

**LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
HISTORY
2007-2008**

President: Corvette J. Kowalski
President-Elect: Delia Flynn Vice-President: Cynthia Thompson
Recording Secretary: Doris Sanders Treasurer: Iona R. Myers

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AWARDS PRESENTED

State Membership Retention Award: Alexandria LO and Fleu de Lis LO, Jefferson Parish LO, Monroe/West Monroe LO, New Orleans LO, Oakdale LO, Slidell LO, and West St. Tammany LO.

Equalization Award was presented to Alexandria LO.

National Business Women's Week, Equal Pay and the Best Public Relations Programs were presented to Monroe/West Monroe LO.

LO Membership Recruiting Awards were presented to Slidell LO (29), West St. Tammany LO (17), Fleur de Lis LO (9), New Orleans LO (9), Monroe/West Monroe LO (9).

***District with most recruits: SE District
LO with most recruits August 31, 2007: Slidell LO
LO with most recruits November 30, 2007: West St. Tammany LO.
LO with most recruits February 29, 2008: West St. Tammany LO.
LO with most recruits May 20, 2008: West St. Tammany LO.***

***Membership Growth Award: Top Three LOs;
Slidell (41.5%), Fleur de Lis (160%), New Orleans (156%).***

***Top Three LOs with highest attendance at Midyear Board and State Conference:
West St. Tammany (16), Monroe/West Monroe (12), New Orleans (10).***

National Plus Five Bronze Membership Recruiter Awards presented to: Peggy Wells, Monroe/West Monroe LO, Leslie Welliver, West St. Tammany LO, and Cynthia Thompson, West St. Tammany LO.

PLUS 25 Local Organization Award presented to Slidell LO.

***The Outstanding District Director Award was presented to :
Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes
The Outstanding District and District Participation Awards were presented
Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes, SE District Director, St. Tammany.***

The Outstanding Local Organization Award was presented to Slidell LO.

***PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:
PSP Pat Moses-Howard, Lake Charles LO President***

***THE NIKE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:
Rosa E. White
Lake Charles LO***

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Corvette Kowalski was installed as State President of the Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional Women on June 9, 2007 at the state conference in Natchitoches, Louisiana. PSP Janis Guyton and Pelican Editor were the installing officers.

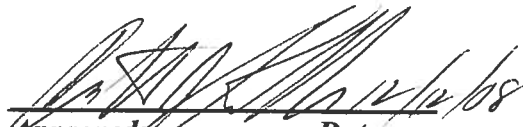
Special recognition is given to President Kowalski for taking the position of state president twice. The members of the federation appreciate your dedication and service to our federation, Cory. President Kowalski chartered Fleu de Lis LO in Baton Rouge. She also played a major support role in the revitalization of the Slidell LO. The Louisiana Federation membership increased from 250 members to 300 members; President Kowalski was presented the State Membership Growth Award for 2007-2008 at the BPW/USA National Conference in Atlanta.

President Kowalski is also to be commended for visiting all local organizations at their meetings. She also recruited two financial sponsors which assisted the federation meeting its budget requirements for the federation year.

BPW/USA INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO ALL MEMBERS

This year on the National BPW level, the most intense challenges were dealt with.

BPW/USA faces a significant crisis and the National Board of Directors reviewed and approved changes that would restructure BPW. These changes were necessary to ensure there will be a future for BPW/USA.


Approved: _____ Date _____
Corvette Kowalski


Anne M. Storms/Historian

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New Orleans (9) and Monroe (9)*

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West St. Tammany; and Cynthia Thompson, West St. Tammany*
THE OUTSTANDING DISTRICT AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:
Kaaren Montgomery-Grimes, West St. Tammany.

*President's Leadership Award was presented to:
Pat Moses Howard, Lake Charles LO President*

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PERSONAL INFOMARION

*Corette Kowalski was installed as President
By Past State President Janis Guyton
And Pelican Editor Rhonda Counselman.*

*Special recognition was earned by President Corvette Kowalski;
the first past state president to serve twice as president.
Cory chartered Fleur de Lis (Baton Rouge LO) and
played a major support role in the revitalization of the Slidell LO.
The Louisiana Federation Membership increased from
225 to 300 and Cory was presented the State Membership
Growth Award for 2007-2008 at the National Con
President Kowalski visited all local organizations.
She recruited two financial sponsors which assisted the
financial requirements of the state federation budget*

