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Mark Your 2022 Calendar!

March	Women's History Month
March 5	District 2 Spring Meeting
March 15	Deadline for INFBPW awards
March 31	State Convention Reports (Officers and Chairs)
April	
April 1	State Convention Registration due
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April 2	District 3 Annual Meeting
April 5	Registration Deadline
April 22 -24	State Convention - Columbus, IN
June	INFBPW/ Executive Summer Meeting
October 22, 2022	Fall Conference

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Note from the President



Hope this note finds everyone doing well from the Winter months! Hopefully it will be behind us soon, and spring will bring us glorious weather!!!

Amber, Jackie, Dana, and I have been working on final plans for the State Convention which will be April 22nd-24th at the Hotel Indigo in Columbus In. We are in great hopes to see EVERY INFBPW member in attendance. We have some great guests and workshops lined up and of course our almost famous Auction will be held Saturday night.

As I end my year as State President and turn the gavel over to Dana I look forward to the continuing growth of Indiana BPW. To achieve this, we NEED EVERYONE in attendance at State Convention and to show our support to Dana and her team of officers.

I look forward to seeing you all in April


INFBPW State President

Websites OF OUR ORGANIZATION!

ALSO CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!

www.infbpw.org

Please visit it and use it regularly for resources and information. There are fillable forms that can now be accessed.

www.inwomeneducation.org

The website of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation

Both websites are easier to update than ever before. Let us know what you would like to add!

Penny Sitler, PSP, and IWEF Trustee

INFBPW Web and Facebook Team

Theresa Adams, PSP, and Web Manager

INFBPW's 103rd 2022 State Convention

Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23

Hotel Indigo
400 Brown St.
Columbus, IN 47201

*** Call the hotel at 812-375-9100 ASAP!!**

Our Room Rate is \$139.99 (whether 2 Queen, King, or ADA rooms)
(Please Make reservation ASAP)

A hot continental breakfast served Saturday and Sunday—no charge

***NOTE:**

There is a preauthorization through the hotel and bank to make sure the funds are available at check out. That amount is for the entire stay. Therefore, if staying for two nights, the preauthorization would be for \$300ish and would be released by the bank 1-7 days after check out. This is at the bank's discretion, we release the hold once payment is processed.

The only option to work around that is to pay in full in advance of the stay or at check—in. Then there aren't any holds for the bank to release.

*** NO STOOLS AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL - BRING YOUR OWN STOOL IF NEEDED FOR THE HIGH BEDS!**



The Hotel Indigo is a stylish boutique hotel in downtown Columbus, an easy walk from the architectural district, shops, and restaurants. Fully equipped with restaurant and bar, and all the facilities are close together and easy to find. Check out more pictures and information about the hotel at:

[Columbus Hotels: Hotel Indigo Columbus Architectural Center Hotel in Columbus, Indiana \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com)

State Convention Registration—Due April 5th

(If not mailed, please email form by the 5th)

Registration Form (Please Print or Type)

Full Name _____ **E-mail** _____
Local Org. _____ District _____
Street Address _____ Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____ Badge Name _____

I plan to attend: _____ IN PERSON (or) _____ VIRTUAL (ZOOM) *need a good, updated email address*

Registration Fees:

IN-PERSON Full weekend package \$55.00 x ____ = _____
IN-PERSON Saturday only. \$45.00 x ____ = _____
VIRTUAL (ZOOM) (Saturday and/or Sunday \$30.00 x ____ = _____
1st timer Weekend Package (1st timer as of April, 2021) \$45.00 x ____ = _____
Late Fee \$20.00 x ____ = _____

**** REGISTRATION MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE, WHETHER ATTENDING PHYSICALLY OR VIRTUALLY. REMOTE REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE THE FULL PRINTED CONVENTION PACKET, SHIPPED VIA PRIORITY MAIL.**

Meals:

Friday fundraiser \$20.00 x ____ = _____
Saturday Luncheon Only \$22.50 x ____ = _____
Saturday Banquet Only \$32.50 x ____ = _____
Meal package \$50.00 x ____ = _____

***Dietary Restrictions:** _____

Total Registration Fees, Activities, and Meals \$ _____

Make your check payable to INFBPW and mail it with a completed registration form to INFBPW (C/O Amber Long), PO Box 134, Knightstown, IN 46148 OR bring check to the INFBPW check-in station at the hotel when you arrive.

