanok Viravan
BPW International President

BPW International

New Federations were founded and approved by EXCO in 2007.

1. BPW Sudan
Total 100 members
President Abla Mahdi ablamahdi@hotmail.com

2. BPW Egypt
Total 100 members
President Dr. Amany Asfour Amany.asfour@bpw-international.org

3. BPW Spain
Total 110 members
President Isabel Manas Rodríguez academiaindalo@terra.es

4. BPW Mexico
Total 191 members
President Fabiola Kun fabykun@yahoo.com.mx

All these new Federations are filled with supportive members and we do look forward to see them grow in 2008 and for years to come. Members of the new Federation of Mexico are very active in organizing the XXVI BPW International Congress and they are looking forward to seeing members of BPW affiliates world-wide in Mexico City during October 24-28, 2008.

Chonchanok Viravan
BPW International President



BPW PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIFEM TO "SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

BPW International joins "say NO to violence against women" internet-based campaign as a 'launch partner' of United Nations Development Fund for Women UNIFEM). The "say NO to violence against women" campaign will run until March 8, 2008, International Women's Day. UNIFEM online toolkit (which include a campaign 'brief', facts and figures on violence against women, campaign banners, and more that can be use to help BPW affiliates to participate in this global advocacy effort) can be download from http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw_25nov/toolkit.php

BPW International joins Global Consortium to End Cervical Cancer

The "Global Consortium to End Cervical Cancer" initiative was launched at the closing of Global Summit of Women in Berlin in June 2007. The testing and new vaccines to prevent and treat cervical cancer, which only affect women, are now available. The Global Summit of Women aims to engage its

international network of women's organizations in a public campaign on this matter.

International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International), along with the European Women in Management Development and the International Association for Human Values, has joined the Summit in this endeavor.

BPW International's Health Committee, chaired by Faye Gardiner, is now working on the content for a new web section on www.bpw-international.org to educate members on this issue.



Do you recognize our International President? In November 2007 President Chonchanok Viravan was interviewed in Review Asia in the Paradigm Shifter section. Read all about her at <http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/news-reviewasia-dr.chonchanok.htm>.

Membership

Although we have been focusing on new membership development with the Triple One Crown Membership Challenge, I would like to remind everyone that the second part of this important ingredient for successful clubs and federations is **Membership Retention**. What systems do you currently have in place that evaluates reviews and maintains your membership?

Here is a 5-step process that highlights points for your review.

a) What communications are being used to connect your members to the club? If they have not been able to attend the meetings what communications do you have in place for them to feel and stay connected. How often is your newsletter distributed? Is it mailed, emailed or both? Do you have a

website? Are there links to [bpw-international](http://www.bpw-international.org) or your regional? homepage, for example: www.bpw-europe.org, www.bpw-africa.org, www.bpw-northamerica.org How much international information, UN news and activities is shared with the members?

b) Have you had interesting, educational and professional programs to attract members to attend the meetings? Do you regularly ask for feedback from your members as to what they would like? Are your members having a wonderful BPW experience?

c) What makes your club valuable to the members? Do they get a return on their investment of time and money? Also, do they feel that they can contribute and share their skills and expertise in the club and is it appreciated? Does the club truly support and promote each others businesses and professions. Encourage all members to register on the BPW member and business pages. This powerful tool is in 6 languages, English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Arabic. It is free for members and a fee of only Euro 75 per year for businesses! Check this at www.bpw-business.org or go to the www.bpw-international.org homepage.

d) What systems are in place to follow up with new members or first timers to make them feel welcome and, for at least the first 6 months to provide them with an understanding about BPW? Another tool which is available is the new member booklet in our four official languages which you can download from our website, www.bpw-international.org/services/benefits along with a complete program in Mentoring.

e) Lastly, what membership renewal methods does your club have to ensure that everyone renews and that no-one is left behind? Do you analyze your annual retention and growth rate and is this taken into account when the annual budget is drafted?

I hope that these items help you and the membership committees to address your membership retention status and goals. I welcome any feedback on what has worked or not worked for your club or federation.

It is very exciting to report that BPW International has approved and welcomed (3) new country federations. Spain, Egypt and Sudan. Congratulations to all! In addition we have many new clubs in the process of formalizing. Membership responsibility lies with all our members and I am very happy that it is being evidenced by BPW International's growth in all the regions.

