



## New York

### Presidents Message

Greetings Members:

I can't believe how fast this summer went. The leaves are starting to turn color and fall - before you know it the holidays will be here!

All members should have recently received information about the Project Five-O Violence Against Women Conference scheduled for November 18, 2006, at NY County Lawyers Association, 14 Vesey St., NY, NY. We welcome donations, volunteers and participants.

In addition, members should have received a questionnaire on Violence Against Women, which addresses this issue in general (as a joint project with Project Five-O\*\*), in the case of the girl child (which is of interest for UN CSW) and that of working women (which is of interest for BPWI). Our International President has asked us to complete this form to assist our organization in preparing a presentation on this topic at the UN CSW in 2007.

Our Regional Conference is slated to take place in Montego Bay, Jamaica, February 16-18, 2007 read more about it inside and don't miss the deadline!

Mark your calendars now and reserve Sunday, March 4, 2007, for our next annual meeting at the Harmonie Club, New York City for an informative and great networking opportunity.

Liz has added another layer to The Triple One Formula Challenge. All individuals who recruit 10 members or more from January 2006 till July 31, 2008 will have their names included for a drawing which will give the winner a paid airline ticket from anywhere in the world to our next Congress in Merida, Mexico October 24- 28, 2008. Our club added 15 new members while in Dallas thanks to all our helpers!

Lastly, don't forget to read about what our Canadian sisters are doing, and find out what events lay ahead for all our BPW sisters.

With my very warmest wishes  
*Eileen Brennan*

**BPW International Theme 2005 - 2008**  
**"New Dimensions of Leadership"**

## Newsletter

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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.

[Donations, Volunteers and Participants Wanted for Project 50's Violence Against Women Conference- November 18, 2006 - NY County Lawyers Association, 14 Vesey St., NY, NY](#)

I recently sent each of you via e-mail or snail mail informing you that for the last couple of months I have been attending planning meetings as BPWI representative on a Violence Against Women Task Force along with several Project 50 members.

Our Chairlady Leslie Wright, Zonta, has asked for each of us to get our organizations and individuals to make contributions for overhead costs such as printing, advertising, copying, name badges, etc. Those groups or persons contributing at least \$100 (individual) or \$500 (group/organization) will be listed as sponsors and also need to take on a task such as registration, database, badges, packets, etc. Since BPWNY is not able to make this financial commitment due to budgetary constraints, **any individual contributions are greatly appreciated.**

So far the group has received funds from Zonta, Soroptomists and AAUW. Time is of the essence since we will soon be going to press and will only be named as a sponsor if we contribute as the other Project 50 organizations have.

This conference would be a wonderful opportunity to not only contribute to a worthy cause, but also to be recognized as being onboard in bringing this topic and its vast web of difficulties to the attention of agencies in the field.

Soroptimist International NY will be our fiduciary agent for the conference and they have already set up a separate account for this purpose. ALL CHECKS HAVE TO BE MADE OUT TO "SOROPTIMIST INT. OF NY" (FOR PURPOSE: VAW). Any gifts from other groups/organizations or corporate gifts should be made out the same way. Soroptomists are a 501(c) 3 and proof will be provided if you have a donor who needs a certificate.

Checks can be sent to me at 94 Iceland Drive, Huntington Station, NY 11746 and I will forward them to Lois Beilin, 50 POPHAM ROAD, APT. 3I, SCARSDALE, NY 10583.

The group still needs an organization to do registration, take checks, set up and manage the database, print out name tags, check people in, as well as a packet committee, a logistics committee to manage catering, signs, room set up and a marketing committee. **If any of you are interested in volunteering, please contact me!**

**Do you know the meaning of.....  
16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence  
November 25 - December 10?**

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991. These dates were chosen because November 25 is International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10 is International Human Rights Day, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including December 1, which is World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

### What is Project FIVE-O?

Project Five-O is concerned with vocational training and other educational projects for women and girls in developing countries and countries in transition. It is a cooperative project undertaken jointly by Business and Professional Women International, International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International.

The idea to establish the Five-O project cooperation grew out of the International Women's Year 1975. The vision was to offer vocational training to women and girls of poor economic circumstances in developing countries, using the skills and expertise of the members of the participating organizations to provide training courses in income-generating skills, including employment and working skills, marketing and small business operations, accompanied by training in health, nutrition, hygiene, child care and literacy. The partnership was confirmed during the second Women's Conference in Copenhagen in 1980.

There are projects in Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, India, Latvia, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda and Zimbabwe. For further information visit [www.project-five-o.org](http://www.project-five-o.org).

