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### President's Message

Welcome to another wonderful year of KFBPW! We had such a lovely time at our recent state conference, and I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making it such a great meeting! A lot of hard work goes into the preparation of our annual state conference, and we truly appreciate your dedication to making it successful! The riverfront in Owensboro served as a beautiful backdrop for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and empowerment!

To our immediate Past State President, Cathy Hughes, thank you for an inspiring and motivating year! We are thankful for your dedication to BPW, and I am particularly appreciative of your mentorship as I step into leadership as KFBPW President.

Have you ever listened to someone share her story and thought, "That is exactly what I needed to hear at this moment!"? Think about how seen and validated you felt in that moment. That is exactly what YOUR story can do for someone else! The work that you do and the choices you make are influencing others more than you know. That's why my theme for this year is going to be "Share Your Story."



Brooke Archila 2025-26 KFBPW President

As I thought about my goals for my term as your KFBPW President, I couldn't help but think about the positive influence BPW has had in my life. Through BPW, I have made connections with amazing women across the state. I have grown in my professional life, I have grown in my social life, and I have grown in my leadership. The sisterhood of BPW fosters an environment that supports, encourages, and empowers women to be more than they dreamed they could be.

I grew up with social anxiety (though we just termed it as being "shy" back then!). I struggled to interact with others, especially people I did not know. If I was called upon to answer some question in public, I immediately shut down. My face would turn bright red, and I just wanted to find a hole to crawl in, even for the easiest answers. This continued into my adulthood. College was challenging, especially in classes where we had to give presentations or were expected to participate in discussions. This wasn't something I just grew out of. Rather, it was the influence of strong women in my life who saw my potential, nurtured it, and helped me gain my self-confidence. The younger version of myself did not envision herself as the president of an important state organization. But my female mentors saw a leader. And they helped me write my story.

As we move into this next year of BPW, my challenge for each of you is to Share Your Story. If we want to increase our membership, we each have to be brave and be willing to share our story with others. Why do you love BPW? What role has BPW played in your story? There are so many ladies out there looking to find support, to find mentors, to find a way to connect, to learn how to become a leader. Our stories can help them.

I would not be serving as your president without the support of so many important people, including my family, my Hopkins County BPW sisters, and my KFBPW sisters. You all are part of my story, and I am so thankful that I also get to be a part of your stories. Let us continue the mission of KFBPW and write our best chapter yet!

### Meet Your 2025-2026 Officers

#### Brooke Archila

KFBPW President



I have been a member of BPW for almost 13 years. I served as president of Hopkins County BPW in 2020 and was West Region Director in 2022-2024. I have been a member of the KBPW Foundation Board of Trustees for the last 6 years, where I served as the scholarship chair, This year, I will serve as the EC Representative for KBPW Foundation.

I enjoy volunteering and helping my community and am passionate about helping others succeed. I am a Professor of English at Madisonville Community College (MCC) and am also the Honors **Program Coordinator for MCC. When I'm not busy with work or volunteering, I enjoy spending time** with my husband, Gustavo, and our daughter, Maryava. I am also mom to 4 rescued cats. I am originally from Central City, Kentucky but have lived in Madisonville since 2011.

#### Rikiyah Pryor

KFBPW President-Elect



Rikiyah Pryor is a dynamic leader with a passion for elevating people, experiences, and brands. As the Events, Membership, and Outreach Manager at The Urban Stillhouse in Somerset, Kentucky, she curates exceptional experiences that blend Southern hospitality with high-end charm. With a strong background in marketing, community engagement, and leadership development, Rikiyah brings strategy and soul to every project she touches.

She currently serves as the South Central Regional Director and President-Elect of the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, where she champions women's advancement and leadership across the region and state.

Whether she's orchestrating a private bourbon tasting, mentoring emerging leaders, or building bold campaigns that connect people to purpose - Rikiyah leads with excellence, authenticity, and heart.

