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Hello ladies! I am so honored that you have entrusted the IFBWC leadership to me and the executive board for the 2021 – 2022 year. I am excited about the direction we are heading in this year. We have some great ideas for this year and we are planning to focus heavily on recovering from the past year of COVID by rejuvenating our current members, and also by sharing that excitement with new members! If any of you have ideas that you want to share with us for our future growth, please reach out to me. I want to hear them! I have been inspired by so many of you, with all of your unique plans and events you have implemented to keep in touch this past year and I think they are great options going forward.

We will have some interesting education projects this year, and some fun events, and we will have tremendous growth. Not only in number, although we will grow in number, but as women, as employees, as employers, as a friend, a mother, a sister, and all the other hats women juggle on a daily basis!

I hope you will all start making plans to come to Mt. Vernon on July 31st for our annual Leadership conference, and also a formal fun night. I want to encourage you to invite a friend and potential new member to come with you to leadership, let them see how we conduct business and what we put into our growth as women, and then bring them that night to see how we have fun! This last year we have not been able to really get together and celebrate our accomplishments and I hope that this event will be a great way to celebrate our OWWI winners, our outstanding members, and to entice new members to come and be a part of this great organization of ours.

I wholeheartedly believe this will be a great year for us and we will show the world that the Illinois Federation of Business Women is still very much alive, relevant, and determined to move forward with the new times we find ourselves in. I BELIEVE that we will ACHIEVE our goals this year. I hope that you all are as excited as I am. If we all work together we will have an amazing year.

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

First, I would like to thank President Amanda Burk for believing in my abilities to serve. Even though we had a small group meeting in person for the convention and the rest online, it was a great experience. And though I was the new girl in the group I felt like I had been friends with everyone for years. I can't wait to visit the LO's and meet everyone as we start having in person meetings again or on zoom. For those of you who don't know me that well, I'm known as the "Art Lady" or the "Hat Lady." When I was a child, I always believed that if Cinderella could be happy and sing while scrubbing floors, so could I. And that a dream truly is a wish your heart makes. I believe that you are never too old to dream and that you must keep the passion of the dream alive no matter what it is. Women who have passion for their dreams will go after them regardless of the challenges and obstacles they face, and that passion keeps us focused and on track. My dream for our LO's is to build on the relationships that we have fostered during this last year and make new ones as we grow and bring in members. I think that COVID has brought us closer together and helped us realize how much we truly need each other. If absence makes the heart grow fonder, the challenges we have faced this last year has made us stronger. It is a testament to the resilience of our club, and those who served before us, that this year we will be having our 100th Convention Anniversary. If we can cling to our dreams and come out the other side of a global pandemic, we can do anything. You all are truly amazing women, and I am honored to serve you for the next year. I will be leaning on you for advice, and together we can help each other make our dreams come true. Never stop dreaming, never stop believing, never give up, never stop trying, and never stop learning. Saber es poder.

Carrie Perkins Schnicker, 2021 - 2022 President-Elect

FROM THE STATE TREASURER

Hello again, my IFBWC sisters. I am thrilled to become an active member of your IFBWC 2021-2022 Executive Committee again, this time as Treasurer. After 35 years of finance experience and my retirement (wink, wink) in 2010 from the City of Mt. Vernon, IL Finance Department, I am excited to once again be working with finances and figures. I know, you all probably hate to even balance your checkbooks, right? I'm a down-to-the-penny-girl so although a totally new experience for me in IFBWC, I do love my facts and figures and I am thrilled that you all have put your faith and trust in me in electing me to this position.

We are off to a running start already with the Motion at State Convention being made and passed to transfer \$250,000 of our assets from the Investment Fund to the BPW Education Foundation. The Foundation Board members and Trustees have already met and are making plans to administer, with the help of the Education Committee, the continued scholarship program of IFBWC. Bylaws have been established, officers have been elected and here we go on a new endeavor! I am excited about the progressiveness of our organization.

Since, I have not actually gotten to meet with the 2020-2021 Treasurer, Tina Klein, for the official Treasurer transfer meeting (and actual training course, she has agreed to do) she and I have agreed to co-author our report for this Illinois Bulletin. So, for the actual "Treasurer's Report" I will turn this over to TK! I do look forward to working with all of you to accurately report our income, expenditures and financial standings for 2021-2022.

TK portion of the report: Right now there is still plenty of money to pay bills and take care of future events. We expect \$12,000 from the Investment Fund committee to cover scholarships that will be awarded soon.

Carol Burk, 2021-2022 IFBWC Treasurer



FROM THE STATE SECRETARY

Happy Spring!!!

All the flowers are in bloom, hot air and humidity is back and summer is just around the corner. I am excited for the late summer and fall when I can reap all the yummy food I am growing in the garden and on the fruit trees.

Like the garden, we can grow this great organization. The first step in growing is asking a simple question to a friend, family member, co-worker or even a stranger on the street. Ask "would you like to join me in attending an event?" That event can be a local or state meeting, membership recruitment, or an LO or State sponsored social event.

This organization still has so much to offer women in so many ways. We are still fighting for ERA and Equal Pay. We still have the knowledge and ability to mentor women in so many areas of life. We offer scholarship from the Los and State levels.

So many members and former members ask what does IFBWC have to offer members anymore? I stopped and thought about that question many times. I have an answer for you. Leadership University has plenty of modules that can be used as a membership recruitment or workshops at meeting or workshops given at women's shelters. Scholarships given out every year at the LO and State levels. Ability to have an impact on State and Federal laws. Many other organizations contact IFBWC to help in support of laws by contacting our representatives. There is a great opportunity to network throughout the State of Illinois. I know that I have created new friendships and would love to see those people face to face gain.

As with anything, you only get out what you put into it. I believe in this organization and it's mission statement. I believe that as a group we can make a difference in Law, Policy, and in women's lives. I Believe that we can achieve what we set our minds to achieve. If we Believe it we can Achieve it!!!!

Tina Klein

2021 - 2022 Secretary

IFBWC WEBSITE UPDATES

If you missed Convention, videos are on the website in the Members Only section. Updated Leadership guide is also there along with Bylaws and Policy and Procedures. The Leadership guide is still in draft form, and will be updated periodically. For more updates visit the website www.ifbwc.org.

Tina Klein

IFBWC Webmistress



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

**Leadership /
Membership
Recruitment/
OWWI Awards
save the date:
July 31, 2021
in Mt. Vernon**



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
100th Annual Convention
April 22 - 24, 2022



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



PAST STATE PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE:

Kathy Beals - 1
Susan McGrath - 8
Kathy Clark-Eller - 14

JULY:

Chris LaFrance - 2
Sharon Deahl - 2
Margaret (Peg) Spear - 19
Eleanor Rose Bourke - 25
Susan Tungate - 25
Nancy Clark - 27
Wilma Harpole - 30
Tina Klein - 31

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 31 Leadership Conference / Membership Recruitment
- August 12 Information to IL Bulletin Editor for Sept. IB
Editor (Tina Klein) & Pres. Burk
- August 20 LO Goals due to State President (Postmarked by the 18th)
- October 14 Mid Year Reports due for Interim Board
Submit proposed changes to Legislative Platform
Submit Local Bylaws to Legislation Chair

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\$35.00 MOL \$13.00 Student Member

\$35.00 Member at Large

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip _____

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