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Hello ladies! I hope as summer is coming to an end that you have made the most of it that you could. I know we had all hoped that this year would be “back to normal” but I think we can still absolutely make the best of the reality we are living in these days. Several of our LOs have returned to in person meetings and have started planning and hosting events again.

I am so grateful to all of you that were able to make it for leadership and our membership event at the Granda. It was so great to get to see you all again in person, I am so looking forward to a regular in person convention again this spring! I know sometimes it can seem like a lot of work to get everything ready and travel to convention, but not having it has really made me appreciate it so much more!

I would love to be able to come visit you all, so what I would love for you to do is to please send me a message and let me know who your current president is, the list I have is apparently not completely accurate. Also please let me know what events you have coming up! I would love to know when I could come see you!!!!

I know we all need to work on our membership and also getting our members excited about or great organization again, with that in mind if you have something that I can help you with then please let me know! Also if you have an idea of something you think we need to be doing then please let me know, I would love to hear your ideas! I think we have a lot of really great ladies with awesome ideas and different talents and creativities and together I think we will successfully move this organization forward.

Please be thinking about Interim board on November 13th and try to make plans to attend if you are able. The resort is beautiful and this is a great way for you to see the area and get ideas of things that you would like to see at convention. I am looking forward to hearing from you all soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Burk
2021-2022 President
Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs

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FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

Well, this summer has really flown by. It seems like just yesterday we were hoping for warmer weather. I'm one of those people who loves warm weather, so I'm not really looking forward to fall or winter. I hope you all have had a summer filled with family, friends, and a somewhat normal lifestyle. As a woman I'm really proud of all the firsts that have been happening this year. 2021 has been groundbreaking for women, with historic firsts in politics, sports, entertainment, and business. Since the founding of our country, we are slowly starting to judge people on their skills and talents not on their identities or race. Although I am incredibly proud of all the firsts we've had recently, I long for the day when we won't be defined as the "first" anymore. I will leave you with part of "The Hill We Climb" written by Amanda Gorman who at 22 became the youngest inaugural poet. "...And so we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another. We seek harm to none and harmony for all. Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true. That even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we tried. That we'll forever be tied together, victorious. Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division."

Proudly serving the women of Illinois,

Carrie Perkins Schnicker, 2021 - 2022 President-Elect

FROM THE STATE TREASURER

Hello, my IFBWC sisters. It is hard to believe that it is September already and we are well into our 2021-22 year. I think I am beginning to get the hang of the Treasurer Reports and keeping your financials in order (I still have lots to learn). I thank Tina Klein, Karin Cook (our bookkeeping) and Michelle Hagen for their patience and guidance as I learn the IFBWC accounting ropes.

The money that the IFBWC Board agreed to transfer from the Investment Fund to the newly formed Educational Foundation as been completed. This still leaves a balance in the IFBWC Investment Account of over \$300,000 so we are in very stable financial shape. However, we all need to be bringing new members into our organization so we can put this money to a viable use of "Women Helping Women". If you have ideas of a group, we can help with our Leadership University modules or other materials available to us, please let President Amanda Burk know.

It seems we are still having problems with Security Bank getting our deposits of membership dues, and any other deposits mailed directly to them, processed and the information forwarded to us so it can be updated on our membership page. The Executive Committee is once again discussing transfer of the bank account to a more updated and cooperative financial institution. With the mobile deposit option available at many banks now, our options may be more widely available. I am checking into other banks. This has been an ongoing problem for several years now. Security Bank is no longer open, to my knowledge, in Southern Illinois and most of our banks here are not available in northern Illinois. If you have ideas on a financial institution I should check into about being our primary financial institution, please drop me an email at ceburk51@hotmail.com.

FROM THE STATE TREASURER CONTINUED...

We have accomplished getting both debit cards for myself and President Amanda. This has been a battle as well as getting the change of address accomplished. Something that seems so simple to me apparently is very difficult for Security Bank. Look forward to your comments.

All scholarship checks were mailed in August and all but one check has now cleared our bank account. Other major expenses included Leadership Conference which, although not well attended turned out to be an outstanding and fun-filled event.

Enjoy our fall weather which will soon be here and please plan to be an active member of our organization. We really are a lot of fun and with getting organized this year, we are planning to have a very successful and enjoyable Interim Board Meeting and 2022 Conference. Start making plans now to attend.

Carol Burk, 2021-2022 IFBWC Treasurer

FROM THE STATE SECRETARY

I hope this finds you well. As always the year seems to fly by and before you know it we are attending Convention again. But again we find ourselves in unusual times with crazy events happening all over the world. Which means we still have a lot of work to do and we can only get it done by working together.

ERA is still a top priority and IFBWC is working with other organizations to get it Ratified. More on ERA on page 4.

It was nice to finally be able to see people in person again at Leadership. I am hoping we will see more faces at Interim Board on November 13th.

There is so much information on our website. Please take a moment to just look around.

I hope to see you soon.

Tina Klein

2021 - 2022 Secretary

IFBWC WEBSITE UPDATES

Did you know that the website has a Blog and a Discussion Forum? Any items you may want to discuss or ask the Executive Committee can be found right there. We also have a great list of Modules in the Leadership University that can be used in a Zoom meeting.

