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Business and Professional Women/LA

Fall 2011



**By Linda Burns**  
**President, BPW/LA**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I enjoy working with BPW to further our networking opportunities in our community and state. I feel, now more than ever before, that we are truly the voice of the working woman today. Many men and women do not see the need for pay equity and equal rights for women in the workplace. Camille Moran, chair for Pay Equity and ERA works tirelessly on this endeavor. We are also partners with AAUW and United 4 Equality.

We were excited this year to be able to submit a name for the Fall, 2011 STEM Scholarship offered by BPW Foundation. Applicant, Shelly Warrington was chosen to receive a scholarship and was awarded \$2000.00.

Look for pictures and articles for each of our 2011 scholarship winners: the Agnes Morris Education Scholarship Fund recipients Gail Jackson and Shelly Curren and the STEM scholarship recipient Shelley Warrington in this publication.

BPW Foundation is also offering another STEM scholarship for the Spring, 2012 semester. A letter was sent out to members through the website giving the criteria and asking you to use the AMESF paperwork for this scholarship. We must have these back by mid-October so that the EC can choose a recipient at the November 8th EC meeting. The recipient's resume must be sent in to BPW Foundation by December 1st.

The LA Women's Conference was on Sept. 23rd. This event was attended by Peggy Wells, Angie Jackson Wilson, Edna Haden, Lisa Hibner, Gwen Ambien, Katrina Branson, Harriet Haworth, Stephanie Tufaro, and me. I want these members to do a short report about the conference at MYB (overview of the conference and your favorite workshop). We were a co-sponsor of this event, which was held in New Orleans. Peggy Wells handled the publicity for this event. Peggy Wells and Lisa Hibner presented a workshop on "Rx for Resumes".

Are you planning anything for National Business Women's Week (the third week of October)? This is a good time to recognize the working women for their contributions in your community. Let me know if you're doing any activities.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming district meetings. Southwest Central District will be meeting at Logan's on October 8th from 10:30-1. The guest speaker is B.J. Gallent from CASA who will tell us how we can "Make the Difference" in a child's life. Southeast District will meet on Nov. 5th from 9-12 at the

St. Bernard Council on Aging in Chalmette. I will present certificates to scholarship winners Shelley Curren and Shelley Warrington during this meeting. YC training for Networking and Mentoring will also be held during this meeting.

Our next "big" event is Mid Year Board which will be held in Lafayette. The registration for Mid Year Board is in this publication.

Remember for us to make a difference in LA we will have to start in our communities. We need to actively recruit members for our LOs (it's not Angie Jackson Wilson's job to do this!). What about the lady that works at the desk next to yours, your walking/exercise buddy, your best friend, or a member of your Sunday School class? We also need to remember to publicize what we're doing in our LOs so that everyone will know what we're up to! Give friends or potential members the website address so they can see what BPW LA is doing. If you want to put an item on the website contact Edna Haden, our webmaster.

"Together, We Can Make a Difference in LA!"



## UPCOMING DATES

October 8, 2011: SWC Fall District Meeting in Alexandria at Logan's Roadhouse; 10  
October 11, 2011: Monthly Executive Committee Teleconference; 7 P.M.  
October 16-22, 2011: National Business Women's Week  
November 5, 2011: SE District Meeting at St. Bernard Council on Aging in Chalmet  
November 8, 2011: Monthly Executive Committee Teleconference; 7 P.M.  
January 20-21, 2011: BPW/LA Mid Year Board; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Lafayette



## NOMINATIONS FOR 2012-2013

I know you're thinking that we just had state conference, it can't be time for nominating officers already! BUT it is time and to run for state office you must be nominated by your LO. For us to make a difference, we should be ready to step up and take a role in the leadership of BPW LA.

You can go to [www.bpwloisiana.org](http://www.bpwloisiana.org) to download a nomination form. Fill out the nomination form, include the endorsement letter from your LO (and a photo if you wish to use one), and mail it to Anne Storms (1680 Claude Kelly Road DeRidder, LA 70634). The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2012. If your nomination is received by the March 1st deadline, it will be published in the Spring, 2012 Pelican. Nominations received after the deadline will be accepted as a nomination that will be made from the floor at the 2012 State Conference.

