



In the Loop

Monroe West Monroe Business & Professional Women

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Member of the Louisiana Federation

January 2023 to April 2023

Message from the President

Dear BPW Monroe West Monroe Members.



I find myself in a reflective mood. I am thinking about the women of 100 plus years ago. Our BPW founding mothers so to speak. They had fought for decades in an ever-changing world for the right to vote. I wonder what they thought women might accomplish over the next 100 plus years. These are the women who broke the glass ceiling of women in the workplace. Yes, some of that happened because there was a war and they needed women to continue different industries. But when the men came home, not all women went back home to be housewives. Now, before we go any further, please do not misunderstand me; I truly believe there is no job more important than raising children to be well rounded, productive, and contributing adults. With that said not all of us are cut out to be housewives and/or stay at home mothers, and our roles are just as important. 100 plus years ago all women in the United States had the right to vote for the

first time. I wonder where we will be in another 100 years. Will we still have the right to vote? Will this country still exist as the democracy we know? We have seen so many changes through the last 100 years for good and bad, but one thing continues to be true, there is nothing easy about freedom and equality. They must be fought for daily. One of the simplest ways for our voice to be heard and to fight for our freedom and equality is to exercise our right to vote. We fought hard for it, we need to continue to protect it and USE IT! It doesn't matter if you are a Democrat, Independent, Republican or No Party Affiliation, we need to educate ourselves and have conversations, not arguments, about candidates and their goals for our city/state/country. Elections are not supposed to be about who yells the loudest, but who will promote the best interest of the people.

As always, I extend to each of you my Best Personal Wishes,

Angie Jackson-Wilson, LO President 2022-2023

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2022-2023 Monroe West Monroe Executive Committee

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ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

CHARTING THE COURSE

When: June 9-11, 2023

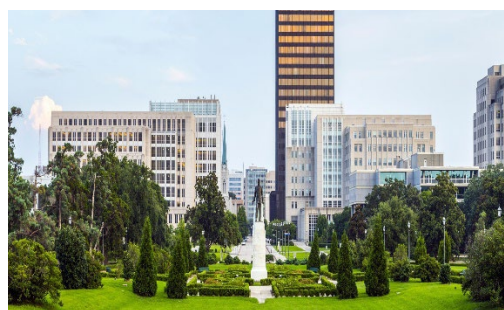
Where: Baton Rouge, LA

Courtyard Baton Rouge Acadian Centre/LSU Area,
2421 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

Speaking of the state conference, May 12 is the last day to secure a room at the low rate of \$149 at the Courtyard Baton Rouge and the last day for the early conference registration rates is May 25. There is much to accomplish at the state conference, which can only be successful if our members attend and make their voices heard. But you also get to know other members from around the state (and we have a great diversity of occupations, interests, career histories, and LO events and activities) and have some fun. Please do join us and support your LO candidates for State Office.



Courtyard Baton Rouge



City of Baton Rouge





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2023 Annual State Conference at a Glance
“Charting the Course”
June 9-10, 2023, Courtyard Baton Rouge/Acadian Center

Friday, June 09, 2023	
5:00 PM	Registration
5:30 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM	Mardi Gras Night- Annual Awards

Saturday, June 10, 2023 Business Sessions	
8:00 AM	Past State President’s Council Meeting
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Pre-Conference Board Meeting

9:15 AM – 11:45AM	Opening of the 102 2nd Annual Conference
	Leadership Workshop
	Nomination of 2023-2024 Officers
	LO President’s Panel Discussion
	Election of 2023-2024 Officers
	Memorial Reflections
12:00 PM	Luncheon
1:30 PM -	Installation of 2023-2024 Officers
	Past State President’s Induction Ceremony
	Post Conference Board Meeting



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Thank You!

We appreciate the members who served BPW/LA this year.

Gwendolyn Amelin
Immediate Past State President

Pamela Byrd-Chisley
State Chaplain

Sheila Clark-Mims
Nominations Chair

Angie Jackson-Wilson
State Treasurer & Membership
Chair

Frances Jakes
State Parliamentarian

Brenda Sheppard-Nelson
Pelican Editor

Your contribution of time and talent is an inspiration to us all.

