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“Remember, Renew, Recharge”

Summer Edition

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Summer is coming to a close. I love the long days of summer and my evenings in our inground pool, swimming laps. But, the chill was felt in the air this week. To many that means that the pumpkin spice lattes are in stock at Starbucks, the apple cider donuts are available at the local orchard, festive fall decorations, and time for hoodies, boots, and sweaters to make their return. But, to me fall means the election season is here this year. Some dread the negative T.V. commercials. Although, I am not a fan of those either, I love election season. It is our American Freedom in ACTION. Our BPW sisters that came before us fought for this very right. They sacrificed greatly so that they could cast their VOTE in a time of negative newspaper cartoons and articles instead of T.V. ads. I urge each of you to research the ballot you will cast and to fully embrace the right that we have.

Our organization has recently taken part in an amicus brief in support of legislation brought by the Illinois Secretary of State to see the ERA made into law. I am reminded of the long fight that our BPW sisters have endured, and I believe that our sisters of the past would be proud of us, today.

The executive team has been hard at work trying to adapt to the needs of our members in this difficult environment. Many of our locals have adapted successfully to virtual or outdoor meetings. We will be discussing this very topic at our Leadership meeting this weekend in Champaign. We are here to meet the needs of our locals and hope to hear how we can assist with this process. Along those lines, mark November 21st on your calendar for Interim board in Champaign.

Best Wishes to a safe and healthy fall season!

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Cherie Kesler
2019 - 2021 President

FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST STATE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall, Y'all! I think the heat may have finally passed us by. I don't know about you but I'm ready for some bonfires, smores and hayrides. It is an honor that I get to serve as your Immediate Past President for another year (thanks to Covid-19 for cancelling our Annual Convention).

2020 has certainly been a trying year for all concerned and it's not over yet. Dr. Fauci says it could be toward the end of 2021 before we get through this pandemic. I'm sure that is not really what you wanted to hear. It is times like these when our bonds with our Business Women's Club sisters need to be at it's highest. We all have so much going on and really need each other's encouragement. I know it's hard to stay in touch when we can't hold our regular activities, but we do have Leadership Training coming up next weekend, October 19th. It will be held at the Hessel Park in Champaign with fresh air and social distancing. I am certainly ready to see you all again. I know our attendance will be down this year, but I do hope you will review a summary of what went on if you cannot attend.

Speaking of attendance being down this year at events, Tina Klein has kept the Executive Board and locals aware of the IFBWC dropping membership numbers. It is really important that our members make every effort to invite new potential members to attend our local meetings and follow up with their possible applications for membership. We all agreed a few years ago to put a conscience effort into seeing that IFBWC continues. We are about to reach the "throw in the towel" level. If you want to see this organization continue, please recruit, recruit, recruit. We need each other, especially in times like these.

Please send events and current notices you wish posted to Tina Klein, our Administrative Assistant so we can all keep up with occurrences in our BWC sister's lives. As most of you may have seen on Facebook, our Mt. Vernon Local lost longtime member, Jacqueline Ross recently. Jacque was a dedicated member to our Local and the IFBWC. We also lost Kathy Summers of Raymond this month. She was also a dedicated and involved member of IFBWC. It is in times like these that we really need to pull together to keep each other strong. This is a very depressing time for all of us and we need a quick "hello, how are you" from our sisters. Please reach out to each other.

I hope to see you at Leadership Conference next Saturday. Information can be found on the www.IFBWC.org website or by contacting any Board Member. Please stay safe and keep in touch with each other. Hugs to all!

Carol Burk

IFBWC Immediate Past President (again)

FROM THE STATE TREASURER

I hope this finds you healthy and safe. A very positive side of this covid-19 is that I get to work from home and I am able to get more projects done on my awesome 1917 Montgomery Ward home (which needs a lot of TLC). I also get to see my awesome Fiancé Mark more. But on to business, as an organization we are also saving more money. Downside is that we are not able to meet face-to-face as often as we have in the past. I am hoping to see most of you at our Leadership Conference on September 19th in Champaign. Registration is Open. Hopefully Interim Board will be a face-to-face meeting on November 21st in Champaign. Registration for Interim Board will be open soon.

Tina Klein

2019 - 2021 Treasurer

ERA REPORT

ONGOING LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN TO U.S. SENATORS

In our continued efforts to remove the time limit originally assigned to the ERA by Congress in 1972, the Alice Paul Institute invites you to participate in our ongoing letter-writing campaign to U.S. Senators. API is working to amplify the ERA Coalition's efforts to advance [S.J. Res 6](#) in the U.S. Senate.

