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BPW IRELAND – REPORT 2003-2004

During 2003-2004 BPW Ireland has continued to keep up regular contact with BPW Northern Ireland co ordinating a Public Speaking Competition for senior schoolgirls. The competition has proven really worthwhile for schools all over Ireland and the National Final is held in November 2004 in Trinity College, Dublin, and the North South Final in February 2005.

BPW Ireland is a member of the National Women's Council of Ireland and there are more than 170 women's groups, all working together to ensure that the women of Ireland have a voice and support each other at all times.

At our monthly Howth Club Meetings this year our theme has been an International one, with speakers including the South African and Pakistani Ambassadors attending our meetings.

Our Galway Club held their Annual Summer Lunch where their guest speaker was the South African Ambassador. This was a very large fund raising event for Boys Hope/Girls Hope. A substantial sum was donated to this charity.

Our Tullamore club successfully ran a Breast Awareness evening in 2003 and an Osteoporosis evening in 2004. These were hugely supported and have proven a fantastic success at bring women together with a common interest as well as promoting very relevant issues to the public. They continue their health campaign throughout the rest of the year.

Our Sligo Club is our up and coming 'younger' club. Most members being new and of the younger age group. In fact it is from this club that we have successfully recognised and acknowledged our Young BPW representative and we hope to continue and promote her role in the future.

I look forward to the rest of my tenure as National President.

Ruth Sutton

National President
BPW Ireland

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