

An American flag is draped over a grey concrete pillar. The flag's stars and stripes are visible. The pillar stands on a ground paved with irregular, reddish-brown stone tiles. At the base of the pillar, several flowers are lying on the ground, including a large yellow chrysanthemum, a smaller yellow chrysanthemum, and a red tulip. Some green leaves and stems are also scattered on the stones.

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President's Message



Brooke Archila
2026-27 KFBPW President

*"I'm so glad I live in a world
where there are Octobers!"*

*— Anne Shirley, from L.M. Montgomery's
Anne of Green Gables*

Fall is a wonderful reminder that change, while sometimes necessary and challenging, can also be beautiful and beneficial. Fall is a season of harvest, when we pause to appreciate what has grown while also preparing for what comes next.

As we continue working together to help our wonderful KFBPW not only grow but truly thrive, I hope we will remember that our greatest strength is rooted in who we are. While there will always be changes we must embrace to remain relevant in our quickly changing world, the spirit, heart, sisterhood, and mission of KFBPW will continue to be our foundation.

This year, our Interim Board theme is **"Harvesting Potential."** What a fitting theme for KFBPW! We have spent years planting seeds through advocacy, leadership, professional development, friendship, and service. Now, we have an opportunity to cultivate that potential and turn it into meaningful action for women across Kentucky.

Our Interim Board will be held **November 6–7 in Bardstown, Kentucky**, and I am so excited about what we have planned! One of the highlights of our weekend will be our opportunity to learn from **lobbyist Mary Grace Lusher Allen**. Mary Grace will help us develop the knowledge and skills we need to become more effective advocates and lobbyists for women's rights and for the issues that are central to the mission of the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Advocacy has always been an important part of KFBPW's work. It is not enough for us to identify the issues affecting women in Kentucky. We must also understand how to communicate effectively with legislators and policymakers, build relationships, tell our stories, and make our voices heard. This training will give us practical tools to help us move from simply recognizing our potential for advocacy to putting that potential into action.

"Harvesting Potential" is about more than recognizing what we have already accomplished. It is about looking at what is possible when we work together. Every local club, every member, every idea, and every voice is a seed with the potential to make a difference. When we cultivate those individual strengths and combine them with the power of our statewide organization, there is no telling what we can grow!

As always, our **KBPW Foundation** has an excellent dinner and fundraiser planned for us. Great food, great fellowship, and a great cause are things we can always expect from our Foundation! I hope you will make plans to join us for this wonderful evening and support the important work of the Foundation.

Most of all, I hope you will be able to join us for Interim Board in Bardstown. The best part of any KFBPW gathering is all of **YOU**, my KFBPW sisters! Our organization is strongest when we come together, share our knowledge and experiences, encourage one another, and work toward the future we want to create for women throughout Kentucky.

This fall, let's celebrate what we have already planted, nurture the potential that exists within each of us, and harvest the collective strength of KFBPW.

I look forward to seeing you in Bardstown on November 6–7 as we **Harvest Potential together!**

Brooke

Officer Report

Diane Croney-Turner, Treasurer

It is time for all locals to pay your 2026-2027 Local Assessments for Insurance and State Conference Dues. Five locals have paid the \$10.00 State Conference Dues and six locals have paid the \$75.00 insurance assessment. All State Conference dues should be paid before Interim Board in November 2026. If you need an invoice, go to the bpw-ky.org and click on Member Resources, then click Convention Dues Invoice and Liability Insurance Invoice.

The Executive Committee accepted a bid through McElroy, Wharton & Boldrick, Inc. for two Insurance Policies. One is our Directors and Officers Insurance with Old Republic and the second is General Liability Insurance with a Treasurers Bond through Westfield. Both policies are for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and cover the State, Regions and Locals; however, LO's are not covered in the Treasurer's Bond. Also, some special events are not covered in these policies and the local must obtain a one-time policy per event (special events, such as a carnival, fundraising, selling alcohol, etc.). Contact Derinda Osbourne at derindao@kyol.net or 859-336-3982 for verification.

Each local is assessed \$75 per year by the KFBPW to cover part of the expense. The Assessments are due July 1st each year.

Also, according to Article VII, Section 4 of the Kentucky Federation Bylaws, "Each local organization shall pay annual state conference dues of ten dollars (\$10.00)." The state conference dues are due by July 31st of each year.

