

BPW/KANSAS ADVOCATE

THE KANSAS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC

"BPW/Kansas: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow"

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President's Message



**Leaders in a
Changing World**



Dear BPW Sisters,

Before this year's convention is a good time to look at this year's focus which is "Leadership" and the goals for the year and to see how well we have met them.

- Develop future leaders for BPW/Kansas
- Pursue the advantages of Technology for BPW
- Increase community involvement and visibility to retain and recruit members.

Workshops and speakers for both the fall and spring conference were to help develop leaders for BPW/Kansas. Individual Development chair Helen Norman led a workshop that gave each of us an opportunity to network, to interview another member and to tell the group about them. All these skills are part of being a leader. Many spoke for the first time in front of a group and did an awesome job.

The other speakers at fall conference helped us learn history, educate us on suffrage in Kansas and to find out about Hospice, a program some of us have already used or may in the future. All helped meet our mission to inform, educate and advocate for women.

Spring Conference continued to develop future leaders through the YC group discussions which taught us to listen to others, to share our ideas and experiences and to reach a consensus if not a solution. We were "working together for a better Tomorrow." The Kansas Women's Trivia also helped us work together in a different way. Plus, as leaders we encouraged the Young Careerist when they gave their first two minute speeches.

The morning speaker helped us increase our knowledge of the environment we live in while the afternoon speaker gave us a look into her occupation, helping us learn more about her and her job. Both leaders in their field.

This year we have pursued the advantages of technology for our meetings and in our presence on the internet. Dean Harris, technology chair, has used his own equipment to help us hear speakers at the meetings. We have a presence on Face Book and the website is up to date with pictures of spring conference and needed information. We keep getting better all the time.

By the number of scholarship applications Kansas BPW Educational Foundation had and the information shared at spring conference by local organizations we have increased BPW involvement and visibility within our communities. We have twenty new members this year that shows we are reaching new members or are having former members return. Several Local Organizations have done a great job of gaining new members and this helps make us a stronger organization.

I feel we have done a great job of fulfilling the focus of the year and completing the goals. Each organization has until May 1 to apply for the President's award as does each member. This might be the true test as to how well we have met the goals. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention and awarding each of you for your accomplishments this year.

Diana Redger
BPW/KS President
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CALL TO CONVENTION

By virtue of the powers vested in me as President of the Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., I do hereby call the Hundred and Fourth Annual Convention to meet at the Holiday Inn, Salina KS May 19-21, 2023.

Diana Redger
President, BPW/Kansas

Presidential Goals and Awards for 2022-2023 “Leaders In A Changing World “

President’s Focus – Leadership

Goals –

- Develop future leaders for BPW/Kansas
- Pursue the advantages of Technology for BPW
- Increase community involvement and visibility to retain and recruit members.

AWARDS

Global Award

1. Have at least three members attend all state meetings, fall conference, fall member meeting, spring conference, spring member meeting and convention.
2. Have a media presence – Facebook, newspaper articles, and/or a website.
3. Participate in one or all – NBWW, Business of the Year, Woman of the Year
4. Local Organization performs a community service, sponsors a program, or creates a new project.

Community Award

1. Provide a scholarship or donate to Foundation.
2. Provide two articles or Tid Bits to the Advocate
3. Hold a membership event.
4. Present a program on leadership, women in history, pay equity or a political forum.

Individual Award

1. Attend all state meetings, fall conference, fall member meeting, spring conference, spring member meeting and convention.
2. Sponsor a new or returning member.
3. Donate to Foundation
4. Perform a community service or present a program.

Membership Award

1. Local Organization retain 90% of membership as of May 1, 2022
2. Recruit 10% of 2022 membership.

Applications for the President’s awards are located on the BPW/Kansas website. Applications for Local organizations and individual members are due by May 1, 2023 to President Diana Redger, PO Box 122 Ashland KS 67831 or to redger@ucom.net.

