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The Fall Conference Foundation
Fundraiser was a pajama party.
Winners were Catie Dimiceli (most
comfy), Jean Risch (most original)
and Diane Fisher (sexiest).

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Important Updates

Web Sites to Bookmark

www.infbpw.org (Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women)
www.indianawomensfoundation.org (Indiana Women's Education Foundation)
www.infbpw-crawfordsville.org (INFBPW/Crawfordsville)
www.powerfulwomensnetwork.org
www.congress.org (track votes, legislation, contact legislators)
www.nwlc.org (National Women's Law Center)
Please submit web addresses for local organizations!

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Mark Your Calendar!

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| February | Foundation Month |
| February 15 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| February 16 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| February 28 | Deadline: Local YWA Info to Districts |
| March | Spring District Meetings |
| March 15 | Entries due for these awards: Onda Harris Retention Plus 5 Membership Choices Helen Blaker I and II Mentor New Membership Outstanding Media Outstanding Newsletter Ring the Bell Woman of Achievement Working Woman |
| March 19 | Convention hotel reservation deadline |
| March 23 | Board reports DUE |
| March 29 | Registration deadline for Conference |
| April 1 | Registration deadline for YWA Spring District Elections Report New LO Presidents & Treasurers List of Deceased Members |
| April 16 | Equal Pay Day |
| April 19-21 | State Convention, Brown County Inn, Nashville |



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From Your State President



I want to start by thanking you, the Indiana team membership. Change is not easy; but due to the positive team organization and steadfast dedication, you are fulfilling the dream. Through change, you are merging seven struggling districts and rising together as three districts. With the reorganization, we are able to pull together and be more productive in achieving our goals and finding new opportunities.

Our Fall Conference presented opportunities to help the Columbus community by allowing us to affect women. A representative of Turning Point informed us of the growing number of people affected by domestic violence. We, as a team, were able to give back by donating baby items needed by the residents living at the shelter. Friday night started with those in attendance, an informal get-together (round table) to talk about changes affecting our organization. Through open discussion, we were able to share information on the redistricting that will take effect on June 1. It was decided that each new District would come together by March and start new at the Spring District meeting. Prior to the spring meeting, each new district membership would get together to plan for the District merging. The current District boards would organize the planning meetings that would set goals; merge budgets, bylaws, committees and standing rules; and seek nominations for District officers to be installed at their Spring District meeting. We had informative workshops on heart health affecting our legs, on retirement and on social media. We had the opportunity to have free blood work to see if there was a need for change in our personal lives. We had the honor to experience our nation's flag being presented by local Girl Scouts and by the Indiana National Guard. What a proud moment to see the young ladies stand with a female national guard representing our country. We pretended to travel to Hawaii and experienced a fun and enjoyable murder mystery dinner. Congratulations to Diane Fisher for guessing who killed our host and winning a free registration at the State Convention.



tion. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Conference Co-Chairs Ann Windell and Joanne Kime for an informative and fun conference. Their teamwork success was heard through your laughs and ahas!

I've enjoyed visiting your local during the year. My goal was to visit each local during my term. Your concerns have been heard, and thank you for sharing what we are doing right!

I look forward to attending the Women's Day at the Statehouse on February 6th. Women of Indiana will come together to learn of issues relating to health, work, care-giving, violence against women, and lobbying basics. I extend my gratitude to all involved in putting together this day so that we may experience the positive changes women will make.

The 2013 State Convention will be a new location to our organization. We will be going to Nashville, Indiana, to the rustic Brown County Inn. It's in a beautiful location near local shopping and a winery. The conventions chairs of District 7 have been working to give you workshops and speakers with information to take back and use with your local team. We had such a good time helping the Girl Scouts earn merits toward the INFBPW Patch last year that we have invited the Nashville area girls to attend Friday night. Friday's workshops will help our future young members earn merits toward the INFBPW patch. We all know that our local is the best! To prove this, a Federation fundraiser is asking that each local collect money. The local team that raises the most money will be recognized as "local of the year!" The winning local will be recognized and have bragging rights that your local is the best in Indiana for a year! I look forward to creating new memories and hearing of ways your local was able to affect women in your community as a team.