(A \$20.00 fee will be charged for returned checks)

**** IF THE IN-PERSON EVENT IS CANCELED, ALL FEES WILL BE REFUNDED****

Volunteers NEEDED:

_____ Pages Date/Time Available _____
_____ Federation Sales Date/Time Available _____
_____ Doorkeepers Date/Time Available _____
_____ Registration/Credentials Date/Time Available _____

Convention Schedule of Events

Friday April 22

2:00-4:00 PM		Executive Committee	Janice's Suite
4:00-6:00 PM		Registration/Credentials	Gallery & Zoom
5:00-6:45 PM		Fundraiser Dinner	Location to be posted
		Silent Basket's viewing	Belvedere
		Pound Sale viewing & Bidding	Belvedere
		Snacks & Bakes	Belvedere
7:00-8:00 PM		Business Meeting	Belvedere
8:15-9:30 PM	I	WEF Fundraiser Desert HDD's Meeting	Location to be posted

Saturday April 23

7:30-9:00	AM	Breakfast	Hotel
8:00-9:30	AM	Registration/Credentials	Gallery & Zoom
9:00-10:00	AM	Opening Keynote	Belvedere
		Guest Speaker	Belvedere
10:00-10:15	AM	Break	
10:15-11:45	AM	Business Session	Belvedere
All Day		Silent Basket's viewing	Belvedere
All Day		Pound Sale viewing & Bidding	Belvedere
All Day		Snacks & Bakes	Belvedere
12:00-1:00	PM	IWEF Lunch	Belvedere
1:00-2:00	PM	Guest Speaker	Belvedere
		Rep. Wendy McNamara (State Representative District 76)	
2:00-3:30	PM	Business Meeting	Belvedere
3:30-3:45	PM	Break	
3:45-4:30	PM	Team Building	Belvedere
4:30-5:00	PM	Hoosier DD Meeting	Location to be posted
5:00-5:30	PM	PSP's Meeting	Location to be posted
6:00-7:00	PM	Social Hour	Belvedere
7:00-7:45	PM	Dinner	Belvedere
7:45-8:30	PM	Installation	Belvedere
8:30-10:00	PM	Refreshments & Auction	Belvedere

Sunday April 24

7:30-9:00	AM	Breakfast	Hotel
9:00	AM	Post Convention Board Meeting	Location to be posted

Convention Fundraisers

50/50 tickets (time to sell)

BRING YOUR LOCAL'S BASKETS FOR THE AUCTION AND POUND SALE ITEMS

\$\$Fundraising \$\$

50/50 Raffle: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Snacks & Bakes: Single serve snacks. Pick you some up for meeting munching, bedtime snack, or on the road home.

Pins: Membership pins, theme pins, and special recognition pins are available to purchase and take back to your local.

Basket Auction: Conducted by the INFBPW #1 Auctioneer Jeff Rich Live Auction at the Banquet. Choose your favorite and get the bidding started during the silent auction phase Friday and Saturday.

Pound Sale:

Bid on your favorites and be sure to bid them high! You just never know what treasure will weigh a pound.

IWEF Lunch:

Be sure and bring your checkbooks with you to make a donation. Envelopes will be available at your table.

Need to Know:

*Registration is required for all members attending any event as part of the INFBPW Spring Convention.

*A name badge serves as your pass to all conference activities and is given to each registrant at the registration desk All members in good standing, who have paid the appropriate registration fee, are eligible to vote in the business sessions.

*Meals require advance purchase, which is noted on your name badge and must be visible at each event.

*Reduced registration fee is offered for first-time attendees at Fall Conference. If you have never attended a Spring Convention before, you qualify!

Guest Speaker: State Rep. Wendy McNamara (District 76)
Saturday @ 1:00—2:00 pm in the Belvedere Room



State Representative Wendy McNamara represents Indiana House District 76, which includes portions of Posey and Vanderburgh counties. She was born and raised in Indiana and received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Indianapolis, teacher certification from Valparaiso University and Masters in Education and Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Indiana.

Rep. McNamara brings many years of experience, knowledge and leadership to the Indiana House of Representatives with her educational career spanning more than 20 years with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. She served as a Teacher and Department Chair at Benjamin Bosse High School and at Harrison High School, as the Supervisor of Social Studies and as the Assistant Principal at North High School.

Currently, she serves as the Director of Early College High School. This is a position she has truly been innovative in by developing a model for high school students who simultaneously earn both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or two years of college credit toward a Bachelor's degree.

She has served as an adjunct professor for World History at the University of Southern Indiana and has taught Political Science and Social Studies Methods at the University of Evansville. Rep. McNamara served as Constitution Coordinator for the Indiana Congressional District 8 'We the People' and as an Executive Board Member for the Indiana Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (IASCD).