**WANTED – Members to Join Committees and attend our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 4, 2007, at the Harmonie Club, New York City**

Mark your calendars now and reserve March 4, 2007, to attend our next annual meeting for an informative and great networking opportunity. In addition, I am urging all members to consider joining one of the following committees:

Membership and Bylaws  
Finance  
Club Liaison  
Public Relations  
Communication  
Hospitality

This is a wonderful learning experience and we are in great need of more members to **serve on the TEAM.**

**BPWI Violence against Women Questionnaire**

The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child is the theme of the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from February 26 to March 9, 2007.

As part of efforts to increase its focus on national-level implementation, the Commission will return to this theme in two to three years time to review the implementation of the policy recommendations and identify remaining gaps and challenges.

The work in the Commission will be guided by two reports of the Secretary-General on the girl-child, one which will identify and discuss key issues in eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl-child and suggest policy recommendations; and a second which will provide an overview of mainstreaming efforts related to the girl-child at national level.

To assist our organization in preparing a presentation on this topic at the UN CSW in 2007, BPWI is distributing a questionnaire on Violence Against Women, which addresses this issue in general (as a joint project with Project Five-O\*\*), in the case of the girl child (which is of interest for UN CSW) and that of working women (which is of interest for BPWI), e.g. is there any study on how the status of working women is related to domestic violence in household in your country?

Chonchanok Viravan, BPW International President, appreciates your assistance in completing the survey if you have information that is relevant to the topic. If you are unable to assist, please forward the survey to others who may be of assistance. The responses received will enable BPWI to identify informed potential speakers for the BPWI workshop at the UN CSW 2007 in New York. Feedback will also help the President of BPW International to identify experts on Violence against Women for the benefit of the organization and the community at large.

Please return the questionnaire to Susan Jones at Lnju@hotmail.com (cc: presidents.office@bpw-international.org) by October 31, 2006. This will give BPWI the necessary time to summarize the results in preparation for a statement to the UN as well as giving input to NGO Committee on Violence against Women.

**Membership**

Liz Benham, 2nd Vice President, BPW International  
Membership Chair

An Airline Ticket to Congress in Merida is waiting for the winner of this Triennium Membership Challenge!

In the last newsletter I explained the membership goals for this triennium and the Triple One Formula Challenge. I am very pleased with the activities on membership so far. The benefit is that your federation or club will become stronger while you also build and strengthen your organization - BPW International. Our strength, visibility, effectiveness and resources depend on members like you. You make us not only financially viable, but more importantly you help us all to work on our goals of developing the professional potential of women around the world, at all levels, through our various programs. The stronger we are, the more effective we can be, and each and every member is the key!

**Membership growth remains the responsibility of all members** and not just of the leadership, who remain very busy with the management of all the programs in the federations and clubs. Individual members can and must help with this. Remember to work on your prospects of new potential members. Make a list of all the women you meet in your daily life. Give them your business card and invite them to your club meeting. If you do not feel skilled enough to recruit them, then ask someone in your club who is the best recruiter for their assistance. Make a commitment to bring someone new to each meeting.

The newly revised new member booklet, a valuable tool, will soon be available to download from the website.

The Triple One Formula Challenge goal is, for each member to bring in one new member each year for this triennium. The tracking procedure is a form for club presidents to send to the federation president each quarter. Progress will be reported after each quarter and at year end. A Triple Crown pin will be awarded given to those members who achieve this goal.

I have decided to add another layer to the challenge. All individuals who recruit 10 members or more from January 2006 till July 31, 2008 will have their names included for a drawing which will give the winner a paid airline ticket from anywhere in the world to our next Congress in Merida, Mexico October 24- 28, 2008. The competition closes July 31, 2008, and the drawing will take place on August 31st. The winner will be notified by phone/fax and on the website. So take up the challenge and happy recruiting!

Any comments or feedback please email me Liz.  
[benham@bpw-international.org](mailto:benham@bpw-international.org).

***Together Everyone Achieves More....***

***NORTH AMERICA & NON-SPANISH SPEAKING  
CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE***

***February 16-18, 2007***



Monica McNeil, our Regional Coordinator, reminds us that our Regional Conference is slated to take place in Montego Bay, Jamaica, February 16-18, 2007 and promises that it will be quite spectacular; but it cannot happen if you are not there.

Of the Resolutions passed at congress was one that calls for an Organizational Review to make us a more modern organization with a constitution to match. The board has started working on this and a special invitation is extended to you from our International President, President Nook, to come and participate in this Organizational Review and become part of the change.