I want to stress how proud I am of each of you, with your talents and skills that you volunteer to our organization! Your time dedicated in improving all aspects for women is a valued commodity. My dream is that we are able to reach and affect all women in our communities and continue the legacy of being the number one advocate for women. Thank you for inspiring me, and I will continue with you to show that our success is because it takes team work to make the dream work!

With anticipation of positive change,

*Theresa Adams
2012-2013 INFBPW President*

Theresa shows off one of her "pound" purchases at Fall Conference.



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INFBPW Convention, Nashville, IN, April 19-21

State Convention Highlights

We want to welcome you to a weekend where new beginnings, information and rest will be attained. Friday we will begin with another module for Leadership Development for the membership. We will also give back to the community by inviting the area Girl Scouts to present a workshop to help them earn requirements to attain the BPW Patch. This will be followed by the District 5 Fundraiser for Patricia Barker, candidate for president-elect. Our business session will open with a Girl Scout color guard and a dynamic speaker.

Saturday morning will begin with a breakfast buffet in the rustic hotel, followed by workshops that will benefit your Locals. Saturday's luncheon will honor IWEF scholarship winners, 8th grade Essay Contest winners, and the Youth of Achievement winner. Saturday evening will be the Installation Banquet and Auction. Take time to visit the beautiful Nashville shops close by and winery.

District 7, State Convention Chair

Hotel & Reservations

Brown County Inn
51 East State Road 46
Nashville, IN 47448

Reservations: 800-772-5249

When calling for reservations, refer to Group Code BPW. Convention rate is \$99 + 12% tax per night

Rooms will be blocked through Tuesday, March 19th. Call the hotel directly to make reservation, with a credit card.

This quaint hotel will help recharge your battery with its attentive, friendly service to make your stay comfortable. On-site you will find a lounge with live music, indoor pool, and family activities. Great location in Brown County. For more than 100 years, artists and adventurers alike have been drawn to the rustic beauty and quiet charm of Brown County, one of America's original artists' colonies. Everyone will find something to love – whether it's eclectic boutiques and galleries, mountain biking and zip line adventures, outstanding scenery, welcoming accommodations, or simply the opportunity to reconnect with one another. Whether you're looking for a quiet getaway or an exhilarating adventure, your perfect escape awaits you here.

Directions:

<http://www.browncountyinn.com>

Take I-65 to exit #68/IN-46 (Columbus/Nashville/Bloomington), then turn onto W IN-46 (IN-46W)

Destination is on left before you reach the stoplight (intersection of Highways 46 & 135).

Please Support Our Fundraisers!

**Purses
Books
Costume Jewelry**

Bring some and buy some! Refresh your wardrobe and bookshelves while supporting INFBPW! Bring books, jewelry and purses of all kinds—must be in good condition.

Fresh stock of books and jewelry—no carry-over—and purses are a new option!

Tables in vendor area.

50/50 Raffle

\$1 each or 6 for \$5

**Tickets available NOW through your local.
Drawing at State Convention.
Need not be present to win—sell tickets to all your friends!**

Basket Auction

Bring a basket...buy a basket!

**Each basket will uniquely represent the community of the local or district it comes from.
Local crafts, mementos, treats, and more!**



*Baskets are fun! Just ask
Catie Dimiceli!*

INFBPW Convention, Nashville, IN, April 19-21

Registration Form (please type or print)

Full Name: _____ Email: _____
Local Organization: _____ District: _____
Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
City/State/Zip _____ Name for Badge: _____
Describe in one word why you joined INFBPW: _____ Were you in Girl Scouts? _____

Registration Fees:

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| Full Weekend Package | \$65.00 |
| Saturday Only | \$55.00 |
| First-Timers Full Weekend Package | \$55.00 |
| First-Timers Saturday Only | \$50.00 |
| Late Registration – Additional Fee (if postmarked after March 29, 2013) | \$20.00 |
| On-Site Registration – Additional Fee | \$50.00 |

Activities:

Leadership Development Workshop (No charge--we need a head count for materials).

District 5 Fundraiser (Friday, 6:00 PM and after business meeting, see back for more info) _____ @\$15.00

Meals:

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| Weekend Package (Saturday Lunch/Banquet/Sunday Breakfast)..... | @\$65.00 |
| Saturday Luncheon | @\$20.00 |
| Saturday Banquet | @\$35.00 |
| Sunday Breakfast..... | @\$15.00 |

Total Registration Fees, Activities and Meals: \$ _____

Mail Check & Completed Form to: INFBPW, P.O. Box 33, Knightstown, IN 46148-0033
(A \$30.00 fee will be charged for returned checks.)

