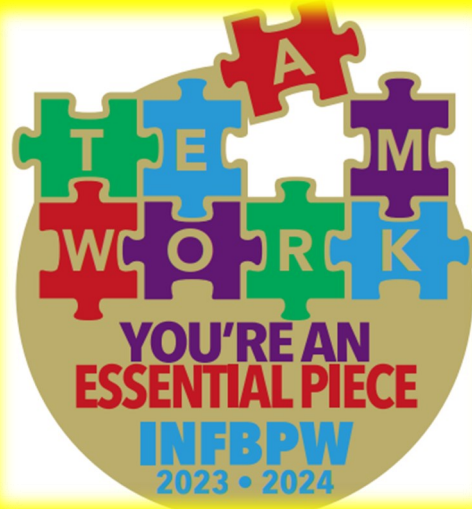


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DATES AND DEADLINES

March

Women's History Month

March 1st Scholarships are due.

March 2: D2 Meeting - Hoosier Gym Knightstown

April

April 1: State Convention Registration due

April 5: State Convention reports due

April 26-28: State Convention at Hotel Indigo - Columbus, IN

May 1: May Day is Pay Day (renew membership)

June ___: Summer Board Meeting



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Message from the President



Dana Jones, current President and PSP, with her grandson John.

Hello INFBPW Sisters and Friends,

Where has the time gone? Another year in the books. I would first like to take a moment to thank you all for your support. This last year has been a rollercoaster, and I honestly have been so grateful for all the love and support from my BPW sisters. We have gotten so much done to help our organization, and with that said ... we still have so much to do. I will be excited to see everyone at the upcoming district meeting and hope to see everyone at Hotel Indigo in Columbus for our State Convention. Please make sure you are getting your registration for Convention to Twilla Deaton, PSP, so we can make sure to save you a seat. We have a lot planned, so having participation and help from the organization would be wonderful for the future fulfillment of our great organization.

Your Sister,

Dana Jones

Current President and PSP



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Please join our group and like our business page.

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!

2024 INFBPW State Convention Registration Form (April 26-28)

I plan to attend: IN PERSON _____ or VIRTUAL _____

***Need a good, updated email address* email address:** _____

Full Name _____

Local Org. _____ District _____

Registration Fees:

FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER \$15.00 x _____ = _____

IN-PERSON SATURDAY. \$50.00 x _____ = _____

VIRTUAL (ZOOM) SATURDAY \$25.00 x _____ = _____

1ST TIMER WEEKEND PACKAGE (1ST TIMER AS OF APRIL, 2021) ... \$45.00 x _____ = _____

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:

Saturday Luncheon only \$ 25.00 X _____ = _____

Saturday Banquet Dinner only \$ 32.00 X _____ = _____

Full meal package \$ 65.00 X _____ = _____

***Dietary Restrictions:** _____

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

Make your check payable to **INFBPW and mail it with a completed registration form to:
INFBPW (%) Twilla Deaton @ 241 N County Road 100 W, New Castle IN 47362**

Or , bring check to the INFBPW check-in station at the Hotel Indigo when you arrive. (A \$20.00 fee will be charged for returned checks).

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

Volunteers NEEDED:

_____ Pages Date/Time Available _____

_____ Federation Sales Date/Time Available _____

_____ Doorkeepers Date/Time Available _____

_____ Registration/Credentials Date/Time Available _____

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Friday, April 26— Sunday, April 28

Hotel Indigo

400 Brown St.

Columbus, IN 47201

* Call the hotel at **812-375-9100** and ask for the 'INFBPW State Convention 2024 group block rate'

- Navigate to www.hotelindigo.com/columbusin and select 'book now,' then more options, Input **INF** in the group block code to access your rate then click continue.
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[Hotel Indigo Booking Link - INFBPW State Convention 2024](#)

Our Block Room Rate is: 1 king = \$169.99 + tax

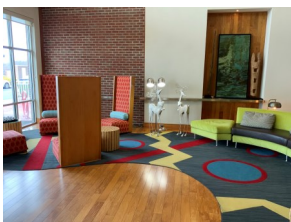
2 queen = \$184.99 + tax

(blocked through March 25, 2024)

