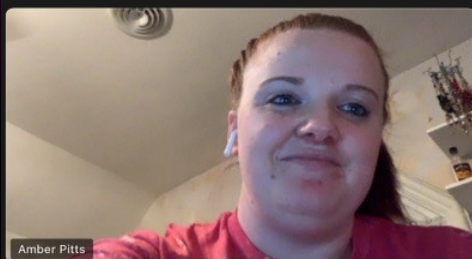


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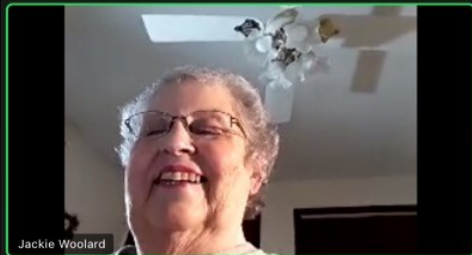
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Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17



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Important Updates

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DATES AND DEADLINES

February

**Indiana Women's Education
Foundation Month**

March 1

IWEF Scholarship Applications due

March

Women's History Month

March 6

**District 2 Spring Meeting
(Hoosier Gym, Knightstown, IN)**

March 15

Deadline for INFBPW awards

March 17

Hotel Reservation Deadline

March 20

**District 3 Spring Meeting
(Indianapolis, IN)**

April 1

State Convention Registration due

April 1

State Convention Reports due

April 16-17

**State Convention Hotel Indigo, Columbus,
In. (Hybrid: In-person and Virtually)**

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Message from the President



BPW friends,

I can't tell you how excited I am to gather in person for our convention in April! I have missed all of you so much.

We have been working to plan a safe, hybrid convention. We'll be using masks, checking temperatures, and maintaining distance. We plan to have the in-person event as long as Bartholomew County is in "orange" or better status on the map at coronavirus.in.gov. Orange means social gatherings up to 50 are permitted.

If you wish to join, but are not ready to travel to Columbus, we will offer a Zoom option. Look for it on the registration form. If you pay the registration fee for Zoom, we will ship you a complete convention packet, including favors, and you will have a vote during all business sessions.

See you in April!
Penny Sitler
INFBPW President



Just type "INFBPW" in Facebook's search box.

Please join our group and like our business page. Any questions, contact the web and Facebook Team

Websites OF OUR ORGANIZATION!

www.infbpw.org

Please visit it and use it regularly for resources and information. There are fillable forms that can now be accessed.

www.inwomeneducation.org

The website of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation

Both websites are easier to update than ever before. Let us know what you would like to add!

Penny Sitler, INFBPW President and IWEF Trustee

INFBPW Web and Facebook Team

Theresa Adams, PSP, IWEF Secretary and Web Manager

**** Attention all members:**
BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSALS
(members will vote on at Convention)

Current:

Article XI Nominations

Section 2. Qualifications for holding state office and Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be:

Subsections a, b, c and d – No change

d. Served a one-year term as District Director, or have the written endorsement of their district, for the office of President-Elect and Vice-President; and

e. Served a one-year term as President of a local organization for the office of Secretary or Treasurer.

Proposed:

Article XI Nominations

Section 2. Qualifications for holding state office and Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be:

Subsections a, b, c and d – No change

D. Served a one-year term as local president or a one-year term on the Board of Directors for the offices of President-Elect and Vice-President or has demonstrated leadership skills as evidenced by other relevant experience.

e. Delete

Rationale:

With the small number of districts and local organizations we currently have, the number of members who have met the current criteria for office has significantly decreased. The proposed criteria would enable the Nominating Committee to find more potential candidates for office. The skills required for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer do not necessarily require the same skills as a local president.

Proposed Bylaw Changes (continued)

Current

Article XIII Duties of Officers:

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:

Have the financial records of the Treasurer and State Office Staff audited or reviewed on order of the Board of Directors by a certified public accountant at the end of the fiscal year and when otherwise deemed advisable by the Executive Committee. A financial report shall be made at the State Convention subject to final audit. A copy of the accounting firm's report shall be available for viewing by appointment at the State Office;

Receive from the State Office Staff Secretary required bids for the review/audit of INFBPW's financial records for the end of the fiscal year;

Article XV Board of Directors:

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall:

Select the place of deposit of all funds of the organization in the bank with the best terms and the most convenient location to the Treasurer and /or the State Office;