BPW/KANSAS RULES FOR CANDIDATES

Please consider serving BPW/Kansas as an officer in 2023-2024. To date, I have received candidate information for the offices of President-Elect and Vice-President.

Nominations for office will be accepted from the floor at state convention for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Credentials should be given to the nomination Chair, Julie McDaniel, for review prior to the start of state convention.

Guidelines for the candidates for BPW/Kansas Office (President-Elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer) are as follows:

1. Candidates will submit to the Nominations Chair the following information:
 - a letter agreeing to serve if elected.
 - The candidate must provide a resume indicating the past BPW/Kansas and local organization activities and qualifications for the office sought.
 - The candidate must provide a black and white glossy photo or digital photo for publication.
2. Candidates who submitted the above information to the Nominations Chair by the March 1, 2023 deadline will have their names printed on the ballot.
3. Candidates who submit the above information to the Nominations Chair after March 1, 2023 will run as “write-in” candidates and their nomination will come from the floor of the state convention on Saturday, May 20, 2023
4. Once candidates have submitted their information to the Nominations Chair, all candidates, including those to be nominated from the floor of the convention, may campaign for the office they are seeking by following the guidelines listed below:
 - May distribute one piece of campaign literature i.e., brochure or one-page informational piece at any of the following BPW/Kansas meetings: Spring Conference and State Convention and/or mail to local organizations. Mailing information (not to include labels) for L/O Presidents may be requested from President Diana Redger.
 - May distribute one promotional item at a BPW/Kansas meeting (Spring Conference and/or State Convention).
 - May request from the Convention Chair Leanna Grater table space, not to exceed 3 feet, to display candidate information. **Note:** all campaign material must be picked up by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023.
5. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in loss of eligibility to be considered as a candidate for office.

Candidates must be an active member in good standing. Candidates for president-elect and vice president must have served one year as a chair or elected officer of the Kansas state board of directors.

If you have questions or would like clarification regarding these guidelines, please contact Julie McDaniel.

Julie McDaniel
Nominations Chair

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE

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Candidates for state office as of the March 1, 2023 deadline that will have their name printed on the election ballot and the office they are seeking are:

President-Elect Candidate

Christina Rush
Local: Ottawa



Local Level: Member of Ottawa BPW since August 2004. Treasurer 2022-2023, Has held every office multiple times. Served as President 2009-2010, President-Elect 2007-2009, Vice-President 2006-2007, Treasurer 2012-2013, Recording Secretary 2005-2006 and 2011-2012

State Level: BPW/Kansas Vice President 2022-23; BPW/Kansas President 2016-17 President Elect 2015-16; Vice-president 2014-15; Recording Secretary 2011-2013; By Laws Chair 2021-22; Historian 2020-21; Convention Co-Chair 2010-2011; Has served as Finance chair, Meetings Manager, Public Relations chair; Kansas BPW Educational Foundation Inc. Board member 2020-present; Vice President 2021-22 Secretary 2020-2021. BPW Kansas Educational Foundation, Inc. Board member since 2020, Vice-President 2022-23, 2021-22, Secretary 2020-21.

Occupation: Nurse Consultant for private in-home care Agency; Clinical Nurse Manager for 5 years at Anderson County Hospital; RN 20+ years, certified SANE-A 2004; Nurse Educator/Preceptor for Non-Traditional students in workforce,

Community Involvement: International Association of Forensic Nurses, Kansas Coalition on Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV); Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL); Kansas Organization of Skilled Care Professionals

Secretary 2011-2015; Started the SANE/SART program @ RMH, worked on community organizations for Domestic Violence/Abuse

Professional Societies: Manchester's who's who among Executive and Professional Women in Nursing and Health Care; Empire Who's who among Executive and Professional Women in Nursing and Health Care; Worldwide Leaders in Health Care Honorable Mention

Vice President Candidate

Leanna Grater
Local: Clay Center



Local Level: Member of Clay Center BPW since 2015. 2022-23 President and has held the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Served on the Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, Car Show Committee and Scholarship Committee. BPW Woman of the Year 2023 and 2019

State Level: State Convention Chair 2023-24 and State Convention Co-Chair 2019-20

Occupation: November 1988-current Administrative Assistant, Woods & Durham, CHTD. As Administrative assistant answers phone, greets clients, schedules appointments, makes deposits, mail, orders supplies, types correspondence and worksheets, data entry on spreadsheets and QuickBooks and various other duties. Previously was a receptionist/Sales Department for GT MFG., Inc

1985-1988 and a Secretary/Sales Department for Hutchinson MFG., Inc 1976-1985.

