

EACH ONE, GET ONE!

Dear BPW Florida Members,

Happy Holidays! As the year 2009 comes to a close, it is my wish for all of you that you can look back on the year and have your delights far outweigh any possible disappointments. I tend to try to keep it simple and remain thankful for good health, wonderful family and friends, and just the opportunity to wake up each day and embrace the experience of how each day will unfold. As always, I remain extremely grateful for my membership in BPW Florida and all that BPW Florida achieves for working women.

I am providing you a 2009 Presidential Wrap Up (recap) from July 2009 - December 2009 for BPW Florida. The recap is not meant to be an exhaustive list of everything that has occurred but will provide you with a snapshot of what has transpired in the event you missed prior communications or have not been able to participate in prior BPW Florida conferences or special called meetings this past year. Also included for your review are important dates and deadlines for you to be informed about and act on as we enter the year of 2010!

In closing, I would like to leave you with a challenge for 2010. I am troubled by what appears to be our continued decline in BPW Florida membership. As you will read in the Presidential Wrap Up, our state membership has approximately 500 members. Now we are strong in the collective efforts of the women that comprise the membership. However, to help assure the viability of BPW Florida and our ability to continue to work towards workplace equity for working women, we (the current members of BPW Florida) will have to do our part to identify individuals that want to embrace and invest in the mission and purpose of BPW Florida. Therefore, my challenge for each of us that comprise the 500 + membership is to recruit at least one member in the year of 2010, while of course, maintaining our own membership in 2010.

There continues to be much work to be done for the good of working women and quite honestly, we need the increased woman power, resources, and revenue to continue to invest in our work. And most importantly, as BPW Florida continues to move forward in 2010, this is an exciting time to be on the journey of moving forward and have your voice and input shared in shaping the direction for which BPW Florida will move in the years ahead. Therefore, our campaign challenge for 2010 ***Each one, Gets one!***

Thank you members for your continuous support of the Florida Federation of Business and Women's Clubs, Inc. Again, I remain truly appreciative of the privilege to serve as your President. I look forward to continuing the journey with all of you in working towards work place equity for women in Florida and beyond in 2010!

Wishing each of you much peace and happiness in 2010!

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