## BPW/LA Offers Scholarship

BPW/LA will help BPW members attend the school/university of your choice. That's right---all you have to do is apply for the Agnes Morris Educational Scholarship. The application and guidelines are on the BPW/LA website. All you have to do is download it, fill it out, and return it to me (I must receive it by Feb. 1, 2012). We will meet in the Spring of 2012 to evaluate the applications. So if you are a continuing education student or are planning on going back to school, please take advantage of this scholarship program. If you have any questions, please call me at 318-748-7603 (H) or 318-308-7625 (C) or by email at lindab2@centurytel.net.

## Esther Terry NIKE Award Nominees Needed



I know there is one person in your LO that can be nominated for the Esther Terry NIKE Award. Please honor that hard-working faithful member by nominating them for this prestigious BPW/LA award. If several of you get together, you could finish up a summary in an hour or two. You must send it in by Dec. 31, 2011.

The nominee must

- \*be a member of BPW LA.
- \*participate and support her LO, District, and State programs (don't forget to tell offices, chairs held on local, district, state levels).

\*participate and contribute to church, civic, and other organizations in her community.

\*show character and success in her career.

The nomination should be submitted in written summary format not to exceed five typed pages (or take longer than 15 minutes to read orally). Do not put the nominee's name on the written summary-put it in a cover letter that is attached to the nomination summary.

Send your nomination to:

Stephanie Tufaro  
6400 Janice Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70003

# FLASHMOB DANCE HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ACTIVITIES

by Camille Moran, BPW/LA ERA  
Coordinator

Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women's suffrage, is celebrated annually on August 26th. This is also the day that advocates spotlight the continuing need for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Special emphasis this year was placed on passage of H. J. Res. 47, the national ERA resolution to eliminate the ERA ratification deadline and reintroduce the Three-State Strategy. BPW/LA is a sponsoring organization for H. J. Res. 47. Although no Women's Equality Day events were held by BPW/LA LOs for this year's 91st anniversary, mention of this historic day was made at some of the August monthly meetings.

United 4 Equality (U4E), the parent sponsoring organization of H. J. Res. 47, partnered with AAUW Louisiana, The Louisiana Movement, and other of BPW/LA's coalition partners to hold Women's Equality Day events across the state. Among these events was a flashmob dance sponsored by AAUW Louisiana and the LSU Women's Center at the Free Speech Alley on the LSU campus. Fun was had by all, as members, staff, and students danced to such songs as "She Works Hard for the Money," to raise awareness of the ERA and H. J. Res. 47. The event was filmed by Hometown Productions, Inc. and broadcast on 31 TV stations across the state that evening, as well as on Hometown's and U4E's YouTube channels, and was posted on U4E's and other organizations' Facebook Pages and websites. The event was such a "hit" that the

organizations and university are planning another event no later than in March, 2012 for Women's History Month.

Prior to Women's Equality Day, I facilitated a Louisiana ERA Coalition strategy session that was held at The Cajun Landing in Alexandria. Representatives from BPW/LA

and other groups in the coalition enjoyed great networking and a delicious meal together, as they brainstormed about not only upcoming Women's Equality Day plans, but also such topics as improving lobbying efforts and visibility for H. J. Res. 47; whether or not to introduce pay equity and/or ERA legislation in the 2012 state legislative session, and

if so, whom to have as lead legislative sponsors and co-sponsors; the significance of the Fall, 2011 elections to the future make-up of the state legislature; as well as a host of other topics. Attendees were given lobbying assignments for H. J. Res. 47; information regarding the ERA issue and the text and background of H. J. Res. 47; postcards and e-mails to send to the Congresspeople when lobbying for their support of the resolution; and telephone scripts to use when lobbying them by telephone.

In June, 2011, BPW/LA members attended a seminar in Shreveport, centered on teaching organizations and advocates how to build an effective issues-based campaign. The seminar, entitled "Empowering Progress," was hosted by Democracy for America

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# Call to Mid-Year Board Meeting January 20, 2012

The Louisiana Business and Professional Women will host Mid-Year Board on January 20-21, 2012 in Lafayette, LA. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Lafayette Airport (1801 W. Pinhook Rd.).

