

Linda Fisher
President 2012-2013
Connect the Dots



A short year ago, I talked to you about Brighter Tomorrows, and the symbolism of the feminine surface. It certainly seems that the past year just flew by, and yet, looking back, it was a year jam-packed with events and accomplishments.

I've had the opportunity to work closely with many of you, and that allowed me to learn from you. I learned from my board that when I ask for "ayes", I should ask if anyone is opposed. I learned that sometimes there really are friends at a silent auction, and they are outbidding you because they've figured out what you really want and then they surprise you with it.

I am awed by the creativity and resourcefulness of the talented and dedicated SBW members. I was blessed with a board that supported me and pitched in time after time to go

above and beyond their job descriptions.

The standing committees planned outstanding programs ranging from personal finance to historical women of Sedalia. We had a successful chicken dinner, and donated the proceeds to CASA, Child Safe, Meals on Wheels, and Open Door "Buddy Packs." Last year we gave three – \$700 scholarships and with another successful Red Purse raffle, we are in good shape to award scholarships again this year.

Now is not the time to stand back and reflect on the past—it is time to connect the dots in order to focus on the future.

My goals, or dots, to connect for 2012-2013 are:

- **Increase our club's visibility in the community:** The time for humility has passed! When we have an excellent program, award scholarships, or support our community—it should be in the newspaper. Our chicken dinner and red purse raffle are newsworthy events. We should throw the spotlight on our members when they win awards or accomplish great things.
- **Encourage networking within our club and on a state level:** Locally, we've had socials, friendship lunches, and several of us communicate on Facebook. But we need to move outside our little group. We should encourage our friends and co-workers join us when we plan outings, or invite them to a friendship lunch. Post activities on Facebook, keep SBW visible. I would like to see us much more

involved in Business Women of Missouri. We are the largest club in the state with 86 members and although we were well represented at the state conference with seven attendees, a club with 25 members had eight. Other conferences you should consider attending are the leadership conference, the legislative conference, the regional meeting, and inspiration breakfast. Most of the dues you pay go to support the programs offered by BWM. These conferences are opportunities to connect the dots between our club and BWM.

- **Support women in transition through scholarships and mentoring:** Let's continue our support of scholarships both locally and on the state level. I would like to see us support women in the military through adopt a female soldier, and help women transitioning out of the military. BWM has ideas to help, all we need to do is ask.
- **Fulfill our mission to advocate for women's issues through a grassroots movement.** We need to have a process in place so that we can mobilize our club to support legislation that affects women. I would like our legislative committee to offer a screening of Iron Jawed Angels to help us connect the dots between the indifference that stalled the ERA amendment to the passion of Alice Paul who wrote the amendment.
- **Build membership and retain current members:** We can continue to build membership by offering friendship, support, and recognition to our members. We need to continue with great programs at our monthly meeting. I would like every member to make a personal commitment to invite a friend to at least one meeting this year. Through these invitations, we will naturally build membership. I joined this group after Brenda invited me to one meeting, then another, and yet another. It didn't take me long to realize this group was made up of women who tirelessly used their talents to make this a better community for women of all circumstances. I've come to know your compassion, caring, and friendship.

Our goals are connected to those set forth by BWM President Megan Broemmer who was just installed as state president. Our own Nancy Grey is currently BWM's president elect. Dianne Simon is committee chair for Individual Growth and I am serving as Regional Director Elect for the Northwest region.

Our club was recognized at the state conference for several awards. We received the Protecting the Legacy Award for Issues Management (Michelle Sparks, Chair), the Traveling Legislative Award (Brenda Tippie, Chair), Embracing the Future Top Recruiter Award, Nancy Grey, for recruiting 6 members, One Step at a Time Recruiting awards went to Brenda Tippie, Denise Jaegers, Sue Parrish, Vera Chrismer, and Marge Lumpe. Congratulations to each of you for winning these awards.

Thank you for choosing me as your president in 2012-13. I look forward to working with Michelle, Lori, Julia, Carolyn, Della, Cindy, committee chairs, presidential appointees, and members to connect the dots to keep our organization vital and relevant.

I accept the challenge and see this as an opportunity to work with each of you throughout the year ahead. As we connect the dots together, they will lead us in the direction we are meant to take. We will keep moving forward to improve ourselves personally and professionally one dot, one step, at a time.

Linda Fisher



SBW 2012-2013 Officers – Cindy Goalder (Director), Carolyn Green (Secretary-not pictured), Della Schnakenberg (Treasurer), Julia Bowers (Second VP), Lori Haney (Vice President), Michelle Sparks (President Elect) and Linda Fisher (President).

May 2012 SBW Installation



Sedalia Business Women installed officers at their May 3, monthly meeting. The installation ceremony was under the direction of the Music Committee, Shirley McCown, chairwoman.