Both the \$75 insurance assessment and the \$10 state conference dues can be submitted in one check. Make your check payable to KFBPW and mail to: Diane Croney-Turner, KFBPW Treasurer, 26 Harton Place, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

As a reminder, new member dues are prorated according to the month they join. The dues chart was included in the July issue of the KY Cardinal. The membership dues should be mailed to the address above.

Everyone stay safe and enjoy the holiday season.

Happy Fall!



COMMITTEE Reports

Aspiring Professional

Rachel Crabtree, Chair



The 2026-2027 Aspiring Professional speech topic is here!

Topic: According to the American Psychological Association, **resilience** is the ability to adapt well and recover quickly from difficult life experiences, stress, and adversity. Professionals need resilience to survive and adapt to changes in their respective environments. In the professional world, the landscape is rapidly evolving with new technology, changing policies, and ever-shifting access to resources.

- How can women in professional fields demonstrate resilience by leading their organization through these changes through vulnerability, community, and collaboration?
- Consider how professional women in different life stages can learn and grow from one another to navigate shifting environments and how supportive networks can create new and/or unexpected opportunities.

Remember each region is able to send 2 candidates to State Conference in June 2027. We would love to have a full group of 6 candidates at conference. All guidelines and forms can be found on the website for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Issues Management/Legislation

Peggy Orberson, Chair

Hello to all my BPW sisters. I hope your summer has been enjoyable (where did the time go?). I am looking forward to our Interim Board meeting on Oct. 6 and 7. It's always a time to catch up with long-time friends. We are also planning to have a lobbyist (female!) as one of our speakers. This will be a great opportunity to learn the role of lobbyists in the lawmaking process and the rules that regulate their activities. We will have just elected several legislators and other officials; now we can see how their decision-making is influenced by various stakeholders.

President Brooke formed a committee to look at revising our award spreadsheets and has asked for feedback from all locals and committee chairs. I hope you will respond with suggestions to improve or revise the documents. Ginny and I will both be available at Interim Board to discuss any ideas as well. As Issues/Legislation chair, I am particularly interested in your ideas for that award.

I hope your monthly speakers and programs are being successful in making life better for all women. Be sure that they are selected based on local needs and also with an eye on the award sheets. There are many opportunities for service and visibility in your locals.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at peggy.orberson@gmail.com.

Here's to:

Being Productive Women

KBPW Foundation

Ginny White-Schatzke, Chair

KBPW Foundation Board of Trustees looks forward to seeing you at the 104th KFBPW Interim Board Meeting on Friday, November 7th at The Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Bardstown, KY. Our Theme is "Harvesting Potential". We're asking members to wear your favorite college or team shirt with jeans. Bring cash to donate to the Promise Campaign for Adult beverages.

A live and silent auction will be held. All locals are requested to bring two (2) items: one for the silent/live auction (such as a nice Holiday or College themed gift basket), plus a \$25.00 gift card for a raffle (please purchase a gift card that can be used in various communities). And we will have Diane's famous fudge for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Promise Campaign for scholarships.

Donations can be made at any time to the Promise Campaign: make checks payable to KBPW Foundation. Add Promise Campaign to the memo line. Mail to KBPW Foundation Treasurer Patti Fallin, 107 S. Harrig St, Madisonville, KY 42431.

Foundation Scholarship applications are available at bpw-ky.org under Foundation tab. The next application deadline is April 30th. Submit applications to Amanda Ishmael, Scholarship Chair, PO Box 358, Butler, KY 41006.

Betty Hinz Funds are available for communication workshops and events. Submit a detailed overview with budget to gwhiteschatzke@aol.com at least 30 days prior to the event.

The Foundation Board of Trustees for 2026-2027 are: Ginny White-Schatzke, Peggy Orberson, Nena Matheny, Patti Fallin, Amanda Ishmael, Joanna Harness, Sarah Burns, Cathy Hughes, and Brooke Archila.

Kentucky Professional Women's Week

Sonia Sanders (PSP), Chair

October is a month of celebration for Kentucky Women. The Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women (KFBPW) will celebrate Kentucky Professional Women's Month/Week at each local organization's local community throughout the State of Kentucky. It is a time to give credit and recognition where it is due for the outstanding Women of Kentucky. Please take this opportunity to seek out and celebrate the women in your area. KFBPW will do the same at our annual conference June 11-12 in Springfield, KY.

The applications are available on our KFBPW website under Member Resources/Awards/Kentucky Professional Women's Week (KPWW).