*Approved: _____ Date _____
State President 2007-2008*

State Historian _____ Date _____

*Past State President 1 year: Camille Moran
State President 2 year: Angie Jackson-Wilson
Past State President 3 year: Judy Wilson*

Districts

*SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Cynthia Thompson
SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DIRECTOR: Linda Burns*

Local Organization Presidents

*Alexandria: Marie Eddlemon DeRidder: Anne M. Storms
Donaldsonville: Wanda Ishmael Jefferson Parish: Stephanie Tufaro
Lake Charles: Pat Moses Howard Monroe/W.Monroe: Beth Betz
Natchitoches: Rotation/Past LO Pres. New Orleans: Laverne Harness
North West Louisiana: Antoinette Gardner Oakdale: Linda Burns
St. Bernard: Contact Dianne Henrie Slidell: Revitalizing
Fleur de Lis: Myrma Arroyo*

MID-YEAR BOARD

*Mid-Year Board was held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the Clarion Hotel
And Conference Center in Alexandria, Louisiana*

*President Corvette Kowalski called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM and
adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM. There were twenty-six members
attending MIDYEAR BOARD.*

*The Eighty-ninth State Conference of the Louisiana Federation
Of Business & Professional Women was held at the Holiday Inn,
Covington, Louisiana
on June 5-8, 2008.*

*The opening business session was called to order by Corvette J. Kowalski,
Presiding officer.*

*All officers, standing chairs, and special chairs reports were printed
In the Conference Book or were given orally. Excellent
Workshops were presented. New officers were
Elected and installed on Saturday Night by
Past State Presidents, Pat Moses Howard and Linda Burns
There were 47 members in attendance at the conference.
"LUAU" was the theme for the Friday Night Awards.*

A Comedy Night Followed.

AWARDS PRESENTED WERE:

*State Membership Awards for Retention presented to: Alexandria,
Fleu de Lis, Jefferson Parish, Monroe, New Orleans
Oakdale, Slidell and West St. Tammany*

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

State President: Corvette J. Kowalski
President Elect: Dolly Ruggiero First Vice President: Doris Sanders
Second Vice President: Kathryn Henry
Recording Secretary: Alice Barrios Corresponding Secretary:
Treasurer: Sandi Myers Auditor: Anne M. Storms
Chair, Nominating Committee: Danielle Sanders / Pelican Editor: Iona Myers
Parliamentarian, Chair of Protocol: Iona Myers

President's Theme: Building Our Future...For a Better BPW
Achieve Equity through Legislation-Education-Information
Directory Cover: Rainbow with a Heart- Colors: Red, Yellow, Green, Blue

Standing Committees

Finance: Ann Bruner & Sandi A. Lobue Foundation Chair: Sylvia Duplessis
Public Relations: Patti L. Dossman Young Careerist: Shellah Auderer
Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Chair: Shirley A. Horner

Southeast District Director: Elaine Vollentine
Southwest Central District Directors: Pat Moses & Camille Moran
Northwest/Northeast District Director: Antoinette C. Gardner

Special Committee Chairs/Task Force Appointments

Agnes Morris Educational Loan Fund: Robbie Melder Hill
Mid Year Board: Delia Flynn State Convention Chair: Wanda Ishmael
Nike : Pamela S. Kampitsis NBW Week: Deborah D. Keller
Individual Development Chair: Sandra Miller Historian: Anne M. Storms
Chaplain: Esther Terry Rules & Resolutions: Pat Moses

Local Organization Presidents

Jefferson Parish	Joni Johnson	Lafitte	Mary Graham Smith
New Orleans	Cynthia Edwards	St. Bernard	Deborah D. Keller
Westside	Karen LaChute	Crowley	Angelique Credeur
Alexandria	Marie Lawrence	Lake Charles	Barbara LaBauve
DeRidder	Melissa Bryan	Natchitoches	Lynette J. Hall
Oakdale	Peggy Fontenot	Bastrop	Kitty Herrington
Monroe	Shirley Horner	Ruston	Elenora Cawthorn
Shreveport	Gayle Patrick		

Corvette Kowalski was installed as State President at the Holiday Inn in Shreveport on Saturday, June 14, 1997. Installing Officer was Iona Myers, Past State President.

National Conference was held in Louisville, Kentucky on July 19-22, 1997.

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