

**Linda Fisher**  
**President 2011-2012**  
**Brighter Tomorrows**



I am honored to serve as president of Sedalia Business Women for 2011-2012.

I began my apprenticeship toward this office by serving as corresponding secretary for Nancy Grey, Membership Chair (2nd vice president) for Marla Franklin, Issues Management (1st vice president) for Dianne Simon, and Finance Chair (president elect) for Cindy Goalder. Through their dedication and leadership skills, these women, like the presidents before them, shaped brighter tomorrows for our club.

Nancy and Marla served while we were part of BPW/USA. Dianne was president during the transition away from our national organization. Our club united to support this important and necessary change. Cindy was president when we re-chartered as Sedalia Business Women of

Missouri.

Now, we have found our footing as an organization with the best of both worlds. We have the passion and history of Business and Professional Women while moving forward with a revitalized organization with stronger ties to our community and to our state.

I have chosen the feminine sunface to represent growth and positive energy. My theme Brighter Tomorrows for Women of All Generations recognizes that our current members, past members, and future members are essential to our success. The women who came before us left a legacy for current members to build on to make brighter tomorrows for the women who will someday assume our roles.

Recently, I met Helen Giokaris who joined our club in 1950 and served as our president in 1966-67. Helen was given a “gift of a day.” She was asked the question, “If you knew you had only one day left to live, what would you like to do?” Helen chose to spend her day visiting with the friends she made in BPW and to meet the new members—the women who currently carry the baton. I didn’t know what to expect, and was pleasantly surprised to meet such an intelligent, likable, and delightful woman. Helen Giokaris was still passionate about belonging to this group.

Joining the Sedalia club was a pivotal moment for me. I met and became friends with women of all generations and stand in awe of their individual talents and skills. SBW membership gives me opportunities to learn from our monthly programs as well as from Business Women of Missouri (BWM) conferences and seminars.

SBW and BWM offer leadership opportunities for women at all stages of their careers. Both groups offer scholarships to women of all ages whether they are just beginning college or are in transition. BWM is working on a Generations Taking Charge program—formerly known as Young Careerist. This year, SBW reinstated the Individual Growth program under the leadership of Dianne Simon and Nancy Grey.

Our committee chairs put together outstanding programs throughout the year. For example, the finance committee has announced the June speaker will be Virgil McDonald with Edward Jones Investments speaking on “A Woman’s Guide to Money Matters.” Programs like this add value to your SBW membership.

At the Conference last weekend, the Business Women of Missouri announced the 2011-12 Issues Management topics. These topics will be our focus throughout the coming year.

1. **Embrace the future with technology at all membership levels.** SBW uses technology to communicate with our members. We have an outstanding website, thanks to our web designer and webmaster, Harold Ream. I want to see us kick it up a notch to make the website the go-to resource for our members and prospective members.
2. **Protect the legacy by increasing membership.** SBW has more than 70 members and is the largest club in the state. My goal is to increase membership by 10% through member retention and by attracting new members.
3. **Embrace the future by promoting Business Women of Missouri throughout the state.** We can wholeheartedly support Business Women of Missouri’s legislative platform, which includes the Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment, economic equity, health programs, and civil and social programs.

Through our members’ community involvement, we make an impact throughout the state. When we are passionate about a cause, we find time to be involved. In addition to SBW, I’m a volunteer for the Alzheimer’s Association and still find time for involvement in three different writing groups.

How many of you volunteer for other organizations besides SBW? Because you are busy women, I want you to know that I truly appreciate the time you devote to committee work and to fulfill the SBW mission.

SBW promotes the professional growth of women in our community. Beneath the watchful eyes of the feminine surface, SBW members can use their positive energy to develop personally, professionally, and spiritually. Each member is important to our success, and I look forward to working with each of you to make brighter tomorrows for women of all generations.

Linda Fisher



**On May 5, 2011, Sedalia Business Women officers were installed for 2011-2012 at Best Western. Officers from left to right are Cindy Goalder (Director), Della Schnakenberg (Treasurer), LaSondra Marsch (Secretary), Valerie Dent (2nd Vice President), Michelle Sparks (1st Vice President), Stacy Purvis (President Elect), and Linda Fisher (President).**

## **Sedalia Business Women June 3, 2011**

Sedalia Business Women met June 2 at Best Western State Fair Inn, June 2. Linda Fisher led the meeting. Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation and La Sondra Marsch introduced the guests.