Did you know that the Local Treasurer can pay State Membership dues for their LO Members online. Login and go to the Members Only Section. Then go to the Store. You can pay with a debit card or credit card. You just need to type in the Members Names. You will need to send an email to Treasurer Carol Burk and send her the list of members you paid for online, the date, and the amount paid so that she can update the Members records.

Tina Klein

IFBWC Webmistress

2021 OUTSTANDING WORKING WOMEN OF ILLINOIS AWARDS



It was my pleasure to step up to award our 2021 Outstanding Working Women of Illinois Awards at this year's Leadership Conference. Our Winners submitted outstanding information and supporting document and were so deserving of this award.

Our first winner was nominated by the Mt. Vernon BWC. Monte Jo Clark

Monte Jo is a retired educator. She was previously Superintendent of Spring Garden School District and Farrington Grade School in Jefferson County. She is now an ordained minister who owns and operates the Kingdom Seed Ministries in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Her activities of Kingdom Seed include but are definitely not limited to:

The Happy Feet Program which has provided over 3,000 pair on new shoes for children returning to school. The program has been in existence for about 7 years.

She also holds a Kingdom Seed Ministries Camp each summer for youth that need a safe and fun place to be. She is very active in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) speaking at many of their activities and rallies.

Monte Jo has held numerous Women's Conference's and has a large following under her Women's Ministries. She holds service each Sunday at the

Kingdom Seed building in Mt. Vernon. "Her work with women's empowerment is making huge changes in her community" according supporting documents of her application.

Monte Jo supports her many activities by running the Kingdom Seed Ministries café and catering business. Meals are cooked by Monte Jo and served by volunteers. She only asks for a small donation in return. She has even been known to provide meals to the homeless and those in need free of charge.


She says she wants no recognition. She just wants to be in her kitchen cooking. Which is truly one of her passions.

She is a member of the Illinois Arts Council's Advisory Board

President of the Mt. Vernon Downtown Development Corporation

A member of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and

Author of 7 daily devotional books.



Our second winner was nominated the the Centralia BPW. Traci Macz

Our other winner is Traci Macz. Tracy, along with her husband is the Owner/Funeral Director of Macz's Funeral Homes in Sandoval, Centralia and Odin, IL.

Traci has been involved in several community activities over the past few years including the:

Annual Free Movies in the Park for Centralia

Contributing to the Annual Balloon Fest

Building a float for the Halloween Parade

Participating in the Christmas Gingerbread House for Nursing Homes

Annual Trees of Remembrance at Foundation Park

along with numerous other community activities.

Traci has been a member of the Centralia BPW since 2016.

She is a member of the Centralia Museum

the Centralia Chamber of Commerce

the Little Egypt CEO Program

and the Egyptian Funeral Directors Association

Traci is also an author. Co-authored a book Celebrating My Biggest Fan: An Anthology of Love - after the loss of her mother in 2018, Traci was asked to co-author a letter of grief and bereavement to help other women under 40 who have lost their mothers.

IFBWC is proud to congratulate two outstanding members of our communities and wish them both continued success with their future endeavors.

Carol Burk

OWWI Chair Presenter

HEY THERE! I JUST WANT TO SAY:

**YOU ABSOLUTELY
GOT THIS!**



Relax, take a deep
breath and call your
senator about S.J.Res.6
to remove the deadline
on the Equal Rights
Amendment.

202.224.3121

The House has passed H.J.Res. 17 Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment. Now we are on to S.J.Res. 1: A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

I encourage you to sign a pre-drafted letter to send to your Senators.

<https://www.eracoalition.org/take-action/era-time-limit-removal-bills?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=5900734e-78c6-4ab4-8abf-a506e93db272>

Tina Klein, ERA Representative

Equal Pay Day
October 21 at
4:00 p.m. on Zoom

All Women	March 24
Latina	Oct 21
Native	Sept 8
Black	Aug 3
Moms	June 4
Asian	March 9

**Equal
Pay
for
Equal
Work**

Save the Date

Interim Board

November 13, 2021



Seasons Lodge at Rend Lake
12476 Golf Course Road
Whittington, IL 62897

Save the Date
100th Annual Convention
April 22 - 24, 2022



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PAST STATE PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER:

Fayrene Wright - 26th

NOVEMBER:

Sandy Ferguson - 5th

Annabel Woodring - 14th

Jan Cetwinski - 19th

Lynette Jones - 29th

OCTOBER:

Mary Ann Gould - 2nd

Courtney Tegeler - 3rd

Carol Burk - 9th

Cherie Kesler - 21st

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14 Mid Year Reports due for Interim Board
Submit proposed changes to Legislative Platform
Submit Local Bylaws to Legislation Chair

October 21 Equal Pay Day - Zoom

October 17 - 23 Illinois Women in Business Week

November 13 Interim Board

November 18 Information to Illinois Bulletin Editor Tina Klein and President Burk

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip _____

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Phone: _____

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School: _____

Major _____ Exp Grad Date: _____

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