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Keep Up the Momentum

Real pathfinders, namely, Beverly J. Collymore, Kennice Gossip, Patricia B. Maples and Charmaine Traylor founders of The North Texas BPW League are deeply rooted in the mission of NANBPWC, Inc. Their leadership remains a source of pride for those who are in the club. The past five years of the club hold a precious legacy.

Remembering where we come from propels us to restarting the service efforts for another club year of ...

- ✂ Building upon the mandated HEED programs;
- ✂ Linking more adult club members to the North Texas Youth Club through an active advisory council and supporters for "My SPACE" activities;
- ✂ Seeking resources to make the signature program, *Kufika!* self sustaining as well as retire the club debt; and
- ✂ Promoting and increasing the number of members to fifty percent who have NANBPWC, Inc. life membership.

I would humbly request each League Lady to identify one or as many as you desire of the above to devote your time and energy to move The North Texas BPW League to a new level. Rolling stones can actualize, "Living a Legacy of Service" in these four areas.



Sisterly yours,
Marilyn G. Calhoun, President

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Youth Support Needed

October Activity

The youth will have a fundraiser at the TX/OU game on Saturday, October 11. Anyone interested in helping work the concession stand are very welcome. You will need to be there at 5:30 in the morning to reserve a spot. Please contact Ladies Gossip or Cook-Johnson if you will help.

November Activity

Buckner Shoe Drive. Contact Lady Gossip for details.
Thanksgiving Donations. Please donate food items for a needy family. If you know someone in need, please contact Ladies Cook-Johnson or Montgomery.

Inspirational Thought:

The Courage of Taking Care of Yourself

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles one has overcome.” *Booker T. Washington*



At least once a year I have my own “pity party moment” when I question my worth. Why am I here? Who cares that I’m here? What would happen if I was no longer involved? ... Since I’d like to think, I’m either up or in the process of getting up I thought you might like to know my process as an inspiration when you might need to be up or in the process of getting up:

First I read and seek scriptures that make me know I’m not alone...

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted

And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord himself goes before you and will be

With you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

Next I, pop in my favorite pity party movie ... “*The Joy Luck Club*.” The movie shares the relationship between mothers and daughters. They share with each other the pains and joys of overcoming their worthiness. I seem to always cry when one of the daughters has a deep discussion with her mother and the mother asked her “*Do you know your worth?*” Once the daughter recognizes “*her worth*” she stands up and comes out from within. She realizes *her worth is within herself. Her worth is as she thinks it is?* She decides she can not care *how others see her worth?* She knows that *God cares even if others don’t want her worth?* Then she realizes “*What she sees in the worth of others is what really counts in her own life’s journey.*” OK, at this point I’m ready, wipe my tears, get up off the couch

and start planning to do something for others.

Last, I call a friend, only to say “hello” ... it is then that I realize they needed to know their worth *on that exact day and at that exact moment.* It is then that “*I really know My Worth.*” So, if you are either up or in the process of getting up, realize “*The League is a worthy place for you to share Your Worth.*”

Lets Come Together during this fiscal year’s Beginning and share our worth...

Lets Stay Together and share the worthy Progress ...

Lets Work Together in the Success of our worthiness...

And then we will experience that the Work we do Together to

Serve Others “Is” worthy and smiled upon by God

Amen and Awomen

Most grateful,

Lady Maples

Politics 101

We are less than 2 months away from the November 4th General Election and it is crucial that NTBPWL do all we can to encourage and promote voter participation. Here are some ways that you can get involved!

1. Encourage early voting by organizing a “Souls to the Polls” at your church for Sunday, October 26, 2008. Ask your pastor and church members to

provide transportation for members of your congregation who are interested in early voting following that Sunday’s church service.

2. Become a volunteer deputy registrar and register as many voters as you can. It takes just 5 minutes. To learn more, visit Dallas County Elections Office at

the Dallas County Health and Human Resources Building, 2377 North Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas 75207.



“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

--Mahatma Gandhi

3. Volunteer at a voter registration event hosted by one of the many local organizations providing this service to our community.

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Early Detection Increases Survival

Breast health is one of the League's HEED health programs. Breast cancer or other health concerns about personal risk such as screening mammography timelines, self-examination and funding for breast cancer research are the program emphases. October is Breast Health Awareness Month and now is the time to register for participation as a League member in the Dallas Komen Race for the Cure Activities. Consider joining us during the race or making a donation.

Madam President, Marilyn Calhoun, an eleven year survivor is a living testimony of early detection of stage three breast cancer. Join her and other League Ladies on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Race for the Cure starting and lunch following the race.

I'm on a mission to support the Dallas County Affiliate of

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Will you join me?



To donate, join my team or for more information go to:

www.komen-dallas.org/supportme and search for my name.

Marilyn Calhoun, Walking Partners Team

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4. Vote early and volunteer on November 4th, such as driving people to the polls, being a poll worker, etc.

Important dates to remember!

October 6, 2008-
Deadline to register to vote for the General Election

October 20 - October 24, 2008 - Early Voting from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

October 25, 2008 - Early Voting from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

October 26, 2008 - Early Voting from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

October 27 - October 31, 2008 - Early Voting from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

October 28, 2008 - Last day to receive application for Ballot by Mail
November 4, 2008 - General Election from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Visit www.dalcoelections.org for Dallas County elections information including early vote and regular polling locations.

-- Lady Jeriva Traylor

*"In the face of impossible odds, people who love their country can change it."
--Senator Barack Obama*

Birthdays, Accolades, & Regards



October 1 -
Charmaine Traylor

Count your life by smiles, not tears.
Count your age by friends, not years.

Let us pray for and with Ladies Calhoun and Collymore as they begin another year toward the advancement of their academic careers.

Pray for our country and the political process that is taking place.

Pray that the best candidate wins. And... we know who that is!

What's Your Red Rubber Ball?

Finding your own "Red Rubber Ball" and chasing it to your heart's content is the surest route to peace, prosperity and happiness

--Kevin Carrol, Katalyst



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*"North Texas League
Rolling Stones:
Building mass and momentum
through personal and
professional development to
explore new horizons for
community service."*

**Next General Meeting
September 27, 2008**

Quarterly Calendar of Events

September - October November 2008

Your Participation Makes a Difference

League Ladies mark your calendars and plan now to attend the upcoming events:

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| September 23 | Executive Board Meeting |
| September 27 | New Members' Induction Ceremony |
| October 11 | South Central District Planning Session |
| October 16 | Business After Hours Networking |
| October 18 | Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure
with President Calhoun |
| October 19 | Small Business Week Observance
Business After-Hours Networking |
| October 21 | Executive Board Meeting |
| October 25 | General Membership Meeting (Cancelled) |
| October 25 | South Central District Planning Session
The Marriott Market Center Hotel
2493 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75207
Registration Deadline October 16th |
| November 8 | Dallas Metropolitan Club's Scholarship Luncheon |
| November 15 | Greater Fort Worth Club's Purple Tea
St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church |
| November 18 | Executive Board Meeting |
| November 22 | General Membership Meeting |