



The Lebanon County Commission for Women

2009 Annual Report

C4W Board



Tuesday, March 31st
**"Ladies Night Out" with Habitat
for Humanity**

Habitat offers an evening of women only on the jobsite. The supervisor on duty teaches those on site to complete whatever task is required at that point in the building process. On this particular evening eleven Commission members and Lebanon County



Commissioner's representative JoEllen Litz were filling in screw holes and divots in walls, painting, and installing drywall. Although every member of the LCCW is a volunteer for several organizations, for some this was the first time they had participated in any type of construction work.

For the LCCW this event capped off an entire month of events and celebrations of the many ways women are participating to improve the lives of individuals and families throughout Lebanon County.

APRIL 18 from noon to 4PM
**GLASS SLIPPER USED PROM DRESS
COLLECTION AT THE LEBANON
VALLEY MALL.**

We collected 301 gorgeous prom dresses on April 4 and many folks stopped in at the storefront "BOUTIQUE" – to donate dresses. We also received shoes, handbags, shawls, and jewelry. Each young lady purchasing a dress received a



disposable camera from Lebanon Family

Health Services, a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the girls to take a picture in their gown and send it to us. All dresses were placed in a garment bag donated by Camelot Cleaners. Each girl received free make-up from Mary Kay representative Gail Ehrhorn and a coupon from Royer's Flowers.



Women's History Month: March 2009

The Commission marked National Women's History Month with several events. Articles written by Commission members, Paula Doney, Bev Heishman, Jo Ellen Litz and Heidi Neiswender highlighting accomplishments of local women were published on the Lebanon Daily News Editorial page every Sunday.

Myra Kitchen coordinated a public celebration held at the Lebanon Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College on March 22, 2009. It included a showing of the HBO Movie "Iron Jawed Angels" about the Women's Suffragette Movement. Carrie Boyer also coordinated distribution of "Iron Jawed Angels" DVD's to county schools.

A reception followed which highlighted other local women's interest groups. Present were the Lebanon Soroptimist Club, League of Women Voters, the American Heart Association and Lebanon Valley Family Health Services.

The evening concluded with keynote speaker Dr. Carol Nechemias, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Public Policy in the School of Public Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg. She presented a program on "The Obama Administration: Gender Perspective".

GIRL POWER April 25, 2009

Over 30 girls attended this year's Girl Power event at the Lebanon County CTC. This was the 2nd annual Girl Power event. The event is sponsored by the Lebanon County Commission for Women, the Lebanon County CTC, and the Workforce Investment Board.

Girl Power was started so young girls would have the opportunity to be introduced to the many non-traditional career choices that are routinely overlooked by females. The girls learned about Masonry, Law Enforcement, Welding, Pastry Arts, and Health Care. Students also participated in a life skill workshop at the end of the day. The choices for that workshop were: money management, skincare/self-image and self-defense.

Nori Fisher and Paula Doney, co-chairs of the Lebanon County Commission for Women's Education/Youth Committee look forward to continued success with this event.



House Representatives Rose Marie Swanger and Mauree Gingrich as well as County Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz presented certificates to all participants. Spike Karate and Junior Achievement participated as presenters.

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