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'Unhappy Hour' dinner supports equal pay

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To advocate for pay equity, the Morgantown Chapter of Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW) will host its annual Equal Pay Day "Unhappy Hour" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Ramada Inn.

The event will include a networking dinner and a presentation on national and state equal pay efforts by Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischauer, D-Monongalia.

April 28 is the day when women's pay checks will catch up with men's from the previous year — in other words, women must work all of 2008 and 3 1/2 months in 2009 in order to be paid the same as men who worked only in 2008.

Fleischauer will speak on local efforts to convince U.S. senators to sponsor Senate Bill 182, the Paycheck Fairness Act, as well as the need for continued support for Pay Equity in the state budget.

Additional sponsors for the Morgantown event include the Morgantown Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), WVU Center for Women's Studies and Mon-Preston Labor Council.

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