Contract for the continuing services of a certified public accountant to annually audit or review the accounts of the Treasurer and the State Office to collaborate on the best location and terms for deposits;

Proposed

Article XIII Duties of Officers:

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:

Have the financial records of the Treasurer and State Office Staff reviewed on order of the Board of Directors by an independent accounting professional at the end of the fiscal year and when otherwise deemed advisable by the Executive Committee. This review may take the form of an agreed-upon procedures report. A financial report shall be made at the State Convention subject to the final review. A copy of the accounting professional's report shall be available for viewing by appointment;

Receive required bids for the review of INFBPW's financial records for the end of the fiscal year;

Article XV Board of Directors:

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall:

e. (No change)

f. Contract for the continuing services of an independent accounting professional to annually review the accounts of the Treasurer and the State Office and provide an agreed-upon procedures report.

Rationale:

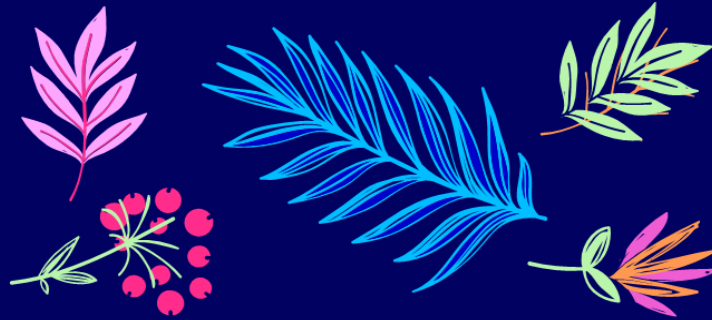
An audit or review by a CPA has become very expensive. We have been advised by our current CPA reviewer that such extensive measures are not really necessary for an organization our size. A simple review of accounting records, financial reports and bank statements by an independent accounting professional should be sufficient to determine if any funds have been mishandled or embezzled. The resulting report is called an agreed-upon procedures report. This would be a substantially less expensive option for the federation.

District 2 Spring Meeting - Saturday, March 6

HOST: Knightstown

State Representative: Janice McGennis-Carr

Spring Meeting



*6th *

March

11:30

AM

Shelter House

793 W. Lake St., Knightstown

Lunch @ 12:00 * \$20

Catered by Sugarbakers

RSVP by February 27th - make checks payable to Knightstown BPW.

District 3 Spring Luncheon Meeting - Saturday, March 20

Host: Zionsville

State Representative: Janice McGennis-Carr

MCL Restaurant & Bakery

2370 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN 46260

(317) 334-1875



Please bring an auction item to raise money for State President-Elect, Janice Carr



***If it becomes necessary to change to a ZOOM meeting, you will be notified**

**11:15 EST: Registration
(coffee hour)**

NOON: Meeting

**12:30: Lunch
Buffet (members self pay)**

**** RSVP to Judy Zell****

Email: CPAJudy@AOL.com

(317) 377 - 4623

Spring Convention Things to Know:

The first-ever INFBPW hybrid convention!

This will be the first ever combination physical / virtual convention of the Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women. We hope that everyone will join and enjoy our time together! I am very eager to see you all face to face, but we must also be safe.

You may attend, participate, and vote at our convention headquarters, the Hotel Indigo in Columbus, Indiana, or you may join by Zoom online. The AV equipment in the room will allow attendees to see one another, and it will be possible for Zoom participants to address the entire group.

Whether attending physically or via Zoom, you need to register in advance and check in before voting at the convention. Guests may register as observers. Zoom registrants who pay the registration fee will receive the printed convention packet by Priority Mail. The information in the packet will also be available online via Google Docs.

Speakers and Activities

As you may know, Columbus, Indiana is a mecca for architecture, and our hotel is located right downtown. We're planning an opportunity to visit one or more of the city's landmarks during Saturday afternoon free time, and we will have a speaker to tell us more about the purpose and passion that brought some of the world's most famous 20th century architects to design buildings here.

Keeping safe

For those attending physically, we will be taking many precautions. Our doorkeepers will do temperature checks and will make sure everyone is wearing a mask to cover nose and mouth. We'll have well-spaced seating. In addition, we plan to have assigned seating (for contact tracing purposes). If you register, but find you are feeling ill at the time of the convention, please let us know and switch to join via Zoom for everyone's safety. Our refund policy will be extra generous in this situation, and the hotel will refund room reservations if you contact them 24 hours in advance of your scheduled check-in time (3 pm).