#### Mariah Hughes

KFBPW Vice President



As a Western Kentucky University Graduate, I started working at the National Corvette Museum while still a college student. Working my way from an Admissions staff member to the Guest Services Manager in less than eight years. I received the 2023 Aspiring Young Professional Award and 2024 Professional Development Program Award from the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women and am a member of the Glasgow chapter. I have also been an active member of the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club, receiving the 2022 Rookie of the Year Award, 2023 Distinguished Service Award, and 2024 Kiwanian of the Year. I also serve on the club's Board of Directors and have served as the Co-Chair and Chair of the All-American Soap Box Derby. I have also served as President

of the American Marketing Association Bowling Green Chapter and am a member of the Barren County Business Academy Advisory Board, at my alma mater, Barren County High School. Continuing my connection to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I have served as a Brand Ambassador to Kentucky Proud Product Ale-8-One for the last three years. Recently I earned my TMP (Travel Marketing Professional Certification) through the Southeast Tourism Society, and enjoy being involved in my community through various service and professional organizations that will allow me to make a lasting, yet positive, impact. I was also recognized in 2023 by VIP Bowling Green as a 40 under 40.



#### Myra Gribbins

KFBPW Recording Secretary



My name is Myra Gribbins, and I'm proud to call Campbellsville, Kentucky home. I currently serve as President of the Campbellsville Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club and am a board member for KAPP. I stay actively involved with the Campbellsville Chamber of Commerce and regularly participate in various community events and initiatives.

I'm the owner of Reach for the Stars Case Management, which provides waiver services to adults, children, and the elderly across Central Kentucky. Serving others through this work is both my passion and purpose.

I've been happily married for 38 years, and I'm a proud mother of three and grandmother to six wonderful grandchildren. I enjoy being involved in my community and spending time outdoors, especially camping, boating, and attending sports events, concerts, and dancing whenever I get the chance.

My faith is an important part of my life, and I'm an active member of The Upper Room Church. I believe in giving back, staying engaged, and always reaching for the stars, not just in business, but in life.

#### Ginny White-Schatzke

KFBPW Treasurer



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer for the upcoming 2025-2026 year. I am privileged and blessed to know many of you, but I will share a few details of my background. I am married to Gary Schatzke; some know him as our "KFBPW bartender". We met working for Kraft Foods in Minneapolis, each retiring after 30 years in sales, sales marketing and various levels of sales management. We both still enjoy working at Rosewood Golf & Country Club. Our hobbies are golf, traveling, reading, and spending time with family.

I joined Springfield BPW, Inc. after returning to my hometown in 2010, and that's where my love of BPW started. I currently serve my local as Vice President and previously President. For North Central Region I have served as Director and Assistant Director.

My state level experience includes KFBPW 2022-2023 State President, previously serving on the KFBPW Executive Committee as Past State President 2016-2017, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer (2 terms), and Recording Secretary (2 terms). I have also been privileged to serve on the KBPW Foundation Board of Trustees while State President 2022-2023 and 2016-2017, in addition to my first three year appointment 2017-2020. I look forward to serving my new three year appointment for 2023-2026.

Please feel free to e-mail me gwhiteschatzke@aol.com. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### Krista Shaw

KFBPW Executive Assistant



I'm excited to serve as your Executive Assistant this year. I've been a BPW member since 2022, and this will be my first time serving at the state level. I'm currently President-elect of the Hopkins County local and the West Region Director.

I'm an Assistant Professor of English at Madisonville Community College in Madisonville, Kentucky, where I have worked since 2020 and also serve as co-chair of the Study Abroad program, which has allowed me to visit 9 countries. I'm hoping to make it 10 next year!

When I'm not working, serving with BPW, or traveling, I enjoy reading, game night with my friends, and cuddling with my orange cat, Salamander.

Please feel free to email me at krista.shaw@kctcs.edu!

#### Patti Fallin

KFBPW Parliamentarian



During my 40 years as a BPW member, I have held various local, regional, and state positions, including 2003-2004 KFBPW President. I am a member of Hopkins County BPW in Madisonville.

I retired from Big Rivers Electric Corporation in Henderson, Kentucky, in 2021, after 36 years. I then moved back to Madisonville and renovated my mother's house where I currently reside with my Mom's dog Dylan. Since retirement, I have been traveling. I visited New England in 2021 and toured the West in 2022. In 2023 we went on an Alaskan Cruise. In 2024, we visited Colorado, Wisconsin and North Dakota, completing my goal of visiting all 50 states. When I am not traveling the countryside, I enjoy reading, getting together with family and friends and serving as a volunteer at the Glema Mahr

Center for the Arts.