Payment by MasterCard or VISA: Card Number _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____
Signature: _____ Expiration: _____

Refund Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing to the State Office to the attention of INFBPW Executive Secretary Barbara Mofield. Those postmarked NOT LATER than March 29, 2013 will qualify for a full refund. A \$50.00 cancellation processing fee will apply to refund requests postmarked AFTER this deadline. ALL requests must be made within thirty (30) days after the event. See INFBPW Standing Rules.

Volunteers Needed:

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| _____ Pages | Date / Time Available _____ |
| _____ Doorkeepers | Date / Time Available _____ |
| _____ Federation Sales | Date / Time Available _____ |
| _____ Registration/Credentials | Date / Time Available _____ |

INFBPW Convention, Nashville, IN, April 19-21

Schedule of Events

| INFBPW State Convention, Brown County Inn, Nashville | | |
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| Time | Event | Location |
| Friday, April 19 | | |
| 12:00-2:00 PM | Vendor Set-up | by Town Meetin' Hall |
| 1:00-7:00 PM | Registration/Credentials | by Town Meetin' Hall |
| 1:00-3:00 PM | Executive Committee | Red Cedar Suite #109 |
| 2:00-7:00 PM | Vendor Sales/Shopping | by Town Meetin' Hall |
| 3:00-4:00 PM | Leadership Development Workshop | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 4:30-6:00 PM | Girl Scout Workshop | |
| 6:00-7:30 PM | District 5 Fundraiser I | Red Cedar Suite #109 |
| 7:30-9:00 PM | Opening Business | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 9:00-?? PM | District 5 Fundraiser II | Red Cedar Suite #109 and Sassafras Suite #107 |
| Saturday, April 20 | | |
| 7:30-8:45 AM | Registration/Credentials | |
| 8:00-9:30 AM | Buffet Breakfast | Harvest Dining Room |
| 8:00 AM-4:00 PM | Vendor Sales/Shopping | by Town Meetin' Hall |
| 8:45-9:30 AM | Workshop I | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 9:45-10:15 AM | LO Pres/Treas Workshop | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 10:30-11:15 AM | Workshop II | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 11:30 AM-Noon | Election | Red Cedar Suite #109 |
| 12:00-2:00 PM | IWEF Luncheon | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 2:30-4:00 PM | Business Meeting | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 4:00-4:30 PM | PSP Meeting | Red Cedar Suite #109 |
| 6:00 PM | 2012-13 & 2013-14 Board Photos | Red Cedar Suite #109 |
| 6:30-9:30 PM | Social & Cash Bar | Town Meetin' Hall |
| 7:00-11:00 PM | Banquet & Installation | Town Meetin' Hall |
| Sunday, April 21 | | |
| 8:00-8:45 AM | Ecumenical Service (outside pool) | Woodland Room |
| 8:00-9:30 AM | Buffet Breakfast | Harvest Dining Room |
| 9:30-11:00 AM | Business/Speaker | Town Meetin' Hall |
| Following | Post-Convention Board Meeting | Town Meetin' Hall |

Convention Registration

Registration is required for members attending any event scheduled as part of INFBPW Convention. A name badge serves as your pass to all conference activities and is given to each registrant at the registration desk. Meals and some activities require advance purchase of tickets, which will be collected at each event. Please see your registration form for these items.

Credentials must be presented at the registration desk before 8:45 a.m., Saturday, April 20. All members in good standing, who have paid the appropriate registration fee, are eligible to vote in the business sessions. A reduced registration fee is available to first-time attendees at Convention. If you have never attended our Convention before, you qualify! Join us for the weekend or just for Friday or Saturday.

Non-member guests may attend Convention. They are welcome to attend any non-ticketed event, free of charge as guest(s) of a registered member. Guests may purchase tickets in advance for meals and other specially-ticketed activities.

Registrations postmarked after March 29, 2013 must include a late fee of \$20.00.