Fundraisers

Our Friday fundraiser will benefit Janice McGennis-Carr's presidential year. Normally the Friday fundraiser is for the vice president, but when we cancelled last year's physical convention, Janice's fundraiser was cancelled too.

Spring Convention Fundraisers



Friday dinner fundraiser for Janice's year!

We'll have a progressive meal, traveling among three suites, to maximize our space and social distance. Each suite has a small balcony, and the patio doors will be open during the party for fresh air. Be ready to play along with our scavenger hunt!



Saturday fundraisers

Fundraising headquarters on Saturday will be in the back of the meeting room. Look for Joyce Nessel Phipps, our finance chair!

We will not have vendors at this convention. We will have a basket auction and Federation sales table. Please bring a basket from your local—bring two if you want! The basket auction will be Saturday evening and will benefit the Federation.

We'll have a 50/50 raffle, as usual. This fundraiser will benefit the Indiana Women's Education Foundation. Finance Chair Joyce Nessel will provide tickets to local presidents in advance, so you can enter even if you are not attending the gathering in Columbus.

We'll also have a "Snacks & Bakes" table. Please plan to bring something to share, whether it's a box of Little Debbie's, a package of candy bars, or packets with a couple of home baked cookies in each! Prices will start at \$1 for one-serving items.

Another new fundraiser will be "Penny Wars". Each local will have a jar, and bring PENNIES to fill it! The winning local will have the most pennies in their jar. But there's a trick! You can also contribute silver and paper money to the jars. The silver and paper money is SUBTRACTED from the pennies! So if you have 500 pennies in your jar, and I add a \$1 bill, 100 pennies are subtracted from your credit! But the jar will have \$6.00, and all the money in the jars will go toward the fundraiser.

Registration Form (Please Print or Type)

Full Name _____ E-mail _____
Local Org. _____ District _____
Street Address _____ Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____ Badge Name _____

Registration Fees:

This includes whether you attend just Saturday or the full weekend . . \$50.00 _____

Standard \$20 late fee for registering after the deadline (April 1st) . . . \$20.00 _____

I plan to attend: IN PERSON _____ VIRTUAL _____

**** REGISTRATION MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE, WHETHER ATTENDING PHYSICALLY OR VIRTUALLY. REMOTE REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE THE FULL PRINTED CONVENTION PACKET, SHIPPED VIA PRIORITY MAIL.**

Meals:

Friday fundraiser @ \$20.00 _____
Saturday Luncheon @ \$ 25.00 _____
Saturday Banquet @ \$ 40.00 _____
Saturday meal package @ \$ 60.00 _____

***Dietary Restrictions:** _____

Total Registration Fees, Activities, and Meals . . . \$ _____

Make your check payable to INFBPW and mail it with a completed registration form to INFBPW, PO Box 134, Knightstown, IN 46148

(A \$20.00 fee will be charged for returned checks)

Refund Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing to the Treasurer. Those postmarked **NOT LATER** than 04/1/2021 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.

**** IF THE IN-PERSON EVENT IS CANCELED, ALL FEES WILL BE REFUNDED****

INFBPW's 102nd 2021 Spring Convention

Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17

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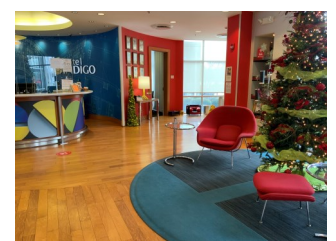
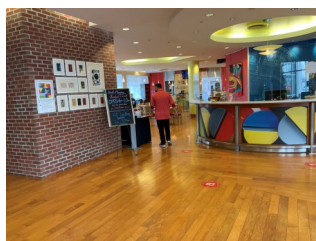
* Call the hotel at 812-375-9100 and ask for the INFBPW rate*

Our Room Rate is \$154.99 (blocked through March 17)
Our room rate includes a hot continental breakfast



The Hotel Indigo is a stylish boutique hotel in downtown Columbus, an easy walk from the architectural district, shops, and restaurants. Fully equipped with restaurant and bar, and all the facilities are close together and easy to find. Check out more pictures and information about the hotel at:

[Columbus Hotels: Hotel Indigo Columbus Architectural Center Hotel in Columbus, Indiana \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com/columbus-hotels/hotel-indigo-columbus-architectural-center-hotel-in-columbus-indiana)



Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, April 16:

3:00	Executive Board	President's Suite
4:00 - 6:00	Registration	(Hotel Lobby and online for Zoom attendees)
5:00 - 6:00	Treat bags with hearty snacks available in the vice-president's suite	
6:00 - 7:00	Opening Business Session	Belvedere
7:00 - ?	Progressive fundraiser	(Check name badge for your starting suite!)

