

# THE KENTUCKY CARDINAL

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## Merry Christmas to Everyone!

Bonny Manning, President, BPW/KY



**Life is very fragile! Thoughts and prayers go to BPW members and their families during this Season.**

**Special Thanks** to BPW members, corporation representatives, and guests who made the 2005 Interim Board conference at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg one to remember.

The **Ronald McDonald House** "Pull-Tab" mid-year collection total is **292 pounds**. Just amazing!!!

I feel a renewed commitment to **Business and Professional Women** in the air. The success of the Foundation Silent Auction, the number of Individual Development Program training attendees, and the increase in members for Kentucky on the printout from BPW/USA are signs. When we pull together in the same direction, we are successful, since **Together Every member Advances the Mission**.

The upcoming 5 ½ months reflect **training and development opportunities** for BPW members and BPW guests and non-members. Look at what BPW has planned for you.

February 2-4, 2006 - Policy & Action in Washington, D.C. Registration info is available on the BPW/USA website [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org). Come Lobby with your Legislators.

February 15, 2006 – BPW-KY Lobby Day in Frankfort, KY – contact Phyllis Hargrave to reserve your space at [Phyllis.hargrave@bellsouth.com](mailto:Phyllis.hargrave@bellsouth.com)

The **BPW-KY Regional Spring Meeting Dates** are set for:

- Central Region Annual Spring Meeting** – March 11, 2006 (location TBA)
- North Region Annual Spring Meeting** – March 18, 2006 (Louisville – location TBA)
- South/Southeast Region Annual Spring Meeting** – March 25, 2006 (location TBA)
- Northwest Region Annual Spring Meeting** – April 8, 2006 (location TBA)
- Southwest Region Annual Spring Meeting** – April 15, 2006 (location TBA)

Interactive discussion and training is planned for each Regional meeting. We want to hear from you, face to face. This is your opportunity to be HEARD.

President-elect, Millie Lotter will be presenting her theme for the 2006-2007 BPW year along with the updated BPW-KY Leadership Manual.

Thanks to the locals for the article included in this brief electronic Kentucky Cardinal, the Christmas photo taken in Harrodsburg by Keith Coon (Denise Coon's hubby, Shelbyville BPW) and **BellSouth** for their continued advertising support.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to members, family and friends of BPW!  
**Bonny Manning, BPW Kentucky President.**

## ***FROM SHELBYVILLE BPW***

Shelbyville BPW has some exciting events planned in the next couple months. We are honored and excited to have BPW/KY President Bonny Manning as our December speaker! As everyone knows that has heard Bonny speak, she has a powerful presence and inspires enthusiasm in those around her. We are very much looking forward to Bonny's visit.

On Saturday December 12th our local will be participating in the Shelbyville Christmas Parade. Vice President Kathy Stigers will be driving our Woman of the Year, Woman of Achievement, and Young Careerist in a large Ford truck complete with professionally printed signs on both sides of the vehicle. Our participation in the parade will not only honor and highlight these hardworking women but will also increase our visibility in the community. Our PR Chair will be on-hand to take pictures to include in our December newsletter.

In February we will host a silent auction fund-raiser complete with refreshments, live entertainment, and games. This will be our second year to host this function and we hope to have a large turnout. We will definitely have loads of fantastic items up for bid. The silent auction proceeds benefit local charities as well as BPW signature events such as the Individual Development seminar (which Shelbyville BPW sponsors in conjunction with the local Chamber of Commerce and technical college) as well as scholarships and the Choices program. We will be pre-selling tickets to the silent auction and will forward more information to other BPW locals and BPW/KY as the planning progresses

Denise Coon  
PR CHAIR, BPW/SHELBYVILLE

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# Stop Violence Against Women

Keep up the pressure on Congress to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. Take Action on the Violence Against Women Act. Congress went home last week and failed to finalize the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. It will not be easy to convene a conference committee and come to an agreement about what the final VAWA 2005 should look like. But it is not impossible. Both the House and the Senate will return for a short time in December and the leadership must hear from us that we expect them to get VAWA's differences worked out and passed!