Community Involvement: Inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame – Kansas Chapter 2017 (Lifetime Service to Wrestling); Club Director for the Clay County Wrestling Club, secretary/treasurer, and Board Member 1981-2015; USAWKS Board of Directors 1983-2015, served as State Treasurer, State Secretary, District 3 Director, and Co-State Tournament Directory. District # Person of the year 2001 and State Person of the Year 2002. USA Wrestling Kids Person of the Year 2004 with her late husband. Served on the Scholarship Board of Directors 2010-2018, until the group was disbanded.

Vice President Candidate

Amanda Vulgamore
Local: Ottawa



Local Level: Member of Ottawa BPW since July 2017 Secretary 2019-2020; Served on various committees National Business Women's Week, Equal Pay Day and helped with membership drives and fundraising.

State Level: Recording Secretary 2022-2023 Since 2017 has attended state conferences and conventions helping make programs run smoothly and donating to silent auctions and various fund raisers at the state level.

Occupation: Surgical assistant nurse working with multiple doctors at multiple hospitals (as the most requested in the state of Kansas.) Member of Midwest Transplant Procurement Team; ASC Surgery Center Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals: National Board Surgical Technologist and Surgical Assistant, Administrative Responsibilities Scheduling, Customer service liaison, patient advocate.

Community Involvement: Volunteered for Care Beyond the Boulevard providing help for indigent people; Helped with project involving Texas family with conjoined twins; front line staff in the fight against Covid; Plans a mission trip to Uganda and India when travel resumes.

LEGISLATION

BPW/Kansas has not had a legislative platform for many years. During spring conference, a proposed legislative platform was discussed by the members with several changes made to the document.

The proposed platform begins with the Equal Rights Amendment as authored by Alice Paul, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Statements on economic equity, health care, environment, safe workplace, civil rights, dependent care voting rights and access and policy items make up the platform.

The legislative platform was approved at the spring conference member business meeting to be adopted by the Federation at the annual convention May 19-21, 2023, A copy of the proposed platform and some talking points will be emailed to members for their review before the convention in May.

Adopting a legislative platform with statements BPW/Kansas members can support is something President Diana would encourage us to do this year.

Susan Roberts
Legislative Chair

POST-BOARD

The 2023 Post Convention Board Meeting for BPW/Kansas will be held on May 21, 2023 at the Holiday Inn, Salina Kansas. All BPW/Kansas members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Members attending will have the convention registration paid by the Federation.

SPRING CONFERENCE

BPW/Kansas held Spring Conference Saturday March 18 at the Holiday Inn, Salina KS. Clay Center BPW hosted the weekend and provided the door prizes and the table decorations using a patriotic theme to celebrate March as Women's History Month. Theme for the weekend was "Empowering Leaders." Past state president and meetings manager Kathy Niehoff, Ottawa BPW, gave the welcome. An Educational Board about the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote was displayed outside the meeting room for members to view during breaks.

The day began with Young Careerist Chair Debbie Grosdidier and co-chair Erin Grosdidier asking Dr. Sharon Wiber, Julie McDaniel, and Dr. LewAnn Schneider to share their personal experiences of participating in the Young Careerist competition on the international level. Next members participated in round table discussions by dividing into smaller groups to discuss issues important to women in the workplace. A spokesman from several of the groups shared with the members some of the items they had discussed and what they learned from sharing personal experiences. At the same time Debbie and Erin met with this year's YC participants to explain to them the speech competition.