#### Quick-Start Guide for Leadership Roles

So you've landed a new role in leadership for BPW—Now what??

First off, CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your willingness to serve! We need new members who are willing to step up and help us accomplish our goals! KFBPW is successful and thriving because of leaders like you!

Second, in the words of our own guru, Patti Fallin, "The website is your friend!!" The first place that will provide a wealth of information to assist you in your new role is our KFBPW website (<a href="https://bpw-ky.org/">https://bpw-ky.org/</a>). This article is going to walk you through a few key places to check out on the website to assist in your leadership.

Third, find a BPW mentor if you haven't yet! We have so many amazing ladies who have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and they would be happy to serve as a mentor to direct and guide you along the way! Reach out to your local, regional, and state leadership officers to ask questions and seek help! We are here to support and empower each other along the way.

Landing a leadership role can be intimidating, but you are not alone in this! We are here to help, and we look forward to helping you shine!

Website Navigation for Leadership

#### **Member Resources**

The majority of information you will need can be found under the "Member Resources" tab.



Within that tab, you will find the "Downloads" section, which provides documents and forms you can download, save, fill out and/or print. Most of the information you need to know is located here, so take time to look over the information included in that section.

Another important document to download and review from "Member Resources" is the "Leadership Manual," which explains the duties of the leadership team, making it an essential part of a successful term. (Please note that not all of the reports have been updated to the current leadership)

The "Downloads" section also provides helpful templates, such as sample agendas, sample meeting minutes, and sample budgets.

#### First Steps

#### Regional Leadership

#### Director:

- Fill out the Regional Leadership Information Form from the website and submit to Patti Fallin once new leadership has been elected
- Begin the process of planning a successful Spring Meeting for your Region
- Connect with the local presidents in your region to communicate important information and updates throughout the year and involve them in the planning process
- Work with the club who will be hosting the Spring Meeting for the year to assist with any needs (speaker, location, food, etc.)

#### **Assistant Director:**

- Review the Aspiring Professional Program information on the website as well as the Professional Development Program information
- Reach out to respective KFBPW chairs of the Aspiring Professional and the Professional Development Committees for questions about topics or updates
- Communicate with the local presidents in your region to ensure you receive candidate information by the deadline to prepare for the Spring meeting

#### Local Leadership

#### President:

- Fill out the Local Officer Form and Local Committee Chair Form from the website and submit to Patti Fallin after local elections have taken place
- Assemble members for your local committees
- Work with local Treasurer to ensure State and Region dues are submitted on time as well as Liability Insurance Premium and State Convention Dues

See "Local President Checklist" for additional action items

#### 2025-2026 Local Assessments Are Due Insurance: \$75

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 2025-2026 and cover the State, Regions and Locals; however, Locals are not covered in the Treasurers 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, raising money, selling alcohol, wine tasting). Check with Derinda Osbourne (859-336-3982) to verify coverage for any special events your local may host.

The total cost of insurance is \$2,988.80 split between the Directors and Officers at \$1,281.87 and the General Liability at \$1,706.93. Each LO is assessed \$75 per year by the KFBPW to cover part of this expense or \$1,050 of the total \$2,988.80 cost.

Local Assessments are due July 1 of each year. If you have not yet paid, make your check payable to KFBPW and mail to Ginny White-Schatzke, KFBPW Treasurer, at the address below.

#### STATE CONFERENCE DUES: \$10

According to Article VII, Section 4 of the Kentucky Federation Bylaws, each Local Organization shall pay annual state conference dues of \$10 and should remit them to the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. postmarked on or before July 31st of each year.

Make your check payable to KFBPW and mail to Ginny White-Schatzke, KFBPW Treasurer at the address below. Both the \$75 Insurance Assessment and the \$10 State Conference Dues can be sent in one check to:

Ginny White-Schatzke KFBPW Treasurer 176 Royal View Dr. Lebanon, KY 40033

DO NOT INCLUDE MEMBER DUES in the check with Insurance Assessment and State Conference Dues, please. Member Dues should be submitted to KFBPW in a separate check to the same address.