Thanks to all of you who have signed the VAWA petition <http://lists.now.org/t/262134/51744/1216074/0/> already. We currently have almost 12,000 signatures with names from every state. Good job! If you haven't taken the opportunity to add your name, please sign the VAWA petition urging Congressional leaders to pass VAWA NOW! Forward this appeal to your colleagues and coalition partners as well, because we will be delivering the final batch of petitions to Congress the week of December 5 and need as many signatures as possible. Also, call the offices of the House and Senate leadership with this simple message: Add passing VAWA to your December agenda and get it passed before services are reduced and programs are eliminated. Women, children and families are relying on you.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn), 202-224-3135

House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill), 202-225-0600

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev), 202-224-5556

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Cal), 202-225-0100

Send an email to your Senators and Representative asking them to help expedite this process.

Background:

Although VAWA's authorization ran out September 30 along with the funding for all government activities and programs, Congress voted to continue funding at last year's levels through December 17th. But without passage of VAWA 2005, no funding stability or cost of living increases are guaranteed and any new programs in the bill will be unable to get off the ground.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 4, the Senate passed its version of VAWA 2005, S. 1197, by a unanimous consent agreement, meaning that all of the

Senators had no objections (or had withdrawn their objections) to the bill. A less comprehensive version of VAWA 2005 passed the House of Representatives on September 28 as H.R. 3402, the Department of Justice's yearly authorizing and funding bill

While the House version included reauthorization of crucial VAWA programs, it does not achieve all that is needed. At the last minute just before the vote, the Republican leadership dropped important provisions dealing with immigrants and women of color.

The Senate bill still includes many of these House-dropped provisions, but faced its own trimming as a key program was dropped that would have extended coverage for unemployment insurance to domestic violence

survivors who lose their jobs as they hide or flee from violence.

Whenever there are differences between similar bills that are passed in the House and Senate a "conference committee" with representatives from both houses, must meet to work out the differences between the two bills and come up with one final bill before the President can sign it.

Because the House bill is part of a larger Department of Justice bill, H.R. 3402, and the Senate bill, S. 1191, is free-standing, this makes holding a conference committee even harder.

Thanks to all of you who sent comments on the Army's proposed Sexual Assault Data Management System. The Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the Department of the Army

received over 6,000 e-mailed comments on their proposal for a new sexual

assault data management system that proposed to collect invasive and personal data about sexual assaults in the military. NOW was joined in this effort by Stop Family Violence, the Miles Foundation, the Feminist Majority and 16 Congress-members led by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY. The deadline was the Friday after Thanksgiving and we have yet to hear if they have accepted our pleas to keep this data anonymous.

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# BPW Benefits

*Brenda D. Gunn*

*Membership Chair, BPW/USA*

## ben·e·fit

**Pronunciation:** 'be-ne-fit

**Meaning:** ... resulting from some course of action

Did you know that the joint voices of BPW/USA members are heard on Capitol Hill and by the Administration on issues of importance to working-women? BPW/USA is recognized as an important player when issues of workplace equity and work-life balance are being considered. This is just one example of an outstanding benefit.

Are you receiving the full benefit of your BPW membership? Judging from prior experience and from my contacts across the nation, my guess is no. Another example: BPW members receive full U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce (USWCC) association membership benefits at no cost.

Your benefits result when some course of action has been taken, the first of course in becoming a member. But there are many, many others. Perhaps balancing work and family is difficult. If so, we can help. Perhaps the meeting times are inconvenient. If so, we can help. Perhaps the speakers and programs are not of any interest to you. Still, we can help. The bottom line is that, whatever is preventing members and prospective members from becoming involved in this great organization, we can help. At BPW/Louisville, we even accept installment

payments from prospective members when their supervisors will not support their professional development.

