

## President's Message

# Happy New Year!



It's hard to believe the New Year is upon us. Sometimes everyday life spirals out of control, and it seems like that's what has happened for me and so many of us over during the second half of this last year. In some cases, the demands in our professional and personal lives cause us to refocus our energy on the things that are most important.

As we put 2022 behind us and begin a new, let us not to forget to count our blessing for all the things we have and were able accomplish.

May this New Year bring you knew happiness, new goals, new achievements, and new inspirations in your life.

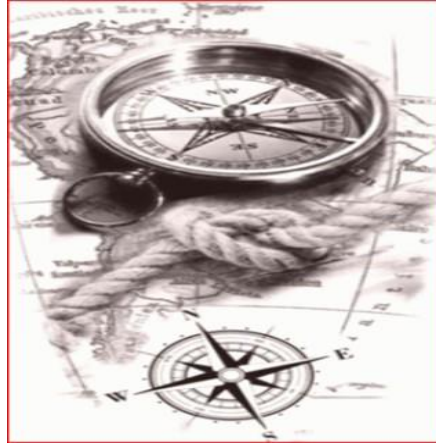
Warmest Regards,

Lisamarie Kraemer-Brandon, President

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Call to Mid-Year Board Meeting

Executive Board - Saturday, January 21, 2023 9:00 AM  
General Members - Saturday, January 21, 2023 9:30 AM



“Charting The Course”

Registration for Meeting via Zoom is only \$10.00!

This call is to the Executive Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Special Appointments, Past State Presidents, District Officers, Local Presidents and all LAFBPW members.

The purpose of the Mid-Year Board meeting is to receive the bi-annual reports of the officers and chairs for the current year; act upon recommendations, resolutions; nominate officers for the next term; review the proposed legislative agenda and budget.; and other business presented to the board.

Lisamarie Kraemer -Brandon



## 2023 Esther Terry NIKE Award

**Deadline, Monday January 16, 2023**

BPW LA is seeking a 2023 Esther Terry NIKE winner from our membership. The nominee must be submitted by her LO or by a BPW member (if the nominee is a MAL or SAL). A list of the past NIKE winners can be viewed on the BPW LA webpage: [lafbpw.wildapricot.org](http://lafbpw.wildapricot.org) (listed under the Membership tab).

Four simple things to remember about the nominee:

She must be a BPW LA member in good standing (she can be a MOL, MAL, SOL, or SAL).

You should list all the positions she has held in **local, district, and state** levels of BPW LA. Tell the positions she has held and programs she has worked on at each level. **Since this is a state award, she should have worked on the state level (held chairs or worked on state level committees), as well as within the district and her LO.**

Tell about her participation and contribution for her church and community.

Include information about her character and her career.

The nomination should be in report form (no more than 5 typed pages). Do not include the nominee's name/LO's name in the report. Include a cover page that has the LO name/information and the nominee's name.

Your nomination must be received no later than Monday January 16th. Mail your report to Linda Burns 1424 Evangeline Road, Glenmora, LA 71433 or you can email it to me as an attachment to [lindab2@centurytel.net](mailto:lindab2@centurytel.net)

[Click here for additional information on the Esther Terry NIKE Award](#)

Linda Burns, Chair



## Call for 2023-2024 Nominations

**Deadline, 28 February 2023**

The call is open for board and committee nominations for 2022-2023.

Looking to serve on a committee, contact Vice President, Rene Hollins at [sedistrictbpw.com](http://sedistrictbpw.com) to find out what positions are available.

Submit nomination forms along with a photo via email to the Nominations Chair, Sheila Clark-Mims at [mims307@bellsouth.net](mailto:mims307@bellsouth.net).

[Click here for BPW LA Nomination Form 2022.pdf](#)

Sheila Clark-Mims, Chair



2023-2024

Agnes Morris Education Scholarship Fund



Are you entering a higher education institution to finish your degree or wanting to take courses to further your career? Are you a member of BPW LA? If so, Agnes Morris Education Scholarship Fund can give you a scholarship to help with your school expenses. The scholarship is set up for \$500.00 per semester for one year (does NOT include the summer semester). If you have any questions email me ([lindab2@centurytel.net](mailto:lindab2@centurytel.net)) or call me on my cell (318-308-7625).

All you need to do is go to the BPW LA website ([lafbpw.wildapricot.org](http://lafbpw.wildapricot.org)), download the rules and the scholarship form. You **must** be a BPW LA member (member or student member of a local, student member at large, or a member at large). Fill out the form, send in three references with your form, and have your LO President-Treasurer sign the form. (If you are a member or a student at large then the BPW LA Treasurer will validate your membership.) Then you mail the information to me. The address is on the form. You can also send it to me as an e-mail attachment.

I must receive your application by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** so that I will have time to check the information, fill out the review form, make copies, etc. because the applications are reviewed at the EC Meeting before State Conference convenes. We will announce the scholarship recipient(s) during the business session at State Conference in June.

I look forward to receiving **your** application!