Vendor Booth Opportunities

With the variety of items that we will have available, there will definitely be something for everyone. Contact Barb Mofield at the State Office, 765-345-9812, to reserve a vendor booth and sell your wares to our members, guests, and to other hotel guests. Vendors' sale hours are 2:00-7:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday. Vendor booth rates are—

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Club Sales Booth | \$20.00 |
| Member Sales Booth | 25.00 |
| Charitable Organization | 20.00 |
| Outside Vendor Sales Booth | 35.00 |

Suggested Attire

Business casual is suggested for Friday and Saturday during workshop and business sessions. Saturday evening's installation will be a dressier occasion. Please dress in comfortable business casual attire on Sunday morning for your safe travels home.

Candidates for State Office

State Nominating Committee Report

This report has good news ... and bad news. The good news is that four INFBPW women have stepped forward as candidates for office for 2013-2014.

Unfortunately, the slate is not filled. At this time, no one has volunteered to run for Vice-President or Nominating Chair. More good news: There is still PLENTY of time to throw YOUR hat into the ring!

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Friday night business session at State Convention. All a nominee has to do is bring a signed copy of the endorsement for office form, a 5 x 7 picture for posting, and a written copy of a two-minute speech to be given to the convention body. I know someone out there would like to be part of moving INFBPW into the future as a stronger, motivated organization. Now is the time if you are called to a leadership role in this great federation.

Questions ... contact Katy Dowling at katydowling@gmail.com or at 219-613-5856. I hope to hear from you SOON!

Candidates for State Office

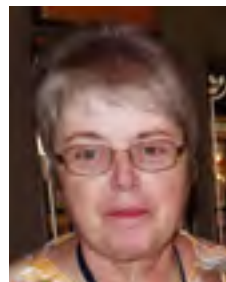


Incoming President Joyce Nessel

Joyce Nessel is a 32-year member of Winchester in District 4. She has 41 years of business experience and is employed by Ohio Valley Gas Corporation as an Accounts Payable Clerk.

Joyce has held all offices and committee chairs in her local and district. At the state level, she is president-elect and has served as vice president and chair for the State Nominating Committee. She has also chaired the 8th Grade Essay Contest, National Business Women's Month and Finance committees.

Joyce is a board member of Quaker Haven Church Camp and is active in her church. Her favorite leisure activities include reading, crafts and "helping older people."



Pat Barker, Candidate for President-Elect

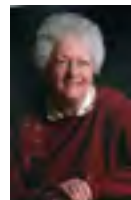
Pat is endorsed by INFBPW Crawfordsville and District 5. She has been a member of INFBPW for 14 years. She has 18 years of entrepreneurial business experience and is now retired, filling her days with civic and community engagement.

Pat has held all offices in her local and district. At the state level, she is vice-president and has served as state treasurer. Pat has also served the state organization as Webmaster, Choices chair and Public Relations chair.

Pat serves as the webmaster for the Vasculitis Foundation.

She also is a member of the Avon Epilepsy Support Group. Pat likes anything involving reading or working on a computer.

VICE PRESIDENT – NO CANDIDATE YET – IT COULD BE YOU!



Gayle Henderson, Candidate for Secretary

Gayle has been a member of the Shelbyville local for over 38 years, including several as local president. She is District 7 secretary and a past district director. On the state level, Gayle has served as nominating chair, recording secretary, ID chair, Finance chair, and for a number of years as the official convention recorder—transcribing verbatim the proceedings of the convention. Gayle is state Finance co-chair.

She started working for the law firm of Adams & Cramer in June 1958, one day after graduating from high school, and retired forty-nine and one-half years later in December 2005.

Gayle is a member of West Street United Methodist Church in Shelbyville, where she is finance chair, president of United Methodist Women, chair of the Memorial Fund, and secretary of Circle 3. She is also secretary of Church Women United of Shelby County.

In her spare (?) time, she enjoys her Red Hat group, a monthly lunch with other legal secretaries, investment club, crocheting, needlepoint, reading, Vestavia Club, watching mysteries on TV, and euchre. (She has played in the same club for 44 years.)



Bonnie Mayfield, Candidate for Treasurer

Bonnie is endorsed by Winchester in District 4. She has been an INFBPW member for 24 years and has held nearly all offices and chairs at the local and district levels. At the state level, she has served as chair of the State Nominating Committee, State Meetings coordinator, and has led committees for State Convention, Credentials,

Miriam Sturgeon Award and National Foundation.