If golf is your driving passion, enjoy the five 18-hole championship golf courses beautifully situated along this coastline, and offer exciting degrees of challenge.

Chukka Blue Adventure in Sandy Bay keeps a large stable of 125 horses, and riding tours cover mountain terrain before heading for the beach for a trek through the water.

Jeep tours go through the rain forest of Montpelier; mountain biking, river tubing and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) tours are also extremely popular here.

Shopping is another big sport in this area, and the Crafts Market on Harbour Street is a hot favorite. Nearby duty-free shops overflow with luxury items.

There are many excellent art galleries and historic buildings to explore. Fascinating stories surround the legendary plantation Great Houses that dot the countryside. The most famous is Rose Hall, haunted by the ghost of the notorious Annie Palmer, who murdered three husbands before meeting a gory death at the hand of her slave lover.

**Network with our BPW sisters from throughout our Region** listed below:

*NATIONAL FEDERATIONS*

**BPW Canada**

*STATE FEDERATIONS: USA*

**BPW California**

**BPW New York (includes BPW Manhattan)**

**BPW Pacific Rim**

*ASSOCIATED CLUBS: USA*

**BPW Chicago**

**BPW Paso del Norte**

*ASSOCIATED CLUBS:*

**BPW Barbados**

**BPW Bermuda**

**BPW Haiti**

**BPW Jamaica**

**BPW St Maarten - St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles**

**BPW St Kitts**

**BPW South Trinidad - Trinidad & Tobago**

**Don't miss this great opportunity!**

**\*\*\*Deadline for Registration**

**January 16, 2007\*\*\***

**BPW Canada - 40th Biennial Convention & Leadership  
Forum  
July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - Toronto**

**Registration Fees**

Confirmation:	<i>Before October 30</i>	<i>After October 30, 2006</i>
Participant	\$250	\$300
Young BPW	\$200	\$300
Accompanying Person	\$150	\$180

**Visit [www.bpw-northamerica.org](http://www.bpw-northamerica.org) to download information and the registration form.**

**There are two payment options for Registration:**

**1. Information for wire transfer:**

**Instructions to:** Wachovia Bank, New York  
 SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC  
 ABA Code: 026005092

**For the initial credit of:** First Caribbean International Bank (Jamaica) Limited

SWIFT Code: FCIBJMKN  
 Account Number: 2000191002397

**For further credit to:** BPW Conference, account number 1001470086, New Kingston Branch.

If you would like to save on wire transfer fees some of us will be wiring as a group. Please make out your checks by **October 15, 2006** to Liz Benham in the proper amount and indicate BPW Regional Conference as your memo. We will collect these checks and then do a group wire. You can mail the checks made out to Liz Benham to Eileen Brennan, BPWNY President, 94 Iceland Drive, Huntington Station, NY 11746.

**2. Information for Payment by Credit Card:**

Please complete credit card authorization form found on the regional website and follow all directions.

Liz Benham, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP International, Monica McNeil, Regional Coordinator, and I attended BPW Canada's 40th Biennial Convention and Leadership - "Building the Future Together.

The Opening Ceremonies began with the presentation of club charters to two new clubs - BPW Winnipeg Central and BPW Canada Virtual Club. The keynote address was about "PowHERful Leadership" by international speaker and author, Elaine Allison. Friday morning there was a Political Panel Breakfast - "We can do better - Elect more women!" The Friday luncheon was hosted by Young BPW on "The winning fight for equality". The speaker was Colonel Cheryl Lamerson from the Canadian Forces. The Networking Luncheon on Saturday included several activities and tips to increase our networking skills. The Gala 75th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening provided a wonderful celebration of BPW successes in Canada and the launch of a new musical CD called "Women of the World" by Jeanette Arsenault.

Twelve resolutions, including one commendation and two emergency resolutions were debated. Topics included human trafficking, water, access to Employment Insurance for entrepreneurs, support of the proposed UN Agency for Women. Several amendments to the By-laws were also debated and carried.

Liz Benham moderated the membership panel during the business session and Monica McNeil gave an address during the banquet.

Our Canadian sisters were great hostesses and we were very impressed with the numerous resolutions presented, as well as the wonderful food, speakers, and entertainment!

## Human Trafficking

BPW Barbados has partnered the Bureau of Gender Affairs in a project sponsored by the International Organization of Migration (IOM). This campaign started in 2005. The Organization wanted to alert the Barbadian Public as to the nature and characteristics of Human Trafficking. It wanted to put Barbados on guard, to prevent the island from being used as a point of distribution for human trafficking.

