

# **10 GREAT REASONS TO JOIN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN (BPW)!**

## **1. IMPACT**

Join other workingwomen in Bozeman to create equitable workplaces and communities.

## **2. NETWORK**

Exchange ideas, explore business opportunities, and share common goals with professional women at the local, state and national level.

Connect with mentors, colleagues and friends who can help you advance your career and make the right connections in our community.

## **3. ADVOCACY**

Since 1919, BPW has been instrumental in impacting public policy. Stay informed with the political process through the weekly *Legislative Hotline*, when the Montana Legislature is in session.

Join the Legislative Committee, listen to the local candidates during election year forums, ask questions and hear opinions about issues that affect women.

Our issues include:

- equal pay,
- work-life effectiveness,
- better child and elder care,
- strong social security pension programs,
- and workplace equity.

Through BPW, you have a powerful voice on business issues, without doing all of the legwork yourself.

## **4. CAREER ADVANCEMENT**

BPW programs are specifically designed to provide personal and professional development, growth and opportunities.

Through seminars, workshops, and our lunch discussions, BPW provides women with the leadership, negotiation and professional skills necessary to reach their full potential.

## **5. RESOURCES**

Access services offered by fellow BPW members through the Bozeman BPW web site. Offer your services on your personal webpage, for \$10 per year.

## **6. LEADERSHIP**

Expand your leadership skills through BPW committees. We have ongoing opportunities on our Scholarship, Finance, Membership, Media Relations, Issues Management and Executive Committees, to name a few, to interact with women from across Gallatin County.

Identify a committee that matches your professional goals. With a small time commitment, you can develop management skills and become a recognized leader in programs that benefit your community.

## **7. VISIBILITY**

Gain visibility and prominence through involvement in BPW events – locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. Meetings, newsletters and web sites provide opportunities to showcase and promote you and your business.

## **8. HELPING OTHERS**

Support BPW and help other women upgrade their skills or return to the workplace. Develop a mentor relationship. Learn about Montana women's history and the issues impacting workingwomen at all points in their careers.

## **9. ACTIVITIES**

Attend Bozeman BPW's lunch meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Bozeman Comfort Inn on N 7<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is provided for \$9.00. Or join us after hours, once a month, to network with other workingwomen. The locale changes each month so check the website calendar for this month's spot!

## **10. PERSONAL CONNECTIONS**

BPW membership brings many rewards. Many women state that the most lasting and meaningful rewards are the lifelong connections.

Through our activities and programs, you will form supportive friendships as well as important business relationships. We know how to work together and how to have fun!



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**JOIN BPW TODAY!**

[www.bozemanbpw.org](http://www.bozemanbpw.org)

**2009-2010 Membership Dues = \$90.00**

**Student Members = \$33.00**