She is a Senior Customer Service representative at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, where she has been employed for 32 years. She maintains her P & C Insurance License.

In Winchester and Randolph County, Bonnie is a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and has been its treasurer for 20 years. She is also a member of Friends of the Library, the Literacy Coalition, Cancer Services, the Historical Society and Women of the Moose. She has served as secretary-treasurer, Memorials chair and "Love Lights a Tree" chair for the American Cancer Society. In her leisure time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading and gardening.

NOMINATING CHAIR – NO CANDIDATE YET – IT COULD BE YOU!

INFBPW Convention News

State Convention Fundraisers

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! — YOU are asked to clear out your closets and dresser drawers for "slightly used" (or new, if you like) PURSES. They can be BIG, SMALL, bold colored, plain, patterned, one or two handles, clutch, etc. Bring these to the State Board meeting on February 16, and the Finance Committee will get them ready for display in April.

Also, we will again be selling DIFFERENT costume jewelry and DIFFERENT books, as these seem to be good sellers. Did you know that a majority of BPW members read mysteries? At least that is what you bring to the state fundraisers. BRING THESE TO THE STATE BOARD MEETING and/or State Convention.

50/50 tickets will again be available at the State Board meeting, so be sure to check with your local president. The price remains the same—\$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. They will also be on sale at State Convention.

*Gayle Henderson, Claudia Thornburg, Norma Cooke
Finance Co-Chairs*

Community Baskets

The baskets provided by the districts and local organizations for this year's convention should carry the theme of either the District—"From Our Communities" or of the Local—"From Our Community."

A note on the outside of the basket usually lists the items in the basket. This note on the outside of the LO's basket should also provide a brief description/history of the community or the region.

The District basket's note should briefly describe the similarity and the uniqueness of the communities making up the new district. The basket contents could reflect crafts or goods from the communities or could contain contents based on the creativity of the group.

IWEF Youth of Achievement Award

Letters of explanation on this IWEF award and applications were printed in the Fall HBW and in the packet for Fall Conference.

Letters and applications were e-mailed, as well as paper copies mailed, to all district directors (DDs), assistant DDs, and club presidents, so a strong response is expected.

We are all looking forward to reading the applications and meeting these wonderful, young people at State Convention.

March 1 is the deadline in order to give the judges time to read all the applications and make the tough, final decision. Hope to see a winner from each of the seven former Districts at State Convention!

Redistricting Finalized

As we all work together with "Team Work to Make Our Dream Work" to keep INFBPW a viable organization, some reorganization was needed. Several meetings were held to discuss how to divide our seven districts into a fewer number; and after much deliberation, three new districts will come about.

New District 1 will include Auburn, Ft. Wayne-Kekionga, Logansport, Merrillville-Duneland, Michigan City, Peru and Valparaiso. New District 2 will include Connersville, Fortville, Knightstown, New Albany, New Castle, Shelbyville, and Winchester. New District 3 will include Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Mt. Vernon, Vermillion County, Wabash Valley, Washington and Zionsville.

The locals in each new district will meet together for their Spring Meeting, and new district officers will be elected and installed. District 1 will be meeting on March 23 in Granger at Vila Macri Italian Ristorante. District 2 will be meeting March 9 at Sugarbakers in Knightstown, and District 3 will be meeting in Terre Haute at The Landing.

When we come together for State Convention in April, we will be ready to begin a new year. Thank you to all for your support in this redistricting project. I'm looking forward to seeing you at your Spring Meetings.

Joyce Nessel, President-Elect

Local Organization of the Year

This contest will recognize a local organization at the 2013 INFBPW State Convention. INFBPW/Indiana is primarily a great organization because of the Locals, which are truly worth their weight in gold. Each Local should raise funds to present at State Convention through collections and/or fundraisers. The LO presenting the highest amount will be recognized as a winner of the gold and have bragging rights of being Indiana's best Local for a year! Members of the winning Local will be recognized at the State Convention.



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Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

More INFBPW News

February Is Foundation Month

The Indiana Women’s Education Foundation, Inc. (formerly known as the Indiana BPW Foundation) was established in 1991 as a 501c(3) organization. Its primary purpose is to provide financial assistance or scholarships for women and/or youth in the state of Indiana to improve their employment opportunity, career development and/or economic self-sufficiency. The foundation currently has seven (7) named funds to which INFBPW members, local organizations, foundations, individuals or groups may contribute.