Friday registration is from 5 to 6 P.M. We will have a short Executive Committee Meeting in the President's room from 6-7 P.M. I will also host a reception in my room from 7-9 P.M. for members who come in on Friday night. Come by and relax with us.

On Saturday morning we will have registration from 8-8:30 A.M. The main business session will be from 8:30-11:30 A.M. During the business session we will have a Fleur de Lis Silent Auction. Funds raised through the Silent Auction will go to the Agnes Morris Education Scholarship Fund. Silent Auction winners will be announced at the conclusion of the business session

Our luncheon guest speaker will be Tonya Bolden-Ball, owner of Renewed Perspectives LLC, a consulting company specializing in teambuilding, leadership, and character development. She will speak on "Together We Can Make a Difference". A member will also receive the Esther Terry NIKE Award. At the conclusion of the luncheon, we will announce the money total collected through the Fleur de Lis Silent Auction.

The YC Training Session on Interviewing will be held after lunch (1:30-3 P.M.). Many times interviewing skills can be the determining factor on a person being hired for a job. This is open to YC candidates, BPW members, and guests. You may attend this part of the program to learn new skills or to offer support.

Camille Moran, ERA and Pay Equity Chair will also hold a legislative training session from 1:30-3:30 P.M.

I look forward to seeing YOU at Mid-Year Board in Lafayette!

## Young Careerist<sup>®</sup> Program

By Peggy Wells, BPW/LA YC<sup>®</sup> Chair



The 2011-2012 Young Careerist (YC)<sup>®</sup> program has been launched. The program provides training, leadership, and professional development skills for working women 21-35 years of age. Networking, Mentoring, Interviewing, Preparing Presentations, Public Speaking, and Professional Image workshops are offered for personal and professional growth and leadership experiences. Each YC<sup>®</sup> participant is partnered with a mentor to assist her in doing her very best. This provides great visibility for the candidate and her employer.

Professional development sessions will be held as follows:

Networking & Mentoring	-	October 8, 2011	Monroe
Networking & Mentoring	-	November 5, 2011	Chalmette (Fall SE District Meeting)
Interviewing	-	January 21, 2012	Lafayette (Mid-Year Board)
Presentations & Public Speaking	-	Spring 2012-TBD	Monroe and New Orleans area
Your Image as a Leader	-	June 8, 2012	New Orleans (State Conference)

This program and all sessions are open to both BPW members and non-members. All local organizations are asked to identify and select YC<sup>®</sup> candidates and mentors. The winner will be selected at the BPW LA State Conference June 8-10, 2012, based on panel judging in categories including a speech, personal interview or group interview/presentation, and a biographical sketch with essay questions. The 2012 LA Young Careerist's employer and mentor will receive recognition at the conference.

For more information and to view a video of the outstanding speech given by the 2009 Ohio YC<sup>®</sup> winner, Megan Phillips, visit the BPW website Young Careerist<sup>®</sup> page at [www.bpwlouisiana.org](http://www.bpwlouisiana.org). For additional details contact the YC<sup>®</sup> Chair @ 318-651-8934 or email [YCChair@bpwlouisiana.org](mailto:YCChair@bpwlouisiana.org).



## BPW Louisiana Sponsors the 3rd Annual Louisiana Women's Conference

For the second year in a row, BPW Louisiana was a sponsor of the Louisiana Women's Conference. This year's conference was held on September 23, 2011, at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans. The conference was a great networking opportunity, and offered professional and personal development sessions throughout the day. BPW Louisiana members Lisa Hibner and Peggy Wells of Monroe-West Monroe LO presented a session entitled "Rx for Resumés," which provided the latest tips on cover letters, resumés, and references, as well as the opportunity for attendees to work on their own resumé sections.

The luncheon keynote speaker was Dee Dee Myers, the youngest and first woman U.S. Press Secretary, formerly a consultant for the TV series "The West Wing," and now a political commentator and author. Ms. Myers spoke on "Why Women Should Rule the World," and kept attendees laughing with her comments on her own career and political commentary.

The conference was well-attended by professional women from throughout the state. BPW Louisiana attendees included President Linda Burns, Secretary Peggy Wells, Treasurer Angie Jackson-Wilson, Gwen Amelin, Katrina Branson, Edna Haden, Harriet Haworth, Lisa Hibner, and Stephanie Tufaro.