We are proud to endorse

Doretha Bennett for Vice President



We are excited and extremely grateful she wishes to contribute her time and efforts to the State Federation

&

Angie Jackson-Wilson for Treasurer



NIKE

Nike, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, is one element of the BPW emblem, because of what it represents. It is the symbol of strength, progress, freedom, triumph, facing squarely the winds and waves of prejudice and all other limitations. As we consider our future it seems most appropriate to highlight our strengths, progress, and the future possibilities for us as an organization.



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Local Organization Activity

Masquerade Gala-February 2023



We supported the Monroe metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Mardi Gras Gala.

SETA Conference, Memphis, TN -March 2023



Sarah Thomas made history when she became the first woman to referee a Super Bowl. She was part of a seven-person crew officiating at Super Bowl LV in Tampa Bay. In addition to hearing Sarah and the other outstanding speakers and workshop presenters, we go to witness the daily march of the Peabody Ducks.



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Monroe Chamber Diversity Luncheon with
Darian Atkins on March 23



Poetry Workshop by Jamie Mayes on April 12



Monroe Chamber 102nd Annual Banquet



Monroe Chamber new member mixer



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Congratulations!



Jamie Mayes Educational Consulting & Literacy Services, LLC.



DEI/Racial Healing Workshops/ Conferences
(equity, religious tolerance, women's rights, racial trauma/ healing, social justice/ political discourse)

K-12 Professional Development
(schoolwide literacy intervention, social-emotional learning, bridging the the gap between schools, parents & communities, teacher wellness, collaborative approaches to building student relationships)

Professional Public Speaking
(self-esteem, motivation, future planning, parenting classes, book lectures, creative writing, poetry)

Curriculum Design for DEI & Education
(culturally engaging lesson planning, SEL lesson design, curriculum-based lesson planning)

Professional Writing Services
(freelance articles/ essays, resumes, cover letters, obituaries, public speaking coaching, sensitivity reading, editing/ publishing)

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Jamie Mayes, twenty five years in business.



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LINCOLNPARISHJOURNAL.COM

Women's History Month: Local Tech, GSU graduate educates through creation

By Brenda Daniel In closing out the month of which women have been highlighted and celebr...

Ella Davis highlighted for Womens History Month in the Lincoln Parish Journal



Beverly Lewis recognized as a Phenomal Woman during Women's History Month by the NELA African American Museum where she is a member of the Board of Directors. Also recognized by the City of Monroe.



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Graduates



Darian Atkins
University of Louisiana-Monroe



Lakisha Iseah
Southern New Hampshire University

Scholarships Available

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LSU

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Agnes Morris Education Scholarship

BPW LA – **Members Only**

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President
Angie Jackson-Wilson



Shirley Stewart
Vice President



Treasurer
Vacant



Secretary
Courtney Mcdaniel



January
None

February
8-Latetao Hutchinson

March
18 Shirley Stewart
30 Vicki Crist

April
5-Teresa Brooks
8-John Wilson
10-L Marie Brown
23-Courtney Mcdaniel



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In Sympathy



No words of sympathy are ever enough.

Please know you are and will continue to be
in our thoughts and prayers.

Duane Long
Brother of **Vicki Crist**, Treasurer

John Thomas Burns
Husband of **Linda Burns**, State Secretary





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2023 Women Symposium Sponsor



Gerontology

Honoring and Celebrating Ageless Women in Our Community

You are invited to the

4th Ageless Women's Leadership Summit: Voices of Experience

Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Via Zoom)

To receive the Zoom link, e-mail to Dr. Anita Sharma at asharma@ulm.edu

KEYNOTE:

Tana Trichel, President/CEO, NELA Economic Alliance

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS:

President Ron Berry, Mayor Staci Mitchell, Shirley Merrick, Tara LeBlanc

Janet Durden, Pam Allen, Caroline Cascio, Angie Wilson

Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow, Dr. Beverly Walker, Dr. Donna Thomas, Alice Proffit

This was an informative discussion.