Many of you have indicated that you are having problems determining the cost of dues for a new member joining in a month other than May. So, I have created a schedule of how much dues will be for any new member who joins in any particular month. This is for new members only! All continuing membership dues are \$25.00 for regular members and \$15 for student members, no matter when they are paid. There are no pro-rated dues for continuing members. Dues are due May 31st of each year.

When submitting dues for new members, send them to Treasurer Ginny White-Schatzke. Include name, address, phone numbers (home, work, cell and fax) and email address, as well as their join date so we can enter the correct information in the database. Membership submittal forms are available on the Website - <a href="https://www.bpw-ky.org">www.bpw-ky.org</a>. Be sure to indicate if they prefer the electronic version of The Kentucky Cardinal versus a mailed copy. Send a copy of the form to Patti Fallin. If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Ginny White-Schatzke or Database Manager Patti Fallin.

Month	Dues to	be paid:
Joined in:	Regular	Student
June	\$22.00	\$13.75
July	\$20.00	\$12.50
August	\$18.00	\$11.25
September	\$16.00	\$10.00
October	\$14.00	\$ 8.75
November	\$12.00	\$ 7.50
December	\$10.00	\$ 6.25
January	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00
February	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.75
March	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.50
April	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.25



#### NOTICE/REMINDER: IRS 990-N for Locals

GINNY WHITE-SCHATZKE, TREASURER

If your local club has revenue of \$50,000 or less, it is time to file your 990-N (e-Postcard). All locals are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, by the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the close of your tax year. If your fiscal year ended on May 31<sup>st</sup>, you need to file by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Go to *https://www.irs.gov/990n* to file. Always make sure it has been accepted. If you have questions, please contact Ginny White-Schatzke.



#### Aspiring Professional

ALTASIA CLAY, CHAIR

"Breaking Barriers: The Journey of Women in Leadership and the Power of Mentorship" is more than just a speech topic—it's a reflection of the personal and professional growth so many women experience on their leadership journey. For years, women have had to overcome societal limitations, unequal access, and systemic biases to step into leadership roles. Despite these challenges, women continue to lead with strength, innovation, and resilience.

Programs like BPW's Aspiring Professional initiative are vital because they create space for emerging leaders to grow their communication skills, build self-confidence, and share their unique stories. This platform has helped me refine my voice and step forward with greater courage. Through BPW, I've been mentored by strong, purpose-driven women who've poured into me—encouraging my professional goals, supporting my personal development, and even sparking my interest in public service.

As a former president of Franklin BPW, I've seen firsthand how mentorship transforms lives. Women supporting women is powerful. It opens doors, builds legacy, and creates lifelong bonds rooted in shared values and sisterhood. That's what BPW is all about—not just networking, but nurturing.

This journey has reminded me of Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (NIV). We grow stronger together. By investing in one another through programs like this, we're not just developing leaders—we're creating lasting change in our communities, our careers, and ourselves.

#### Issues Management/Legislation

PEGGY ORBERSON AND MIMI BECKER, CO-CHAIRS

Hello BPW Sisters!

By now your locals have met and planned your programs and activities, along with estimated expenses, for the year. We hope you used the guidelines listed on the score sheet to focus on the five areas.

FYI: All score sheets are being reviewed by a committee and this one MAY be revised. This should not affect your reports for 2025-2026.

Areas are:

- ✓ Political Action
- ✓ Women in the Workplace
- ✓ Economic Issues Relating to Women
- ✓ Women's Health Issues
- ✓ Training and Development

By planning now, your local chair will have an easier job reporting at year end. Many activities can be classified in more than one category, but can only be reported in one. We are eager to hear about your great programs.

We are planning to re-institute having a day at the state Capitol this year for interested members and locals. More information will be forthcoming as time is nearer.

If you have ideas for programs on a state level or need assistance for programs/activities, please contact us. Let us know when your local is having interesting programs so that we might attend.