Virgil McDonald, Edward Jones Investments was the speaker at the June 2, 2011, SBW dinner meeting. His topic, "A Woman's Guide to Money Matters" was a big hit with the membership. He requested his honorarium be donated to the American Red Cross Sedalia Tornado Relief.



**Valerie Dent, Nita Bales, and Brenda Tippie**

Valerie Dent, Membership Chair, installed a new member, Nita Bales. Her sponsor is Brenda Tippie. President Linda Fisher set a goal of seven new members, so one down, six to go! Be sure to invite your friends to SBW meetings.

The meeting was under the direction of the Finance Committee, Stacy Purvis, Chair. Lorraine Jackson presented the annual audit. The membership approved the budget.

Business Women of Missouri dues of \$35 will be prorated this year so that in 2012 all dues will be payable in May rather than on the member's anniversary date. The club voted to increase local dues to \$12 per year to accommodate prorating.

Lorraine Jackson, Auditor, presented the annual audit of the club's books and all was found to be in order. Della Schnakenberg was commended for her commitment as treasurer. The budget for the coming year was accepted as presented.

Betty Blackwell, hospitality chair, had sent notes to the following members who had substantial tornado damage: Linda Alcorn, Cindy Weaver & Della Schnakenberg.

The Club took up a collection and donated \$406 to the American Red Cross for Sedalia Tornado Relief.

Upcoming conferences were announced including the Women's Professional Empowerment Alliance in Minneapolis on July 29.

June birthdays were recognized and Linda Temple won the drawing.

## **July Dinner Meeting – July 7, 2011**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held July 7, 2011, at the Best Western Motor Inn on South 65.

The written spotlight for the evening highlighted Jordan Bush who spoke on her experiences at Girl's State.

Members made a special presentation in memory of Helen Giokaris. A resolution was read, a candle lit, and members shared special memories of Helen. Family members were present.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Issues Management committee, Michele Sparks, Chairperson. The speaker for the evening was Becky Imhauser who dressed in period clothing and gave a wonderful presentation on "Historical Women of Sedalia."

Carolyn Chamley reviewed the board recommended changes for the Sedalia Business Women's Bylaws. Marge Lumpe moved to accept the Sedalia Business Women Bylaw changes as stated and printed. Sue Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July birthdays were recognized. La Sondra Marsch won the drawing.

The August dinner meeting will be August 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Best Western Motor Inn under the direction of the Telephone Committee.

**SBW Adopts a Woman Soldier**  
August 2011

Sedalia Business Women has adopted a female soldier. Her name is Ana and she is currently serving in the Army in Djibouti, Africa and is from Fort Leonard Wood, MO. She will be there until approximately August 2012.

Her list of requests are:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Summers Eve Body Wash
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Sunscreen SPF 30
- Tooth Brushes and Holders
- Baby Powder
- Super Glue
- Writing Pads, Envelopes, Cards
- Microwaveable food
- Saltine Crackers
- Popcorn
- 100 Calorie Snacks
- Beef Jerky
- Individual Drink Mixes
- Ther-a-flu medicine (Highly requested)
- Shower Shoes
- Sunflower seeds
- Hard Candy
- Pedicure/Manicure stuff
- Face Wash
- Wash Cloths
- Towels
- Women Magazines

Julia Bowers is coordinating this program for SBW.

This great idea for supporting our female soldiers was presented at the Leadership Conference by Amy Bennett, Uniting With Women in the Military, Business Women of Missouri.

## **August Dinner Meeting – August 4, 2011**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held August 4th, 2011, at the Best Western State Fair Motor Inn.

The President, Linda Fisher, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation.

Carol Sawyer introduced the guests.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Telephone committee, Donna Heembrock, Chair.

Gary Edwards, Sedalia City Administrator, was the speaker for the evening. He spoke on duties that the City Administrator handles, past experiences at other cities and what he expects to encounter here in Sedalia.

La Sondra Marsch, Secretary, read the minutes from the July dinner meeting and the August Board Meeting.

- Nancy Grey reported on the Women's Empowerment Conference.
- Business Women's Week will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.
- Linda Fisher announced the Scholarship Committee had met and awarded three scholarships. These will be presented at the September meeting.
- Linda Fisher announced the Chicken Dinner date is set for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Shirley McCown won the birthday drawing.