There are three (3) overall awards that will be presented at the annual conference. The categories are Woman of Achievement, Woman of the Year, and Businesses Promoting Women (formally Business Equity Award). The deadline to submit applications for state awards is postmarked - May 10, 2027. Please submit to Sonia Sanders, sonia.sanders@kysu.edu. If you have questions, please call 270-452-9028.

BPW – You gotta LOVE IT!!!

OUR CIVIC DUTY

It is that time of year again...every form of media is full of candidate messages telling you why you should vote for him/her. I, probably like you, get so tired of all this frenzy. It would be easier to just "turn off" and remove myself from the "dirty business of politics."

However, as a citizen of this country, state, and local community, I have a right and a responsibility to choose the people I believe will conduct the business of government as responsible representatives of its people. We have become lazy and complacent in using our rights so hard-won by previous generations (sometimes at great sacrifices). These names should inspire us not to take for granted our right to vote in a free nation. It is so much easier to let someone else do it. But that inaction takes away our right to complain about decisions being made.

We should take the time and effort to investigate further what candidates say, believe and promise, but also what they have done to establish their beliefs. And this is harder; if our candidate does not win, we must learn to accept the election process and move on to work for the good of our country. Even more important, the winning party need not gloat or take advantage. It must be learned to reach across the aisle to work for the good of all their constituents. We must get past the idea of party over country and of self-interest while in power.

Remember the eagle; it is neither party. The right wing and the left wing must work together for the eagle to soar.

Please vote in the upcoming General Election this November 3rd and encourage family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Volunteer if you can. Rides to the polls are always welcome. Show your civic pride in our wonderful United States of America. You can find information on early voting and mail in ballots on the website of your local county clerk's office. Also remember to take a proper form of identification. Just knowing a poll worker can no longer be used.

See you at the polls!

*"IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST WANT CHANGE.
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST WANT TO VOTE.
YOU HAVE TO GO AND MAKE CHANGE BY VOTING."*

-TAYLOR SWIFT

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

**Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
(KFBPW)**

Friday, November 6, 2026

KFBPW Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed)	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Registration	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Welcome	3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Meetings	3:20 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
BPW Training	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Foundation Dinner and Fundraiser	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Breakfast	7:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
Registration	7:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies of 2026 Interim Board of Directors Meeting.....	8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.
Communications Workshop	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Business Session	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Snack Break	11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
State Conference Session.....	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Autumn leaves don't fall; they fly.
They take their time and wander on this their
only chance to soar.
— Delia Owens



104TH INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGISTRATION FORM
Kentucky Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
 Fairfield Inn & Suites ♦ 1070 Morton Ave ♦ Bardstown, Kentucky 40004 ♦ November 6 - 7, 2026
Please type or print; use one form for each registrant.

Name _____ Phone _____

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E-mail _____ BPW Local _____

Check your classification/Board of Directors/voting status (*check all that apply*)

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| ☐ KFBPW Executive Committee | ☐ Current Local Organization President |
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| ☐ Committee: _____ | ☐ Past State President & Year Served _____ |
| ☐ Regional Director | ☐ Member |
| ☐ Assistant Regional Director | ☐ Guest |
| ☐ First Time Attendee at Interim Board | ☐ New Member – Join Date _____ |

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Payment must be received with the registration form.

If not received, late payment will be assessed. Registration at the door will not guarantee a meal or a seat.

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Full Conference Package

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| ☐ (Includes Friday Night dinner prior to Foundation Fundraiser, Friday BPW Training, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Communications Workshop, Saturday Board of Directors Meeting and State Conference Session) | \$ 65.00 | \$ 75.00 |
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Friday-Only Conference Package

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| ☐ (Includes BPW Training, Friday Night Dinner prior to Foundation Fundraiser) | \$ 55.00 | \$ 65.00 |
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Saturday-Only Conference Package

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| ☐ (Includes Saturday Communications Workshop, Saturday Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday Snacks and State Conference Session) | \$ 40.00 | \$ 50.00 |
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Registration Only - No Meals

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| ☐ (Includes Friday Night Foundation Fundraiser Event (no dinner), Saturday Board of Directors Meeting, and Communications Workshop, BPW Training and State Conference Session) | \$ 30.00 | \$ 40.00 |
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Additional Guest Meals (including children):

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| ☐ Friday Dinner at Foundation Fundraiser | \$ 25.00 |
| ☐ Saturday Snacks | \$ 10.00 |

All KFBPW members **MUST at least pay registration fee of \$30 to attend any part of this conference.**