Nancy Grey, assisted by Cathy Hammons and Vera Chrismer, installed the new officers. The 2012-13 SBW officers presented for installation: Cindy Goalder, director; Carolyn Green, secretary, was represented by Sue Parrish; Della Schnakenberg, treasurer; Julia Bowers, second vice president; Lori Haney, vice President; Michelle Sparks, president elect; and Linda Fisher, president.

President Linda Fisher's theme for the upcoming term is "Connect the Dots." During her acceptance speech, Fisher outlined the goals for the club for the upcoming year: Increase SBW's visibility in the community, encourage networking locally and on a state level, support women in transition through scholarships and mentoring, fulfill the club's mission to advocate for women's issues through a grassroots movement, and build membership and retain current members.

The president, who is serving her second term, aligned her goals with those set forth by Business Women of Missouri's 2012-13 President Megan Broemmer. SBW members serving on

BWM's board are Nancy Grey, BWM's president elect; Dianne Simon committee chair for Individual Growth; and Linda Fisher, Regional Director Elect for the Northwest region.

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There was no business meeting. Birthdays were recognized and Lori Haney won the drawing.

Peggy Fairfax won the drawing for a free year's membership courtesy of President Fisher.

The next meeting will be June 7 and is under the direction of the Finance Committee, Michelle Sparks, chairwoman.

June 2012 Dinner Meeting

The monthly dinner meeting of the Sedalia Business Women was held June 7, 2012 at the Best Western Motor Inn, Sedalia.

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

Linda Fisher led the group in the Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Parrish introduced the guests.

Hostesses were Denise Jaegers and Michele Sparks.

The Written Spotlight featured Nita Bales.

New Business: Lorraine Jackson presented the Audit. Michelle Sparks presented the 2012-2013 budget. Sue Parrish moved to accept. Motion carried.

The June dinner meeting was under the direction of the Finance Committee, Michelle Sparks, Chair. Diana Brady, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration Division, presented a very informative program on long term care insurance. Ms. Brady asked that the speaker honorarium go to the Scholarship Fund.

May Dinner Meeting minutes were e-mailed; copies are also available on the sharing table. Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes were approved as printed.

Carolyn Green, Secretary, read the action items from the June Board meeting. Carolyn also read the correspondence which included thank you letters from Meals on Wheels and Child Safe for funds received from the chicken dinner; a note from Mary McLaughlin releasing her membership and a thank you from Linda Fisher for the gifts received from the Board.

Julia Bowers, Membership Chair installed new member, Jessica Ammons sponsored by Nita Bales. Welcome Jessica!

Announcements:

Linda Fisher recognized those who received awards from State Conference including: Issues Management, Michelle Sparks, Chair; Legislative Award, Brenda Tippie Chair; Embracing the Future, Nancy Grey; and One Step At a Time Recruiting Awards to Brenda Tippie, Denise Jaegers, Sue Parrish, Vera Chrismer and Marge Lumpe.

'Bikers Against Domestic Violence', a poker run to benefit CASA is scheduled for June 9th.

The Alzheimer's Association will hold an ice cream social on June 23rd.

The Date for the SBW Chicken Dinner is October 28, 2012 – mark your calendars!

Judi Kerber won the Birthday drawing. JoAnn Cummings won the 'free year's membership' drawing.

The July Board Meeting will be held at CASA. Michelle Sparks will conduct both the Board meeting and Dinner meeting in Linda's absence.

The July Dinner meeting will be under the direction of Issues Management, Lori Haney, Chair.

SBW July 2012 Dinner Meeting

President-Elect Michelle Sparks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the absence of President, Linda Fisher. Hostesses were Amanda Davis and Judy Kerber.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Michelle Sparks. Lori Haney introduced the guest. The meeting was under the direction of the Issues Management Committee, Lori Haney, Chair.

Lori Haney introduced the speaker, Peggy Cochran, MO Women's Political Caucus who spoke on the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This Act, passed and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994 and re-authorized in 2000 and 2005, provides grants to many organizations working with domestic violence (including CASA locally) and is in danger of not being reauthorized by Congress. Members are encouraged to contact Senators McCaskill and Roy Blunt as well as Representative Vicky Hartzler to request their assistance in re-authorization of VAWA.

Action items from the July Board Meeting were read by Carolyn Green. Minutes from the June Dinner Meeting were e-mailed Minutes were approved as printed. There was no correspondence. A total of \$585 was received in memorials for Henrietta Sanders for the Career Advancement (Scholarship) fund. A thank you will be sent to non-club members.