The September 1 Diner Meeting will be under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee, Co-Chairs, Cathy Hammons and Jeanean Sieving. The speakers will be the Scholarship Recipients.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 with the Emblem Benediction.



## **SBW September Dinner Meeting, September 1, 2011**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held September 1, 2011, at the Best Western Motor Inn on South 65.

The president, Linda Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation.

The meeting was under the direction of the Career Advancement committee, Cathy Hammons and Jeanean Sieving chairpersons. The speakers were the three scholarship recipients who spoke on their career choice and educational goals. Each of the three scholarship recipients were awarded a \$700.00 scholarship.

Arlene Wischmeier spoke on the Red Purse Raffle coming up. The drawing will be in February.

La Sondra Marsch, Secretary read the August dinner meeting minutes, the September Board Meeting Minutes, and the correspondence.

Denise Jaegers reported on the Special Projects Chicken Dinner to be on October 23rd. The dinner will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. this year. The clean up shift will come in at 1:30. Dinner workers should be there at 10:00.

Linda Fisher reported that she, Della Schnakenberg and Nancy Grey attended the Leadership Conference in Kirksville. Linda reported on the program which covered Identity Theft and Multi Tasking/Productivity. Nancy Grey reported the speaker would be a good speaker for us and that he would be willing to come speak to us.

The Northwest Regional Conference to be at Airport Hilton in Kansas City on Saturday, September 24. The speaker is to be John Oaks a certified Fraud Examiner speaking on "Personal Safety and Identity Theft."

Linda Fisher announced the club would like to endorse Nancy Grey as President Elect. Marge Lumpe moved to endorse Nancy as President Elect and Della Schnakenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Linda asked for a volunteer for the Mentoring Chair as this position is required by state.

Linda Fisher also requested a volunteer for taking pictures as historian. Linda stated she would put the book together. Betty Blackwell volunteered to take the pictures.

Linda Fisher asked for a volunteer to coordinate packages for the female soldier we adopted. A signup sheet was sent around with items the soldiers could use. Julia Bowers volunteered to coordinate the effort.

### Announcements:

- The "Sedalia Walk to End Alzheimer's" is September 10. Flyer available.
- The members need to be thinking about nominees for Woman of the Year and Employer of the year. Nomination forms were available.
- Heart of the Ozark's PBW's Event at the Lake is September 14. The fee is \$25.00 and it will be from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

- Beth Moore telecast at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Celebration Center on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Flyers available.

Sue Barr-Parrish announced the events for the upcoming Business Women's Week. They will have a schedule of events at next month's meeting.

Debbie Ulmer announced she has new member books.

No new members were installed.

The October dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Brenda Tippie, Chairperson.

Della Schnakenburg won the birthday gift.

The meeting adjourned with the Emblem Benediction at 8:15 p.m.

## **SBW October Dinner Meeting–October 6, 2011**

Sedalia Business Women met October 6 at Best Western State Fair Inn. President Linda Fisher led the meeting. Joan Cummings gave the invocation and Cindy Goalder introduced the guests.

La Sondra Marsch read the October Board minutes, the September Dinner Meeting minutes, and the correspondence.

Vicki Silkwood, the NW Regional Director for 2011-2012 spoke to the club members regarding the recent NW Region Conference and opportunities for state officer positions. She announced that Linda Fisher was the 2012-2013 NW Regional Director Elect.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Brenda Tippie, chair. Ashley Burden communications specialist for the Mid-Missouri Alzheimer's Chapter was the speaker. Her program for the evening was "Women as Advocates."

The Special Projects Committee, Denise Jaegers and Cindy Weaver, co-chairs, reported on the October 23 Chicken Dinner. A collection was taken up for vegetables and work signup sheets were distributed.

Linda Fisher reported on the September 24 NW Region Conference that she, Nancy Grey, Stacy Purvis, and Della Schnakenberg had attended.

Sue Parrish reported on the Governor's Business Women's Week Proclamation. She and Stacy Purvis represented SBW at the signing. Linda Fisher, Brenda Tippie, Stacy Purvis and Dianne Simon were present when Mayor Elaine Horn signed a proclamation for Business Women's Week.