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 \(ihg.com\)](http://ColumbusHotels:HotelIndigoColumbusArchitecturalCenterHotelinColumbus,Indiana(ihg.com))



District 2 Spring Meeting — March 2nd



2024 Miriam Sturgeon Award

Attention All Locals. Included with this issue of the Hoosier Business Woman, is everything you'll need for your local to apply for the 2024 Miriam Sturgeon Award. I'm sure each local has racked up a lot of points since March 15, 2023. **Please complete the award form and return to me with any supporting documentation by March 15, 2024.** If submitting electronically, please make sure your email is sent by midnight on March 15. All USPS mail must be postmarked by March 15. If you have questions or need assistance, I can be reached at bonmay@msn.com or 765-546-9349. Please leave a voice mail if I don't answer, and I'll return your call asap.

I'm looking forward to hearing from every local. Best wishes and good luck.

Bonnie Mayfield
2023-2024 Miriam Sturgeon Chair

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

MIRIAM STURGEON AWARD FOR CLUB EXCELLENCE

In August, 1979, the Miriam Sturgeon Award for Club Excellence was established by the BPW/Indiana Board of Directors. The purpose of this award is twofold. First, it perpetuates the memory of a woman whose personal achievements and BPW contributions emphasize our organization's image of a true business and professional woman. Secondly, the award recognizes a local organization for overall excellence. Unlike other state awards which recognize achievements in special areas such as programming, membership, public relations, etc., the Miriam Sturgeon Award (using a points-earned system) rewards combined excellence in several categories.

Your club earns points for participating in events and programs which take place throughout the competition year beginning and ending on March 15 each year. I encourage you also to initiate activities at the local level which qualify for Miriam Sturgeon Award points. I would like to see EVERY local apply for the award!! It's important that someone in the local keep records throughout the year of activities that qualify for the award, so that all earned points can be claimed.

Application forms for the 2023 – 2024 award must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. A committee of three INFBPW members (including the Chair) will tabulate and evaluate the entries submitted by all locals applying for this award. Committee members will be chosen by the Chair.

The award will be presented at the 2024 State Convention at Hotel Indigo in Columbus, IN.

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.

Please send your completed applications to:

Bonnie Mayfield, 2236 S 400 W, Winchester, IN 47394-9017. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at bonmav@msn.com or 765-546-9349.

Local Organization Name: _____ LO# _____

Attested by: _____

Send completed forms to: Miriam Sturgeon Award, c/o Bonnie Mayfield, 2236 S 400 W, Winchester IN 47394.

Criteria: If your Local Organization ---

	<u>Points Earned</u>
MEMBERSHIP (3/15 - 3/15)	
· Acquired new members	_____
· New members under 35 years of age	_____
· Student members	_____
· 10 or more total new members	_____
CLUB REPRESENTATION (from 3/15 to 3/15)	
<i>Your member(s) attended:</i>	
· A District Presidents Meeting -- your district	_____
· Your Spring District Meeting	_____
· State Convention	_____
· Fall Conference	_____
· A different INFBPW District Meeting, Local Meeting or Special Occasion (in other than official capacity)	_____
FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS (3/15 - 3/15)	
· Your Local Organization made a contribution to IWEF	_____
· Member(s) of your Local made a personal donation to IWEF	_____
PARTICIPATION (from 3/15 - 3/15)	
· Sponsored a new Local Organization	_____
· Sponsored a Young Working Adult candidate at District and/or State level	_____
· Sponsored a Student Program candidate at Local and State level	_____
· Participated in a Leadership Development program	_____
· Sponsored a Leadership Development candidate at District and/or State level	_____
· Sponsored a candidate for District office	_____
· Sponsored a candidate for State office	_____
· Had an appointed District Committee Chair	_____
· Had an appointed State Committee Chair	_____
ELECTED OFFICERS (from 3/15 to 3/15)	
· Had an elected officer on the District level	_____
· Had an elected officer on the State level	_____
· Had an active member who is a PSP	_____
COMMUNITY and LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT (from 3/15 - 3/15)	
· If your Local participated in a community project	_____
· Attended Indiana Legislative Awareness Day	_____
· Sponsored a local activity/program focused on Legislation, Lobbying, Voting, etc.	_____
PROGRAM (from 3/15 - 3/15)	
· Observance of Working Women’s Month	_____
· Held a new member recruitment meeting / event	_____
· Held a Member Orientation Meeting	_____
SHARING OUR MISSION (from 3/15 - 3/15)	
· Organized and/or Participated in a Reality Store®	_____
· Organized and/or Participated in another Choices event – mentoring, job shadowing, etc	_____
· Awarded scholarship(s)	_____
<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>	_____

