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International Women's Day

The observance of International Women's Day (IWD) was a result of the organizing activities of women in the early 20th Century. Between 1909 and 1911, working women in the United States of America participated in organizing strike activities of the National Women's Trade Union League and other concerned groups. They were protesting against low wages, lack of protective legislation and the very poor working conditions to which women workers were subjected during that time.

The demonstrations were an offshoot of the tragic March 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which took the lives of more than 140 working girls, mostly Italian and Jewish immigrants.

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Subsequently, the inhumane working conditions and other unfair labor practices leading up to the disaster were invoked during observances of International Women's Day.

In Europe, the Socialist Women's International demanded that March 8th be the International Women's Day, celebrated each year to recognize working women around the world. The celebration of IWD has since stimulated major historical events. For instance, International Women's Day was the inspiration for the general strike which began the Russian Revolution in St. Petersburg in 1917 when 10,000 women textile workers demonstrated.

It is due to such history of women organizing around the world that International Women's Day was officially recognized by the United Nations to celebrate women's contributions to all societies.

This March, Philippines will celebrate the 2009 Women's Month with the theme "*Babae, Yaman Ka ng Bayan!*" (Woman, You are Richness of the Country!) Spearheaded by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), the celebration highlights the role of Filipino women in the social, cultural, economic, and political development in the Philippines. This year's theme focuses on the critical role of women in nation-building and recognizes that women are an important resource who can contribute to poverty reduction.

In Botkyrka, several organizations namely: Kvinnojouren Regnbågen, Filippinska Kultur- & Fritidsföreningen i Botkyrka, Fittja Odlarförening, Botkyrka Kvinnoresurscenter and Verdandi will organize together for the 8th time a meeting place to celebrate International Women's Day 2009 with the theme, Women – Focus in the family? This will be held at VERDANDI, Krögervägen 22, Fittja on March 8 (Sunday) at 13:30 – 16:30. **FREE ENTRANCE and FREE SNACKS!**

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Plats: Krögervägen 22 i Fittja
Verdandis lokaler

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INTERNATIONELLA KVINNODAGEN

KVINNAN - FOKUS I FAMILJEN?

Välkommen!

TIDER		Bokbord	utställningar	kaffe
13:30	Alla välkomna			
13:50	Johanna Hammarström, Regnbågen hälsar välkommen			
13:55	Appell Inger Andersson, broderskapare			
14:00	Seyran Duran, ordf. kurdiska kvinnoförbundet			
15:00	Fittjaskolans dansare uppträder		tippromenad	
16:00	Slut för idag			




ABF Botkyrka-Salem, Kvinnojouren Regnbågen, Fittja Odlarförening, Filippinska kultur och fritidsföreningen, Föreningen Vårken, Vårken hora eller kuvad, Hyresgästföreningen, Botkyrka resurscenter, Verdandi, Botkyrka kommun

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Filippinska Kultur- & Fritidsföreningen i Botkyrka will hold its Annual Meeting at Föreningslokal, Bragesvägen 17, Norsborg on March 28, 2009 (Saturday) at 16:00 hours.

Important matters to be discussed

- Activity report 2008, Financial report 2008, Auditor's report 2008,
- Activity plan & Budget plan 2009,
- Proposal of Activity Plan & Budget plan 2010
- Election of Officers/Board Members, Auditor/s, Nominating committee
- Other information, etc..etc..

Would you like to be nominated or nominate a member to be elected as one of the board members, please feel free to contact any of the nominating committee: Zenaida Schulte: 073 75965561, Lucy Gustafsson, 073 5683728, Juliet Fallenius, 073 9047696 and Irma Preinitz.

All members are welcome! Free snacks/light dinner, coffee & drinks will be served!

After the meeting, there will be a mingle, social gathering, karaoke and BINGO!

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