#### **Nominations**

BRENDA RICHARDS, CHAIR

Hello Ladies, KFBPW needs you! Please consider stepping up to serve on the KFBPW Executive Committee for 2026 -2027. Nominations are open for these offices: President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Nominations Chair. The deadline for filing is February 15, 2026. You will need to fill out a Nominations Form for State Office, get local organization endorsement letter signed by your local president and secretary, a letter from you stating willingness to serve and support the legislative platforms. You can find the form at bpw-ky.org; go to Member Services, downloads, Forms.

Benefits of becoming a state officer: Teamwork, friends, education of BPW state organization, and helping your local become more interested on the state level. I will not tell you it is easy but it is very rewarding!! You will be on a team! You need only ask if you need help. You will not be alone. If you have any questions please call me at 859-227-2914 or email me at richardsb44@gmail.com. KFBPW NEEDS YOU!!

#### Kentucky Professional Women's Week

SONIA SANDERS, CHAIR

Congratulations to our State Conference winners for all KPWW categories. Our committee had some tough decisions but only because every report submitted was worthy of winning. So, let's get started with planning the 2025 KPWW activities. It's only 3 months away!!

Three (3) individual award presentations will be highlighted at the Annual State Conference - Woman of Achievement, Businesses Promoting Women (formerly Business Equity Award), and Woman of the Year.

Three (3) overall awards, based on size, for KPWW will be presented at State Conference to the local organizations that best combine programming, community awareness activities and member participation during KPWW over the week of October 20-24, 2025 or seven (7) day events in October.

More details available on the KFBPW website.

BPW, you gotta Love it! I do.

#### **Kentucky BPW Foundation**

DIANE CRONEY-TURNER, CHAIR

First, let's recap the 2024-2025 club year. Four (4) communication workshops requests from the Betty Hinz Fund were granted totaling \$9,100. The Foundation awarded three (3) scholarships totaling \$10,000. Two of those scholarship recipients were in attendance at the state conference and spoke of what it meant to receive the scholarship. Congratulations to Lillian Bland, who won the 4th of July basket. With the raffle chances and other donations at State Conference, a total of \$3,133.91 was raised. Thank you for your financial support of the Promise Campaign in 2024-2025.

For 2025-2026, we would like to challenge all members to think about giving \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 or more to the Promise Campaign. If every member made a donation, just think how many scholarships the Foundation could award. A reminder, all monies received for the Promise Campaign goes directly for scholarships. Mail donations to Patti Fallin, Treasurer. The KBPW Foundation is a 501(c)3 Foundation, meaning donations are tax deductible.

Foundation Scholarship applications are available at bpw-ky.org under Foundation tab. Scholarships may be requested for Literacy or GED programs; Job-related seminars; Training to re-enter workforce, etc. Applications deadlines are October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Betty Hinz Funds for communication workshops and events are available. Email a letter of request detailing the event and a budget to <a href="mailto:croney0803@gmail.com">croney0803@gmail.com</a>. The KBPW Foundation Board of Trustees will review requests and response time will be less than a week.

All donations are greatly appreciated in helping individuals achieve their educational goals.



#### Campbellsville BPW

PATRICA BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT

Campbellsville Business and Professional Women's Club remained active from April through July, engaging in service, leadership, and fellowship. In April, several members attended the



"Women of Joy" conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, enjoying a weekend of encouragement and connection. In May, the group participated in "Feed Me Friday" at Green River Ministries, preparing and handing out meals to those in need. BPW also awarded the Brenda Allen Memorial Scholarship, two scholarships to students from Campbellsville High School and Taylor County High School, and one given in memory of Gavin Thornton. That same month, new officers were elected: Myra Gribbins, President; Patrica Brown, Vice President; Magel Creason, Treasurer; Karen Gardner, Secretary; and Marilyn Newmann, Parliamentarian. A member also represented BPW at a separate scholarship fundraiser honoring Gavin Thornton's legacy. In June, the club welcomed two guest speakers: one who shared details about the upcoming "Handpicked" Conference, scheduled for August 9, 2025, at Campbellsville University's Ransdell Chapel; and Lisa Harris, who spoke about the "Toys for Kids" and "Toys for Tots" programs, which BPW voted to support. In July, members volunteered at the community's July 4th events. including the Balloon Glow and parade.

