

HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL
WOMENS CLUBS, INC.
1996/1997

State President: Antoinette C. Gardner
President Elect: Corvette Kowalski First Vice President: Mary Masters
Second Vice President: Dolly Ruggiero
Recording Secretary: Doris Sanders Corresponding Secretary: Gayle Patrick
Treasurer: Martha Mahfouz Auditor: Pat Moses
Chair, Nominating Committee: Delia Flynn Pelican Editor: Iona Myers
Parliamentarian, Chair of Protocol: Sandi Myers

President's Theme: Look Into BPW's Future - It's In Your Hands
Achieve Equity through Legislation - Education -
and Information
Directory Cover: Hands Holding a Crystal Ball

Standing Committees

Finance: Ann Bruner & Sandi A. Lobue Foundation: Elaine Vollentine
Public Relations: Camille Moran Young Careerist: Kathryn Fulco-Henry
Bylaws, Policies and Procedures: Ardis Lamb

District I Director Mary Graham Smith
District II Director Pat Moses District IV Director Alice C. Teddlie
District V Director Elizabeth Keyes
District VII Director Camille Moran District VIII Director Mary Masters

Special Committee Chairs/Task Force Appointment

Agnes Morris Educational Loan Fund Robbie Melder Hill
Mid Year Board Delia Flynn State Convention Chair Gayle Patrick
Nike Genevieve Berthiaume National Business Women's Week Marie Eddlemon
Individual Development Deborah Keller Historian Anne M. Storms
Chaplain Sue Magee Rules & Resolutions Mary Tatum

Local Organization Presidents

Jefferson Parish	Lisa Blume	Lafitte	Mary Graham Smith
New Orleans	Cynthia Edwards	St. Bernard	Kathryn Fulco-Henry
Westside	Karen LaChute	Crowley	Michelle Leblanc
Lafayette	Deborah Fisher	Lake Charles	Pam Thompson
Capital City	Bronis Thomas	Gonzales	Yvonne Andrepoint
Donaldsonville	Wanda Ishmael	Bogalusa	Dues Paying Only
West St. Tammany	Peggy Phillips	Slidell	Dot Horton
Alexandria	Marjorie Wall	DeRidder	Melissa Bryan
Natchitoches	Theresa Gibson	Oakdale	Peggy Fontenot
Bastrop	Susan Arnett	Monroe/WM	Shirley Horner
Ruston	Barbara Hammoc	Shreveport	Antoinette Gardner

Antoinette C. Gardner was installed as state president at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Lafayette, Louisiana on Saturday, June 8, 1996. Installing Officer was Past State President, Gayle Patrick. A very special party followed the installation where all members could have their future disclosed by looking into the crystal ball and having their future and past disclosed by a lady that "knows all and sees all" by reading palms.

National Conference was held on July 26-30 in Washington D.C. at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Keynote Luncheon Speaker was Dee Dee Myers, former Clinton White House Press Secretary. The results of the 1995 BPW/USA Demographic Study of our membership was released. >The typical BPW member is educated, mid-income, and employed. >33% are small business owners. >72% have a four-year college degree or more education. >80% have at least some college education. Implementation of direct dues has begun. A bylaw amendment passed that opens membership of BPW to anyone who supports the goals of the organization. Employment is no longer a requirement; also a bylaw amendment to change all references to chairman to chair(s) was also passed. Highlights of the conference included the appearance of Vice President Al Gore and his acceptance of the BPW/USA PAC endorsement for the Clinton/Gore ticket. Also speaking to the convergence body was Labor Secretary Robert Reich; Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) sponsor of the Fair Pay Act and Mary Matalin. During the opening ceremonies we were also addressed by Congresswoman Connie Morella (R-MD), Irene Natividad, Chair of the National Commission on Working Women, and Dr. Freida Lewis-Hall, Chair of the National Commission on Working Women, and Dr. Freida Lewis-Hall, Director of Women's Health at Eli Lilly and Company. 16 members from Louisiana attended the conference.

Mid Year Board was held November 2, 1006 at the Holiday Inn, in Alexandria, Louisiana. A total of 24 members attended. LO's who participated in the Women's Vote Day reported on their activities.

Direct Dues to National BPW went into effect this year. Also, Louisiana Federation was divided into three districts, Southeast, Southwest Central and Northeast-Northwest.

The 78th Annual State Convention was held in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 13-15, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Holidome Financial Center. BPW/USA National President, Candace Butler served as national representative at the convention.

Bylaw changes included the following: (a) membership dues were increased to \$14.00 for continuing members; student members dues were not changed; (b) a quorum of the board of directors shall be one third of its members provided they represent at least one third of the local organizations of the state federation, and provided further that two of those present shall be members of the executive committee. Quorum is based upon the named Board Members; (c) The officers of the Louisiana Federation shall be a president, president-elect, first vice-president, second vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, auditor, chair of nominating committee; (d) appoint the corresponding secretary, auditor, chair of nominating committee, the standing committee chairs and standing committee members where designated, the special committee chairs, the parliamentarian and Pelican Editor, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

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NBWW WEEK

Best Program NBWW: Jefferson Parish BPW

ID AWARD:

Model Individual Development Program: St. Bernard BPW

Public Relations Awards:

Best News Coverage Single Program: St. Bernard BPW

Best Coverage Outstanding Comm. Program: St. Bernard BPW

Best PR Program (Press Book): Jefferson Parish BPW

Foundation Awards:

LO with highest Contributions per member: Jefferson Parish BPW

National Foundation Award \$3 Contribution: Slidell, St. Bernard

Jefferson, West St. Tammany, Monroe,

Shreveport, Lake Charles

Young Careerist: Bobbie Simmons, Slidell
Runner-up: Michele Tassin Gomez, St. Bernard BPW

Membership Awards:
LO Best Retention & Growth: Bastrop BPW
Most Outstanding Membership Recruiter: Ann Bruner
Plus 5 Recruiters: Ann Bruner, Dolly Ruggiero & Marilyn Fowler
Golden Star Membership Campaign Award: Slidell BPW

Legislative Award
Outstanding Legislative Program: St. Bernard BPW
Attendance at Lobby Day: Shreveport/Bossier BPW

Issues Management Award:
National Issues Management /Leg Award: Slidell BPW

District Director's Award
District Accomplishments Award: Southwest Central District

State President's Awards
Most Outstanding LO Award (Traveling): Slidell BPW
President's Excellence in Leadership Award: Dot Horton
President, Slidell BPW

NIKE Award
Janice Guyton Williams - Monroe LO / Past State President 91/92

Final Report of Registration: Delegates, 67; Guests, 4; Visitors, 9; Total, 80
Total Membership of Federation Year Ending 5/31/1997 was 473.

1997/1998 BPW/LA OFFICERS

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