Debbie Fillinger and Sue Parrish, Business Women's Week co-chairs, distributed schedules for Business Women's Week October 16 – 21. The club has many activities planned throughout the week.

Vera Chrimer, Socials chair, distributed a flyer with the social events for the year. The first event will be October 15 with a trip to Rocheport to visit the winery, shop, and hike the Katy Trail.

Valerie Dent, Membership Chair, installed a new member, Nichole Hundley, sponsored by Denise Jaegers.

October birthdays were recognized and Donna Heembrock won the drawing.

The meeting adjourned with the Emblem Benediction.

## SEDALIA BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK – OCTOBER 16-22, 2011

Thank you, Sue Parrish and Debbie Fillinger, Co-Chairs Sedalia Business Week! You did a fantastic job of planning an enjoyable week.

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. – Vera Chrismer, Socials Chair, started our week with a trip to Rocheport & Les Bourgeois Winery. Members had fun visiting the shops of Rocheport and the Winery. Hiking the Katy Trail on a beautiful October day was a bonus.



**Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>**. – Members attended First United Methodist Church, Celebration Center with SBW President Linda Fisher. The Prayer Breakfast was at 10:00 a.m. at Ivy Cottage where Nancy Grey was recognized as the woman of the year. Congratulations, Nancy!

**Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>**. – We had lunch with the Rotary Club at Best Western.

**Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**. – Fifteen past presidents met at Ivory Grille for an evening of dining and socializing. We played a game where we had a lot of fun trying to figure out who fit the mystery clues.

**Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>**. – We had a large group available for our weekly Friendship Lunch at Ivy Cottage. It was Joan Cummings birthday and we sang “Happy Birthday” to her. It was in the paper that she is 80 years old—but we will have to see proof before we believe it!

**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>**. – This year our Membership Chair, Valerie Dent, hosted a Membership Social rather than the traditional tea. We met at El Espolon #2 for a fun evening with our friends and prospective members. There was a lot of laughter coming from our table! President Linda Fisher announced a membership contest: Six for Six. Any members recruiting six new members will be entered into a contest to receive six FREE dinner meeting meals.



**Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner, was on Sunday at the Sedalia Shrine Club. We served yummy meals to more than 500 people! Congratulations to Co-Chairs Cindy Weaver and Denise Jaegers for a successful fundraising event. Not enough can be said about the work put into this mean and the dedicated members of the Special Projects Committee. You ladies are awesome!

**SERVICE PROJECT:** To observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month we conducted a donation campaign for “CASA” during SBW week. Debbie Fillinger will deliver the donations to CASA. We will continue the drive through the November meeting so that everyone has an opportunity to participate.

It was a fun-filled week! Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.

**SBW 2011 Public Relations Meeting**

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The Sedalia Democrat has an article on the front page of Friday's paper. Read the story here:  
<http://www.sedaliademocrat.com/news/year-38278-bank-sedalia.html>

## **SBW November 2011 Dinner Meeting**

The Public Relations dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held November 3, 2011, at the Best Western State Fair Inn on South 65.

President Linda Fisher called the meeting to order and Debbie Ulmer gave the Invocation.

Girl Scout Troop 303 presented the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elaine Bryson introduced the guests.

Dinner music was provided by the Hopkins Brothers.

The written Spotlight was about U.S. Bank, the Employer of the Year.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Donna Stetzenbach, Chair.

The guest speaker was Jennifer Yazell, CEO and Founder of Golden Egg Communication. Jennifer spoke on the importance of a positive work environment to improve productivity. Her presentation was humorous and motivational as she encouraged each of us to make a difference in the workplace and in everyday life.

President Linda Fisher announced that Nancy Grey had been selected as the Woman of the Year. She gave a few brief remarks on Nancy's accomplishments locally and for Business Women of Missouri. Linda reported that SBW supported Nancy in her future role as president of the state organization.

U.S. Bank received the award as Employer of the Year. The bank was nominated by SBW member Julia Bowers who is employed at the bank. U.S. Bank provides a positive work environment for women that allows for training and promotion. Eight out of nine local managers are women.

Mark Piepenbrink and Brenda Corbett, CASA board members, thanked SBW for the donation made during Business Women's Week. Mark spoke of the importance of CASA's work and their outreach to a diverse group of abuse victims.