Announcements:

- Leadership Conference, Lake Ozark, August 5 and 6th.
- Sue Parrish announced Shrine Breakfast is this Saturday, July 7th.
- Brenda Tippie announced Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a Fashion Show this Friday evening – cost is \$5.00
- Lockett's will sponsor a Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show "Rooms for Kids" on July 23rd. Cost is \$25.
- The Telephone Committee will meet following tonight's Dinner meeting.

Sue Parrish won the Birthday drawing.

The August Dinner Meeting is under the direction of the Telephone Committee, Donna Heembrock, Chair.

SBW August 2012 Dinner Meeting

President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's regular dinner meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Hostesses were Sharon Blankenship and Ida Shephard.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Debbie Ulmer introduced the guests. Judy Kerber completed the Written Spotlight.

A special Memorial Service for Ila B. Smith and Henri Etta Sanders was led by Debbie Ulmer. Debbie read Resolutions for Ila and Henri. Donna Heembrock and Linda Fisher spoke in remembrance of Ila and the Resolution was presented to John Plumb, Ila's companion. LaSondra Marsch spoke in remembrance of Henri and the Resolution was presented to Henri's husband, James Lee and her sons Mike and Chris Sanders. Memorial contributions to the Scholarship Fund in Henri's honor now total \$635.00.

The August meeting was under the direction of the Telephone Committee, Donna Heembrock, Chair. Terri Ballard, Executive Director of the Liberty Center Association of the Arts was the speaker. Terry presented a very informative program about the Liberty Center's many activities and contributions to the community.

Action items from the August Board Meeting were read by Carolyn Green, Secretary. Minutes from the July Dinner Meeting were e-mailed. Minutes were approved as printed. The correspondence was two thank you notes.

New Business: Linda announced the winners of SBW Scholarships as Jessica Bowers, Amber Harshner and Casey Schmidt. They, along with Hannah Ott, Girl's State Representative sponsored by SBW, will speak at the September Dinner Meeting.

Old Business: Leadership Conference August 5 and 6. Linda, Della and Nancy Grey will be attending.

Announcements:

- Sue Parrish announced Chicken Dinner tickets will be available at the September Dinner Meeting. The Chicken Dinner is scheduled for October 28, 2012.
- Della requested the Business Women's Week committee meet following tonight's meeting; also the Chair of Socials Committee.
- The 6 for 6 membership contest continues this year.
- Sue Parrish announced the Shrine Club will have a benefit breakfast from 7:00-11:00 this coming Saturday.
- Lori Haney announced CASA will be selling purple nail polish "NO Means NO" during September and October for domestic violence awareness month.
- Linda Fisher announced a fundraiser for Alzheimer's is scheduled for 9-8-12.

Casey Schmidt won the Birthday drawing.

The September Dinner Meeting will be September 6, 2012 under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee, Cathy Hammons and Laura Taylor, Co-Chairs.

The meeting adjourned with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.

SBW Career Advancement Meeting – Sedalia News Journal Article

Randy Kirby wrote a great article about SBW's meeting last night. We awarded three \$700 scholarships, and BPW gave a \$1,000 scholarship. We were happy to have 51 in attendance including Betty Beason who presented the BPW scholarship and Sherry Schuster Jones BWM's Vice President.

(Insert News Journal article if we can find it)

SBW September 2012 Meeting – Scholarships



Shawna Fisher, Casey Schmidt, Theresa Pennock, Jessica Bowers

President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's September dinner meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses were Linda Fox and Michelle Sparks.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Julie Bowers introduced the guests. The Scholarship recipients completed the Written Spotlight.

The September meeting was under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee, Kathy Hammons and Laura Taylor Co-Chairs. The scholarship recipients – Jessica Bowers, Casey Schmidt and Theresa Pennock presented the program. Hannah Ott, Girls State Representative sponsored by SBW also thanked the group. Betty Beason, State Career Advancement Committee Chair presented the National BPW Foundation Scholarship to Shawna Fisher. Congratulations, Shawna!



Della reported briefly on Leadership Conference that she, Linda Fisher and Nancy Grey attended.

Business Women's Week Planned Activities:

Sunday, October 14 – matinee Liberty Center – sign up sheet being passed tonight

Thursday, October 5th – Mayor Horn will sign proclamation at dinner meeting

Sunday, October 21st – Church with Linda at Celebration Center; Prayer Breakfast to follow

Monday, October 22nd – Lunch with Rotary Club – noon Best Western (cost is \$8.50)

Tuesday, October 23rd – Past Presidents dinner

Wednesday, October 24th – Friendship lunch at Bandana's

Thursday, October 25th – Membership Event – Dukes and Boots

Service Project: Open Door 'Buddy Packs' – current need is peanut butter and

cash

New Business: Denise Jaegers reported Chicken Dinner is 10-28-12, serving from 10:30-2:30. Work shifts are from 9-12:30 and 12:00-through clean up. Sign-up sheets are passed around tonight for working, bringing desserts and also collection for canned goods. Members were given their tickets to sell tonight.