A coalition was formed made up of representatives of the agencies/organizations. Planning meetings were held. Three public campaigns were held in Speightstown, Oistins and Bridgetown. The public was informed of the characteristics of human trafficking. It was also told which agencies it could contact in case they observe any of the indicators or practices which were being described.

## BPW International

### **BPW International actively initiates and promotes**

- [legislative action](#) to press governments for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- [projects and programs](#) designed to [assist women](#) by providing credit facilities, training and employment schemes...

### **BPW International coordinates and develops**

- [regional contacts](#) between women of similar culture and language
- [twinning](#) links between BPW Clubs worldwide
- a [strong network structure](#) among the membership.

### **BPW International establishes and organizes**

- [committees](#) at international level in a number of areas
- a clearing house for [information on equal opportunities](#) for women and men

leadership experience, career development, personal improvement, community consciousness, international understanding and other experiences to widen their interest and contacts.

**Finally, BPW is actively involved in various activities of the UN.**

## International Newsletter

The BPW International Newsletter for the first Quarter of 2006 is now on the net for you to download a copy.

### **XXVI BPW International Congress Merida, Mexico, 24-28 October 2008**

If you are fascinated with the Mayan Civilization and want to be a part of history when BPW International reforms itself ...you cannot miss the 26<sup>th</sup> BPW International Congress in Merida, Mexico - October 24-28, 2008!

The initial concept for Congress program includes 2-3 tracks of workshops that would partly overlap with the plenary business session. Tentative tracks include:

- [BPW Track](#): BPW committees and taskforces, member countries and representatives to UN will report on their work and projects.
- [Educational Track](#): This program will help to develop professional and leadership potentials.
- [International Theme Track](#): Various speakers who will discuss "International themes".

At Merida Congress, crucial decisions will be made regarding the results of our organization review, our new funding strategy and constitution, which will lay a new foundation for BPW International. So mark your calendar and look for updates on our Merida Congress via [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org). Don't miss it! Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, International President.

### **Words of Wisdom from our Founder**

#### **Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips**

*"Each Woman, as a Citizen, must bring to the national policy of her own country, the contribution of forward-looking and constructive thought followed by determined action. Each Woman must dedicate herself to protect and promote the interests of all other women in business and the professions."*

*"Make no small plans they have no power to stir the blood" and "let us build together to see what we can make".*

## BPWINY GOES ON THE ROAD



**BPWINY Visit BWNYS Annual Conference in Cooperstown**



**BPWINY Visits BPWUSA Conference in Dallas**



Liz Benham, VP of BPWI, presents incoming BPW Canada President, Fran Donaldson with President's Pin. For a full summary see their virtual club's newsletter at <http://www.bpwcanada.com/virtual-club/2006-09-newsletter.pdf>

## **Calendar of Events**

**October 21-22, 2006**  
**BPW South Wales State Conference**  
**Coffs Harbor, Australia**

**February, 2007**  
**BPW North America Regional Meeting**  
**Montego Bay, Jamaica**  
[www.bpw-northamerica.org](http://www.bpw-northamerica.org)

**March 4, 2007**  
**BPWNY Annual Meeting**  
**Harmonie Club**  
**NY, NY**

**May, 2007**  
**Asia Pacific Regional Conference and**  
**Young BPW International Conference**  
**Seoul, Korea**

**June 1-3, 2007**  
**87<sup>th</sup> Annual BPWNYS Conference**  
**Hilton Resort Hotel**  
**Lake Placid, NY**

**July 17 – 21, 2007**  
**BPWUSA National Conference**  
**The Nugget**  
**Reno, NV**

**July 22-26, 2008**  
**BPWUSA National Conference**  
**The Hilton Atlanta Hotel**  
**Atlanta, GA**

**July 23-27, 2008**  
**BPW Canada Convention**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**October 24 -28, 2008**  
**BPW International Congress**  
**Merida, Yucatan Peninsula**  
**Mexico**  
[www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)

### **Vision Statement**

"To achieve a just and equal status for women in all levels and areas of society where the decisions are taken in true partnership with man, based on mutual respect, for a more balanced and peaceful world."

### **BPW Roster**

BPW members can now view BPW Roster for Federations and Associate Clubs from all 5 regions online via [www.bpw-roster.info](http://www.bpw-roster.info) OR via [www.bpw-international.org](http://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/](http://www.bpw-business.org/)

### **Visit the Web!**

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