## Here are a few other benefits resulting from your membership.

**eWOMEN NETWORK.COM** – BPW/USA members receive a \$25 discount when establishing an online profile on eWomenNetwork.com.

**WYNDHAM BY REQUEST** – BPW members can receive a 20% discount on corporate rates by using code “BPW” when registering for Wyndham’s “By Request” program. Wyndham Hotels gives the BPW/USA Foundation \$10 for every BPW member’s stay as a “By Request” member.

**CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS** – Your BPW membership supports women in need of a helping hand to reach their educational and professional goals. Scholarships are available at the state, local and national level.

**WOMENomics** – Local organizations explore this important and valuable program which fosters grassroots efforts to identify and resolve workingwomen’s issues.

The following is a list of BPW Signature Conferences, Events, and Programs that benefit local communities, aid in the personal and professional development, and raise awareness of issues affecting workingwomen.

[Policy & Action Conference](#)  
[Annual National Conference](#)  
[Equal Pay Day](#)

[National Business Women's Week](#)  
[Virginia Allan Young Careerist Program](#)  
[Individual Development Program](#)  
[Entrepreneur Center](#)

And, of course, BPW has a number of excellent resources. Here are a few.

**BUSINESS WOMAN MAGAZINE** – A quarterly publication of BPW/USA providing information on finance, technology, work/life balance, public policy, and much more.  
**[The Legislative Hotline](#)** - BPW/USA's weekly Legislative Hotline provides members with current information on legislative priorities and information as it relates to each state. Are you aware you can send automatic letters to your representatives from this site?

**[BPW/USA Career Center](#)** - The Career Center offers tips on changing careers, classes and programs offered through our partners, job seeking tips and more.

**[The Home Buyer's Assistance Site - A Smart Place to Start](#)** - This new service - a link to the Home Buyer's Assistance site – is an innovative, consumer-friendly way to learn about purchasing a home or refinancing an existing home mortgage.

Lastly, one more reason members and prospective members do not participate at meetings or programs is because of fear someone will ask her to be an officer or work on a committee. If that is your concern, we can help.

## *From Owensboro BPW*

By Jeanne Owers and Belinda Abell, Co-Presidents

Our Glass Ceiling Award Winner, Dr. Anne Federlein, an OBPW member, was the speaker for our November meeting. her topic, "Team Building Among Women" and her informal gathering of attendees brought about a solidarity of purpose among our members that we've long sought. "Building Powerful Women" begins in a small circle.

Our hats are off to Sister Francis Miriam, "Sister Extraordinaire," from the Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Order, and her 47 pounds of "pop-tops" she donated to OBPW and the Ronald McDonald Foundation.

Representative Tommy Thompson has "stepped up to the plate," in response to our request for help in gaining permanent meeting facilities, not only for OBPW, but incubator spaces for women in new businesses wanting to pool resources with a promise to "...network within (his) circles for..options and solutions."

One of our own members, Sandy Dawdy, has just announced her candidacy for the office of Property Valuation Administrator in Daviess County. Sandy has been Chief Deputy for 4 years and with the PVA for 23 years. OBPW supports her 100% and wishes her every success.

January 2006 will kick off Phase II of our "Community Visibility" plan with Spot Light on Professions, honoring local teachers with a special dinner aimed towards recruitment and new members.

Happy Holidays from all of us in Owensboro.

## *From Shakertown*

**Thanks to all who attended our Interim Board Meeting in Shakertown.**



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## **Calendar of Events:**

### **January 2006**

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 1 Bylaws Chair sends proposed changes to Executive Committee
- 21 BPW/KY Executive Committee Meeting (conference call)

### **February 2006**

- 2-4 Policy & Action Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 15 Deadline date for filing BPW/KY officer Nomination form with Joanne Story,  
[joanne.story@kctcs.edu](mailto:joanne.story@kctcs.edu)
- 15 Lobby Day in Frankfort for BPW/KY - RSVP required to, [Phyllis.Hargrave@bellsouth.net](mailto:Phyllis.Hargrave@bellsouth.net)

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