Submitted by Linda D. Burns. AMESF Chair

## **AMESF Scholarship Recipients**

The Agnes Morris Education Scholarship Fund recipients for 2022-2023 were announced at the 2022 State Conference. Both ladies are from the Southwest Central District. Also for the first time, due to increased costs in fees, books, overall costs, etc. the amount of the scholarship was increased to \$600.00 per semester.

Darian Atkins is a Corporate Member from Monroe/West Monroe who is working on a Master's Degree in Communications at University of Monroe. She will complete her degree in May, 2023.

Lakisha Garrett-Iseah is a Member of the Monroe/West Monroe LO. She is working on a Sociology degree from Southern New Hampshire University. She completed her last class on December 18th and will receive her degree in April, 2023.

Submitted by Linda D. Burns, Chair of the AMESF



LABPW participates in SBDC Lunch and Learn



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 THURSDAY,

## OCTOBER 20

Worship Service – 10:45am Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
211 Mt. Zion Street, Monroe LA  
Domestic Violence Awareness Day Purple Thursday – Wear Purple in support

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Breast Cancer Awareness Day - Pink Monday - Wear Pink in support

BPW Friday -wear your BPW colors

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Business Showcase  
5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Tower Place, 1500 N19th

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Mayoral Proclamation Day  
Women Business Panel -TBD

**MONROE WEST MONROE** [www.bpwmonroe-westmonroe.org](http://www.bpwmonroe-westmonroe.org)

## Monroe West Monroe BPW



Monroe delegation at SC 2022, Baton Rouge -June 11, 2022



Monroe receives Membership Growth Award at State Conference



Monroe receives Membership Retention Award at State Conference



Quarterly Breakfast and birthday Celebration



Camp BPW



## Around the State

### *New Orleans Club News*

The New Orleans Club has been busy this fall with its activities. They presented its 2022 scholarship to Ms. Gabrielle Marie Carter, a graduate of Mount Carmel Academy. Ms. Carter is presently a student at Louisiana State University majoring in psychology.



In August, the New Orleans Club premiered its inaugural Women in Business Master Class Series. Every third Tuesday, the Club has connected women from our community and beyond with dynamic speakers providing valuable information to strengthen their organizations, expand their businesses as well as improve their lives. The series included:

- LinkedIn: Know the Pros and Cons. Landing Your Next Job or Client
- Investment Property 101
- Courageous Conversations
- Team Building for Entrepreneurs
- Fix and Flip Properties

Upcoming topics starting January 2023, include:

- Becoming a Homeowner
- Retirement 101
- Business Taxes 101

We invite everyone to join us each third Tuesday to participate in this dynamic series. You may register to attend through Eventbrite at [Eventbrite.com/e/women-business-masterclass-series-tickets](https://Eventbrite.com/e/women-business-masterclass-series-tickets)



This past Thanksgiving, the New Orleans volunteered with Congressman Troy Carter during his annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The Club helped assemble meals that were served to the Westbank community.



For information on membership into the New Orleans Club, please contact ***[bpwnolalo@gmail.com](mailto:bpwnolalo@gmail.com)***

*Submitted by: Rene Hollins, President*

## **St. Bernard Business & Professional Women**

The ST Bernard Business and Professional Women have been very active since the State meeting in June.

The St. Bernard Club held their installation of Officers at Crave Restaurant in Meraux on June 20, 2022.

Officers installed were Claudette Reuther, President; Angie Roy, Vice President; Kristen Pouey Barton, Secretary; Cindy Ryckaert, Treasurer.

We also showed our support for Family Violence and attended their annual luncheon.

July began with the traditional Ringing of the Bell at The Parish Government site. This always takes place on either the 3rd or 4th of July.

July was also the club's long over-due, Strat meeting. On Saturday, July 9th, Breakfast was provided by the club Vice President, Angie Roy and Gulf Coast Bank for the members as they brain stormed and brought ideas together. A very enthusiastic group accomplished a great deal in a short time

At the July 18th Monthly Meeting, the club held a reception for the scholarship recipients and their families. Giving the members of our club a chance to meet the young ladies and hear about their future plans.

At our monthly meeting on August 15th , after a 3 year absence due to Covid, the Club brought back the selection of Man & Woman of the Year. It was an exciting evening naming our Man of the Year, Guy McInnis, Parish President of St. Bernard Parish and our Woman of the Year, Lisamarie Brandon, past president of the St Bernard BPW and currently state president.

On September 16th The St. Bernard BPW closed out the summer with an End of Summer Luncheon at “Ralph’s on the Park” in New Orleans with 12 members attending and enjoying a wonderful lunch.

At our September 19th Monthly Meeting the 3 Model Working Women were announced. These ladies of St. Bernard Parish, were selected because of their business and community involvement. The 2022 Model Working Women are: Desiree’ Hebert Wibright, Elizabeth “Lisa” Borne Kott, Jessica Reab.



In the upcoming month of October, St. Bernard Business and Professional Women kick off their Business week on October 17th with the club’s annual Birthday Party, Celebrating 61 years of our club. At this event we also recognize and honor our model working women.





Following the Birthday Party, on Wednesday, October 19th, the club holds their annual Gala honoring The St. Bernard Man & Woman of the Year, Guy McInnis, Parish President of St. Bernard Parish and Lisamarie Brandon, past president of the St Bernard BPW and currently state president.