The foundation is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who serve three-year terms. The president and president-elect of INFBPW serve as trustees by virtue of their office. Liason members of the foundation include the INFBPW State Foundation chair, Director of Marketing, Director of Reality Store®, INFPBW Choices Chair and Director of Development.

If your local organization and/or District would like more information about the foundation, please feel free to contact any Trustee member.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the foundation in any way and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Tammy Hanselman, Foundation Chair

INFBPW Member Benefits

Ace Rent-a-Car

10% discount and free valet parking.

Sam’s Club Partner Membership Program

Each INFBPW member may able to join Sam’s Club at a discount and receive discounts and free services, including optical, pharmacy, free monthly health screenings, and tire and battery service, to name a few. If you are already a member of Sam’s Club, you may renew under the INFBPW program and receive these additional benefits.

Choices Update

Eighth Grade Essay Contest

There were eight essays submitted from all schools in the state of Indiana.

News From Around the State

District 3

Zionsville held a Reality Store® January 23 at Zionsville Middle School, attended by nearly 250 students. In January, they discussed the book “Thunder Dog” by Michael Higson, a blind man who escaped from the World Trade Center on 9/11 with the help of his guide dog. The December meeting was their annual white elephant auction, raising over \$100 for the Indiana Women’s Education Foundation. At the February meeting, Judy Zell will talk about income taxes.

Indianapolis held their annual fundraiser for the Julian Center. Members donated items that were on the Julian Center’s Wish List, as well as monetary gifts. They have purchased items for Eminence Schools for art, music and nutrition and wellness classes.

Diana Simmons, District Director

District 4

District 4 had an active and successful 2012. All four locals raised funds to sponsor scholarships. Fortville sold Rada knives and had a booth at “God’s Acre.” Knightstown sold “Walking Tacos” at Jubilee Days and Fall Fest and worked in the local Fish Wagon. New Castle sold pecans and other nuts. Winchester sold cookies and chicken sandwiches during Mardi Gras.

Knightstown held a well-attended Candidates’ Night for many of the candidates on the November ballot.

Each local is slowly gaining new members. All locals were represented at Fall Conference.

District 4 Fall meeting was held at Sugar Bakers in Knightstown. Connersville and Shelbyville members also attended. Everyone enjoyed visiting and took part in the District auction.

New District 2 (Former Districts 4, 6, and 7) will hold Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at Sugar Bakers in Knightstown. Registration at 11:30 AM, lunch at noon. Invitations will be sent in February.

Barb Mofield, DD; Carole Stevens, ADD



Wig Bank for Cancer Society

Becky Hankins

Look Good
Feel Better

The Hairloom
515 Wallace Av
Crawfordsville IN 47933
765-362-8064
765-376-5152
Shaklee
Becky Hankins

District 6

INFBPW/New Albany sponsored two young girls through Junior Achievement Biz Town in July.

In September, we held the inaugural 5K Run for Education on the Ohio River Greenway, which is along the beautiful Ohio River. About \$3,200 was raised, which goes into the scholarship fund.

In November, we had our 2nd Annual Tabletop Networking, with the addition of a Holiday Bazaar. Members and non-members were invited to set up a networking space on one-half of an 8’ table. Ten non-members and five members participated, featuring services, hand-crafted items, and direct sales.

Ann Windell, District Director

District 7

District 7 held its final meeting in December with its annual holiday District meeting. Warm fellowship and a live auction raised monies for the treasury.

Connersville President Mary Richardson reported that Connersville provided the Reality Store® to the seventh grade class in the spring. They have done this every year since the Reality Store was established.

A couple of candy sales supported our \$500 high school senior scholarship and also provided our presence at community events. An additional \$300 annual scholarship was established for the benefit of women out of high school and pursuing higher education. Connersville participated in a community chili challenge for both fun and club exposure. As our county is planning for their bicentennial, Connersville submitted an article for the history book to reflect our club’s remarkable history.

