

Louisiana Federation



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Spring 2021

President's Message



Dear Fellow BPW Members:

My term as president is nearing its end. I was honored to serve as president, especially since it has been since 1970 that a St. Bernard member has held that office. I must say it was quite eventful in a couple of ways: I held a two-year term, not one, and we had a pandemic right in the middle. So obviously, we could not have much interaction as a state club, but it has been my pleasure to serve.

Unfortunately, we have had some sad news as well. Glenda Prechac, our Parliamentary and Nominations Committee Chairman, passed away last month. She was a long-time member who

contributed a lot to our organization. We will miss her. The Executive Committee has decided not to name a new Parliamentary and leave that issue to the new President to choose for her roster. I will be handling all nominations,

Lena Torres, a member from our St. Bernard local also passed away. She is the last remaining Charter member of my local club. She was 100 years old, and still attended our functions and events. We will miss her.

To give you a refresher of what has been happening - I took office in June 2019. The board decided not to hold a mid-year meeting with hopes of attracting more members to attend State Conference. Well, shortly after that COVID reared its ugly head, and we were pretty much at a standstill. Some of our clubs remained active, as you will see from the reports attached to our booklet.

I am pleased to say our executive committee has been meeting monthly by teleconference calls and lately zoom to discuss matters of the club. I attended a couple of local club meetings by zoom. The Southeast and Southwest/Central Districts have had their district meetings on schedule. In January, we held our mid-year board by zoom. We have a wonderful group of women that have enthusiasm for our club and are anxious to get moving as soon as we can. It was great to see some old faces and new ones.

The Executive Committee has decided to do our State Conference as a zoom meeting on June 12, 2021 beginning at 9:30 AM. We hope all of you will join in. We will have a

business meeting, nominations presented and voted upon, installation, and post conference all in one day. As we said, we are in unprecedented times.

Laurel Rogers is our Vice-President and will be moving in to serve as State President, we still need nominations for Vice President and Parliamentarian. Linda Burns has agreed to stay as Secretary, and Angie Jackson-Wilson as Treasurer. However, Nominations are open for **ALL** positions. So, if any of you want to nominate yourself or someone else, please forward any names and resumes to (wandaalcon@gmail.com). ASAP. Please consider taking a state office.

I look forward to seeing you via zoom for our State Conference in June.
If you have any questions or need info please contact me, my cell is 504-451-3694 or email shown above. Until then, ladies, stay safe.

Sincerely,

Wanda Alcon
President



Louisiana Women Marching Forward

Mid-Year Board Meeting, Saturday, January 23, 2021



Around the State Southeast District



Spring District Meeting, March 13, 2021



Fall District Meeting, November 14, 2020

Southwest Central District



Spring District Meeting, March 18, 2021

Call to Conference 101st Annual Conference June 12, 2021 Via Zoom

On behalf of your 2019-2021 Executive Committee, of the Louisiana Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc., the State President officially issues the call to the 101st Annual State Conference beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 12, 2021 via Zoom.

Pursuant to Article XVIII of the Federation Bylaws, any member in good standing who has paid the full registration fee may attend the annual state conference and vote (Section 2).