L to R—Edna Haden, Harriet Haworth, Lisa Hibner, Peggy Wells, Linda Burns, Angie Jackson-Wilson, Katrina Branson, Stephanie Tufaro, Gwen Amelin

## NIKE AWARD LUNCHEON SPEAKER, MID-YEAR BOARD 2012

Mrs. Bolden-Ball, owner of Renewed Perspectives LLC, a consulting company specializing in teambuilding, leadership, and character development, will be the featured speaker at our 2012 NIKE Award Luncheon at Mid-Year Board. Ms. Bolden-Ball will speak on "Together We Can Make a Difference in Louisiana."

Her clientele have included the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a multitude of community-based organizations and secondary education institutions. As a trainer, facilitator, and motivational speaker, Ms. Ball uses the lessons and experiences she has attained from life to speak to students and the community about maximizing their potential in order to reach the next level.

She holds a Master of Science in Leadership and a Bachelor of General Studies degree with a

*Tonya Bolden-Ball*

concentration in Behavioral Sciences. Her professional career spans over 15 years including serving as a domestic violence client advocate, operating a shelter for homeless women and children, project director for an alcohol prevention program and principal of an alternative school. Her dedicated volunteer efforts in multiple community organizations have been recognized with awards including the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana Bright Star Match of the Year, Acadiana Lifestyle Magazine's Women Making A Difference honoree, and the 2011 Louisiana Association of Educators Human and Civil Rights Trailblazer award.

Ms. Ball believes that "giving of yourself" goes far beyond any monetary contribution. She is married to Kirk R. Ball and they have two children, Trevor and Kennedy.



# From the 2011 Young Careerist® Winner

By Jaclyn Tubre



**Jaclyn Tubre (r) with her mentor, Rev. Jo Ann Cooper**

Last year, I was encouraged by a Louisiana BPW member to enroll in the Young Careerist program. She explained the details of the program and how it focuses on personal growth in the areas of networking, mentoring, interviewing, preparing presentations, public speaking, and professional image. I struggled with the decision to apply, reassuring myself that I was “too busy” to take on another activity. I simply didn’t have time. Well, apparently I did. It’s amazing how things work out and you find a way to make time for things that are important to you. In my career with Dow Chemical, we have “Employee Development Plans” and the Young Careerist program focused on many of the areas that I had committed to develop further in. It was the perfect, FREE, opportunity to mentor with other hard working ladies and grow by leaps and bounds personally. The bonds that were made and the

knowledge obtained are amazing. I strongly encourage anyone considering engaging in this opportunity to go for it! It’s a great opportunity for you to better yourself and show your support for the wonderful company you work for. You won’t regret it!

## 2011 Young Careerist® Candidates

By Peggy Wells, 2011-2012 YC Chair

### *Young Careerist Candidates*



**Lauren Godshall**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
**Associate Attorney**  
**Stone, Pigman, Walther,**  
**Wittman, LLC**



**Monique Sanders**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**Project Engineer**  
**Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.**



**Jaclyn Tubre**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**Sr. Production Engineer**  
**The Dow Chemical Com-**  
**pany**

# The 2011 Winning Young Careerist<sup>®</sup> Speech

By Jaclyn Tubre

## Jaclyn's speech on Work-Life Balance:

### What is the most important issue facing working women today?

I am a lot of things. I'm a believer, a wife, mother, daughter, sister, engineer and a Generation Y or millennial woman. You might be thinking, a millennial? What's that got to do with anything? But a millennial is more than just someone born somewhere in the 1970's – 1990's. It's someone, like me, who can take for granted things like equal opportunity and being able to work in a very diverse environment. It is hard for me to believe, but in the year 2011 there is still an overabundance of important issues facing working women today; issues such as pay equity, equal rights amendment, and breaking down gender roles at work and at home to name a few. But I don't see these issues as undefeatable. The working women before me had a hard road to pave so that I can stand here and say this today. They had to WORK and HOPE that one day women would have an equal opportunity to excel in the workplace and I KNOW that we will. There is one particular issue near and dear to my heart that EVERY working woman faces, regardless of her position at her job or her home life situation and that is work/life balance - that seemingly unachievable perfect balance between family and career.