Total Enclosed: _____

Please Note Bardstown, Kentucky is located in the Eastern Time Zone

Mail completed registration form and payment promptly by deadline date listed above (*keep a copy for your records*).
 Make check payable to KFBPW. Send check and form to: **Diane Croney-Turner 26 Harton Place, Hopkinsville, KY 42240**
Please mark envelope: ATTN: KFBPW-IB Direct any questions to: **Diane Croney-Turner at croney0803@gmail.com**

Hotel reservations must be made directly with Fairfield Inn and Suites at <https://bit.ly/4Ar48hX>
 (Be sure to verify your dates if you book thru the link since the default is 2 nights)
Deadline is October 16, 2026 to guarantee group rate of \$153.20 (taxes and fees included).

**"Advocacy is empathy,
compassion, and
community at work."**

— Janna Cachola

Mary-Grace Allen is the founder and principal of Commonwealth Strategic Research & Consulting, LLC, where she advises clients at the intersection of people, politics, and policy.

A Kentucky attorney and experienced government relations professional, Allen has represented interests ranging from Fortune 500 companies to grassroots organizations navigating complex legislative, regulatory, and public affairs environments. Her work spans legislative and executive advocacy, strategic consulting, grassroots engagement, coalition building, and stakeholder strategy, with experience engaging and building productive relationships with elected officials, policymakers, and government leaders across the local, state, and federal levels.

Mary-Grace's academic path spans mathematics and science, politics, law, and public policy—an interdisciplinary foundation that continues to shape the way she approaches complex issues.

Meet Our Speaker Mary Grace Allen

A graduate of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics & Science at Western Kentucky University, Mary-Grace continued her education with a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science from the University of Kentucky then her Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, where her studies focused on public policy and legislative drafting.

A native of Lincoln County, Mary-Grace now lives on a farm in rural Franklin County with her husband and three-year-old daughter. When she's not outside in her garden, you can find her either at a UK football game, doing DIY home renovations, or listening to music with her little girl.



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LOCAL News

Campbellsville BPW

Myra Gribbins



In August, members participated in the Handpicked Women's Conference at Campbellsville University and supported the Backpack Back-to-School Event, helping students prepare for the school year.

September 11th, members coordinated and provided 135 meals through Feed Me Friday at Green River Ministries. This outreach provides food for individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need throughout the community. Racheal Thompson, BPW member and organizer of the Taylor Regional Hospital Charity Golf Scramble, had a team participating, named "Women Mean Business."

Campbellsville BPW will assist with the Women's Business Luncheon in October, an event which connects, encourages, and celebrates women in the workplace and community. We will also work with the hospital on its Breast Cancer Awareness efforts.

In November, BPW will host an online bake sale to raise funds for its scholarship program. BPW will honor our Veterans and dedicate a Flag Depository Box for the community's use to retire American Flags. BPW member Alya Hargis, Director of Green River Ministries, is organizing a General Election "Meet the Candidates" and fundraiser. Members will support and promote voter registration at the event.

Through each initiative, Campbellsville BPW remains committed to service, leadership, growth, and investing in the future of women in our community.



Franklin BPW

Chris McCoy, President

Franklin BPW has been enjoyed a summer with celebration, community, and connection! We held a Summer Suffrage Celebration, featuring an indoor picnic, fun games highlighting women of historic impact, fascinating facts, delicious summer foods, and plenty of fellowship. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the women who helped pave the way for us while enjoying time together.

We also joined our community for the Garden Spot Fun Run, helping showcase Franklin and welcome athletes, families, and participants from near and far. We love being part of an event that brings our community together and highlights all that makes our town special. Thank you to our own Helen Pearson for her efforts.

We are gearing up for our non-traditional scholarship and are excited to support deserving women pursue their goals and dreams.

And we can't wait to celebrate Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Week! We have lots in store, including a candidate forum, fun activities, community involvement, and, of course, opportunities to celebrate the friendship and sisterhood that make BPW so special.

It's shaping up to be a wonderful season for Franklin BPW!



LOCAL News

Glasgow BPW

Wendy Moore, President

The Glasgow Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) is proud to announce that three of our members were invited to participate in Barren, Inc's LeadHer Forward Women's Conference, an event focused on leadership, empowerment, professional development, and inspiring women to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

Ledeane Hamilton served as a panelist, sharing her experience and insight with conference attendees. Ashley Hume served as a panel moderator, guiding the conversation and facilitating an engaging discussion. Libby Short participated as a "Lightning Speaker," delivering a brief, impactful presentation centered on leadership, service, and significance.