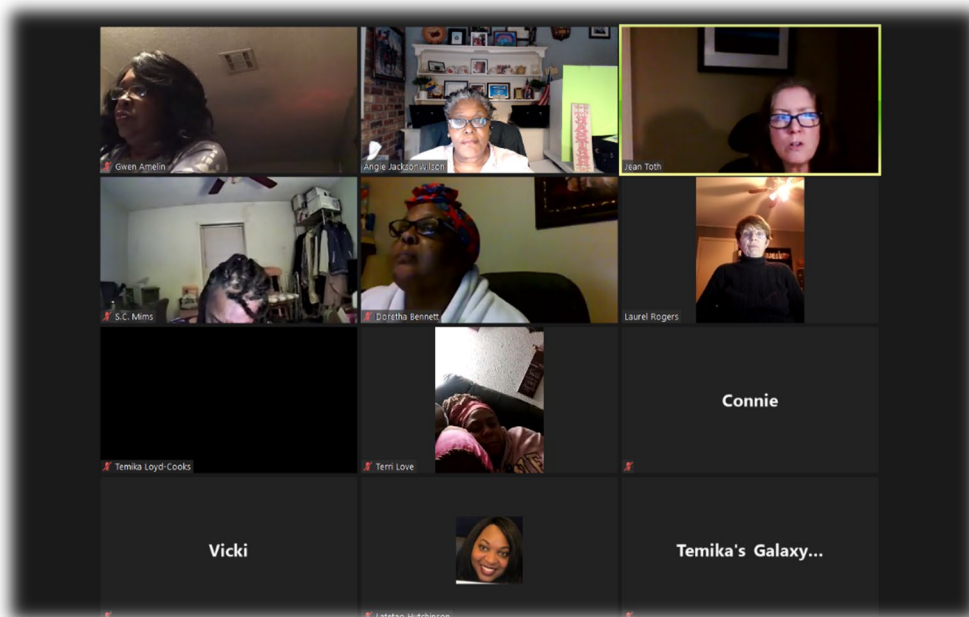
The purpose of the State Conference is to receive reports from the officers and chairs for the preceding year; act upon recommendations, resolutions and other business presented to the conference; elect officers for the ensuing term and adopt a budget.

Agenda items must be submitted no later than **01 May 2021**. Additionally, all Standing Committee Chairs must submit a written report by e-mail to me, no later than **May 25th**, so that it can be included in the Board Book.

You are encouraged to attend and participate in the Federation's business. The Executive Committee will conduct the Pre-Conference Board meeting on Friday, June 11 starting at 6:00 pm. Registration and other related Conference activities will be forthcoming.



St. Bernard Parish – 2019 Man and Woman of the Year Gala



Monroe West Monroe monthly meeting, March 09, 2021

In Memoriam



Glenda R. Prechac, May 13, 1942 – February 12, 2021
New Orleans BPW

Glenda R. Prechac passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the age of 79. She was a long-time member and past President of both the Louisiana Federation of Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) and its local New Orleans chapter. She served as State President from 1976-1977. In 1979, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the New Orleans chapter, and in 1980 was named "Woman of the Year" for the State of Louisiana. She was also named National Chair of the Young Careerist Committee of the National Federation of B&PW Clubs. At the time of her passing she was serving as State Parliamentarian, a position

she held several times over the years. She was also State Nominations Chair. She also held the honorary title as Dean of the Past State President's Council.



Lena Torres, January 29, 1921 – March 12, 2021
St. Bernard Parish BPW

Lena Torres passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the age of 100. She spent 72 years in the Clerk of Court's office, including serving as Clerk for 24 years. Ms. Lena, as she was affectionately known, was a member of the St. Bernard LO for 60 years.

Call for Nominations

The call for board and committee nominations is open. Deadline to submit nominations is **April 15**. Submit nominations via email to State President Wanda Alcon at wandaalcon@gmail.com

Looking to serve on a Committee, contact State Vice-President Laurel Rogers at laurel.rogers01@gmail.com to find out what positions are available.

[Click here for BPW LA Nomination Form 2021.pdf](#)

AGNES MORRIS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Congratulations
Samantha Meyer
St. Bernard Parish LO Member
2021-2022 Recipient

Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional women is pleased to offer its members the Agnes Morris Educational Scholarship. This scholarship fund originated as the Agnes Morris Education Loan Fund and is sponsored and funded by BPW/LA. This scholarship is a continuing education scholarship for a woman, 25 years or older. **The recipient of this scholarship must be a BPW/LA member.** The scholarship can be used for an acceptable learning program from an accredited university, college, or technical college as well as proven coursework for license or career advancement. To learn more, visit the website at www.lafbpw.wildapricot.org, or contact

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SAVE THE DATE
2021 STATE CONFERENCE
June 12, 2021
Via Zoom
More details to come



Monroe West Monroe LO expresses its sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee of the Federation for their continued service since taking office in 2019. Recognizing the vulnerability of the membership, they took early steps to ensure that things remained as normal as they could during the most trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The officers remained in place to serve an unprecedented 2-year term in the 21st century.