

Hoosier Business Women's Newsletter



February 2026



Letter from the President:

Hello BPW members,

As winter is upon us, I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring I am ready to see the beautiful flowers and new growth. With new growth coming it is my hope that we can gain growth in INFBPW. This year my theme was "Key to your Success" I have been thinking about this year and what success we have achieved. Communication being at the top of our goals for INFBPW.

More communication with members has been a goal of mine and I hope that you all are receiving my emails and are getting some good information from them. We also published a Hoosier Business Women's mailing which had a lot of information in it on Fall Conference and what our locals are doing.

State Convention this year will be on April 10-12, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edinburgh. The meeting room space reminds me of past BPW conference/conventions which I am looking forward to filling with our amazing BPW members. I hope to see you all at State Convention and hear what wonderful things your local and districts are doing.

Sincerely,

Brooke Norris

INFBPW State President



2026 State Convention

General Information

When: April 10-12, 2026

Where: The Hilton Garden Inn
122210 Executive Dr
Edinburgh, IN 46214

- **Registration:**
 - Registration must be completed before Credentials closes on Saturday @ 9:00 am.
 - A special reduced registration fee is for all First Timers. If you have never attended a Fall Conference, then your eligible
 - Registrations must be postmarked and sent to State Treasurer Twilla Deaton PSP by **March 30, 2026**. Checks must be enclosed with registration. Checks are to be made out to: **INFBPW**

- **Fees:** Refer to the State Convention registration form for Registration fees and meal pkgs.

- **Suggested Attire:** Business Casual for the entire day.

- **Basket Auction:** We ask that each local bring a basket or item for the auction. Our favorite auctioneer Jeff Rich will be here to assist in the auction.

- **Pound Sale:** We ask members to bring an item for the pound sale, or more if you would like. Please bring your item unconcealed in a bag or box, and attach a clue to what might be in it. This has been a popular fund raiser in the past.

- **50/50 Raffle:** Finance Chairman Vicki Reece has raffle tickets available. Please sell as many as you can for the drawing.

Hotel Information

The Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh is conveniently located off I-65 and US 31 at Exit 76, next to Indiana Premium Outlet Mall and Exit 76 Antiques. Breakfast Hours: Monday-Friday 6am-10am. Saturday & Sunday 7am-11am. On-site Restaurant open Monday-Sunday 5pm-9pm and On-site Bar opens Monday-Sunday 5pm-10pm. We have Guest Laundry, Outdoor Patio with Fire pit, Indoor Heated Pool and Spa, & Fitness Center.

[Available Rooms- Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Edinburgh](#)

We have booking link for group blocks, so this is for your group above. They can also call the hotel directly to book and mention the name of the group. They should also be able to use the code IPB.



Conference Room



Regular Double Room

State Convention

Menu

Friday - The Tailgater

Jumbo Soft Pretzels/ Mustard, Tortilla Chips and salsa,
Mixed nuts, Assorted Sodas and Water

Saturday

Breakfast

Continental Breakfast included with your Room

Lunch

Soup, Salad, and Baked Potato Buffet
Tossed Salad with assorted dressings, Baked Potatoes with Shredded Lettuce, Shredded Cheese, Diced Tomatoes, Chives, Sour Cream, Bacon bits

Choice of 2 soups:

Broccoli Cheddar
Beef Stew
Dessert

Banquet

Brown Sugar Crusted Pork Loin & Spiced Apples
Port Marinated Flank Steak with Mushroom Sauce (on the side)
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
House Salad
Fruit Salad
Dessert Bar:
Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake, Cobbler

Sunday

Breakfast

Continental Breakfast included with your Room

Schedule of Events

Friday- Sunday April 10-12, 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration & Credentials

7:00 p.m. - Foundation Tailgating Party

Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Registration & Credentials

9: 15 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. – Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch / Speaker/ Awards

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Business Meeting

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Speaker/Workshop

4:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m. – DD meeting and PSP meeting

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cash Bar & EC Board Pictures

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Auction

9:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Post Board Meeting

Sunday April 12, 2026

Travel/Shopping Day

State Convention Registration Form

April 10-12, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn Edinburgh

March 30, 2026 (postmarked deadline)