Liz Benham
2nd Vice President
Membership Chair

Interested in Mentoring?

Read about mentoring programs organized by BPW around the world by visiting <http://www.bpw-international.org/services/bpw-services-mentoring.htm>.

BPW Italy Donates Funds for Computer Project in Thailand

When President Chonchanok Viravan visited Sicily during October 23-25, 2007, she was warmly welcomed by BPW members in Palermo and Catania. During this visit, Eugenia Bono President of FIDAPA Foundation presented President Chonchanok with a 500 Euro donation to support BPW Bangkok's Computer-based Education Project, which covers the equipment and computer-based courses for one Elementary School in Thailand Grade 1-6. Dr. Livia Ricci, past international president, also presented President Chonchanok with 540 Euro donation for Project Five-O. This is the fund raised by her club, BPW Verona ES.

Welcome BPW Istanbul!

On October 1st 2007, BPW Istanbul and at the same time Young BPW Istanbul were established.



Young BPW

An Insider's Look at the Congress in Seoul, Korea

The group that assembled for the 4th Young BPW International Congress in Seoul, Korea in May 2007 was from all over the world with many different cultural and business experiences to share.

We got to meet all of our new friends on our first afternoon in Seoul and then we enjoyed the unique opportunity of field learning in Seoul. The group first attended the Ubiquitous

City (U-City) where we saw the wonders that await us as technology advances rapidly in Korea. The model house in this U-City allows one to never feel alone, with instant visual messages from loved ones on the television screen, a robotic friend and the refrigerator telling you what food is in stock and what you can make for dinner using those ingredients. The technology in the house will even order a bottle of wine to go with dinner, read off your party invitations, and give you the feeling of having a dog, in the form of a soft, "breathing" couch. Next, we journeyed over to the government-run Innovision Hall, which demonstrates technological advances in form-filing and other country-wide necessities. We were very impressed at the South Korean government's initiative and support of technology and building businesses. With regard to BPW, it led us to understand the importance that international communication has in this "shrinking" world. With the quickness of email at our fingertips, it is important to understand how that works to our advantage and also how human person to person contact is still very important.

The first full day at the Young BPW Congress brought us the gift of hearing from seasoned members, including President Nok, as well as young BPW members. They all had wonderful experiences to share from their BPW years. We learned about New Dimensions in Leadership from Past President Antoinette Ruegg. This focused on the importance of understanding the differences between men and women; this understanding can help women use their special biological talents to become great leaders. We should not resist our natural abilities as nurturers. We also heard from President Nok and her assistant Deon, about their experiences at the UN. We learned of the Mentoring Program, from Anna Fang of Hong Kong. This program is now launched on the BPW International website and it was born out of much hard work and a desire to see BPW members from all over the world reaching out and helping each other grow. A great story was told about a Young BPW who was so inspired by the BPW New York State AGM and the CSW at the UN that she went right back to her boss in Pakistan and asked for equal pay, citing intelligent reasons and using a newfound assertiveness. Much to her delight, she was granted more than she asked for!

During the later half of this first full day, we had the opportunity to put some of the day's BPW learnings to work with our fellow International Young BPW members. We broke off into small mixed teams to discuss and brainstorm strategy around internal BPW structural development including the following areas: Financial Strategy, Networking, Management, and Activity Planning. These team-driven focus groups allowed us to bring to action women from all corners of the globe, with different professional backgrounds and diverse problem solving perspectives. This dialogue proved powerful in bringing ideas to the table that one nation, or group may not have conceived

had we not the chance to intermix. This exercise helped us to understand where we can be most effective in sustaining long-term growth for BPW International – From ideas around fundraising and participation to our own contribution to BPW’s Return on Investment and seeing BPW’s brand equity as an organization. Our strength internally directly impacts out individual chapter effectiveness.