Appetizers, sandwiches and desserts available in three suites – come and go!

Saturday (April 17): *Breakfast is included with our room rate for hotel guests.

6:00 - 10:00	Breakfast available*	Hotel Lobby
7:00 - 9:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby

(Virtual attendees must check in by 9 AM!)

Silent basket auction, Snacks & Bakes, and Penny Wars (all day) Belvedere

8:30	Workshop 1	Belvedere
9:30	Workshop 2	Belvedere
10:30	Business & election	Belvedere
12:00 to 1:45	Scholarship Luncheon	Belvedere

***The Saturday luncheon speaker will be Diane Fisher, PSP, sharing stories about the programs and history of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation.**

2:15	Tour departure	Hotel lobby
5:00	PSP meeting	President's Suite
6:00	Social hour and photos, (Cash bar available)	Lobby and patio
6:30	Banquet Dinner, installation, and live auction,	Belvedere

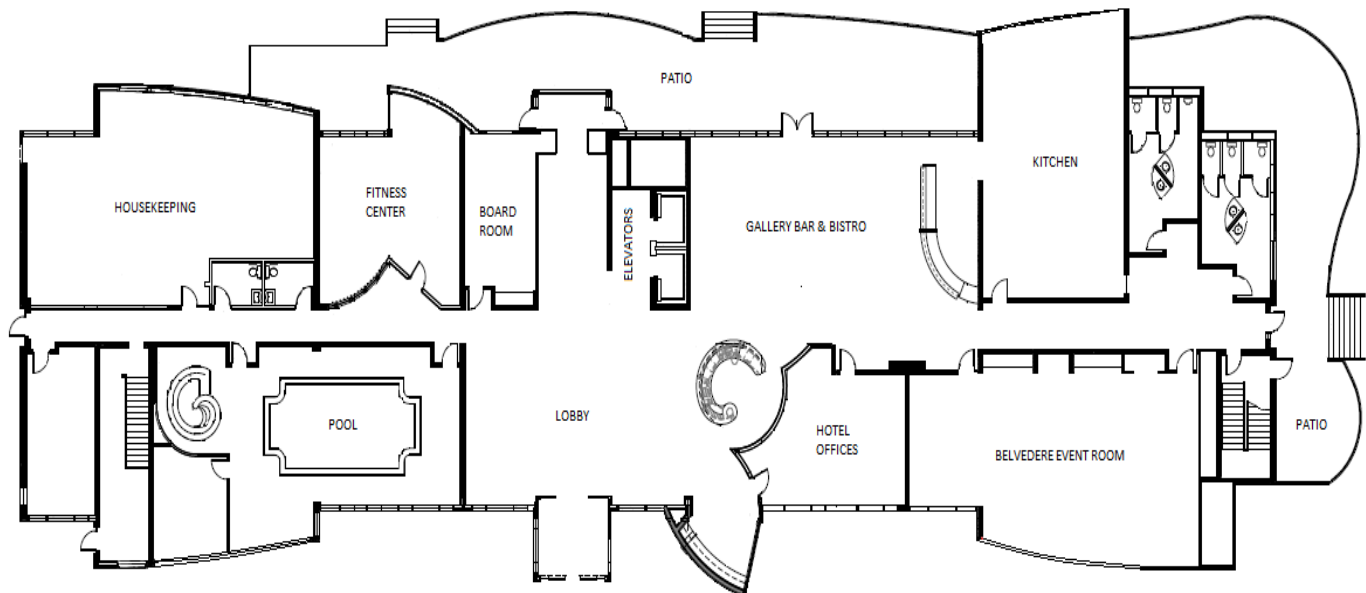
Sunday (April 18):

6:00 – 10:00	Breakfast*	Lobby
9:00	Post-Convention Board	Belvedere

Safe travels!

