

HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL  
WOMENS CLUBS, INC.  
1995/1996

State President Iona R. Myers  
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President's Theme: Take Heart - Make Women Count!  
Mission: To achieve equity for all women in the work place through advocacy, education and information.  
Vision: BPW is the leading advocate for working women. The following characteristics embody our vision and mission and assist the organization in focusing our efforts: Focused; Broad-based; Formidable Force; Cutting Edge; Catalyst for Change; Committed Professionals; Efficient and Progressive; Business Partners  
Directory Cover: Outline of the State of Louisiana with three women, holding a heart. BPW/USA Logo Women Mean Business.

Board Members

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Jefferson Parish	Genevieve Berthiaume	Lafitte
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		Shelah Goodson
		Debbie Spallino
		Ann Bruner
		Dolly Ruggiero
		Inactive/Dues
		Marjorie M. Wall
		Doris Sanders
		Susan Arnett
		Barbara Hammock

Iona R. Myers was installed as state president at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie on Saturday, June 10, 1995. Installing officer was Past State President, Robbie Melder Hill. Corvette Kowalski served as State Convention Chair. Brigadier General Sherian G. Cadoria was the keynote speaker at the installation banquet. Her topic was very inspiring and a few of the highlights are well worth recording in our history: Be visionary...willing to respond to accommodate change. P.A.C.E..professionalism (a life-long pursuit); attitude (a dynamic charge) change (challenges); and excellence (the high road, our society has drifted from the high road). General Cadoria encouraged each of us to : work as a team; compete only with yourself; carry other women with you; know the issues; read continuously; observe continuously; intelligent input; careful listening (listening is an art); walk/talk softly-be humble and gentle; be caring; be flexible, willing responsive accomodation of change; be assertive, attitude in getting views heard. In the year 2000 women will need a positive attitude, perception, have flexibility (bend, don't break), be optimistic and pool resources and experience.

BPW/USA National Convention was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 15-18, 1995. Nutrition and exercise expert Richard Simmons was the hit of the keynote luncheon on Monday, July 17th. Members learned the latest country line dances and much excitement was generated on auction items at the Foundation Gala. These were the entertaining and fun times; inspiring speakers and information-packed seminars, a first-ever technology fair and leadership institute plus more were available to increase knowledge and leadership needed to promote BPW; it's mission, vision and goals. Anna M. Vacca was installed as BPW/USA National President. On July 31, 1995, Direct dues transition period began.

Mid Year Board was held in Alexandria, Louisiana on November 11, 1995. Twenty seven members were in attendance. On Sunday, a seminar "Win, Win" was held to assist members in learning to organize and run a meeting properly.

The 77th Annual State Conference was held at the Holiday Inn Central Holidome in Lafayette, Louisiana on June 7-9, 1996. Deborah Fisher, State Convention Chair and members of District II were in charge of the convention. Not only were learning workshops provided, but also relaxing and entertaining sessions were offered to all members. Everyone enjoyed the fashion show presented by Abdalla's. An excellent variety of vendors provided many items for sale. Patricia Cornish, BPW/USA Finance Chair, was our national representative.

#### AWARDS/NIKE BANQUET

#### NBWW WEEK

Highest Percentage Members Participation: Alexandria BPW

**IDP**

Sandra Miller - Jefferson Parish BPW

**Young Careerists**

Carol Treitler-Fife - St. Bernard BPW

**Public Relations**

Best Coverage (Press Book): Jefferson Parish BPW

Best Coverage of Outstanding Community Program: St. Bernard BPW

Best Coverage of a Single Program: St. Bernard BPW

**Foundation**

Highest Per Member Contribution: Jefferson Parish BPW

\$3.00 per member LO Contributions: Jefferson Parish, Thibodaux, Donaldsonville, Slidell, Lake Charles, and New Orleans LOs.

**Membership**

Lo Best Retention & Growth: Donaldsonville LO

Most Outstanding Membership Recruiter: Pattie Dossmann-West St. Tammany LO

Plus 5 Recruiters: Pattie Dossmann, West St. Tammany; Ann Bruner, Lake Charles LO; Sandi Myers & Genevieve Berthiaume, Jefferson Parish LO

**Legislative Award**

Outstanding Legislative Program: Donaldsonville BPW

Attendance at Lobby Day: Donaldsonville, New Orleans and Jefferson Parish LOs

**Issues Management Award**

Making a Difference: St. Bernard LO

Excellence in Media Award: Amy Ragsdale-St. Bernard LO

**District Director's Award**

District Accomplishments Award: District I - Cory Kowalski

**State President's Awards**

Most Outstanding LO Award (Traveling ): St. Bernard LO

President's Excellence in Leadership Award: Corvetter Kowalski Jefferson Parish LO

**NIKE Award**

Pamela Kampitsis - St. Bernard LO / Past State President 92/93

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**BYLAW AMENDMENT:** Article XV, Board of Directors, Section I. The executive committee with the chairmen of standing and special committees, the district directors, the presidents of the local organizations or the local organization's duly authorized representative the Pelican Editor, the corresponding secretary, and the parliamentarian shall constitute the board of directors.

**RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED:** (1) Three issues of the Pelican will be printed during the federation year beginning 1996-1997. (2) The National President's Gift collected from each LO will increase from .50 cents to \$1.00. This fund will be used to reimburse the State President for the contribution she makes towards a gift for the National President at the National Conference. (3) The State YC Chair will gather information at the 1996 BPW/USA Conference from other federations regarding thier YC regulations for their state competitions, and present her report with a recommendation at Mid Year Board (1996). The YC state competition will begin on Friday after 3PM.

**Final Report of Registration:** Delegates, 77; Guests, 3; Visitors, 27; Total in Attendance: 107. Total Membership Reported for year ending May 31, 1996: 494 Members.

1996/1997 BPW/LA OFFICERS

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7-13-98  
Date

Anne M. Storms

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7-7-98  
Date