We urgently encourage constituents to contact their Senator, with a special focus on the senators listed below, to request their support for the bill.

THE FOLLOWING SENATORS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR FOCUSED ATTENTION. IF YOU ARE IN THESE STATES, PLEASE CALL AND EMAIL THE OFFICE CONTACTS (INFO BELOW). PLEASE ALSO SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COLLEAGUES WHO LIVE IN THESE STATES SO THEY CAN JOIN YOU IN ADVOCATING THEIR SENATORS TO SIGN ONTO THE BILL AS CO-SPONSORS.

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Tina Klein, ERA Representative

INVESTMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

What a wild year for investments! While the market was down significantly over the last six months, our portfolio continues to rebound. We have been very fortunate in our guidance from Denise Pacione at Edward Jones.

When Covid-19 made it's appearance, businesses expected a loss in sales, and there was a great deal of uncertainty about jobs. Many businesses moved to conserve cash by laying off employees and suspending dividend payments to shareholders. For the most part, our dividends have continued to arrive on schedule and we are hopeful that the others will soon resume.

Dividends are the heart of our funding.

How are your personal investments doing? Are there things you need to re-balance or change?

Carla Tucker

2019 - 2020 Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been an honor to serve as your Education Chair again for 2019-2020. I learned so much during 2018-2019 and was able to make a number of improvements to the scholarship application and review process. Due to the changes with COVID-19 and the cancellation of the 2020 convention, I am honored to serve again as your Education Chair for 2020-2021.

Scholarships

We had nearly 100 scholarship applications this year, up from 65 last year. IFBW provided funds to award six \$2,000 scholarships for 2020. I'm so grateful for my committee's dedication, and willingness to be guinea pigs, as we implemented a new scoring system to improve objectivity and speed up the review process. Emily Kracht, Tammy Resch, Stephanie House, Mandy Albers, and Nikki Holland were instrumental in this process, and I couldn't have done it without them.

Based on the number of applications in each category, we awarded one Returning Student Scholarship and five Incoming Freshman Scholarships (changed from High School Senior Scholarship for 2019-2020).

Now, without further ado, I'm proud to introduce our six scholarship winners for 2020:

Returning Student:

Olivia Celinski from Naperville, IL – Olivia will be a senior at DePaul University and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Finance with a minor in Accounting. She her goal is to get her Master's degree in Business Administration and open her own financial services business.

Incoming Freshmen:

Abby Crow from Franklin, IL – Abby is a senior at Franklin High School. She plans to attend University of Missouri – St. Louis and major in Nursing. Her goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Alison Deng from Springfield, IL – Alison is a senior at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. She plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis and major in Biology or Anthropology. Her goal is to become a physician and host community service projects to promote and focus on global and public health.

Valery Lopez from Palatine, IL – Valery is a senior at Palatine High School. She plans to attend Grinnell College and major in Policy Studies. Her goal is to become an immigration attorney with her own law firm where she can provide affordable and accessible counsel.

Mallory Pine from Martinsville, IL – Mallory is a senior at Paris High School. She plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington and pursue a degree in Epidemiology on a pre-medicine track. Her goal is to become a gynecological oncologist.

Hyacinth White-Grey from Chicago, IL – Hyacinth is a senior at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. She plans to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and major in Psychology and French. Her goal is to specialize in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry near a metropolitan area.

Speak-Off

After cancelation of convention, it was unclear whether there would be a 2020 Speak Off. However, with guidance and brainstorming from the Education Committee and the Executive Committee, we are proud to announce the first-ever Virtual Speak Off, a brand new process designed to provide the public speaking experience that is normally a part of our convention and that we felt was so important for future business women.

Along with our six scholarship winners, allow me to introduce the additional candidate participating in the Young Professional Virtual Speak-Off Competition (we had no candidates for Career Professional this year):

Reagan Crask from Highland, IL – Reagan is Highland LO's Young Professional candidate for 2020. She currently works as a caterer for Cygan-Delaney Catering. She is a graduating high school senior and plans to study Business Economics at Southeast Missouri State University in the fall.

2020-2021 Goals

My goals for 2020-2021 are to continue to improve the scholarship process, expand promotion of the returning student scholarship application, grow the number of Leadership University courses available, and provide new ways for members to utilize the Leadership University courses to better themselves and their communities.