Additional HOTEL INDIGO information

First Floor floorplan



Checklist	
<i>April 1: Registration Form due,</i>	✓
<i>March 17: Hotel Room Booked</i>	✓
<i>Bring an extra mask</i>	✓
<i>Bring a notebook for Program</i>	✓
<i>Bring a packaged snack (or store bought snack) to sell at the "Snacks and Bakes" table.</i>	✓
<i>*Auction Baskets* - at least one from your local</i>	✓
<i>Business Casual Attire for entire weekend</i>	✓
<i>Bring pennies for "Penny Wars"</i>	✓

State Foundation Information

State Foundation Chair

State Foundation Month is February. This is a good time for individuals, Locals, and Districts to make a donation to IWEF.

Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. will be presenting scholarships in May, 2021 for the Working Woman Scholarship, Woman in Transition Scholarship, Dr Bertha Beazley Scholarship, Lynn Rhoades Scholarship, Teaching Indiana's Future Scholarship, Barbara Mofield Girl Scout BPW Patch Scholarship and STEM Scholarship. Thank you for your donations to allow us to present these scholarships. If you know anyone who would qualify for a scholarship, have them complete an application and mail to IWEF, PO Box 134, Knightstown by February 15, 2021.

Nominate a male or female for the Youth of Achievement Award. This award is presented to a student in grades 9 to 12. It is based on volunteer/community activities, Not academics or athletics. Each district winner will be honored at the INFBPW State Convention and will receive a plaque and \$50.00. The application form is included in your Fall Conference packet and on the Indiana Guide. Deadline for the Youth of Achievement Award is March 15, 2021.

Each Local needs to fill their piggy banks for the State Foundation, the Local that brings the most money to State Convention will receive a gift.

Jackie Woolard, PSP

State Foundation Chair

YOUTH OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Youth of Achievement Award is through the Connie Richards Fund. This award is presented to a student who is currently in grades 9 - 12. The student will be nominated based on their volunteer/community involvement. The Youth of Achievement Award recipient is to be someone truly making a difference in their area. This is NOT an academic nor an athletic award, but is a true community distinction. For example greener neighborhood, cleaning up community, etc.

Each district award winner will be honored during the State Convention Luncheon and be awarded a plaque and \$50.00.

Nominations are due by March 15th!

Send nominations to INFBPW State Foundation Chair, Jackie Woolard, PO Box 133, Hagerstown, IN 47346



NOMINATION FORM

YOUTH OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by the Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc.
Through the Connie Richards Youth Fund.

The Youth of Achievement Award is presented to a student, male or female, who is currently in grades 9 to 12. The student should be nominated based on her/his volunteer/community activities, not on academics or athletics. The nominee should be a student who is truly making a difference by her/his involvement in the community, be it by serving an individual or multiple individuals.

Each District winner will be honored during the INFBPW State Convention Luncheon and will be presented with a plaque and \$50.00.

The information below needs to be completed.

Attach to this form, a 200 words or less narrative stating why the nominee should be awarded the Youth of Achievement Award.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ AGE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL: _____
SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____
INFBPW/DISTRICT: _____ DISTRICT DIRECTOR: _____

DEADLINE: NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 15, 2021

MAIL TO: Jackie Woolard, PSP, P.O. Box 133, Hagerstown, IN 47346

Awards Update and Reality Store®

AWARDS UPDATE

Please enter the state awards competitions! All entry forms are updated in the Indiana Guide and available in the Members Only section of our website. All awards are due March 15 (postmark date).

We have just updated the address for some of the awards. Shannon Cagle Dawson, a Knightstown member, has graciously agreed to pinch hit for the Public Relations and Working Women's Month chairs.

Mail your entries to her at:

Shannon Cagle Dawson
6798 N Rushville Rd,
Carthage, IN 46115

Reality Store®

To All INFBPW Members:

Due to Covid –19, all Reality Stores are on hold. Hopefully we can resume the program in the fall. I am looking for more locals to get involved in this very worthy program. Local Presidents, if your club is not doing a Reality Store®, please consider getting your schools involved. This is a very good program for students, so please ask for members to volunteer for the Reality Store®. I am willing to help any club to get a program started in your school. You can contact me for any information/questions you may have. My contact information is below.