Glasgow BPW is honored to have these members represent the organization and the Glasgow community at this inspiring event.

The club also had a successful Market on the Square event on September 26. The event is Glasgow BPW's largest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds supporting the club's scholarship program and helping provide educational opportunities for local students.

Glasgow BPW thanks everyone who attended Market on the Square for supporting its mission of empowering women and investing in the future of the community.



Heritage BPW

Tracy Perkins, President

Hello from Heritage BPW! Heritage BPW is starting the new fiscal year with fellowship and meaningful programs. The Heritage BPW enjoyed a variety of programs and events this summer.

In June we had a very informative meeting with Gina Scott about dementia, signs to watch for, and how to help those affected by this disease.

July was hot and muggy, but we powered through by attending the American musical "Bright Star The Musical" written by Steve Marting and Edie Brickell at West T. Hill Community Theatre in Danville, KY on July 16, 2026.

In August, we celebrated Women's Equality Day with a proclamation signing by the Mayor. We also enjoyed a Diamond Dots activity directed by Mimi Becker at Jennie Rogers Community Center in Danville, KY on August 17, 2026. In September we enjoyed a door hanger paint party on September 21, 2026.

We will celebrate KPWW with church with Filicia Day, coffee and conversations at Starbucks, helping with the Bourbon Chase, and collecting nonperishables for backpack program.

Hopkins County BPW

Krista Shaw, President

Hopkins County BPW along with the KBPW Foundation through a Betty Hinz grant, sponsored a communication workshop featuring Dr. April Webster of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Webster, an accomplished educator, speaker, and author of several books including the inspirational book *It's Worth the Wait*, was the keynote speaker at the NAACP Kentucky State Conference, held in Muhlenberg County (first time in history). As a result of the Betty Hinz grant, each participant was given a copy of *It's Worth the Wait* so they may continue learning and reflecting on the valuable lessons shared during the session long after the convention concludes.

Hopkins County BPW has some fun and exciting events planned for Kentucky Professional Women's Week! These include proclamations by Hopkins County Judge Executive and Madisonville Mayor, Emblem Benediction Brunch, and our Awards Banquet where we'll honor the Woman of Year, Woman of Achievement, and Businesses Promoting Women. We're also planning to serve our local community through a local food bank and will watch *On the Basis of Sex*, which is about Ruth Bader Ginsberg's early career for movie night.

As we look forward to the holiday season, please take a moment to thank an impactful woman in your life!

LOCAL News

Hopkinsville BPW

Diane Croney-Turner, President

The Hopkinsville BPW Club continues to participate and volunteer in event of the community. We met in September to make plan through December. In September several members participated in Senior Games for individuals fifty-five and older and Naturefest event for all ages. In December we will have members participating in Christmas at the Bend and our December meeting will be held at the Historic Museums of Hopkinsville/Christian County.

We have several members dealing with some health issues. Be in prayer for the Hopkinsville local and their families.

Just a reminder, election day is November 3rd. Everyone should exercise your rights and vote.

Hopkinsville is wishing everyone a blessed holiday season from October 2026 – January 2027.

Somerset BPW

Patricia Nadim, President

Sometimes an organization doesn't need to start over—it simply needs someone willing to believe in its future.

This year, Somerset BPW began a new chapter. We are rebuilding our membership, strengthening our foundation, reconnecting with our community, and most importantly, remembering why BPW matters. What began as a small group has grown to 30 members, and our energy continues to grow. We welcomed new women, supported local businesses, and created new opportunities for connection and leadership.

Our Pink Card project brought together 33 women-owned businesses in our community. It is not only a successful scholarship fundraiser, but also a way to shine a light on Somerset's incredible women entrepreneurs.

We are also expanding our impact through community involvement, supporting the Alzheimer's Walk and partnering with the Chamber's YEAH program, encouraging young people to discover entrepreneurship and leadership.

Our journey has reminded us that growth doesn't happen overnight. It happens when women believe in one another, show up, share ideas, and take action. To every BPW club in Kentucky: don't be afraid to try something new. Your best chapter may still be ahead of you. Together, we can honor our past, empower women today, and build the future of BPW.

Springfield BPW, Inc.

Kate Essex, President

Greetings from Springfield BPW! As autumn rolls into Washington County, we are operating in high gear to promote our mission, uplift women in leadership, and bring our community together.