We will end the year of 2022 with the club Christmas Party and presentation of the Louise Gorbaty Golden Circle Award.

This is my report of the St. Bernard Business and Professional Women, June - December 2022.

Claudette Reuther  
September 24, 2022





## Oakdale LO

In the month of October the LO participated in the State Metal Art Fundraiser and was pleased with the sales.






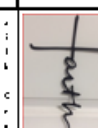
During the month of December, the club had gotten Christmas gifts together for a local family and kids in the community.

We have 8 members (7 MOL and 3 SOL).

Linda D. Burns, President Oakdale BPW

## State Fundraising Results

Thank you to all who participated in the State Fundraiser. We were able raised at total of \$569.00 for our organization. Below you will find Breakdown for State & individual LO's. The St. Bernard Treasurer will be sending out Checks soon!

Fundraising Closeout Sheet				Club Location:	LO President Name:										
				<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> Order's Due to Club on October 28, 2022 Orders will arrive to Club by November 24, 2022				<b>Check payable to: BPW Club is acceptable!</b>							
Thank you for supporting our Fundraising Campaign!				Metal Price	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$15.00	Total	Total				
				#pieces	15 3/4 x 15 3/4"	15 3/4 x 15 3/4"	15 3/4 x 6"	19 3/4 x 15 5/16"	12" x 4 1/2"	Items	Dollars				
				Style and descr.											
				below											
BPW Member	Phone No.	Email													
ex: Lisa Brandon				6	\$ 240.00	2	\$ 80.00	5	\$ 200.00	15	\$ 600.00	9	\$ 135.00	37	\$ 1,255.00
1 Rosemarie Broussard		NOLA		3	\$ 120.00		\$ -	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$ 40.00	2	\$ 30.00	7	\$ 230.00
2 Claudette Reuther		St.B		1	\$ 40.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	1	\$ 40.00
3 Deborah Fagan		St.B			\$ -	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$ 40.00		\$ -		\$ -	2	\$ 80.00
4 Jen Heitz		St.B			\$ -	3	\$ 120.00	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$ 40.00		\$ -	5	\$ 200.00
5 Nicole Moity		St.B			\$ -	1	\$ 40.00	2	\$ 80.00	6	\$ 240.00	1	\$ 15.00	10	\$ 375.00
6 Angie Roy		St.B			\$ -	3	\$ 120.00	1	\$ 40.00	1	\$ 40.00	13	\$ 195.00	18	\$ 395.00
7 Anne Campo		St.B			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	1	\$ 40.00	8	\$ 120.00	9	\$ 160.00
8 Lisamarie Brandon		St.B			\$ -	6	\$ 240.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	6	\$ 240.00
9 Linda Burns		Oakdale		4	\$ 160.00	4	\$ 160.00	4	\$ 160.00	1	\$ 40.00	9	\$ 135.00	22	\$ 655.00
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<b>Totals</b>				8	\$ 320.00	18	\$ 720.00	10	\$ 400.00	11	\$ 440.00	#	\$ 495.00	80	\$ 2,375.00
<b>Metal Art</b>					\$ 240.00		\$ 540.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 330.00		\$ 396.00		\$ 1,806.00
<b>BPW</b>	<b>\$ 569.00</b>				<b>\$ 80.00</b>		<b>\$ 180.00</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>		<b>\$ 110.00</b>		<b>\$ 99.00</b>		<b>\$ 569.00</b>
State	\$ 284.50				\$ 40.00		\$ 90.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 55.00		\$ 49.50	80	\$ 284.50
New Orleans	\$ 28.00			3	\$ 15.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 5.00	1	\$ 5.00	2	\$ 3.00	7	\$ 28.00
St. Bernard	\$ 178.00			1	\$ 5.00	14	\$ 70.00	5	\$ 25.00	9	\$ 45.00	#	\$ 33.00	51	\$ 178.00
Lake Charles	\$ 78.50			4	\$ 20.00	4	\$ 20.00	4	\$ 20.00	1	\$ 5.00	9	\$ 13.50	22	\$ 78.50

# Membership Reports of August 31, 2022



## Membership Report as of August 31, 2022 by District

### Southeast District Name of Local

#### Metairie Kenner

MOL	1
SOL	0
Total	1

#### New Orleans

MOL	9
SOL	0
Total	9

#### St. Bernard Parish

MOL	35
SOL	0
Total	35

SE Members-at-Large 0

SE Students-at-Large 0

Total 0

Total SE District 45

MOL	81
SOL	6
MAL	1
SAL	0
CORP	1
Total	89

### Southwest Central Name of Local

#### Alexandria

MOL	2
SOL	0
Total	2

#### Lake Charles

MOL	3
SOL	0
Total	3

#### Monroe West Monroe

Corporate Member	1
MOL	24
SOL	3
Total	28

#### Oakdale

MOL	7
SOL	3
Total	10

SWC Members-at-Large 1

SWC Students-at-Large 0

Total 1

Total SWC District 44

## Happy New Year!

"Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be."

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— REBECCA BARLOW JORDAN

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