Thank you,

Etheleen Swango, Reality Store® Director

Mailing Address: INFBPW P.O. Box 1211 Shelbyville, IN 46176

E-mail: ettarae47@gmail.com

Phone: 317-512-9956

2021-2022 INFBPW OFFICER NOMINATIONS

****CRITICAL SEARCH IS ON FOR INFBPW VICE PRESIDENT
FOR 2021-2022****

**As of this time the Nominating Committee is still searching for a candidate for VICE PRESIDENT!! Please consider stepping up to fill this important position!! You may look at the responsibilities of the Vice President online under the Members Only section of the INFBPW Indiana Guide OR contact the Nominating Committee Chair:
Carole Stevens, at 317-326-7194 ASAP.**

2021-2022 INFBPW OFFICER NOMINATIONS

2020 was an unusual year for sure!! Now it is time to look forward to 2021-2022 and INFBPW leadership. The Nominating Committee has been diligently looking for candidates. As of this time, we are still searching for a candidate for Vice President.

The slate of officers thus far is as follows:

Incoming President - Janice

McGennis-Carr

President-elect-Dana Jones

Secretary - Gayle Henderson

Treasurer - Mary Richardson

Nominating Chair- Kelly Schoenherr

We look forward to the upcoming INFBPW State Convention. Thanks so much to these outstanding ladies for being willing to serve INFBPW.

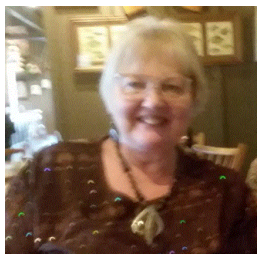
MEET OUR 2021-2022 INFBPW OFFICER CANDIDATES

Dana Jones - President-Elect



My name is Dana Jones and I grew up Knightstown IN, where I still reside. I am married to my wonderful husband Ralph. I have a daughter named Amber, 2 grandchildren Aniah and John, and 2 dogs - Rocky and Buddy. I have been very active with Girl Scouts for 27 years as a girl, leader and Service Unit Manager. I am currently working at Hickory Recovery Center and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. I have been involved with BPW for 5 years. In the past 4 years, I have served as local president for 2 years, 1 year as vice President along with being ADD. I am currently holding a position on the State Foundation Chair for 2 years, YWA Chair, and also District Director of D2.

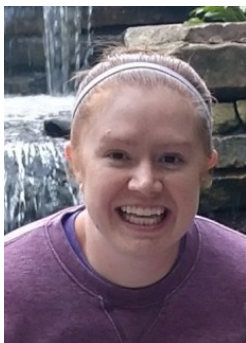
Mary Richardson - State Treasurer



Mary Richardson is the current INFBPW State Treasurer. Mary has retired from banking where she served several roles over the years including Controller of the bank as well as various audit and compliance positions. Mary was a graduate of the Bank Administration School of Banking and held the American Banker's Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager accreditation.

Mary currently holds an elected office as Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Glenwood. Mary also serves on the Rush County Area Planning Commission.

Kelly Schoenherr -Nominating Committee



Kelly Schoenherr is a member of the Knightstown local since 2018. Kelly currently holds offices of Knightstown Local VP, District 2 State Nominating Committee member, State Choices Chair and IWEF Chair. She is an employee at Avery Dennison. She resides in Fort Wayne with her husband and daughter.

Gayle Henderson - Secretary



RESIDENCE: Has resided in Shelby County her entire life

EDUCATION: Graduate of Shelbyville High School

WORK EXPERIENCE: Started working at the law firm of Adams & Cramer in June, 1958, one day after graduation and retired on December 30, 2005, 47 ½ years later. In 2007 she worked for George L. Stubbs, Jr. for 18 months before his retirement. Worked for three months in 2008 for attorney Peter G. DePrez. Presently does real estate title searches for attorney N. Gregg Graham when requested.

MEMBERSHIPS: Been a member of the Shelbyville Business & Professional Women's Club since 1975 having served as President three different times, District Director two different terms, District Parliamentarian, State Nominating Committee Chair, State Finance Chair, State Meeting Coordinator, State Convention Recorder, State Recording Secretary numerous years and presently serving in that capacity.

Lifetime member of West Street United Methodist Church in Shelbyville where she is presently Secretary of the Finance Committee and Council, Memorial Chair, United Methodist Women Secretary and in charge of the LOAF program which provides food the first Monday of the month to those in need.

Church Women United of Shelby County, presently serving her first year as Vice President.