Shelbyville President Gayle Henderson reported fundraisers are being held to raise money for two scholarships, which will be presented in July for a working woman in transition and to a woman who is continuing her education. She also noted that five county high school business students received a monetary award during their respective senior award presentations. The annual Reality Store® will be held in April, serving over 500 students from five area 7th grades.

*Etheleen Swango, DD
E Ann Myers, ADD*

District 2

Auburn held their annual Christmas Auction in December. Fort Wayne sold caramels and had a successful bus trip on December 7 for raising funds for scholarships. The club awarded three \$500 scholarships to women returning to college.

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INFBPW Awards

Each year INFBPW presents several awards at the State Convention and one at the Fall Conference. Below is a list of these awards with their basic criteria. Applications and other forms are on your Local President’s Resource CD.

| Award & Deadline | Description |
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| CHOICES Award Program <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | The programs under the CHOICES “umbrella” include: Elementary CHOICES, Etiquette Workshops for Middle School Girls, the Girl Scout Patch Program, The Reality Store®, Mother/Daughter Program, Nike Club, Samothrace Club, and Women in Transition. |
| Helen Blaker Memorial <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | Award I, for the highest number of new members and Award II, for the highest number of new members under the age of 30 (by State Convention) |
| The INFBPW Mentor Award <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | To recognize an INFBPW member who has been an outstanding Mentor and role model in our organization |
| Plus Five Membership <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | For members who have recruited five (or more) new local members from March 16, 2012 through March 15, 2013. |
| New Member Sponsor <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | For members who have recruited one or more new members from March 16, 2012 through March 15, 2013. |
| Miriam Sturgeon Award for Club Excellence <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | See Fall HBW or President’s Resource CD for new form and instructions. |
| Onda Harris Membership Retention Awards <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | Awards designed to recognize locals who maintain current members each year. |
| Outstanding Media Coverage <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | All copies of newspaper articles, photos printed in the paper, detailed description of TV and radio time, web page, billboard advertising, parade participation, fliers, membership booths, community events, banners, etc. |
| Outstanding Newsletter Award <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | Send 1 copy of each of your newsletters for the past year |
| Ring The Bell Award <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | Traveling award for the local organization with the highest percentage increase in membership year over year. |

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| Working Women’s Recognition Month <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | Document local activities for Working Women’s Recognition Month. |
| Working Woman of the Year <i>Postmark by March 15</i> | For a non-BPW member, recognized for community volunteerism. |
| Jennie Scott Award <i>Postmark no later than September 15</i> | The purpose of the award is to encourage members to be involved at all levels of INFBPW, including leadership, attendance and participation at local, district, and state meetings. |

Miriam Sturgeon Award

The Miriam Sturgeon Award will be presented at INFBPW State Convention in April 2013. All INFBPW locals are eligible and should complete the Miriam Sturgeon Award application and submit it to the INFBPW State Office by March 15, 2013.

The revised application is available in the 2012-2013 Indiana Guide and the Fall 2012 HBW magazine.

Jackie Woolard, PSP
Credentials/Miriam Sturgeon Award Chair



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News From Around the State

District 5

The fifth district has been busy this year. Our members are looking forward to the redistricting.

Crawfordsville

Crawfordsville has been working on a Professional Development program to help high school seniors start college and enter the work field.

Sandi Henderson continues updating our web site at infbpw-crawfordsville.org, getting hits from all over the world.

Our “Working Women Make a Difference” program has made several donations to local groups. We are planning for the Reality Store®, to be held at the Boys and Girls Club.

We awarded a scholarship to Laura Stropher, who is attending Ivy Tech for medical billing and coding. Laura needs to increase her income to assist in raising her two children, because her husband has had a massive stroke.

Our Christmas party was enjoyed by all. Please keep Bev Harpel and Bonnie Chamberland in your prayers.

Mt. Vernon

In November, we had our annual auction, which is a fundraiser for a high school graduate to receive a \$1000 scholarship. We also participated in a fundraiser where over \$10,000 was raised for Gateway for Cancer Research.

In December, we assisted a single mother with two-year-old twins. She is attending college and having a rough time. We purchased clothing and other gifts for each child, totaling 15 gifts each. The mother received large baskets of food and household items, with gift cards to WalMart and Wesselmans. She had been expecting the worst, but it ended being the best Christmas ever.

We have three new members and are working on more.