Again this year, we emailed applications to all the IHSA high schools throughout the state, and we received approximately 80 Incoming Freshman applications, at least 20 more than in 2019. I would really like to explore new promotional avenues for the Returning Student applications so we can increase those numbers, as well.

We made great progress updating the application and rubric this year. In 2019, it took nearly two weeks to fully review the 65 applications. This year, we were able to successfully review nearly 100 applications in just over four hours. This year, I will continue to improve on the application and review process and implement a few additional changes identified by the committee.

In 2020-2021, I want to really focus on Leadership University. I have wanted to engage in this material but have not given it enough attention. This year, I plan to expand course offerings beyond current availability, as well as help LOs explore creative ways to utilize these educational materials more effectively within their club and throughout their community.

Because of the cancelation of this year's convention, Speak-Off had to undergo some changes. I would like to explore the possibility of using some of these changes to re-evaluate the previous format and find a solution that would improve state-wide participation, effectiveness, and prestige.

I continue to welcome member feedback. Some of you have been in IFBW for many years and can offer great insight into what has worked and what hasn't. As Education Chair, my duties are to make IFBW educational opportunities work for its members, their families, and communities throughout the state. Contact me at education@ifbwc.org with any questions or advice.

Alishia Winkler

2019 - 2021 Committee Chair

IFBWC Leadership Conference 2020
Champaign Hessel Park
1400 Grandview, Champaign, Illinois



September 19, 2020
REMEMBER, RENEW, RECHARGE
Agenda

9:00-9:30	Registration and Networking with Panera Coffee and Pastries
9:30-10:20	OWWI 2020 Presentation
10:20-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	“The New Normal”: How to Use Technology to move into the Future
11:15-11:30	Socially Distant Networking Cookie and Milk Break
11:30-12:30	“We’re in this Together” --Panel Discussion: Women in Business after a National Crisis
12:30-12:40	Door Prize Drawing! MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!!!

Weather forecast: Sunny and high of 68 degrees. Bring a sweater and enjoy the sun, fun, and great information.

Save the Date

Interim Board

November 21, 2020



Holiday Inn
101 Trade Center Drive
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 398-3400

Save the Date

99th Annual Convention

April 23 - 25, 2021



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PAST STATE PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER:

Fayrene Wright - 26th

OCTOBER:

Mary Ann Gould - 2nd

Courtney Tegeler - 3rd

Carol Burk - 9th

NOVEMBER:

Sandy Ferguson - 5th

Annabel Woodring - 14th

Jan Cetwinski - 19th

Lynette Jones - 29th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14th - Mid year reports due to Tina Klein for Interim Board Packets and President Cherie Kesler

- Local Bylaws are due to Legislation Chair, Jessickya Nix-Colman

October 18 - 24 Illinois Women in Business Week

*****November 21 Interim Board, Holiday Inn, Champaign IL**

November 20 Submit Illinois Bulletin articles to Tina Klein and President Cherie Kesler

For Local Organization events please go to the Google Calendar on the IFBWC website at www.ifbwc.org

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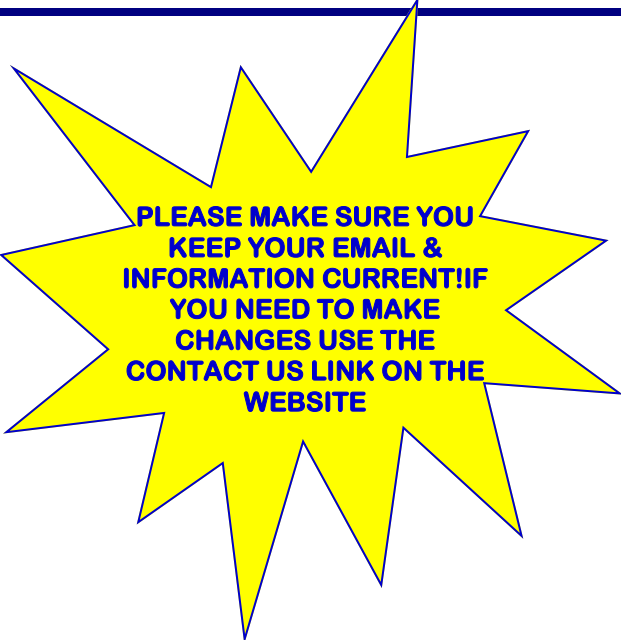
The mission of IFBW shall be to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.

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