BPW continues its mission to uplift and serve.

#### Springfield BPW, Inc.

KATE ESSEX, PRESIDENT

Springfield BPW is starting the new fiscal year with purpose and passion! Our club is proud to support Relay for Life of Washington County with a \$250 donation. This annual event, scheduled for September 20, is a meaningful way to honor survivors and remember those affected by cancer, while supporting the American Cancer Society's mission.

We will hold our first official meeting of the year on Monday, August 26. Our featured speaker will be Jennifer Van Mersbergen, Outreach Manager at Hosparus Health. Jennifer will share insights into the vital services Hosparus provides and how they support patients and families in our region. We look forward to an engaging and informative presentation as we begin a new year of advocacy, service, and professional growth.

#### Heritage BPW

TRACY PERKINS, PRESIDENT

Hello from Stanford and Danville! As the new Heritage BPW President, I am so excited to jump in and get our 2025 year off to a great start. We want to focus on increasing membership and to have meaningful programs.

July was hot and muggy but we powered through to attend the comedic play "Walking Across Egypt" adapted by Catherine Bush from the book by Clyde Edgerton at the Pioneer Playhouse in Danville, KY on July 17, 2025.

In August, we plan to celebrate Women's Equality with a movie at Brenda Baker's house and attending a proclamation signing by the Mayor. Our program will be on the pros and cons of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

For September we will host new author Zayda Flannery as she talks about her book "My Simple Dream", a fictional novel about Zayda's discoveries on a 600-acre farm in Kentucky.

Celebrating KPWW with coffee and conversations at Starbucks, church with the President, helping with the Bourbon Chase, and collecting nonperishables for backpack program. Our program speaker will discuss breast cancer awareness.

All KFBPW members are welcome to attend any of our events and programs. Contact Tracy Perkins or Peggy Orberson for additional information.

#### Woodford County BPW

BRENDA RICHARDS, VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Woodford County BPW! We enjoyed seeing you all at the State Conference. The Woodford County BPW has enjoyed a variety of outstanding programs at their monthly meetings. At our July meeting, we were honored to hear KFBPW Past State President Zayda Flanery where she presented her book "My Simple Dream". Our club was very proud to receive several outstanding awards at the State Conference this year. Our traditional Betty Dozier Sophomore Cup was presented to Outstanding Woodford County High School Sophomore Sirteang Ann on Awards Night. We look forward in August to hear Misty Trumbore as the guest speaker.

The officers for Woodford County BPW are: President Lynne Woodrum, Vice President Brenda Richards, Recording Secretary Marilyn Sears, Corresponding Secretary Lillian Bland, Treasurer Donna Howard and Parliamentarian Joy Barr. The induction ceremonies for the new officers were performed by KFBPW Past State President Debrah Pierce. We are beginning to make plans for Kentucky Professional Women's Week in October.



#### Hopkins County BPW

LEA ANN KLARNER, PRESIDENT

Hopkins County BPW commenced the new year by setting our goals and priorities for the 2025-26 year. We engaged in a productive discussion and completed a survey covering various topics. During our recent July picnic, we reviewed the survey findings and confirmed the following as our priorities:

- We aim to create engaging and educational monthly programs. We encourage Women Business Owners and Professionals to join and explore topics such as Stress Relief Tactics, Real Estate Market Updates, and Local Pharmacy Expertise in Natural Supplements. Additionally, we will present on Estate Planning by Elder Law.
- We are committed to increasing our community involvement by helping our local Food Bank and the Humane Society, which recently suffered storm damage.
- As a small club, we value our members' personal connections. We encourage members to think of someone who would be a good fit and interested in mentoring or being mentored as we all grow professionally and contribute to the community.

Our current officers are Jessica Ashby, Secretary; Julie Franklin, Treasurer; Krista Shaw, President-Elect; and Lea Ann Klarner, President.

We welcome any ideas and suggestions from other clubs regarding fundraising projects and membership recruitment. Please send them to my email at LeaAnn@seniorcaresolutions.co.

