



Business and
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Women/VT

Dear BPW/VT Member:

Our state federation is once again taking part in Vermont's 18th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference presented by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy on September 20, 2014 at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, VT. *In the interest of making this conference accessible to all, there is no charge for registration, lunch, or pre-arranged child care.*

Marilyn Grunewald, BPW/VT Co-Chair for Legislation will be coordinating members who volunteer to sit at our informational table in the morning. **Please let Marilyn know if you are attending the conference.** To make space for the afternoon agenda, exhibiting/informational tables will be limited to the morning portion of the conference – setting up at 7:30 a.m. and wrap up by 12 noon.

You should contact her BEFORE registering for the workshops to ensure you can meet both obligations. She will break that exhibiting timetable into smaller timeframes, so that everyone has the greatest chance of participating fully in the workshop opportunities. Marilyn's contact information is mlg1@aol.com. Please remember to put BPW/VT in the subject line so that your correspondence does not go to spam.

Plans are to have the state membership brochure available for anyone who stops at our table. Locals are also invited to display any information about upcoming local events. Just let Marilyn know what you would like to display.

Registration deadline is Sept. 10, so contact her soon.

The day's events will bring together hundreds of Vermont women looking to explore new careers, forge professional contacts, discover financial resources and get more from social media. With 30 workshops to choose from, there will be a wide range of offerings for many skill levels. This year's conference will also feature a Coaching Café, where more than a dozen skilled coaches will hold one-on-one sessions for conference-goers looking to turn their ideas into action.

Donna Carpenter, President of Burton Snowboards, will be this year's keynote speaker. She will discuss her style of professional leadership, her approach to balancing life's demands, and her commitment to hiring, retaining and promoting women in a male-dominated industry.

This conference represents the depth of talent, professionalism and entrepreneurial spirit found in Vermont as women-led business ventures continue to grow and thrive across the Green Mountain State. Please visit www.leahy.senate.gov to register and learn more about the workshops and presenters.

This makes the second free event in our fiscal year that has been made available to BPW/VT members. I hope you are taking advantage of your state dues at work and look forward to seeing you at a state event this year.

Carolyn Frazier, BPW/VT President