(Please Print)

Full Name: _____ Email: _____

Local Organization: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Badge Name: _____

Registration Fees:

Registration: \$50.00 _____

First-Timers' Registration: \$45.00 _____

Zoom Registration: \$20.00 _____

Activities:

Foundation Fundraiser: \$20.00 _____

Meals: Do you have any Food allergies or dietary needs? _____

Meal Package (Saturday Luncheon & Banquet): \$50.00 _____

Saturday Luncheon: \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet: \$30.00 _____

Total Registration Fees and Meals: \$ _____

Mail Check and completed Registration Form to: INFBPW c/o Twilla Deaton, PSP 241 N CO RD 100 W. New Castle,, IN 47362.

A \$20.00 fee will be charged for returned checks. **Refund Policy:** Cancellation requests must be made in writing to the address above. Requests postmarked NOT LATER than **March 30, 2026** will qualify for a full refund. A \$50.00 processing fee will apply to requests postmarked after the deadline. All requests must be made within thirty (30) days after the event. See INFBPW Standing Rules.

Volunteers Needed: _____ Pages _____ Federation Sales
_____ Doorkeepers _____ Registration/Credentials

Date/Time Available: _____

I authorize INFBPW/IWEF to post any pictures taken at conference/convention to our website and all Social Media Platforms to promote the organizations.

Signed by: _____ Date: _____

State Convention Speakers



Chenel Darby

Chenel Darby is CEO and has built a career focused on health and wellness. In 2015 she founded Choice Wellness Company (CWC) where she is the CEO. CWC provides comprehensive health promotion and protection strategies implemented on-site at businesses, work locations and faith-based settings.

Typically, Choice Wellness Company works with business owners that are concerned about how poor employee health negatively impacts attendance, morale and overall effectiveness. They're worried how stress translates into loss of productivity and employee engagement. Many are alarmed at the rising cost of employee healthcare and how it significantly impacts their bottom line. CWC provides tools, techniques and talk all focused on reducing stress in the workplace leading to more happy and productive employees.

Chenel serves on various boards for NXG Motorsports and Montgomery County Leadership Academy. She holds certifications as a Competent leader and speaker from Toastmaster's International. Along with certifications from ACE as a Senior Health Educator and Health Coach. She is a graduate of Indiana State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health & Human Services. She spends her free time instructing yoga classes, resting and supporting community events and engagements!



Theresa Adams is a self-employed massage therapist and reflexologist. Theresa started professional background in 1978 as a nursing student and finished with a business & marketing education. That educational background led her to work for the local cable company in Shelbyville for twenty-four years. The industry gave her skills in marketing, sales, customer service, electronics, computer programming, high speed internet that changed quickly and was exciting. However, the industry changed and the Shelbyville office closed. During the last three years there, a local BPW sister said she needed to reinvent herself and make herself more marketable. During that time, she went to school and received her pharmacy tech license. She also went to a holistic massage and reflexology school and found this is my happy spot. Once she graduated from massage; she started to fill her toolbox of knowledge. Theresa studied and has attained certification for reiki, medical massage, reflexology, reflexology lymphatic drainage, warm bamboo, hot stone, Vodder lymphatic drainage, cupping, cranial sacral, neuromuscular and myofascial massage. Theresa also taught massage for five years in Indianapolis and had a successful business with five therapists working for her until 2019. Theresa is an advocate and member of INFBPW and served as state president 2012-2013. She is the current chair for the IWEF. In her spare time, she is a board member and volunteers for Cancer Association of Shelby County, The Major Woman's Alliance, Stephens Ministry, First Christian Church executive board, worship committee, Shelby Shines, Disciples Women Group and Wednesday book club. Theresa has been married for 44 years, mother of two sons, and two grandchildren.

Theresa will share how we can “talk to the hand!”

Awards...