The board voted to dispense of the regular business meeting.

The president made several announcements:

- The club made a \$100 donation to SBW member Ursula Harris who had a house fire.
- A collection basket was available for the holiday baskets.
- Ida Shephard has a sign-up list for Salvation Army bell ringers on Saturday, December 3 at Big Lots.
- The Chicken Dinner raised \$3,206.47 with 521 people served. The chicken cookers were thanked for their excellent cooking skills and the ones in attendance were acknowledged.
- The Socials Committee, Vera Chrismer, Chair, has planned two social events. "A Tuna Christmas" a play in Arrow Rock will be on November 12, and shopping at Vincent's will be November 15. Sign-up sheets and flyers were distributed.
- A Six for Six Membership Challenge was announced. Any members recruiting six new members will be placed in a drawing for six free meals at the dinner meeting. Three new members will be installed at the December meeting.

Rhoda Moore provided table decorations.

The December dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Socials Committee, Vera Chrismer, Chair. Members will celebrate the season with a \$10 gift exchange.

## **SBW December 2011 Dinner Meeting**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held December 1, 2011, at the Best Western State Fair Motor Inn on South 65.

The President, Linda Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation.

The Club Collect was read and the United States Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joan Cummings served as Hostess, and Marge Lumpe introduced the guests.

The written Spotlight for the evening was a poem by Louise Jackson Davis "The Lights of Christmas."

The Smith Cotton High Voltage Dancers gave a spirited performance enjoyed by all.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Socials committee, Vera Chrismer, chair. Vera Chrismer rolled the dice and members exchanged gifts to the left, to the right and between tables.

La Sondra Marsch, Secretary, reviewed the November dinner meeting. The November meeting did not have a business meeting as it is the annual Public Relations dinner.

La Sondra Marsch, Secretary read the action items from the December board meeting and the correspondence.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ida Shephard reported on the Bell Ringing sign up.

**New Business:**

Arlene Wischmeier reported on progress on the Red Purse Raffle for the Scholarship fund. She will be mailing out tickets to the members.

**Announcements:**

Linda Fisher announced that the Six for Six membership was underway.

Cheryl Heisterberg's mother, Paula Fisher, passed away.

Linda Fisher announced the January board meeting would be January 3rd.

**New Members installed:**

SBW welcomes five new members: Nancy Grey sponsored Lori Haney, Charity Fowler, Amanda Davis, and Trena Woolery. Sue Parrish sponsored Dena McMillin.

December birthdays were recognized and Trisha Henson won the drawing.

Ida Shepherd won the poinsettia drawing.

Lorraine Jackson won the drawing for a Christmas Basket. This was a fundraiser for Nancy Grey's state presidential campaign.

The January dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Membership Committee, Valerie Dent, Chairperson.

The meeting adjourned with the Emblem Benediction at 8:00 p.m.



## SBW January 2012 Meeting

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held January 5, 2012, at the Best Western State Fair Inn on South 65.

The President, Linda Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer.

The Club Collect was read and the United States Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trish Hensen and Janice Cones served as Hostesses and Judi Ebers introduced the guests.

The written Spotlight for the evening was on Oral Health.



The dinner meeting was under the direction of the membership committee, Valerie Dent, chairperson. Speakers for the evening were Rebekka Mahnkin, CFO & Dr. Randall Hamric, Chief Medical Officer from Katy Trail Community Health. They presented a very informative program on Katy Trail Community Health's purpose and services in Sedalia and its outreach programs.

La Sondra Marsch, Secretary, read the December dinner meeting minutes, the action items from the January board meeting, and the correspondence.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Highlights of the State Board meeting were reviewed by Della Schnakenberg.

Karen Steele reported on the Holiday Basket which contained \$225.

Ida Shephard reported on December Bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

### **New Business:**

Business Women of Missouri's Scholarship deadline is January 15th.

Individual Growth will be held at the Heart of Ozarks on February 18th at a cost of \$40.00.

The Legislative conference will be held at Capital Plaza in Jefferson City on March 2nd and 3rd. Rooms will be held at a cost of \$75.00 plus tax until February 15th.

The Northwest Inspirational Breakfast will be held March 31st, at the Hilton Airport.

State Conference will be held at Camden on the Lake on April 27th and 29th.

### **Announcements:**

Linda Fisher reminded membership of the Six for Six Membership Drive.