Miriam Sturgeon Award Point Instructions

MEMBERSHIP (from 3/15 - 3/15)

Acquired New Members - 1 point for each new member joining INFBPW/Local

New Members under 35 - 1 additional point for each new member under 35 joining INFBPW/Local

Student Members - 1 additional point for each new student member joining INFBPW/Local

10 or more total new members - If Local has 10 new members, add an additional 10 points, if more than 10 new members add an additional 1 point for any above 10, (Example 12 new members = 12 points)

CLUB REPRESENTATION (from 3/15 to 3/15)

Your member(s) attended:

A District Presidents Meeting - your District - 1 point for each member of your Local attending the meeting

Your Spring District Meeting - 1 point for each member of your Local attending your District Meeting

State Convention - 1 point for each member attending State Convention

Fall Conference - 1 point for each member attending Fall Conference

A different INFBPW District Meeting, Local Meeting or Special Occasion (in other than official capacity) -
- 1 point for each member attending

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS (from 3/15 - 3/15)

Your Local organization made a contribution to Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc - 5 points

Member(s) of your Local made a personal donation to Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc - 1 point
per member making a donation

PARTICIPATION (from 3/15 - 3/15)

Sponsor a new Local Organization- 10 points for each new Local sponsored

Sponsored a Young Working Adult candidate at District and/or State level - 3 points for a YWA candidate sponsored by Local to District and 3 additional points if YWA candidate participated at State level

Sponsored a Student Program candidate at Local and State level - 5 points for 1 SP candidate sponsored by Local at State level

Participated in a Leadership Development program - 3 points for each member of Local participating in a Leadership Development program

Sponsored a Leadership Development candidate at District and/or State level - 3 points for each LD candidate sponsored by Local to District and 3 points for each LD candidate sponsored by Local at State level

Sponsored a candidate for District Office - 4 points for each candidate from Local.

Sponsored a candidate for State Office - 4 points for each candidate from Local.

Had an appointed District Committee Chair - 5 points for each Local member appointed as a District Committee Chair

Had an appointed State Committee Chair - 5 points for each Local member appointed as a State Committee Chair

Miriam Sturgeon Award Point Instructions — Continued

ELECTED OFFICERS (from 3/15 to 3/15)

Had an elected officer on the District level - 5 points for each Local member elected to a District Office

Had an elected officer on the State level - 5 points for each Local member elected to a State Office

Had an active member who is a PSP - 2 points for each Local member who is a PSP

COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT (from 3/15 - 3/15)

If your Local participated in a community project – Describe on a separate sheet of paper the project and who participated. 1 point for each community project

Attended Indiana Legislative Awareness Day - 1 point for each member attending Legislative Awareness Day

Sponsored a local activity/program focused on Legislation, Lobbying, Voting, etc - Describe on a separate sheet of paper the activity/program and how many participated. 1 point for each activity/program

PROGRAM (from 3/15 - 3/15)

Observance of Working Women's Month - Describe in 100 words or less the program and how many participated. 1 point for each program

Held a new member recruitment meeting/event - Describe the program/event and how many participated.

1 point for each meeting/event.