Award Program	Deadlines	Award
Choices	March 15th	1, 2, & 3 place certificate
Jennie Scott	September 15th	certificate and 25.00 monetary award
INFBPW Onda Harris	March 15th	Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond Certificate
5 Member	March 15th	Certificate
Helen Blaker	March 15th	Traveling Nike Award 1 & 2
Mentor	March 15th	Plaque
Ring the Bell	March 15th	Large Bronze BPW Bell
New Member Sponsor	March 15th	Certificate
Miriam Sturgeon Award for Excellence	March 15th	Monetary award 25.00 & name placed on the scroll plaque
INFBPW Outstanding Media Coverage	March 15th	Certificate
INFBPW Outstanding Newsletter	March 15th	Certificate
INFBPW Woman of Achievement	March 15th	Certificate
Working Women's Recognition Month	March 15th	Certificate for 1, 2 & 3 place
Indiana Working Women	March 15th	Certificate
Student Program	October 1st	
Young Working Adult	March 15th	

Local News...

Hancock County Local:

Gibble Named 2025 Hancock Co. Outstanding Working Woman As part of the celebration for INFBPW Working Women's Month in November, the Hancock County BPW Club asked for nominations from the public for Outstanding Working Women. The qualities the nominees should exhibit included passion, generosity, commitment, optimism and supportiveness. Our group was looking for a woman who shares these qualities in their community. Mary Gibble, President and CEO of the Hancock County Community Foundation, was chosen as our 2025 Hancock County Outstanding Working Woman. Gibble, who is retiring at the end of 2025 from the Community Foundation of Hancock County, has spent the past 20 years transforming CFHC. Her leadership has resulted in exponential growth, a bolder community presence, and a statewide reputation for excellence and innovation. At the heart of Mary's leadership is her ability to build deep, authentic relationships with each donor and connects them to causes and opportunities that align with their values. She genuinely cares about donors as people and often builds friendships that extend beyond the walls of the office.



Pictured are BPW President DeAnn Harmon (left) and club member, Gloria Mathews presenting a plaque to Mary Gibble during the CFHC board meeting on Nov. 20.

Crawfordsville:

1st: They participated in the Festival of Trees at the Crawfordsville Masonic Cornerstone in December. The photos are of Kelly Harris-Kraynak and RaeAnn (president) decorating the tree.



2nd: Kelly Harris-Kraynak, RaeAnn Gochenour, Abby Gochenour, Darcy Cook, Nancy Gegner, Kelly's daughter Ava and husband Nick (he drove the car) participated in the Crawfordsville Christmas Parade!



3rd: Crawfordsville INFBPW did a coat drive and collected over 70 winter coats that were then given to local charities to give to people in need.

Shelbyville

Our group gathered for our annual pitch-in Christmas party. We also celebrated years of service to (left) Gayle Henderson for 50 years of dedicated service and (right) Lossie Laird for 66 years of dedicated service. Each of them received a bouquet of flowers.



Left to right: acting President Joanne Bowen, Charlotte Towne, Emily Fannin, Brandy Moore, Taylor Davis, E. Ann Myers, Dorcas Dorsett, Kimberly Sturgill, Sue Gassert, Martha Collier, Sherry Mohr, (guest speaker; Lucinda Franklin and guest Patricia Walton)
Front left to right: Gayle Henderson and Lossie Laird.



2025-2026 newest members:
Left to right: Kimberly Sturgill, Chris Hurst, Emily Fannin

Shelbyville Mayor Scott Furgeson read the Proclamation declaring November as Indiana Working Women's Month. We received a paper certificate.



Left to right: acting President Joanne Bowen, PSP Theresa Adams, Brandy Moore, Kimberly Sturgill, Charlotte Towne, Sherry Mohr, Dorcas Dorsett, Emily Fannin, Gayle Henderson.

DATES TO REMEMBER

IN Women's Education Foundation Month	February 2026
Winter Board (Exec Board) by Zoom 7:00 pm	February 17, 2026
Winter Board – Zoom @ 10:00 am	February 21, 2026
IWEF Scholarship Applications Due	March 1, 2026
INFBPW State Award Applications Due	March 15, 2026
State Convention Reports Due	March 30, 2026
State Convention – Edinburgh	April 10-12, 2026

FOUNDATION FUND RAISER



Foundation Fund Raiser

When: Friday night of State Convention

April 10, 2026

Where: The Hilton Garden Inn

Edinburgh, IN

In President's Suite

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$20.00