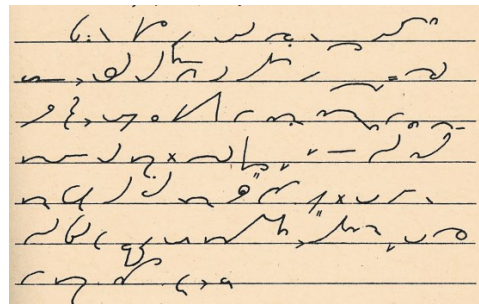
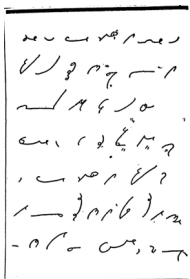
Publicity Chair of local Vestavia Club.

Member of Red Hat Society since January, 2006.

Member of the same euchre club for 54 years. Out of the original 8 she is one of 3 surviving.

HOBBIES: In her spare time, she enjoys needlepoint, watching detective shows on TV, reading mysteries and crocheting "scratchers".

Gayle Fun Fact! Not only can Gayle read this foreign language (SHORTHAND) below, she can write it too!!!!



Legislature in Session

By Judy Zell, PSP, Legislation Chair

The local elections were over in November. I hope you have congratulated your Congress(wo)man, state senator, and state representative on their (re)election, even if you are not in the same party. I became Facebook friends with my new state senator, who works for a local CPA firm, last summer before he was elected.

Our state legislature and the governor's office all remain fully controlled by the Republicans. The legislative session this year will be mostly occupied with the budget, education, and Covid-19 problems. One issue is going to be the amount of authority that the governor has during medical emergencies. I get a weekly update on the legislature's activities during the session, and will try to let you know if anything urgent arises. You can e-mail your state representative at h#@in.gov, where the # is their district number. Likewise, your senator is s#@in.gov. If you don't remember your district numbers, contact your county clerk's office.

The national elections were also supposed to be over in November. However, Trump's denial of the presidential election results and his pathetic attempts to overturn the election, culminating with the terrible attack on the Capitol Building in January, gave us almost as much suspense as the Bush vs. Gore election 20 years ago. Furthermore, control of the U.S. Senate was not determined until a run-off election in Georgia in January. It now appears that the Democrats will have a slight edge in both houses. We have our first female Vice-President. Indiana's "Mayor Pete" is slated to be the next Secretary of Transportation.

Whether our economy will recover from the Covid crisis this year remains to be seen. Hopefully, the vaccine will enable us to meet in person again soon and go out more often.

Miriam Sturgeon Award for CLUB EXCELLENCE

CALLING ALL PRESIDENTS:

Mark your calendars now. March 15 is the deadline for submitting your local's entry for the 2021 Miriam Sturgeon Award for Club Excellence. Information about the award, the award application, and the point guidelines are on the infbpw.org website in the Members Only section in the Indiana Guide.

Please mail all applications to Bonnie Mayfield, 2236 S 400 W., Winchester IN 47394.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at bonmay@msn.com or 765-546-9349.

Entries must be postmarked by March 15. It's always fun to see what other clubs are doing around the state.

Let's have 100% participation!

Bonnie Mayfield, Miriam Sturgeon Chair.

The name of the winning local organization is inscribed on the Miriam Sturgeon Award plaque, a 24" x 20" framed parchment scroll. The local also receives a \$25 monetary award.

For those of you who are wondering who Miriam Sturgeon was, here is a brief bio:

Miriam (Meloy) Sturgeon was born in Waldron, Indiana, on August 27, 1916. Her father was a printer. This fact not only shaped her life, but it also influenced the lives of thousand of others. Her journalistic talents and loves drove her to great achievements. She earned both Bachelor and Masters degrees in journalism from Indiana University. While completing her Masters, she organized a journalism library at the university. She eventually became administrative associate for the Indiana University Foundation. Miriam was instrumental in raising more than \$1 million for the remodeling of Ernie Pyle Hall. She raised several other millions of dollars for her Alma Mater.

Miriam was editor of the Hoosier Business Woman from 1968-75. She also served the federation as Fall Conference Coordinator whenever the conference was held at IU. A member of Brown County BPW, Miriam also served INFBPW as State Historian and Public Relations Chair. In 1973, she established the Ida Anderson Award which went to the local which best publicized its activities through printed media.