On our third day, we were welcomed by Young BPW Korea and the Sookmyung Women’s University to participate in an intensive Global Women Leadership certification program. We were honored to have Dr. Kyungsook Lee, the President of the university, begin the day with an inspiring speech on a new leadership model as we shift into a digital, informed and global age. In addition to Leadership experts and professors, we were also fortunate to have seasoned professionals including Former G.E. Korea CEO Suk Jean Kang, present new directions in leadership. To balance the intense Leadership workshops, university guides gave us a behind-the-scenes tour of the gorgeous modern campus. This included a tour of the Korean Food Institute where we explored traditional tearooms, spotless stainless steel training kitchens, the infamous fermented cabbage “Kimchi” (arguably the national food of Korea! Slightly stinky, a bit spicy and completely delish!), and antique kitchenware. The university also had an adjoined Korean history museum that had fine antique furniture, antiques, artwork and gorgeous traditional clothing on display.

Maximizing our time in the exciting city of Seoul, we somehow managed to get a few fun girls-nights out! Our lovely Young BPW Korean hosts shared some of Seoul’s diverse nightlife with us in both the traditional Southern Seoul neighborhoods, and in the more-westernized Northern Seoul. The city is divided by the Han River. North of the Han, closer to the North Korean boarder, the city of Ichoen is much more Westernized. This is partly due to the presence of US soldiers protecting the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. Here, we were invited by our hosts to join them at a fabulous roof-top wine bar overlooking the whole city! The night air was crisp and refreshing, and our hosts treated us to a taste of Korean traditional food (Kimchi included!) and wine. South of the Han in the area we stayed called Cheongdamdong has a number of more-traditional upscale Korean dance clubs and nightlife where many of our hosts socialize and enjoy themselves on the weekend. We visited one such dance club and were delighted with how respectful and fun the locals are! We also happened to join the fun on the same night a very famous Korean Calvin Kline model (a very good looking gentleman!) and his notorious Korean comedian friend were celebrating their birthdays. Graciously, we were invited to celebrate with them! We had a blast and hope our friends will come visit soon.

Our last day at the Seoul conference was a day of cultural learning from the city itself and from our hosts. We went together on a tour bus and were able to view the Kyungbok Palace. We also went to the Nasam Tower and had a great view of the city and its rapid expansion. We went to a folk village and were lucky enough to see a traditional Korean wedding taking place. The colors of the dresses were amazing. In addition, we hit up Insadong, which is the most historical street in Seoul for markets and shopping. Tradition along this street is so important that even the Starbucks sign has to be in Korean characters. Our hosts took us to a giant shopping mall that stays open until 5 am. It has customers all night long! Both our opening and closing ceremonies had wonderful traditional shows. We saw a fashion show with gorgeous traditional dress spanning the centuries of Korean history. On our last night, we had a dance group performing Korean dance, as well as a Korean barbershop quartet. The experiences were so varied and so vivid and it really gave us an excellent dose of what it means to be a part of an international group with such strong and interesting members. We have welcomed the opportunity to share with our BPW Manhattan members the different programs that other BPW groups engage in. They are many community-action programs and women-helping-women events that people have taken on in their own local chapters. There are also great mentoring and fundraising examples. We can certainly look for inspiration from our friends and fellow members from around the world.

Danielle Boechmcke and
Alissa Kloner, Manhattan Club

To learn what young business women are doing worldwide visit <http://www.bpw-international.org/members/bpw-members-young-bpw-leadership.htm>.



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“Power to Make a Difference”
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Emergency Information

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Emergency Number

The emergency number worldwide for the mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you. Interestingly, this number (112) can be dialed even if the keypad is locked.

Locked the keys in your car?

Does your car have a keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys

are at home, use your cell phone to call someone at home on their cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other “remote” for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Hidden battery power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50 percent increase in battery this reserve will be charged when you charge your cell next time.

How to disable a stolen mobile phone

To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use or sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in stealing mobile phones.

Need to call 411?

Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial (800) FREE 411, or (800) 373-3411, without incurring any charge at all.

ICE: In Case of an Emergency

If we are involved in an accident or have a heart attack and the people attending check our mobile phone, they won't know which number to call to inform our family members. Just store the number of a contact person or person who should be contacted during emergency as ICE (meaning “In

Case of Emergency”). For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

March 2008

**52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
New York, New York**

March 1, 2008

**BPW/NY Annual Meeting
Harmonie Club
New York, NY – USA**

March 7-9, 2008

**BPW/NYS Winter Board
Regency Hotel & Conference Center
Binghamton, NY**

April 15-17, 2008

**BPW Egypt Conference
Cairo, Egypt**

May 30-June 1, 2008

BPW/NYS Annual Conference

July 22-26, 2008

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