Through her dedication and passion for education, she has earned many prestigious awards. In 2009, Rep. McNamara received the Lawrence Senesh Award for School Administrators from the Indiana Council for Economic Education. She has been the Who's Who Among America's Teachers for years, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

She was the nominee for the Evansville Courier and University Evansville High School Teacher of the Year for the 2004-2005 school year and as a finalist for the 2002-2003 school year. Rep. McNamara was the Bosse Teacher of the Year for the 2001-2002 school year and received the Indiana National Guard Nighthawk Educator Award in 2000 and in 2006.

Throughout her tenure as a representative, Rep. McNamara continues to advocate for pro-business policies, education and the creation of a better Hoosier state. She lives in Evansville with her dog Mercury.

From Your Legislation Chair

Judy Zell, PSP, January, 2022

The current state legislative session has been even more contentious than usual. The state has surplus tax revenue from last year, and they are required to refund part of it to us taxpayers and to put part into state retirement funds. The legislature is arguing about how to spend the rest of it. Our school systems obviously need more money; schools have frequently been called off due to lack of teachers and/or bus drivers. Controversial legislation has also been which would require teachers to make their lesson plans available to parents in advance. Our editor agrees with me that such a requirement would be ridiculous. Other proposed legislation would require school board candidates to declare their party affiliation. Please let your legislator know what you think about these proposals.

School board elections will be coming up in early May, soon after State Convention. Some school board meetings have been as contentious as the legislature this year, with arguments about Critical Race Theory, Covid masks and closure policies, etc. May will also be the primary election. Some districts have such a strong majority of one party or the other that the primary is the main election for that area. Be sure to vote. Every vote counts!

How to get involved in our state

*Call, email, text your local and state politicians

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators>

How to Volunteer as a Poll Worker:

See information from the [Secretary of State](#) or contact your [County Election Administrator](#).

To become a candidate in Indiana:

[SOS: Election Division: Candidate Information](#)

Miriam Sturgeon Award for CLUB EXCELLENCE

CALLING ALL PRESIDENTS:

Mark your calendars now. March 15 is the deadline for submitting your local's entry for the 2022 Miriam Sturgeon Award for Club Excellence. Information about the award, the award application, and the point guidelines are on the infbpw.org website in the Members Only section in the Indiana Guide.

Please mail all applications to Bonnie Mayfield, 2236 S 400 W., Winchester IN 47394.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at bonmay@msn.com or 765-546-9349.

Entries must be postmarked by March 15. It's always fun to see what other clubs are doing around the state.

Let's have 100% participation!

Bonnie Mayfield, Miriam Sturgeon Chair.

The name of the winning local organization is inscribed on the Miriam Sturgeon Award plaque, a 24" x 20" framed parchment scroll. The local also receives a \$25 monetary award.

For those of you who are wondering who Miriam Sturgeon was, here is a brief bio:

Miriam (Meloy) Sturgeon was born in Waldron, Indiana, on August 27, 1916. Her father was a printer. This fact not only shaped her life, but it also influenced the lives of thousand of others. Her journalistic talents and loves drove her to great achievements. She earned both Bachelor and Masters degrees in journalism from Indiana University. While completing her Masters, she organized a journalism library at the university. She eventually became administrative associate for the Indiana University Foundation. Miriam was instrumental in raising more than \$1 million for the remodeling of Ernie Pyle Hall. She raised several other millions of dollars for her Alma Mater.

Miriam was editor of the Hoosier Business Woman from 1968-75. She also served the federation as Fall Conference Coordinator whenever the conference was held at IU. A member of Brown County BPW, Miriam also served INFBPW as State Historian and Public Relations Chair. In 1973, she established the Ida Anderson Award which went to the local which best publicized its activities through printed media.

Miriam was a champion of women's rights. She worked diligently for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Miriam (Meloy) Sturgeon died on January 14, 1979.

State Foundation Chair

State Foundation Month is February. This is a good time for individuals, Locals, and Districts to make a donation to IWEF.

Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. will be presenting scholarships in May, 2021 for the Working Woman Scholarship, Woman in Transition Scholarship, Dr Bertha Beazley Scholarship, Lynn Rhoades Scholarship, Teaching Indiana's Future Scholarship, Barbara Mofield Girl Scout BPW Patch Scholarship and STEM Scholarship. Thank you for your donations to allow us to present these scholarships. If you know anyone who would qualify for a scholarship, have them complete an application and mail to IWEF, PO Box 134, Knightstown by February 15, 2022.