A January 2010 study by Accenture showed that "94% of 1,000 millennial women surveyed believed they could have both a rewarding professional career and a fulfilling personal life." Another key point noted in the study is that 70% of women surveyed believe that work/life balance is a quality of a successful female business leader. More see work/life balance as a priority versus impact in your role. That's amazing to me and reinforces its true importance.

When I first began my career I was in my early twenties and newly married and I thought balancing work and home was tough then. Fast forward nearly seven years to today and I'm still married (can I get an Amen to that ladies?!?) and we're the proud parents of healthy 3-yr old quadruplets. In my current job as a run plant engineer for the wonderfully diverse Dow Chemical Company, I enjoy breaking down barriers. I am the first female in this historically male role and I see excelling in it, while maintaining a healthy work/life balance, as a way to help eliminate any remaining

gender barriers that may exist in the workplace. Trying to successfully manage my superbly hectic home life and demanding work life can sometimes turn my lion-like roar into a kitten's cry. Keeping my home life and work life in a healthy balance is the only way I keep the scales from tipping and wreaking complete chaos in my world. For me, allowing my values of faith, family, work to set my priorities is the easiest way to keep a healthy balance. My key to success is recognizing when my priorities are shifting and being empowered in my job to steer them back on track. My strong family support system and mentors that share my same values are the best resources for guiding me down the road to success. I'm certainly not an expert on the subject, nor do I even come close to hitting the mark some days (just ask my husband :)), but I give it my all.

So the bottom line is you have to do what is right for you and your values. No matter what, working hard is going to be a daily task and the only way to achieve being a great daughter/sister/wife/mother AND having a successful career. As important as it is for us to break down any remaining legislative barriers that keep women from moving into and up in the working world, we have just as much responsibility as working women, to "bring it" in our jobs and to be the warden of our personal work/life balance. Set boundaries, learn to say "NO" when it is appropriate, and be sure to take care of yourself while you are taking care of everything and everyone else. My motto is give 110% in all you do, keep your priorities in check, and see what life brings you!

Lastly, to the millennial crowd, most of who are working for a diverse company, many may think that the issues addressed by the BPW are resolved or are no longer important. Through my experience in the Young Careerist program that couldn't be more untrue. My eyes have been opened to real issues out there still today and to why the BPW truly exists. I'm excited for the opportunity to encourage membership of other millennials to network, benefit from the mentorship of you fellow hard-working women, and continue to drive the remaining legislative issues forward. There is power in numbers, and I believe in the power of women!



# WINNER OF THE 2011 ESTHER TERRY NIKE AWARD

## Martha Gremillion

Martha Gremillion of the New Orleans Local Organization has been awarded the 2011 Esther Terry Nike Award! She was nominated by both the Jefferson Parish and the New Orleans local organizations. Martha has been a member of the New Orleans Local Organization since 1973. She served her Local Organization as President, President-Elect, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Auditor, and many Chair positions. She has held many offices on the State level; some include Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chair, State



**Martha Gremillion (c) receives the 2011 Esther Terry Nike Award from NIKE Chair Pat Moses Howard (l) and MYB Panel Moderator Kathy Fletcher Victorian (r)**

Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and State Historian. Martha worked for Entergy and was an executive secretary upon retirement. Martha received her award at the 2011 Mid-Year Board Meeting luncheon. The award is recognition of Martha's willingness to serve BPW wherever she has been needed on the local, district, and state level, her dedication to the BPW organization, her dedication to working women, her sincere desire to make a difference daily to ensure women's rights are upheld, her service to her church, and service to her community as an elections commissioner.



**Congratulations, Martha!**

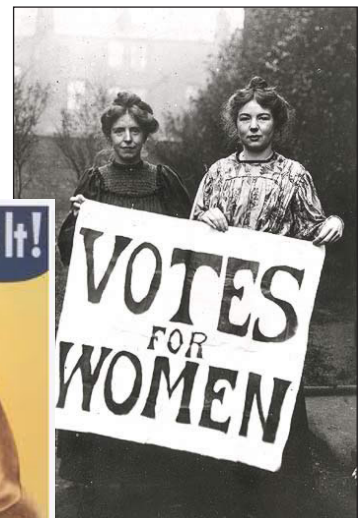
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## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ACTIVITIES

(DFA) and The Louisiana Movement, and featured the ERA as the seminar's case study. Program topics included communication and messaging techniques, lobbying tips, increasing the visibility of an issues-based campaign, and ways to publicize and promote H. J. Res. 47. Judy Wilson, BPW/LA and U4E Publicity Chairs, and I each gave presentations at the seminar. Other presenters were Louisiana Movement members who used manuals and distributed handouts provided to them by the DFA staff who had recently trained them at a rally in Lafayette. It is hoped that this informative and interesting issues-based campaign training can be used throughout the state.