Held a Member Orientation Meeting - Describe the meeting and how many new members participated and how many Local members attended

SHARING OUR MISSION (from 3/15 - 3/15)

Organized and/or Participated in a Reality Store® - List the number of the Reality Store(s)® the Local participated in and how many members helped with each Reality Store®. 1 point for each member participating in each Reality Store(s)®

Organized and/or Participated in another Choices event - mentoring, job shadowing, etc - Describe the event and how many participated. 1 point for each member that participated

Awarded scholarship(s) - 5 points if Local gave a scholarship(s)

What's Happening in the Locals

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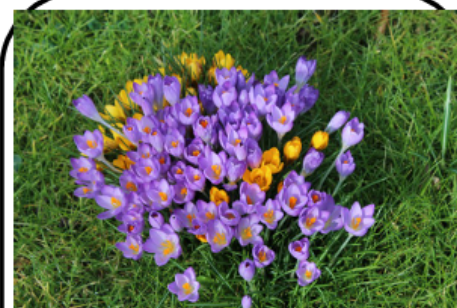
Hello Ladies!!

Hope all of you are enjoying this really nice weather!! I want to thank LindaMarie for filling in as VP for me since I was unable to attend our Feb. meeting. Thank you to Bonnie and Tina for making the mtg. a fun time making Valentines!! Several of us will be attending the Spring District meeting on March 2nd in Knightstown. Hopefully we will come back with some interesting info.

Our club will be helping do a Reality Store in the next few months. We are waiting to hear from the teacher what the dates will be.

Our next meeting will be held at The Grill in McCordsville. Networking begins at 5:30 and our meeting begins as soon as we have ordered our food. Dana Jones, our State President, will be attending and our 2023 Outstanding Working Woman recipient hopes to attend as well. **Please RSVP attendance to me or Carole.** We need good attendance to use The Grill's back room! Also, we could use some help finding places to hold our future meetings that are quiet enough to hear during our meetings. If you have some place in mind, run it by us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Take care and enjoy each day!!
Vickie



Mark Your Calendars

Local meeting -

Tues., March 12 @ 5:30pm
Grill 2 (back room)
McCordsville, IN

Spring District Mtg. -

Sat. March 2, 11:30am—3pm
Hoosier Gym
Knightstown, IN

Each member to bring a Silent Auction Item

Carpool? —Call or email Vickie

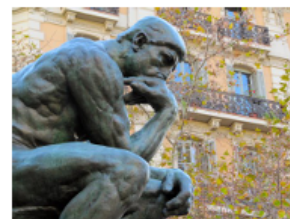
INFBPW State Convention

April 26-27
Hotel Indigo
Columbus, IN

MARCH—WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Here are some women of significance:

Joan of Arc	Susan B. Anthony	Clara Barton
Harriet Beecher Stowe	Louisa May Alcott	
Amelia Earhart	Anne Frank	Mother Teresa
Helen Keller	Marie Curie	Madeleine Albright



*"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we
give."*

Winston Churchill

What's Happening in the Locals—continued

Knightstown Local:

Greeting from the Knightstown Local. We have been up to so much here lately. To start off, we are finally returning back to our 'Walking Taco' stands here in town. This is our primary fundraiser for our local scholarships. We are currently gearing up for the Solar Eclipse. This will hopefully fund a few scholarships and other fundraisers in town. Our chapter is also preparing to host our annual District 2 spring meeting on March 2nd at the Hoosier Gym. We are also finalizing plans for the Spring Convention April 26th—28th. I hope to see you all at both events!!

Best Personal wishes

Amber Long, Knightstown President and INFBPW State Meetings Coordinator

In Memoriam

Linda Hochstetler (August 10, 1942 — November 16, 2023)



Obituary published on Legacy.com by Seals Funeral Home - Fortville on Nov. 17, 2023.

Linda K. Hochstetler, 81, of Fortville, passed away Thursday November 16, 2023, at Rawlins House in Pendleton. She was born August 10, 1942, in Hammond, IN to the late Paul Akers and Erva (Romine) Akers. She was a graduate from North Central High School in Sullivan County.

Linda retired from Mt. Vernon Elementary School after 36 years of service as the head cook. She was an active member of the Fortville Christian Church, the Fortville Lions Club, the Fortville Jaycees, and the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was the past President of the Hancock County Business and Professional Women's Club of which she was still an active member.