Nominate a male or female for the Youth of Achievement Award. This award is presented to a student in grades 9 to 12. It is based on volunteer/community activities, Not academics or athletics. Each district winner will be honored at the INFBPW State Convention and will receive a plaque and \$50.00. The application form is included in your Fall Conference packet and on the Indiana Guide. Deadline for the Youth of Achievement Award is March 15, 2022.

Each Local needs to fill their piggy banks for the State Foundation, the Local that brings the most money to State Convention will receive a gift.

Jackie Woolard, PSP

State Foundation Chair

*** Something to be aware for the fall****

YOUTH OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Youth of Achievement Award is through the Connie Richards Fund. This award is presented to a student who is currently in grades 9 - 12. The student will be nominated based on their volunteer/community involvement. The Youth of Achievement Award recipient is to be someone truly making a difference in their area. This is NOT an academic nor an athletic award, but is a true community distinction. For example greener neighborhood, cleaning up community, etc.

Each district award winner will be honored during the State Convention Luncheon and be awarded a plaque and \$50.00.

What's Happening in our Local Chapters?

From Knightstown Local:

Knightstown has been meeting in person and using Zoom. Our members are looking forward to the possibility of resuming our fundraising events. It is still up in the air whether we will or not this year. We are in the process of supporting Knightstown member Dana Jones as she steps into the role of State President. A special shout out to Amber Long, who has been our technology master coordinating our Zoom meetings for our local, District 2 and state meetings. She is an invaluable asset to our organization. Our local President, Kelly Shoenherr, has been conducting our monthly meetings long distance over Zoom from the Fort Wayne area—and has been doing a great job. Kelly and Amber have contacted the national BPW organization and have researched the possibility of Indiana joining the national organization. As Covid restrictions are lifted, we hope to resume activities to increase our visibility in the communities and improve the lives of girls and women across the state—not just Knightstown.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Siegfried, Vice-President Knightstown

From Shelbyville Local:

HELLO EVERYONE:

HOPE ALL IS WELL. AND DOING GOOD. OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER IS ON THE CALENDER FOR MARCH 19TH (SUBJECT TO COVID OF COURSE) . IT IS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISERS. IT IS FROM 4-7 P.M. HOPE SOME OF YOU



CAN MAKE IT TO THAT. WE OF COURSE ARE ALWAYS SELLING THE RADA KNIVES. NOT DOING MUCH SINCE COVID HAS BECOME OUR NEW NORMAL. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE SPRING DISTRICT.

CAROLYN AUSTIN , PRESIDENT

From Hancock County Local

January 2022

Greetings!

Our November meeting was held at the Grill 2 in Fortville. Melissa Hamm from the Northern Hancock Chamber of Commerce was our guest speaker. She mentioned the benefits of being a member including networking and a business showcase at future meetings. In December we had a holiday get together that included a pizza dinner and a silent auction to raise money for our scholarship fund. We had a wonderful time and raised \$101.25 for the fund.

We plan to meet in January and February via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kleine

District 2 Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Blue Bird Restaurant
158 East Main Street, Morristown IN

Dana Jones
INFBPW President Elect, Speaker

Registration at 11:30 AM

Luncheon at Noon

(Fried Chicken meal and dessert)

Cost: \$18

*Each local is asked to donate 2 door prizes.

*Each member attending is asked to bring an item for the silent auction.

Reservations by Friday, February 25, 2022 to:

bpwshelbyville@gmail.com or

call or text (317-332-9375)

cash or check payable to INFBPW-Shelbyville

Connersville Hancock County Knightstown New Castle Shelbyville Winchester

2022 Annual Spring District 3 Meeting

Saturday, April 2nd , 11am - 3pm

Check in @11am, Lunch provided at 11:30

First Christian Church

**211 S. Walnut St,
Crawfordsville**

Spring

Cost: \$15

Theme: Ladies Tea (hats are welcome)

**Please mail in your Reservation (a copy of
the flyer) and your check to:**

INFBPW Crawfordsville

PO Box 493

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

**Sponsored by
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Crawfordsville**

Menu: Chicken Salad Croissant/Cole
Slaw/Broccoli-cauliflower salad and an
assortment of desserts.

Bring your baskets for the Auction!

Memories from Fall Conference 2021





DOOR

Winner



DECORATIONS











Our favorite auctioneer—Jeff Rich



District 2 Spring Meeting

Pano Picture at the Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown, Indiana.



Installation of District 2 Officers



Pano of the ladies of District 2



Knightstown's member Nansi Custer is a candidate running for office in District 54



INFBPW

C/O Mary Richardson

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\$20 FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER \$20

Friday, April 22nd

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sloppy Joe, Desserts, and Drinks