Arlene Wischmeier reported on the Red Purse Raffle.

Valerie Dent installed new members: Peggy Fairfax and Christine Hodges sponsored by Nancy Grey; Angela Crawford sponsored by Vera Chrismer.

January birthdays were recognized. Janice Cones won the drawing.

The February dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Foundation Committee, Arlene Wischmeier and Casey Schmidt, Co Chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 with the Emblem Benediction.

## SBW February 2012 Meeting



The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held February 2nd, 2012, at the Best Western Motor Inn on South 65.

The President, Linda Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation.

The Club Collect was read and the United States Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

La Sondra Marsch introduced the guests.

Carol Sawyer and Jeanean Sieving served as Hostesses for the night.

The written Spotlight for the evening covered The Red Purse Raffle and Sedalia Business Women Foundation information.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Foundation committee, Arlene Wischmeier and Casey Schmidt, co-chairperson's. The foundation committee set up the annual Silent Auction and Red Purse Raffle fundraisers for the night. Proceeds from these fundraisers go to the state scholarship fund and the local scholarship fund. The Silent Auction raised \$325.00 which will be sent to state. The preliminary amount raised from the Red Purse Raffle was \$1,525. There may be a couple of checks not yet turned in which may raise this dollar amount slightly. These funds will be used for the local scholarship fund.

Della Schnakenberg won the Red Purse raffle. Congrats to Della.

Jennifer Yazell was the speaker for the evening and spoke on "Connect with Success." Her presentation was informative and entertaining.

Nancy Grey won the six for six membership drive. She brought in six new members. Hooray for Nancy.

The club will be donating \$225 to Girl's State. This amount was included in the year's budget.

State reports are due March 1st. Linda request the reports be to her by February 14th.

The nominating committee for 2012 year will be Nancy Grey, Sue Parrish and Cindy Weaver.

Announcements:

Dianne Simon was nominated for the annual Boys and Girls Club, Pink Flamingo Award.

Legislative Conference will be held March 2nd and 3rd at Capitol Plaza.

The Northwest Inspirational Breakfast will be at the Hilton Airport on March 31st.

SBW Scholarship deadline is April 15th.

State Conference is April 27-29th at Camden on the Lake.

Linda Fisher has information on all the above if you are interested in attending.

February birthdays were recognized. Michelle Sparks was the winner.

The March dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Individual Growth committee, Dianne Simon and Stacy Purvis, co chairs. Linda will not be in attendance at this meeting. Michelle Sparks will preside.

## **SBW March 2012 Dinner Meeting**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held March 1 2012, at the Best Western Motor Inn on South 65.

In the absence of President, Linda Fisher, Michelle Sparks, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation and Nita Bales introduced the guests.

Dianne Simon & Stacy Purvis served as Hostesses for the night.

The Smith Cotton DECA group was recognized in the written spotlight.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Individual Growth Committee, Dianne Simon and Stacy Purvis, co-chairpersons. They engaged the Sedalia Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Smith Cotton DECA to present the campaign the Bureau and DECA had put together for the Sedalia Tourism Tax. DECA chose the Sedalia Tourism Tax as their project for the year. They worked very closely with the Sedalia Convention and Visitor's Bureau on the Tourism Tax Campaign. DECA was responsible for putting together a logo and theme, a Facebook page and website links. We congratulate Smith Cotton DECA group on a great project.

Denise Jaegers announced the Special Projects committee will meet Wednesday at 5:30 at Patricias.

Vera Chrismer announced the socials committee next event was the Liberty Center's presentation of "The Full Monte." Anyone wanting to attend needed to let Vera know tonight.

An enjoyable fund raising project for the night was done to support Nancy Grey's run for state office. Lottery tickets were sold for a \$1.00 each. Any winnings were split between the winning member and Nancy Grey's campaign fund.

Diane Simon presented a membership orientation.

Members were informed that officers are needed for the upcoming 2012-2013 year. Anyone interested in serving please contact Nancy Grey, Sue Parrish or Cindy Weaver.

The Legislative conference will be held at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City on March 2 and 3. Rooms will be held at a cost of \$75.00 plus tax until February 15.

The Northwest Inspirational Breakfast will be held March 31, at the Hilton Airport.

State Conference will be held at Camden on the Lake on April 27 and 29.