#### Franklin BPW

ALTASIA CLAY, PRESIDENT

In 2025–2026, Franklin BPW is embracing "Sisterhood" as both a mission and a movement. Our goal is to strengthen the bonds among our current members as well as expand by welcoming new women into our circle of support and empowerment. We kicked off the summer with Family Nights at the Square, a series of events designed to bring our members, their families, and our community together in fellowship and fun. These evenings reflect what sisterhood is all about—connection, encouragement, and shared joy.

We awarded traditional scholarships of \$1,250.00 each to two deserving young women pursuing higher education. Investing in the next generation of female leaders is at the core of our mission, and we are honored to be part of their journey.

Looking ahead, we are excited to deepen our presence in the community through outreach, service projects, and meaningful partnerships. Our focus is on building genuine relationships, creating spaces where women feel seen and supported, and ensuring that every voice is heard. Through events, mentorship, advocacy, and shared experiences, we aim to grow—not just in numbers, but in unity, purpose,

Join us in making this a powerful year of sisterhood, service, and success.

#### Hopkinsville BPW

and impact.

DIANE CRONEY-TURNER, PRESIDENT

Hello Members! Summer has been very hot. Hopkinsville members are beginning the year with meetings and volunteering with different activities and events in the community.

We have several members who have been under the weather or being caretakers to spouses who have had surgery.

Congratulation to the new KFBW leadership team and we are looking forward for another great year.



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#### State Conference Award Winners

Kentucky Cardinal
Woodford County BPW

Kentucky Foundation
Hopkinsville BPW

#### Kentucky Professional Women's Week

Small Club: Hopkins County BPW Medium Club: Franklin BPW, Inc. Large Club: Springfield BPW, Inc.

Woman of The Year
Laura Dake, Woodford County BPW

Businesses Promoting Women
Cuties House of Beauty, Franklin BPW, Inc.

Woman of Achievement
Amy Irwin, Glasgow BPW

Issues Management / Legislation
Springfield BPW, Inc.

6 Keys Membership Award
Campbellsville BPW

Highest Increase in Membership

Campbellsville BPW

Public Relations
Campbellsville BPW

<u>Professional Development</u>

Karrell Wilkerson, South Central Region

Aspiring Professional

Madisynn Griffin, North Central Region

President's Excellence Award

Franklin BPW, Inc.







## 2025-2026 KFBPW Executive Committee

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#### 2025-26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **A**UGUST

26 Women's Equality Day

#### <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

15 Kentucky Cardinal deadline (Printed Issue)

#### 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
- 20-24 Kentucky Professional Women's Week

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 KY Nominations Chair to notify locals of February 15 Deadline for KFBPW State Office
- 4 Election Day
- 7-8 BPW Interim Board of Directors Meeting, Hopkinsville, KY

#### **DECEMBER**

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

#### <u>JANUARY- 2026</u>

- 1 New Year's Day
- 10 State Bylaws Chair forwards proposed revisions to the Executive Committee

#### FEBRUARY - Black History Month

- 6 National Wear Red Day for Women's Heart Disease Awareness
- 15 Deadline for state office nominations

#### MARCH - Women's History Month

- 15 Kentucky Cardinal deadline (Printed Issue)
- 21 West Region Meeting, Madisonville, KY hosted by Hopkins County BPW
- 28 South Central Region Meeting Hosted by Campbellsville BPW
- TBD Equal Pay Day

#### **APRIL** - Autism Awareness Month

- 5 Easter Sunday
- North Central Region Meeting hosted by Heritage BPW
- 30 Kentucky BPW Foundation Scholarship Application deadline
- 30 Contributions due to Foundation Chair for award recognition

#### MAY - Military Appreciation Month

- 1 Pay Day for annual membership dues
- 1 Deadline for All Local Award Submissions; Regional PDP/AP information to State Chairs
- 2 Derby Day
- 8 Deadline State Committee Chairs send list of clubs submitting reports to State President for certificate preparation
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 Deadline State Committee Chairs submit FINAL list of Award Winners to State President for preparation of awards
- 25 Memorial Day

#### JUNE

- 4 KFBPW Executive Committee Dinner Somerset, KY
- 5-6 KFBPW Annual Conference Somerset, KY