Linda is survived by her husband Ed Hochstetler, whom she married of May 17, 1964; daughter Pam Kingery of Fortville and son Brian (Amy) Hochstetler of Bloomington; grandchildren Brittany, Briann, Brandi, Caitlin, and Kelsey; and 7 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her granddaughter Brooke and her brother Larry Akers.

In Memoriam

M. Jane Myers (April 6, 1927 - July 1, 2023)



Obituary published on Legacy.com by Freeman Family Funeral Home — Morristown on July 2, 2023.

M. Jane Myers passed away on Saturday July 1, 2023, in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Margaret Jane Myers was born on April 6, 1927, in Shelbyville, Indiana, to Robert I. Weaver and Margaret L. (Niesse) Weaver. Jane married Lewis "Pete" Myers on October 1, 1949. He preceded her in death on October 19, 1987. They were the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Myers.

Jane attended St. Joseph Catholic School and graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1945. She worked as a secretary at Amos Molded Plastics in Edinburgh, Admiral Corp., Gen Pro, Tokheim Corp., and Overhead Door, all in Shelbyville. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, **long-time member and past president of INFBPW/ Shelbyville**, Daughters of Isabella, member and past president of Vestavia, and St. Anne Altar Society. Jane loved her family, reading, travel, playing cards, NASCAR, Indiana University basketball, Cincinnati Reds baseball, and going to Barry Manilow concerts.

Surviving Jane are: E. Ann Myers, daughter, Shelbyville; Joanne Lawler, sister, Galena, Illinois; Robert L. Weaver, brother, Port Charlotte, Florida; nieces Martha Collier, Shelbyville; Margaret Post, Greensburg; Marcia Spears, Brantley, Alabama; Lou Ann Dorman, Shelbyville; Paula Payne, Evansville; Susan Shull, Carmel; and Sarah Boyd, Columbus; nephews Rob Weaver, Colonial Heights, Virginia; Bryan Weaver, Fernandina Beach, Florida; Jeffrey Lawler, Hanover, Illinois; Michael Lewis, Columbus; Robert Lewis, Shelbyville; Bill Elliott, Shelbyville; and Mark Elliott, Shelbyville; many great- and great great- nieces and nephews; several Godchildren; and honorary daughter, Janneane R. Siegel, Mesa, Arizona.

Preceding Jane in death were her husband, Pete Myers; her parents; her sisters, Roanne Lewis and Mary Elliott; and her nephews Patrick Lewis, Todd Lewis, and Douglas Myers.

Gayle Henderson added:

Jane originally joined in 1970 until 1981 and then rejoined in 1988, she was a past president of Shelbyville BPW and served on several committees over the years. Jane was 'Woman of the Year' in 1995 for the Shelbyville local. Jane's niece, Martha Collier of Shelbyville, is a member of the Shelbyville BPW club.

In Memoriam



Mary Alice Secrest

December 6, 1931 ~ February 25, 2024

Obituary published on Legacy.com by **Murphy-Parks Funeral Services**
and published in The Addison Times (2/28/24)

Mary Alice Secrest, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away, Sunday, February 25, 2024 in HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte Florida.

She was born December 6, 1931 in Columbus, IN to Gerald and Pearl Truitt.

She married Gene Secrest on January 13, 1952, and he preceded her in death in 2008.

Mary moved to Shelbyville in January of 1963 where she lived in the same house until moving with her daughter to Port Charlotte, Florida in December of 2023.

She worked as Deputy County Auditor of Shelby County until her retirement in 1989.

Mary was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Eastern Star, REBS red hat group, BIG investment club, and **Indiana Federation of Business & Professional Women, where she served as Secretary for the State Federation.**

She enjoyed reading, knitting, and needlework. Mary loved her dachshunds that she had for many years. She also enjoyed playing bridge with her bridge clubs. Mary made needlework Christmas ornaments for her bridge club members for over 30 years. A Christmas tree was decorated with these ornaments at Grover Museum, in her honor.

Mary is survived by her daughter, LeAnne Secrest and her daughter-in-law, Shauna Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sisters, Wanda Henderson and Valura Truitt both of Columbus.