Laura Taylor will be collecting clothing for the "Hire Attire" event on April 25 and 26. Any questions can be directed to Laura.

Arlene Wischmeier reported funds of \$1,540 were collected from the red purse raffle for the club's scholarship fund. \$325 was raised from the silent auction for the state's scholarship fund.

Arlene Wischmeier announced she will be taking a new job in Branson, Mo. She is very excited about the new job but will miss all her SBW sister's in Sedalia.

Diane Simon was congratulated on winning the annual pink flamingo award.

Child Safe is having their annual Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser.

Sue Parrish announced that Judy Parkhurst and Patty Wood are running for the SFCC board and asked for support for their election.

March birthdays were recognized.

The April dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Special Projects Committee, Denise Jaegers and Cindy Weaver co-chairs.

## **SBW APRIL 2012 DINNER MEETING**

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held April 5, 2012, at the Best Western Motor Inn on South 65.

President, Linda Fisher, Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation, and Vanessa Turpin introduced the guests.

Michelle Sparks and Sue Parrish served as Hostesses for the night.

The written spotlight highlighted the Special Projects committee and included organizations the club has donated to in the past and the organizations the club contributed to this year.

The dinner meeting was under the direction of the Special Projects committee, Cindy Weaver and Denise Jaegers co-chairs. The recipients of the 2011 special projects funds were Child Safe – \$200, Citizens Against Spouse Abuse – \$300, Meals on Wheels – \$300 and Open Door “Buddy Pack” program – \$200. The speaker for the evening was Jim Marcum, Marcum’s landscaping. Jim spoke on designing a landscape project and types of plants for shade and sun.

Members were reminded that May is Pay Day for Club dues.

Legislative Conference was held March 2 and 3 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Linda Fisher reported on the activities of the conference. The conference was attended by Linda and Cindy Goalder.

Linda stated that the Annual Report was emailed and mailed to the membership. She also had copies available for review. There were no questions or comments.

The slate of officers for the 2012-2013 year were nominated by the nominating committee, Nancy Grey, Sue Parrish and Cindy Weaver. The slate of officers presented: Linda Fisher, President, Michelle Sparks, President Elect, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Lori Haney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Julia Bowers, Secretary Carolyn Green and Treasurer, Della Schnakenberg. Coming from committee no second was required. The slate of officers for the coming year was voted in by acclamation.

Menus have been set up for the coming year. The price of the meals will go up to \$11.50 in June.

The deadline for scholarships is April 15.

State Conference will be held at Camden on the Lake on April 27 and 29. Registration Deadline is April 15. Nancy Grey will be running for President Elect. Our club is in charge of the breakfast need items for the Goody Bags. Items are still needed for the Foundation Auction.

WPEA is July 27 and 28 at the Holiday Inn, Peabody MA., hosted by Massachusetts BPW.

The NW inspirational Breakfast has been rescheduled for April 14.

Tickets were sold for \$1.00 for a half and half drawing to raise funds for Nancy Grey’s Presidential campaign. Rhoda Moore won the drawing and donated her half of the sales to Nancy’s campaign.

Vera Chrismer announced the Rotary will be having their annual auction on April 13.

Laura Taylor will be collecting clothing for the “Hire Attire” event on April 25 and 26. Any questions can be directed to Laura.

The annual Heart Walk is April 14.

Diane Simons announced the WAFB Golf Tournament the Cinco de Mayo Run and the Pub Crawl in Cole Camp.

New member, Judi Kerber, was installed.

April birthdays were recognized.

The May dinner meeting will be installation of officers and under the direction of the Music Committee.



## SBW May 2012 Board Meeting



The May 2012 Board Meeting was held at El Espolon 2. From Left to right: Dianne Simon, Della Schnakenberg, Betty Blackwell, Linda Fisher, Shirley McCown, Brenda Tippie, Nancy Grey, Sue Parrish, Cindy Goalder, La Sondra Marsch, Michelle Sparks, Karen Steele, Ida Shephard, Vera Chrismer, and Cathy Hammons. Ida Shephard won the bead game and received a gift and a free meal.



The board surprised President Linda Fisher with gifts, which included items she had bid on at the State Conference. Pictured from left to right: Betty Blackwell, Linda Fisher, Shirley McCown, Brenda Tippie.