Vanessa Pearce from the Wichita National Weather Service presented "Storm Fury on the Prairie" by showing different weather conditions and helping members identify storm clouds comparing them to cauliflower and stacks of pancakes. She gave information on tornado safety, floods, and lighting and how to report storms to the National Weather Service.

Before lunch, members were given a Kansas women trivia matching game to identify Kansas Women and their unique accomplishments. A power point with the answers showed many had done well on the quiz.

Following lunch. Issues Management Chair Dana Rickley and Legislative Chair Susan Roberts presented "Issues Important to Women." They led a lengthy discussion on establishing a legislative platform for the federation. The different parts of the platform were discussed and improved so a completed platform could be approved at the business meeting to be brought before the Convention for adoption.

Dr. LewAnn Schneider, veterinarian, gave the group a look at what she does for a living using pictures of the places she travels to and the animals she works with. She kept all spellbound as she told stories of pigs, training rhinoceros to live in a cage to be transported and testing for disease.

The Young Careerist participants each agreed to give a two-minute speech on a topic of their choice. They ranged from career aspirations to solving important issues. They will be presenting five-minute speeches at convention. Kathy Niehoff, Ottawa BPW and a founding member of the

Franklin County Cancer Foundation, told why the Foundation was created and how it helps those suffering from cancer.

Following a short break members gathered for dinner and to hear about what each local organization had been doing such as programs, gaining new members, raising funds or being active in their community. Each local and several of the members at large donated to the zip code fundraiser making it a successful endeavor by raising \$1933 for Federation. President Diana Redger asked each chair on the Federation Board of Directors to explain what their job entails. This was a great learning experience for members planning to serve as a chair in the future. President Diana had planned a day that was fun, informative, and educational. The weekend concluded with the member business meeting on Sunday.

ISSUES MANAGEMENT

I am looking Forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention on May 19-21, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Salina KS. I will be presenting awards to the Woman of the Year and Business of the Year recipients. Clubs submitting Outstanding Programs and/or National Business Women's Week information will also be recognized. Pictures are always appreciated. Thank you to those who have submitted their information. I enjoy reading about all the things that this great organization does for their communities.

Locals who have participated in Equal Pay Day, please send me your information by April 30th to be recognized at the State Convention. News articles and/or pictures can be emailed to me at dana_rickley@yahoo.com.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me by email/text/phone. dana_rickley@yahoo.com or 785-630-0878.

Dana Rickley,
Issues Management Chairman

FRIDAY GAME NIGHT

Members gathered on Friday March 17, 2023 for game night before spring conference. Besides setting up the room for the conference on Saturday, members gathered to play different games. "Spot It" was a new game to several members. Some picked it up very quickly while others were challenged by the fast pace of the game.

Kansas City Monopoly was played by Julie McDaniel, Diane Smith, Erin Grosdidier, Debbie Grosdidier Dean Harris and Barbara Pressgrove. The game was completed by 10:00 pm and was won by Dean with Erin second. Erin had never played Monopoly before. It was a fun night and a fun way to get to network with BPW friends old and new.

CLUB ETERNAL

BPW/Kansas members who passed away since Convention 2022 will be honored at the Club Eternal ceremony during Convention 2023.

To allow us to respectfully honor these BPW/Kansas members please share the following information with Historian Christina Rush: local organization name, membership dates, local and/or state BPW offices, chairs, or committees served on, occupation, and other personal information. Please also share a photograph and obituary if available.

Lastly, if a BPW member would be willing to talk about an honoree during the Club Eternal ceremony, please let Christina Rush know so she can coordinate appropriately. All information shared is much appreciated and will help all in attendance better know and honor our BPW/Kansas members who have passed.

