

**LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
HISTORY
2005 -2006**

President: Angela Jackson-Wilson
President-Elect: Judy Wilson Vice-President: Doris Sanders
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Cook Treasurer: Desiree Duhon-Dyess

President's Theme: VISION STATEMENT: Refocus-Activate-Renew-Execute
Directory Cover: CIRCLE OF GEMS
President's Colors: Black & White

Installation of 87th President of the Louisiana Federation of BPW was held in Slidell, Louisiana. Janis Guyton installed the officers in a very impressive ceremony. A Reception followed the installation.

Standing Chairs

Legislation: Judy Wilson
Finance: Janis Guyton
Young Careerist: Amy Schmidt
Public Relations: Kathryn Nizer
Membership: Doris Sanders
Foundation: Wanda Ishmael
By-laws & P/P: Linda Burns
Nominations: Phyllis Callahan
Individual Development: Cory Kowalski

Special Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian: Frances Jakes
Agnes Morris Education Fund: Linda Burns
Corresponding Secretary: Annette Murdock-Tangye
Pay Equity & Equal Rights: Camille Moran
Mid Year Board Chair: Linda Burns
Legal Advisor: Desiree Duhon-Dyess
2006 State Conference: Dianne Henrie/Claire Reynolds
Small Business Development: Wendy Perniciaro
Rules & Resolutions: Bonnie Cook
Pelican Editor: Rhonda Counselman
Auditor: Marie Eddlemon
Chaplain: Lois Ferguson
BPW/Website: Doris Sanders & A. Schmidt
Historian: Doris Sanders
Red Purse Society: Cynthia Edwards
Nike: Pat Moses-Howard

Districts

Southeast District Director: Dianne Henrie **SW Central District Director: Faye Underwood**

**Local Organization Presidents
South East District**

**Donaldsonville: Wendy Perniciaro
Lafitte: Mary Graham Smith
Slidell:**

**Jefferson Parish: Stephanie Tufaro
New Orleans:
West St. Tammany: Pemmie Sheasby**

**Local Organization Presidents
South West Central District**

**Alexandria: Marie Eddlemon
Lake Charles: Pat Moses-Howard
Natchitoches: Theresa F. Gibson**

**DeRidder: Debra Chaddick
Monroe/W.Monroe: Amy Schmidt
Oakdale: Linda Burns**

Mid Year Board

Mid-Year Board was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on January 13, 2006 at the Holiday Inn-Holidome. Members from the areas of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita provided information as to their recovery process and the location of some of our members who moved out of state to be With relatives until they could return home. Many had no homes to return to.

Joe Berry, a Louisiana Professional Lobbyist from Iowa, LA was the guest speaker at the Legislative luncheon. Equal Pay for Women and the ERA were the topics he discussed.

Equal Pay Day in April was observed on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge. This forum was a joint venture with the Louisiana ERA Coalition. Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Director of Policy and Planning for the Governor's Office served as forum moderator. Keynote speaker at the forum was State Representative Sydnie Mae M. Durand, Louisiana District 46. Wrapping up the event was an advocacy training workshop facilitated by Representative Willie Hunter, Author of HB144 Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act.

Immediate Past State President, Camille Moran officially presented Northwest Louisiana Local Organization with their charter on May 20, 2006.

THE 87TH STATE CONFERENCE

The 87th State Conference of the Louisiana Federation of Business & Professional Women was held at the Holiday Inn in Lafayette, Louisiana on June 9, 2006. There were 36 members in attendance plus two guests. Conference Co-Chair, Linda Burns, PSP 2003/2004 welcomed the members and guest to the conference. Many of our members were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. St. Bernard Parish was evacuated as well as New Orleans. Some had no transportation and crowded into the Superdome. Also hurricane Rita destroyed a large portion of Lake Charles. To best described the problems our federation members endured during this time is impossible.

The Pay Equity bill authored by Representative Willie Hunter of Monroe did not pass the House.

Our federation will pursue the bill again during the next session of the House. The 2006-2007 budget presented by PSP Janis Guyton, finance chair, was approved. The Legislative Platform presented by President-Elect Judy Wilson was accepted. The appointment of the National Legislative Platform Alternate, PSP Camille Moran was approved. The winner of the Individual Development Speak Off was Annette Tangye of the Monroe/West Monroe Local Organization. Membership total on May 31, 2006 was 238.

The following message from State President Angie Jackson-Wilson follows:

“As we approach the end of another federation year and I look back over the past twelve month, I am reminded of two things in particular. Firstly, the horrendous natural disasters that have caused immeasurable devastation in our state and secondly: the incredible generosity of the people who have provided help, physical, practical, financial, time to listen and to hold a hand in comfort and friendship.

Many of our BPW sisters nationwide rose to the cause, helping people to regain their spirit and their dignity. Relief funds were provided by the generosity of members throughout the state as well as nationally.

For me; fellowship is the heart of BPW Louisiana ; it is what brings most of us into the organization and holds us there. It is knowing that together, we can truly make a difference in the life of a woman through information, education and advocacy. This conference does not boast a long list of fabulous speakers, but it will bring us together once again in fellowship, share in the jobs and sorrow of each other. We will prepare ourselves to inspire and energize each other for work that will set the direction of our federation for years to come.

Nothing can measure up to the friendship, fellowship and fun that I have enjoyed this year. I hope this weekend fills our heads, feeds our hearts and fuels our dreams. I am glad you are here. Angie Jackson-Wilson, President.

Approved:

Date

Historian: Anne M. Storms PSP
