

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first Newsletter for BPW Pilbara. This is certainly a very exciting time. We anticipate making this Newsletter a first-rate, powerful information tool that Members will read from top to bottom, as well as keep for future reference to the quality information we bring our Members. *June 2000*

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members - Welcome to BPW Pilbara's first newsletter! Congratulations to Tania and her team for producing such a fine publication.

An exciting time approaches our club as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting, 17th July 2000. At this meeting, the main business will be electing our executive committee for the next twelve months. The executive committee will consist of ten members - president, three vice presidents, treasurer, secretary and four executive members. All positions are open for nominations, so please consider this professional development opportunity. As interim president for the past six months, I can guarantee you will learn much and meet many interesting people along the way.

Don't dismiss this opportunity because you are too busy (oh, how I despise that cliché) for we are all 'busy'! If you can set aside a small amount of time each month to make BPW Pilbara a priority, then you have the qualities AND the time required to be part of the executive committee!

It is also time to renew your membership with BPW Pilbara. This should be done by the 30th June. Your membership fee of \$110.00 (includes GST) gives you the benefits of membership of an international organisation at the national, state and local level. Apart from the professional and personal development opportunities at the local level, you will be introduced to a wide network of women throughout the world and receive quarterly newsletters from the BPW Federation.

So make Lisa's task easy and pay your membership as soon as possible. Please note, to vote at the annual general meeting, you must be a financial (paid up) member.

A significant event after our general meeting will be the official 'chartering' of BPW Pilbara. This means that our association with the BPW Division (state level) and Federation (national level) will be formally recognised. Representatives from the Division and Federation will attend and present member certificates and further outline the roles and responsibilities of the various tiers of the organisation.

As a new club, BPW Pilbara has the potential to be sustenance for women living and working in the district. When forming the club the steering committee was determined not to reproduce something that already existed, for what was the need? Our main objective was to fill a gap and establish a **professional** forum that promoted **growth** and **excellence** for women in business.

As the club matures, I hope the administration of the day and club members bear this driving goal in mind. If we do not strive for professionalism and excellence, then the needs of local women will not be met.

Thank you to the interim steering committee for establishing the club in such a professional and committed manner. I wish BPW Pilbara an exciting and fulfilling future.

Yours in partnership

Tonia Swetman

INTERIM PRESIDENT

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FEATURED?



If you have anything in particular you would like featured, please let us know.

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DID YOU KNOW?

BPW Australia encourages women to become well informed and active at Local, State, Federal and International Government levels.

BPW encourages networking and the self development of members by gaining necessary skills and confidence to widen their own horizons, and works towards improving the status of women worldwide.

TOPICAL ISSUE – by Kathy Barrett-Lennard UNCHAIN MY MIND

(with apologies to the Federal Govt & Joe Cocker)

One of the benefits of membership of the Australian Institute of Management, the Australian Institute of Training and Development, the St James Ethics Centre, the university alumni association and other organisations and professional groups is that a regular stream of publications arrive to challenge my thinking.

Academic or informal, they assist in maintaining an enquiring mind and a non-judgmental attitude.

Opening their pages is like opening a door in a closed house to a fresh, cool, breezy Pilbara morning – fresh new scents and sounds and the movement of air suddenly make us aware that it was stuffy and still inside. The *difference* grabbed our attention and raised our awareness.

The journals I find most interesting do not present information - they ask questions, play Devil's advocate, present a variety of views from a range of contributors, and, at times, deliberately provoke. They ask us to bend our minds around new ideas or take in views from unfamiliar perspectives.

The latest issue of the *International Review of Women and Leadership*, produced in collaboration with the Centre for Research for Women, is a special edition based on a series of seminars last year marking the centenary of women's suffrage in WA. They illustrate the continuing participation of women across personal, community and political worlds. They outline different paths to possible futures. They raise questions about what has been achieved and what still needs to be done to create a society that values its citizens. They also examine the processes of social and organisational change.

The latest *City Ethics*, the journal of the St James Ethics Centre, also considers a range of topical issues in one of my key fields of interest:

- Intellectual capital: the new business paradigm for the 21st century
- The global challenge of tomorrow's world (what social and ethical obligations – if any – do we perceive?)
- Corporate leadership – are we expecting too much? (a call for less action and more reflection?)
- The art of ethics counselling
- Can corporate culture determine criminal responsibility (it would seem so, especially after December 2001)
- Anarchy on the Internet – and why non-regulation may be a good thing
- Strategic ethical alliances and Collective ethics

These provide fascinating and useful insights *especially* where they *most* challenge my preconceptions. I need not agree with or support the views presented – but I gain many insights from considering them.