Christina Rush
Historian

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

The 2023 Spring Business meeting was held Sunday March 19, 2023 at the Holiday Inn, Salina KS with President Diana Redger presiding. There were 29 voting members. A quorum was declared by the President. Highlights of and business transacted at the meeting included:

- Natalee Ferguson, Garnett BPW led the Pledge of Allegiance and PSP Cindy Simons Newton BPW led the Collect.
- Approved the adoption of the rules of order.
- There was no correspondence.
- Heard actions taken by the Executive Committee, who appointed Aubree Ferguson, Garnett BPW as timekeeper.
- Heard report from Executive Secretary.
- Donna Gratts, Finance chair, reported the financial review was complete and found to be in good standing.
- It was approved to accept the financial review by Barbara Pressgrove, Debbie Grosdidier, and Donna Gratts for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- Chris Booth, Hall of Fame Committee, reported the committee had met and has several candidates for consideration.
- Newsletter editor Diana Redger reported the deadline for the Advocate is April 7, 2023
- Julie McDaniel, Nominations chair, reported she has received nominations from Christina Rush, Ottawa BPW for Pres-Elect, Amanda Vulgamore, Ottawa BPW for Vice-President and Leanna Grater, Clay Center BPW for Vice -President.

- Fran Graham, Public Relations Chair, reported she will be giving awards at state convention based on what local organizations have placed on their Face Book pages.
- Sue Patrick, Finance Chair, has expense vouchers to complete for reimbursement.
- Dana Rickley, Issues Management chair, reported she had received BPW Woman of the Year, Community Woman of the Year and Business of the Year nominations. She will also recognize National Business Women's Week activities at state convention.
- Jenny Myers, Foundation Chair, reported the Mary Tefft Grant has been exhausted. The Foundation will pay \$15 for registration at fall conference and will have a silent auction at convention. Mary Tefft Grants are available for all meetings for all members.
- Jenny Myers, Foundation chair, reported there are two board positions open, those held by Linda Reed and Ellen Yocum. Nominations are due to Foundation Secretary Dana Rickley by May 1, 2023
- Jenny Myers, Foundation chair, announced they received 24 applications and gave \$23,500 in scholarships. She listed the recipients (Listed elsewhere in the Advocate) She announced Spring Conference donations to Foundation totaled \$1237.
- Debbie Grosdidier, YC Chair, announced there will be a YC Competition at state convention.
- Helen Norman, ID Chair, announced there will be an ID competition at state convention.
- Leana Grater, Convention Chair, and Kayla Wang, Convention co-chair, invited all to the state convention in May
- President Diana gave the President's official report
- There was no unfinished business.
- New Business approved the meeting dates for the 2023-2024 year fall conference October 7-8, 2023, spring conference March 16-17, 2024 and convention May 17-19, 2024 with all meetings at the Salina Holiday Inn.
- Approved the 2023-2024 Board of Directors as presented by President Elect Kayla Wang
- Approved the motion that BPW/Kansas budget \$1500 of the \$1933 raised by the zip code fundraiser to be appropriated for convention awards and registration, if a member stays for Sunday morning post-convention business meeting.
- Approved the motion to change the Policy & Procedures to have YC Speeches at convention instead of spring conference (See Policy and Procedure change article)
- Approved motion to submit the legislative platform for adoption at BPW/Kansas Convention May 20, 2023
- Heard announcements including President award deadline is May 1, 2023 and state convention is May 19, 20, 21 2023 Holiday Inn, Salina Kansas
- The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Emblem Benediction led by PSP Fran Graham

Policy & Procedures Change

A change to the Policy and Procedures for Young Careerist was adopted at the spring member business meeting to reflect the current practices of the Federation. The change was made to the BPW/Kansas Policy and Procedures Section: State Federation and State Meetings No. SF202 (Excluding convention) revised 2020 Title: Standing Committees and Special Appointments Page 3 of 5. Number 7 Young Careerist (YC) committee shall be composed of a chair, who shall:

d. Plan and conduct the Young Careerist competition at the Spring Conference

Be changed to:

d. Plan and conduct the Young Careerist competition at the State Convention.

The motion was made by Erin Grosdidier, YC Co-chair, and seconded by Chris Booth, Ashland BPW, and passed by the members.