BPW/LA members are encouraged to watch their e-mails for further information

and assignments on promotional and advocacy efforts for H. J. Res. 47, as well as for other training seminars and strategy sessions regarding state and national ERA and pay equity issues upcoming in the near future.





## WINNER OF THE FALL 2011 BPW/LA SCHOLARSHIP

*Shelley Curren*

My name is Shelley Curren and I am one of the Fall 2011 BPW LA Scholarship recipients. I am currently at Delgado Community College, working towards my Associate in Business Administration. I will graduate in May, 2012. I will then continue on to a University to pursue my full Bachelors degree.

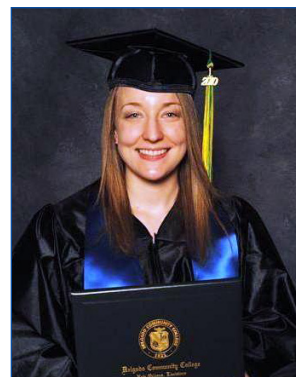
Currently I have a Certificate in Pastry Arts from Delgado, where I graduated with Honors (Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and Alpha Beta Gamma Honor Society). I would not have guessed, upon graduation from Ursuline Academy in 2000, that I would be pursuing this type of degree.

For the last three years I have been working full time for Chef John Besh as a Pastry Chef at Luke Restaurant, and recently changed jobs to enable me to focus on school. I'm taking 18 credit hours this semester in hopes that I may graduate sooner. I have worked in restaurants since I was 16 years

old, but when I received my position at Luke I decided to go back to school for my Pastry Degree. However, once I started school I absolutely loved it. After obtaining my pastry degree, I decided to continue with my Bachelors in Business Administration.

My biggest goal for the future is to open a restaurant with my fiancée. We met while both working for Chef Besh. He proposed on my birthday this year and we plan to get married next year (on the beach). After I finish my degree we will work on opening our restaurant. Then we would like to start our family.

This scholarship has helped me so much with the cost of tuition. I am looking forward to a bright and wonderfully successful future!



## WINNER OF THE AGNES MORRIS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

*Gail R. Jackson*



I am in a good place in my life right now. Going back to school has always been a goal to fulfill. The work is challenging, but the journey is sweet. In a year, I will have a BLS in social sciences emphasizing sociology from Loyola University New Orleans. I am excited, and my husband (class of '75) and daughters are proud of me.

I am the editor of Fellowship Journal, a local Christian newspaper. I also work full time as an executive assistant for a church in Harvey, LA. Both have brought significant growth and positive changes in the community they serve. That's a wonderful thing, and I am proud to be a part of it. I plan to use my degree to further the cause.

I realize how blessed I am to have been chosen as a recipient of the Agnes Morris Education Scholarship. To Linda Burns, the Scholarship Selection Committee, and the Louisiana Business and Professional Women's organization, thank you for the opportunity and for your kindness. I am forever grateful!

## WINNER OF THE CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

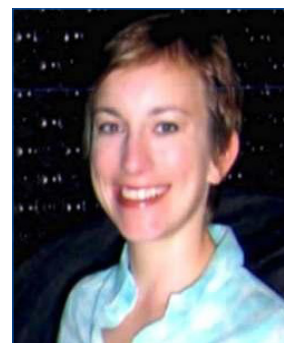
*Shelley Warrington*

I am Shelley Warrington and I am a recipient of the most recent STEM scholarship offered by BPW Foundation. I am currently in my 3rd semester of nursing school at Southeastern Louisiana School of Nursing. I will graduate with a BSN July, 2012!