Miriam was a champion of women's rights. She worked diligently for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Miriam (Meloy) Sturgeon died on January 14, 1979.

Shelbyville Local President's Report January 2, 2021

COVID continues to mess with our “normal”, but we are persevering. In August, we met in person and Zoom. At that meeting, we handed out our membership books, announced that we received the \$1,000 grant, and we awarded our Woman of the Year to Martha Collier. Gayle Henderson made and distributed pink scratchers to all members.

Again in September, we met in person and via Zoom. Some of our members sold knives at a craft fair at a local church, at member Joanne Bowen’s business, and member Gayle Henderson’s niece sold them at her workplace.

October’s meeting was in person/Zoom. District Director Dana Jones visited and gave a great talk about purpose and passion.

November is Working Women’s month, and some members attended a city hall meeting, where the Mayor read a proclamation, declaring November Working Women’s Month. Also, members submitted names of working women, and the local radio station DJ read five names/day for a week on air and then on Friday, drew a name for the recipient of a gift card.

In November we met in person/Zoom. We established a telephone tree to disseminate important information. We got the bad news that our April Reality Store is cancelled. We got the good news that our local Blue River Community Foundation was taking applications for “mini-grants” to assist non-profits impacted by COVID. We applied, and were subsequently awarded \$750. We had an auction to wrap up the meeting.

We did not meet in December, but we did a fun thing. Members donated items for “goodie bags”, which were assembled and delivered to all members.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Case, Shelbyville Local President



Shelbyville Mayor Tom DeBaun presents representatives from the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women with a proclamation declaring November 2020 “Indiana Working Woman’s Month” (Shelbynews.com)

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Notes from the Prez

Greetings,
Happy New Year! Here's to a better 2021!
Our December meeting was held at the Fortville Christian Church in Fortville on December 14th at 5:30 PM. We had a pitch in, a white elephant auction and Bingo. We enjoyed good food, fellowship (while remaining social distant with masks) and raised \$115.00 for our scholarship fund. We are going virtual for January, February, and March meetings. I am working with Amber Pitts to set up Zoom meetings on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Zoom allows for phone in for those without internet access. More details to follow. Take care and stay safe and warm!
Amy



Five Simple Rules to Be Happy

A beautiful story about a 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home yesterday. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice;

I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life." (cont.)

Happy New Year



Mark Your calendars
Zoom Meetings coming!!

- Monday, January 18 6:30pm
- Monday, February 15 6:30pm
- Monday, March 15 6:30pm

Watch for more details on email from Amy so you can connect from home by computer or phone!!



January/February
Birthdays/Anniversaries

Deb Giera (Lynn) Jan. 3 Anniv.

(Continued)

She went on to explain, "Old age is like a bank account, you withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing."

And with a smile, she said: "Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.

2. Free your mind from worries.

3. Live simply.

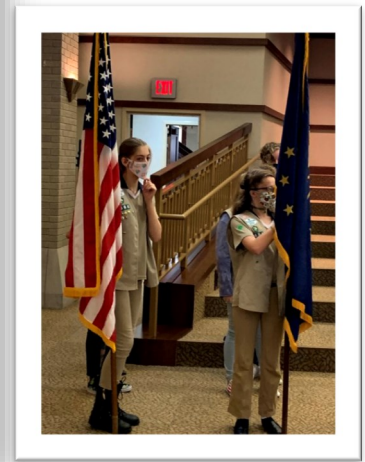
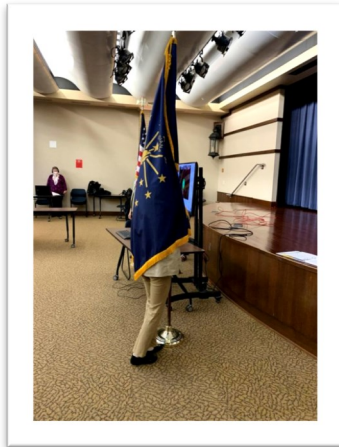
4. Give more.

5. Expect less, & enjoy every moment.

As we go into 2021, let us keep these 5 simple rules in mind!!

In-person Moments from Fall Conference

Girl Scouts Presentation of Colors



Girl Scout Workshop with Dana Jones



Glenwood, IN 46133



INFBPW trading pins from the national conventions collected by Glenda Smith, PSP (97- 98)