Civic engagement is top of mind. In September, we hosted several local women running for Springfield City Council. They shared their visions for our community's future and highlighted the vital importance of women exercising their right to vote. Empowering women to run for office and encouraging full participation at the ballot box remain central to what we do, and we are proud to champion these local leaders.

Mark your calendars for our annual Awards Banquet on October 22nd. All KFBPW members are invited to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of outstanding women in our organization and community. RSVP at springfieldkybpw@gmail.com.

October is a bustling month in our area. Events include:

- Washington County Sorghum Festival (October 2–4): Favorite local tradition filled with crafts, food, and community spirit.
- Free Breast Cancer Educational Dinner (October 1): Hosted by member Sheila Mattingly, Venue 68 in Lebanon, starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner is free, but space is limited to 100 guests. RSVP at smattingly@warriorsnotdamsels.org.

We hope to see you in Springfield this October!

*Autumn is a second spring
When every leaf
Is a flower*

ALBERT CAMUS



SOMERSET BPW
Women Supporting Women.
Strengthening Our Community

This year, Somerset Business & Professional Women launched The Pink Card, bringing together 33 local women-owned businesses to support one another and our community.

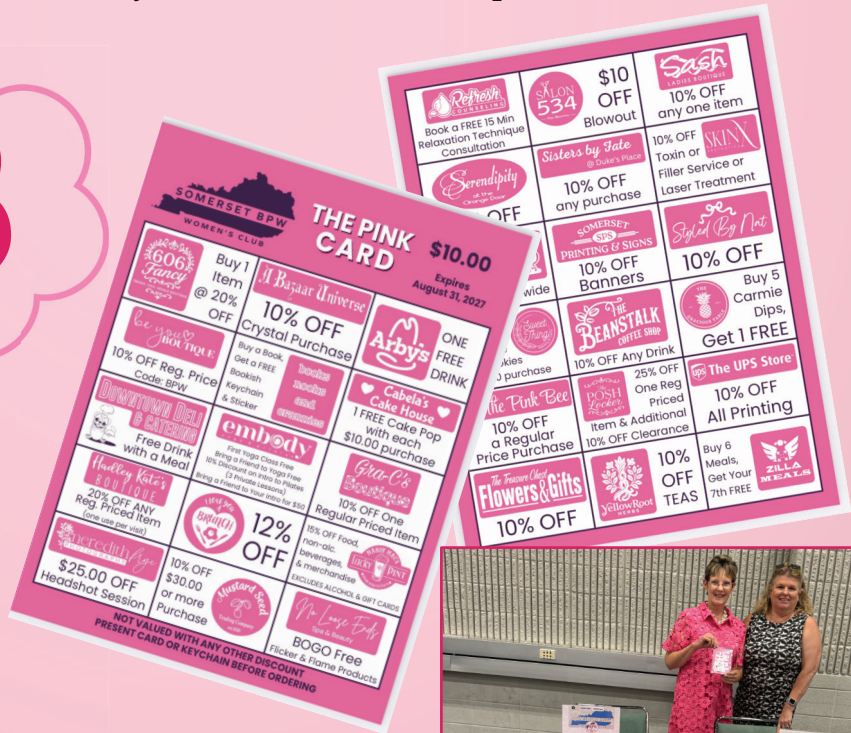
Every Pink Card sold helps Somerset BPW provide scholarships and create opportunities for women and future leaders in our community.

But this project has become more than a fundraiser. It has created connections, introduced women-owned businesses to new customers, welcomed new members into BPW, and reminded our community of the power of women supporting women.

And we are just getting started!

From supporting local scholarships to participating in our community's Walk to End Alzheimer's and mentoring young entrepreneurs through the Chamber's YEAH program, Somerset BPW is finding new ways to make a difference.

We are grateful to every business that joined us and offered a special discount to Pink Card holders.



**Thank you for
believing in us!**



Calendar of Events 2026-2027



October - Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month



- 1-31 KFBPW Kentucky Professional Women's Month (any seven (7) day events)
- 15 Deadline for Kentucky BPW Foundation Scholarship Application
- 18-24 Kentucky Professional Women's Week

November



- 1 KY Nominations Chair to notify locals of February 15 Deadline for KFBPW State Office
- 3 Election Day
- 6-7 BPW Interim Board of Directors Meeting, Bardstown, KY

December



- 1 Kentucky Cardinal deadline (Electronic Issue)
- 5 Deadline for proposed Bylaws Revisions to State Bylaws Chair