MEMBERSHIP

BPW Kansas has 119 members. There are 103 active, 13 students and 3 Youth affiliate members. The following is the number of new members per local organization this year. If you have a different number, please give me a list of all your members and the names of the new members

Name	Total Members	New Members
Ashland	10	1
Baldwin City	15	2
Bonner Springs	16	2
Chanute	8	0
Clay Center	29	8
Garnett	14	2
Member at Large	10	0
Newton	6	0
Ottawa	11	2

These numbers will be compared against the membership totals used at last year's convention for the credentials report for the Membership Award.

Chris Booth
Membership Chair

MARY TEFFT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Kansas BPW Educational Foundation, Inc, encourages members to apply for the Mary Tefft grant to attend all State meetings. To apply, complete the meeting registration marking the activities you plan to attend, write a short essay on "What BPW is to me" or "Why BPW is important to women", sign a statement agreeing to volunteer if needed during the meeting and either mail or e-mail the completed

application to the Foundation president 10 days before the meeting's registration deadline.

The essay should be not less than ½ page or more than 2 pages. The deadline to apply for the Mary Tefft Grant for State Convention is **May 3, 2023**.

CLAY CENTER ID WORKSHOP

Clay Center BPW hosted an Individual Development Program on January 21, 2023. Attending the program were five BPW members and three others, two of which became new members.

The Individual Development presentations covered were educational, learning about networking, interviewing, speech presentation, social media, and other topics. We look forward to having several who completed the course competing in the ID competition at state convention May 19-21, 2023.

ID AND YC at Convention

Competitions for Individual Development and Young Careerist will be held at state convention. Both include a 5-minute speech and a 2 minute impromptu speech. If you plan to participate in the Individual Development competition, please let Helen Norman, ID Chair, know by May 1, 2023.

If you plan to participate in the Young Careerist competition, please let Debbie Grosdidier, YC Chair, know by May 1, 2023.

CLUB HISTORY

Christina Rush, State Historian is collecting items from this year to put in a book for President Diana Redger. She is asking for any pictures you might want included to be sent to her as a jpg and with the date and location to help identify it.

Local organizations wanting their club history included in the book should send information to Christina by May 1, 2023 so she will have time to complete the book. Send any special activities of the local organization's year including women of the year and National Business Women's Week Celebrations. Outstanding programs or any honors received by members should be included. Mail to Christina Rush at 945 S Olive, Ottawa KS 66067, or email to crush4122@sbcglobal.net

Christina Rush.
State Historian

KANSAS BPW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2023-24 Scholarship Recipients Announced

With very generous donors, members, and fundraising events we were able to fund all 24 applicants for this year sponsored by six locals.

This year the Foundation received four donations from outside sources that funded many of the scholarships. The scholarships are the Lewis Schneider Family Scholarship, the Vet Med Scholarship, Peggy Brant Scholarship, and the Dr LewAnn Schneider Scholarship. The Foundation appreciates these donations made specifically for scholarships and extends a thank you to each of the donors. Also, we had funding specifically to open another one for the Fran Graham Scholarship. We appreciate the continued support from our members with our fundraising events. At State Convention we will continue our fundraising with a Silent Auction and Clothes Closet. So, bring those goodies and receive credit for your donation and for your purchases.

Foundation President Jenny Myers announced the Scholarship Recipients, their award, hometown, and Sponsor are:

Undergraduate –

Allyson Dye – Clay Center - Clay Center

Grace Lee – Clay Center - Clay Center

Carol Nigus Leadership–

Sophie Osborn – Chanute – Chanute

Elsie Borck HealthCare -

Darian Hudgeons - Paola - Garnett

Peggy Brant Scholarship

Ashlyn Tiers - Clay Center - Clay Center

Hall of Fame Scholarship

Skylar Skrdlant - Clay Center - Clay Center

Mara Crawford Scholarship

Amanda Vulgamore - Ottawa - Ottawa

Career Development Scholarship

Anna Smith - Clay Center - Clay Center

Dr. LewAnn Schneider Individual Development Scholarship

Caitlyn Hood - Clay Center - Clay Center

Sage Waggoner - Ashland - Ashland

Other Scholarship Winners

Lilly Riddell - Bonner Springs - Bonner Springs

Mackenzie Weller - Clay Center - Clay Center

Kristin Schmit - Garnett - Garnett

Alyssa King - Bonner Springs - Bonner Springs

Sydney Rosenow - Clay Center - Clay Center

Jayden Crimmins - Clay Center - Clay Center

Julia Rieger - Clay Center - Clay Center

Garrin Golay - Chanute - Chanute

Lexi Liby - Clay Center - Clay Center

Ali Windoffer - Shawnee - Garnett

Lily Condray - Clay Center - Clay Center

Sophia Hunt - Leawood - Garnett

Jenna Melton - Clay Center - Clay Center

Rachel Schaffer - Bonner Springs - Bonner Springs

CONGRATULATIONS to all recipients and their sponsoring local organizations! Recipients are asked to acknowledge whether they will accept the award or not by contacting Foundation President Jenny Myers.

Kansas BPW Educational Foundation members,

We encourage you as a member and/or your local organization to donate to the Foundation for this club year. So, here is a reminder that the Kansas BPW Educational Foundation, Inc. contributions recognized at State Convention, scheduled for May 19-21, 2023 recognize contributions from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. That means you have until April 30, 2023 to send your contribution and be recognized!

LewAnn has sent individual emails to all who contributed from May 1 – present to clarify how many dollars you have given this fiscal year. However, some members were unable to attend the Convention and/or Fall Conference due to conflicts/covid. Normally several contribute at Spring Conference and we want all to have the opportunity to donate prior to arriving at the State Convention. Which category listed would you qualify for?

Contributor: \$5 – \$99

Friend \$100 – \$199

Supporter - \$200 – \$299

Patron - \$300 - \$499

Investor - \$500 - \$999

President's Circle - \$1000 or more

Please send your donations by April 30, 2023 to Treasurer, Dr, LewAnn Schneider, 2271 Broughton Road, Clay Center KS 67432.

FOUNDATION ELECTIONS

Two openings for Foundation come up for elections at State Convention. Interested in running for the Foundation Board of Directors? Please send a letter of interest to Foundation Secretary, Dana Rickley at dana_rickley@yahoo.com or 625 Webster St, Clay Center, KS 67432.

Call to Annual Meeting

By virtue of the power vested in me as President of the Kansas BPW Scholarship Educational Foundation Inc. I do hereby call the Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the 104th state convention of BPW/Kansas. The purpose of the annual meeting of members is to elect Directors and transact other matters, if any, as may properly come before the members.

Jenny Myers, President

Kansas BPW Educational Foundation, Inc.

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BPW TIDBITS

Nathan Lynn was the recipient of the Maxine Humphreys Memorial scholarship from Ashland BPW. It is in the amount of \$250. Fun fact: His mother Lyndsay Lynn, won the scholarship in 2010.

Clay Center BPW hosted Spring Conference and provided table decorations and door prizes. Members attending the Member Business meeting won door prizes, too. Thank you, Clay Center BPW!

Please bring convention notebooks you no longer want to conference and give to Executive Secretary Dr LewAnn Schneider or President Diana Redger. Notebooks will be used for the upcoming convention and others to come.

Kansas website – bpwkansas.weebly.com

NOTES

For information regarding a change of address for your advocate mailing or other information, please contact BPW/Kansas Executive Secretary, Dr. LewAnn Schneider at the following address and phone:

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BPW/KANSAS ADVOCATE

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

BPW CALENDAR

April 30, 2023

Pay Equity

May 1, 2023

President's Awards due

May 1, 2023

**Foundation Board
member candidates due**

May 1, 2023

**Club Eternal & Club
History due.**

May 19-21, 2023

**State Convention
Holiday Inn
Salina KS**

October 7-8, 2023

**Fall Conference
Holiday Inn
Salina KS**

March 16-17, 2024

**Spring Conference
Holiday Inn
Salina KS**

May 17-19, 2024

**State Convention
Holiday Inn
Salina KS**

NOTE: Please send items for the newsletter to Diana Redger, Newsletter Editor, Box 122, Ashland, KS 67831 phone 620-635-2546. E-mail redger@ucom.net

BPW/Kansas State Convention
May 19, 20, 21, 2023
Tentative agenda

Friday, May 19, 2023

5:00 p.m. Open Registration
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Open Registration
8:00 p.m. Official Opening of the 104th Annual Convention
First Credentials Report
25 Remarkable American Women
Emblem Ceremony
Club Eternal



LEADERS IN A CHANGING WORLD
BPW/KANSAS 2022-2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:00 a.m. Open Registration
9:00 a.m. Reconvene Business Meeting
Business Meeting
9:30 a.m. Young Careerist Competition
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Second Credentials Report
10:40 a.m. Candidate's Forum

11:00 a.m. Kansas BPW Educational Foundation Inc. Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. Election of Officers – BPW/Kansas and Kansas BPW Educational Foundation Inc.

12:15 p.m. PSP Luncheon
Celebrating Our Leaders
Hall of Fame Inductee Ceremony

2:00 p.m. Reconvene 104th Annual BPW/Kansas State Convention
2:00 p.m. Individual Development Competition
2:45 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Awards
4:00 p.m. Election Results
4:15 p.m. President's Awards & Recognitions
4:45 p.m. Installation Practice

6:00 p.m. Meet & Greet with Newly Elected Officers
6:30 p.m. Recognition Dinner
Business of the Year
Woman of the Year
President's Farewell

Installation of 2023-2024 Officers

9:30 p.m. PSP Retreat

Sunday: Officer & Committee Chair Workshops AND Post Convention Board Meeting

**BPW/KANSAS CONVENTION
REGISTRATION**

Holiday Inn 3145 S 9th Salina KS
May 19, 20, 21, 2023



LEADERS IN A CHANGING WORLD
BPW/KANSAS 2022-2023

BPW Kansas: Leaders In A Changing World

Convention Registration Fee – pay if not attending Sunday meeting	_____ \$20.00
Friday Evening Meal South of the Border Buffet, Seasoned Taco Meat & Seasoned Shredded Chicken, Hard and soft tacos, cheese, lettuce etc. Spanish Rich and Black Beans	_____ \$20.00
Saturday PSP Luncheon Oven Roasted Turkey, Black Angus Roast Beef, American and Pepper Jack Cheese, White or Wheat Bread, Garden Salad, Italian Pasta Salad, Chips	_____ \$18.00
Saturday Evening Meal Garden Salad, Seasonal Fruit Bowl, Sliced Roasted Sirloin, Chicken Marsalis, Green Beans, Baked Potato	_____ \$22.00
Sunday Morning Registration (Sunday arrivals only)	_____ \$15.00

Total \$ _____

NAME: _____ LOCAL: _____
Address: _____ PHONE: _____
Position: _____

ALL FEES, REGISTRATION, AND MEALS MUST BE SENT TO:

Convention Registrar – Cara Vanderree, PO Box 397, Ashland, KS 67831

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations deadline is May 3, 2023, so register early!

Early deadline due to hotel deadline for ordering food

ALL FEES FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS

Photo Release (please mark one option below)

☐ I authorize BPW/Kansas to share photos of me online (i.e., BPW/Kansas website, Facebook page, and/or twitter) and in print.

☐ I do NOT authorize BPW/Kansas to share photos of me online (i.e., BPW/Kansas website, Facebook page, and/or twitter) and in print

To reserve a room, Call Holiday Inn 3145 S 9th Salina KS call 785-404-6767 reservations. Tell them you are with the Kansas BPW Group. The room charge will be \$109.99 + tax. The Block of rooms will be held until **May 8, 2023** (Double queen and handicapped)



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