



## In The Loop

September 2023 to December 2023

Monroe West Monroe



Scholarship Luncheon  
March 9, 2024

Southwest Central  
District Meeting  
March 16, 2024 on ZOOM

State Conference  
June 7-9, 2024

Member of the Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional Women

## BPW/LA Calendar of Upcoming Events

**2024**

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| January  | 04   | EC Monthly Teleconference  |
| January  | 08   | Deadline for Mid-Year reports from BPW/LA Committee Chairs and Special Appointees                    |
| January  | 16   | Deadline for early registration for State Mid-Year Board Meeting                                     |
| January  | 20   | State Mid-Year Board Meeting – Via Zoom  |
| January  | 31   | Deadline for nomination forms and pictures to the State Nominations Chair                            |
| February |      | BPW Scholarship Month  |
| February | 01   | EC Monthly Teleconference  |
| March    | 1-31 | Women’s History Month  |
| March    | TBD  | Spring District Meetings   |
| March    | 01   | Deadline for Spring Pelican articles to the President  |
| March    | 07   | EC Monthly Teleconference/Board Teleconference   |
| March    | 09   | Monroe West Monroe BPW Scholarship Luncheon  |
| March    | 15   | Deadline for Spring Pelican articles to the Pelican editor   |
| March    | 16   | Southwest Central District Meeting   |
| April    | 01   | Distribution of Spring Pelican   |
| April    | 03   | Equal Pay Day  |
| April    |      | Election of 2023-2024 LO Officers  |
| April    | 04   | EC Monthly Teleconference  |
| May      | 01   | Deadline for BPW/LA Awards   |
| May      | 02   | EC Monthly Teleconference  |
| May      | 15   | Deadline for reports from BPW/LA Committee Chairs and Special Appointees                             |
| May      | 15   | Deadline for LO 2024-2025 LO information to State President – incoming officers, meeting information |
| June     | 7-9  | State Conference (Location TBD – Southeast District)   |

**\*Note:**

Additional activities to consider.

- a. Statewide Fundraiser
- b. NIKE Award Distribution
- c. Distribution of Agnes Morris Scholarship

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### 2023-2024 Board of Directors

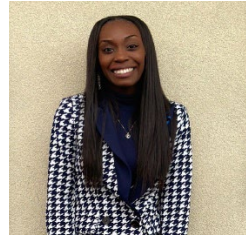
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2023-2024  
“Together We Can Do It”

## President's Message



As 2023 ends, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to our organization's mission. The season was a time for reflection, celebration, and connection. A time to cherish the accomplishments we've achieved together, the challenges we've overcome, and the growth we've experienced. Your participation and engagement have been the cornerstone of our success. Your passion for excellence, professionalism, and empowerment inspires us daily. I hope the holiday season brought you joy, peace, and moments of well-deserved relaxation.

We leave 2023 with sadness as we mourn the loss of BPW members who graced our organization with their presence and inspiring leadership. Let us all take a moment to remember those who walked these proverbial halls before us and ensure that their legacy carries through for another 100 years!

May the new year ahead be filled with endless opportunities, growth, and continued success in both your personal and professional endeavors. Thank you for being an integral part of our Monroe West Monroe Business and Professional Women organization as we continue to help women strive for success.

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

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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The Neuro Specialist Institute Certified Neuro Specialist  
Lucy Shackelford Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology  
College of Health Sciences | Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
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# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

Saturday,  
March 9, 2024

11:30-1:30 p.m.

Tower Place  
1500 North 19th St.  
Monroe, LA 71201

Silent Auction and  
Raffle

Tickets  
Individual: \$40.00  
Table of 6: \$225.00

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US

Phone Number  
318-272-6904

Purchase Tickets Online  
<https://bpwmonroe-westmonroe.org/event-5483384> or scan QR Code



## Officer Nominations for 2024-2025

Have you ever considered being more involved in Monroe West Monroe BPW or even serving as an officer or committee chair at the State level? Now is the time to step up and see what it's all about and to help us grow this organization.

We will elect all the Monroe West Monroe BPW LO officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). It is not too early to be thinking about whether you would be a good fit and would be willing to serve.

Deadline for State Nominations is January 31, 2024. Local officer nominations deadline is February 28, 2024.

Read the relevant bylaws (and the BPWLA Policies and Procedures Handbook) to learn the requirements and duties and **time commitment** of each office.

[Monroe-West Monroe Business and Professional Women - Files \(bpwmonroe-westmonroe.org\)](#)

[BPW LA Full Policies and Procedures Handbook July 2016.pdf](#)

Reach out to me at any time if you are interested and want to learn more.



Diane Lyons-Charles  
Chastity Butler  
Ella Nimmers

## Southwest Central District Meetings

### Fall Recap

The guest speaker was Jennifer Haneline MSW, LCSW who presented a program on Tobacco Free Living, which included information on cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products. It was amazing to learn that the tobacco industry spends over a million dollars a day on advertising for all tobacco products.

### Save the Date for the Spring District Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
Via Zoom

More details to come.

# 2024

## ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

7-9 JUNE, 2024

### SAVE THE DATE



**2023-2024 THEME  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT**

**Additional details to follow !**



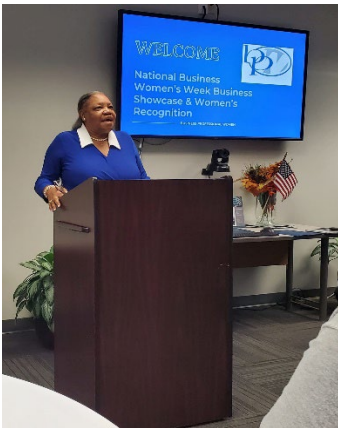
## LO Activities



Top left-Sickie Cell Event, Center-One Stop Operators Workshop, Top Right-SHRM Conference. Second row-R BPW Table at the Pink Affair, Center-BPW members with table host Mary Watson Potter, Right- BPW members attending the Pink Affair. Third row- Studio 318-Art Exhibition, Center and right-ABG Conference. Bottom left-Veteran's Day program with Chief Petty Officer Darius Stewart, Center and right, Christmas Project collection and delivery.

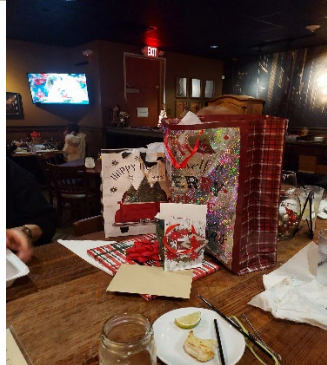


## LO Activities cont'd!



Top left-Top 20 Under 40, Center-EntrepreneuHER Workshop, Top Right-Monroe Chamber DEI Luncheon. Second row-R BPW members at Mt. Zion Church, Center-with Monroe Mayor Friday Ellis, Right- with West Monroe Mayor, Staci Albritton, Third and fourth rows-NBWW Activities

## LO Activities cont'd!



Top left-Serenity Care Providers Anniversary event, Center- Rayville High School JROTC event. Top Right-Lunch with James and Ella Nimmers in Barbados, Bottom Row-Christmas celebration.

## In Memoriam



Gone but not forgotten.

Mary M. Peggy" Wells June 15, 1954 - November 4, 2023  
Past State President 2010-2011

Bobbie Jean Lee November 16, 1944 - November 5, 2023  
Member

Praying for the family and friends of all who mourn, that they may find solace and comfort in the precious memories of their loved ones.