Woman of the Year

Our District 2013 Woman of the Year is vice-president of Mt. Vernon BPW. Elizabeth (Liz) Miller was presented with a plaque, pin, and flowers. Her husband Jeff and family were present. Liz supports Relay for Life and Gateway Cancer Research. She is a cancer survivor and has been responsible for the last two years of Gateway’s cancer research fundraisers, raising over \$10,000. Liz works at the Posey County Assessor’s Office.

Vermillion County

Vermillion County members have donated to a backpack program that provides food for students for the weekend. They also donated candy canes to the Chamber of Commerce’s Christmas event and are now getting ready to present a scholarship to a high school student.

INFBPW/Merrillville-Duneland News

On December 2, 2012, INFBPW/Merrillville-Duneland held a successful brunch to benefit the Lake County Transitional Court Program. The cost to attend was \$15 for brunch and a \$10 shower gift.

The event provided assistance to those trying to get their lives back on track, with guidance from the Lake County Transitional Court Program. Making the transition from a prison environment to civilian life is not easy. Clothing, personal hygiene items, household products, non-perishable food items, and gift cards were presented as shower gifts to help these individuals prepare for jobs and set up a household. Helping them realize that they are not alone and that people do care about them will make it easier to make a fresh start.

The Lake County Community Transition Court is a program to help individuals transition from the Indiana Department of Correction (Michigan City, Westville, etc.) back to their community, while still being supervised. The goal is to help these individuals re-engage as productive citizens. Participants are supervised by case managers for the entire transition, from eight to twelve months. The case managers, along with the Community Transition Court team, assist participants with life skills, identification, referrals for mental or substance abuse treatment, and other necessary classes and skills.

Participants take part in three levels of the Community Transition Court Program –

Phase 1 (90-120 days)—Participants reside at the work release center or at home with electronic monitoring and attend weekly court hearings.

Phase 2 (60-90 days)—Participants reside at home with electric monitoring. They attend court hearings every other week.

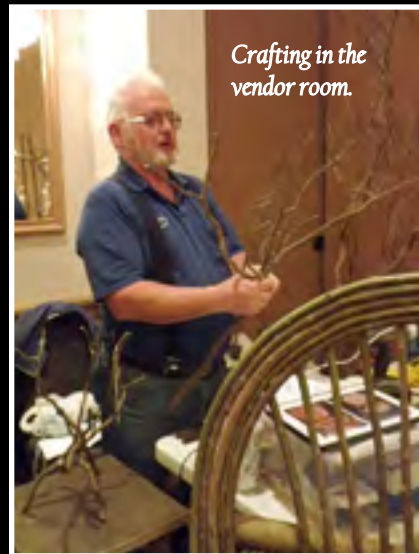
Phase 3 (30-60 days)—Participants reside at home without electronic monitoring and attend court hearings once per month.

Gail Harris, PSP, President, INFBPW/Merrillville-Duneland





Foundation Fundraiser



Crafting in the vendor room.



Scouts and a veteran present the colors.

Fall Conference Memories



Before presenting the colors...



Jean Risch honored with Jennie Scott Award.



Queen K, with her court.



Connie Sipes at luncheon.



Ready for the luau!



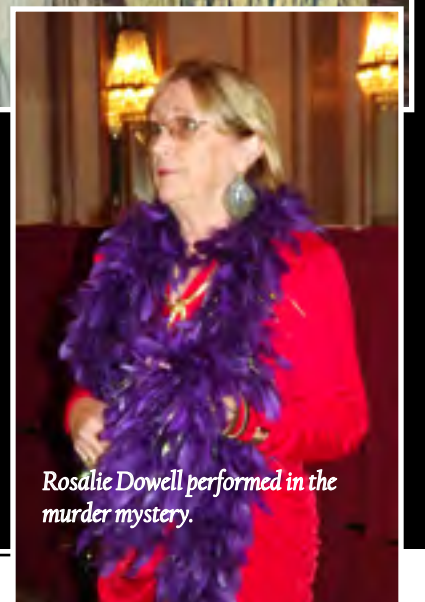
Gifts for the shelter.



Tina Williams' retirement workshop.



Ann Windell and Becky Hankins were initiated as Hoosier DD's.



Rosalie Dowell performed in the murder mystery.



DISTRICT 5 FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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