On a small scale this newsletter can serve a similar purpose - if we want it to. It's a potential forum for expression and discussion we can use and enjoy. There is no need to reach consensus on what we like or dislike or what is worthy of inclusion and what is not, just as there is no need for us to have the same view on a guest speaker or the speaker's message. We can contribute, participate, share, listen - or not. It's our choice. We can say what we feel... or what we *thought* we felt before we realised how little we actually know, how much we have to learn, and how stuffy and still it was inside before the door was opened.

MEMBER'S ARTICLES

If any Member would like to publish an article of interest to fellow Members, please let Tania Clayton know.



SITES TO VISIT:

Check out these sites next time you log on:-

- www.bpw.com.au
- wpo@afcs.wa.gov.au - Women's Policy Office
- www.eqoli.com.au - Finance Site
- www.dpmc.gov.au/osw/ - Office of the Status of Women
- www.asx.com.au - Australian Stock Exchange
- www.olympics.com/eng - Official Site of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is due on 30th June. You should have received your renewal in the post by now. You can't vote or nominate at the AGM if you are not a financial member. Payments can be accepted tonight, please see Lisa Beaumont. Don't forget it is tax deductible.

MEETING DO'S & DON'TS

- ✓ Please make sure you let the Secretary know if you are **NOT** attending the meeting. If you don't, you will still be charged for your meal, as catering numbers must be paid for to Archipelago's.
- ✓ Please be mindful that the commencement time is 7pm.
- ✓ Remember to turn off your mobile phone whilst the meeting is on, normally approximately 1 hour.
- ✓ Please make sure you have your say on your views and ideas for **BPW**, *it is your Club*.

BPW PILBARA 'PERKS'

As discussed at our last meeting, if any Member would like to offer discount or special services to fellow BPW Members please let us know and it will be listed in the Newsletter. We have the following 'perks' to offer members:-

- Sharon Gillespie – Massage & Cellulite Treatments – massage normally \$45, for BPW Members \$40. tel 9185 6638

- Archipelago's Restaurant is offering 10% discount to all BPW Members. You need to provide your BPW Badge and ID to claim the discount.
- Just You Beauty Salon is offering 15% discount on all treatments. Show your BPW Badge to get the discount. Tel: 9185 3719.

GUEST SPEAKER REGISTER

Do you have someone in mind to be a Guest Speaker at our next meeting? There are plenty of local people in our area, with a lot of expertise and knowledge from which we are sure many **BPW** members will get value. If you have anyone in mind, please advise Tania Clayton on 9143 1518 or e-mail taniac@fcs.wa.gov.au Last months speakers were Dr Anne-Marie Smith [Shire of Roebourne Cultural/Community Advisory Officer], tel 9186 8526[w] and Mindie Horsman, Clinical Coordinator at Kinway, her contact number is 9321 5801, e-mail kinway@iinet.net.au, attention Mindy Horsman, for anyone who wants to have a word with her.

MEMBER PROFILE – Jenni Griffiths

I was born in Pemberton in the South West of WA, which in my day was famous for its Karri trees and trout but today is known for tourism and winemaking. My best memories are being brought up on marron sandwiches for school and the ever staining blackberry picking for Mum to make Blackberry Pies in the Summer. We moved to Bunbury where I completed High School and then attended Bunbury College gaining my Secretarial Diploma. I was fortunate enough to gain employment with Telecom at 16 and stayed on until 21. The winters were very cold in Bunbury and every year I would visit my sister in the Pilbara to thaw out. Eventually the Pilbara beckoned, and I have lived and worked in Karratha for the past 16 years, loving every minute of it. I guess I can now call myself a 'local'. My husband works for Hamersley Iron and we have a 6½ year old son at Karratha Primary. I have worked for the Shire of Roebourne since I came to town in 1984 beginning as Part-time Receptionist, working my way around the Admin environment to my current position as Assistant Manager, Marketing & Promotions. My reasons for joining BPW Pilbara included to boost my self confidence, to network with colleagues and to expand my views from others' opinions. I always look forward to the future and the changes that it has in store for me, as well as the odd trip Overseas to help recharge me and of course dent the plastic fantastic. Life is for living and giving!



YOU'VE GOT MAIL

If you would like to receive this Newsletter via e-mail please let us know. It is done on Microsoft Word 2000 version at the moment. Please fill out the attached sheet with your e-mail details and name etc and leave it with a Committee Member on your way out tonight. This will save a few \$'s on postage, printing and stationery.

DIARY DATES:

- Next meeting is the AGM & Chartering Night on 17th July.
- BPW Pilbara Awareness Day – KTA City June 24th [still looking for members to help on the day and lead up to the display – let Nerida Kickett know on 0409 084 023 if you can help.
- BPW National Conference in Adelaide 20-23 October.

CONFERENCE CONGRATULATIONS

Fatima Rebola-Gibson has been invited to be a presenter at the 'WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVEOLUTION' Conference in Margaret River this month. Fatima will be addressing 'Making the Good Even Better'. Joan Kirner will be there along with a host of other talented women. Fellow BPW Members congratulate you Fatima and wish you the best.