I received my first baccalaureate degree from LSU in 1995 with a BA in General Studies, with minors in anthropology, religious studies, and history. In the years following graduation, I worked mainly in the service industry in New Orleans. In addition to bartending, waiting tables, managing restaurants, and catering, I worked on several archaeology projects in South Louisiana. In 2004, I returned to Baton Rouge and continued working in the service industry while

taking classes at LSU. In October of 2009, circumstances occurred which encouraged me to pursue a more fulfilling career.

I began taking the necessary prerequisites for nursing at Southeastern and was accepted into their accelerated program. I began nursing school January, 2011 and am now half way to completion. My plans for the future are open as I am just beginning my clinical rotations. I want to experience the different areas of nursing before deciding where to land!



# BPW/LA Mid Year Board Meeting

BPW/LA Mid Year Board Meeting  
January 20-21, 2012  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Lafayette Airport  
1801 W. Pinhook Road  
Lafayette, LA 70508

Mid Year Board is open to all BPW/LA members, friends, and guests. Voting Board Members include Past State Presidents, BPW LA officers, state committee chairs, state special appointees, and LO Presidents.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Crowne Plaza at 1-888-233-9527 by January 6, 2012. Special room rates are Double: 2 persons \$89.00 +tax; Triple: 3 persons \$99.00 +tax and Quad: 4 persons \$109.00 +tax. To get the special rates tell them you are with Business & Professional Women of LA.

## Conference Schedule

### Friday

5-6 P.M.	Registration
6-7 P.M.	Executive Committee Meeting; Pres. Suite
7-9 P.M.	President's Reception; Pres. Suite

### Saturday

#### Breakfast, On your Own

8-8:30 A.M.	Registration
8:30-9:45 A.M.	1st Business Session
9:45-10 A.M.	Break
10-11:30 A.M.	Business Session #2
11:30-11:45 A.M.	Break
11:45-1:15 P.M.	

#### Luncheon

\*Keynote Speaker is Tanya Bolden-Ball  
"Together, We Can Make a Difference"

\*Esther Terry NIKE Award Presentation

1:15-1:30 P.M.	Break
1:30-2:30 P.M.	YC Training: Interviewing Skills

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ERA: Legislative Training





# 2011 BPW STATE CONVENTION





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**BPW Louisiana  
Mid Year Board Conference  
January 20-21, 2012**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Lafayette Airport, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508**

Mid Year Board Conference is open to all BPW Louisiana members. You are encouraged to bring friends and guests.  
Voting Board Members are: LO Presidents, Past State Presidents, BPW LA Officers, Special Appointees, and all Committee Chairs.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS** must be made directly with Crowne Plaza at 1-888-233-9527 by January 6, 2012. Tell them you are with the Business & Professional Women of Louisiana to get the special rate.

**Room rates:**

Double: 2 persons \$89.00 + tax  
Triple: 3 persons \$99.00 + tax  
Quad: 4 persons \$109.00 + tax

**Schedule**

**Friday, January 20, 2012**

5:00 - 6:00 PM Registration  
6:00 - 7:00 PM Executive Committee Mtg.  
7:00 - 9:00 PM President's reception

**Saturday, January 21, 2012**

8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration  
8:30 - 11:30 AM Morning Business Session  
11:45 - 1:15 PM Luncheon  
1:30 - 3:00 PM Young Careerist Training - "Interviewing"  
(Members and Luncheon Guests welcome)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
LO Name \_\_\_\_\_ Board Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Member \_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_

**Friday Evening –**

**Member Registration + Saturday Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$63** (Postmark January 6, 2012 or earlier)

**Member Late Registration Fee + Saturday Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$73** (Postmark after January 6, 2012; deadline 1/13/12)

Buffet lunch includes tossed salad, roast beef, crawfish étouffée with rice, candied sweet potatoes with pecans, corn macque choux, fresh baked rolls and butter, bread pudding with bourbon sauce, iced tea and freshly brewed coffee. (If you have specific dietary needs that preclude you from eating from the buffet please state on this registration form. We will attempt to accommodate you.)

**Non-member/Guest Saturday Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30.00** (Luncheon buffet as listed above. Deadline 1/13/12)

**The luncheon keynote speaker is Tanya Bolden-Ball, owner of Renewed Perspectives, LLC. Her topic is "Together, We Can Make a Difference in Louisiana." The 2011 Nike Award will be presented at the conclusion of the Luncheon.**

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