Members were asked to complete nominations for Emplorer of the Year and Woman of the Year.

A club Social activity was announced – shopping at Vincent's, Tuesday, September 18th – sign-up sheet tonight

Nita Bales won the Birthday drawing.

The October Dinner Meeting will be October 4th under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Cindy Goalder, Chair. Speaker will be MO Representative Stacey Newman from St. Louis speaking on current legislation.

SBW October 2012 Meeting – Legislative



Cindy Goalder and Rep. Stacey Newman

President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's October dinner meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses were the Legislative Committee.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Betty Blackwell introduced the guests. The Written Spotlight was the Equal Rights Amendment.

The October meeting was under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Cindy Goalder, Chair. MO Representative Stacey Newman from the St. Louis presented the program. Ms. Newman gave an excellent program, speaking on women's issues, ERA and emphasizing 'who you elect matters; know your candidates and where they stand on issues that matter to women.'

Mayor Elaine Horn signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 21st through October 28th as Business Women's Week.

The November Public Relations Meeting will feature Jackie Almquist, SFCC as the speaker; the S-C Jazz Band will provide dinner music and the Boy Scouts will present the colors.

Dianne Simon was announced as Woman of the Year! Congratulations Dianne!!

Michelle Sparks gave a brief presentation on the Northwest Regional Conference which was attended by six members. Chicken Dinner update was given by Cindy Weaver.

Della updated on business Women's Week and encouraged attendance at all activities as follows:

- Sunday, October 14 – matinee Liberty Center
- Sunday, October 21st – Church with Linda at Celebration Center
- Monday, October 22nd – Lunch with Rotary Club – noon Best Western (cost is \$8.50)
- Tuesday, October 23rd – Past Presidents dinner
- Wednesday, October 24th Friendship lunch at Bandana's
- Thursday, October 25th – Membership Event – Dukes and Boots
- Sunday, October 28th – Chicken Dinner – sell tickets!
- Service Project: Open Door 'Buddy Packs' – current need is peanut butter and cash

The Foundation Committee met following the dinner meeting to plan for the Red Purse/Silent Auction.

Donna Stetzenbach won the Birthday drawing.

The November Dinner Meeting will be November 1st under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Debbie Fillinger, Chair. Speaker will be Jackie Almquist, State Fair Community College Foundation.

SBW November 2012 Meeting – Public Relations



President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's November Annual Public Relations meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses were Rhoda Moore and Anne Hamilton.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Elaine Bryson introduced the guests. The Written Spotlight was Employer of the Year – Whiteman Air Force Base.

The November Public Relations meeting was under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Debbie Fillinger and Cindy Mueller-Lewellyn, Co-Chairs.

Presentation of Flags by Order of Arrow Sisilija Chapter of Color Guard.

Dinner music was provided by Smith-Cotton Jazz Band.

Jacqueline Almquist, Executive Director, State Fair Community College Foundation presented an informative and entertaining program on the history and growth/accomplishments of SFCC.

LaSondra Marsch presented the Woman of the Year award to Dianne Simon. Congratulations Diane!

Dianne Simon presented Employer of the Year award to Whiteman Air Force Base. Congratulations Whiteman, we are proud to have you as a integral part of our community!

The regular business meeting was suspended for this special Public Relations meeting.

The meeting adjourned with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.



SBW December 2012 Meeting – Socials



President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's December meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Mueller-Lewellyn was the hostess.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Vera Chrismer introduced the guests. The Written Spotlight was "The Lights of Christmas" a poem by Louise J. Davis.

The December dinner meeting was under the direction of the Socials Committee, Marge Lumpe and Judy Kerber, Co-Chairs.

Marge Lumpe (pictured on the left) is dressed to fit the theme of "Cowgirl Christmas.

Program: Country line dancing and Christmas Gift Exchange were enjoyed by those present.

Highlights from the November and December Board meetings were presented (no business meeting was held in November) and November Dinner Meeting minutes approved.

Della gave a report on the State Board

Meeting which several members attended. \$299.05 was raised from Bell Ringing for Salvation Army; \$272.00 for the Holiday Basket which will be given to a local family who had a house fire.

Dena Stockstill was installed as a new member. Karen Steele recognized as the longest term active member, joining December 6, 1965.

Announcements:

- 6 for 6 membership drive continues
- State Scholarship due 2-1-13
- January Board meeting will be Wednesday 2nd, instead of Monday.
- Nancy Grey Fundraiser: metal wallets to keep credit/debit cards safe – \$15
- Red Purse Raffle – \$500 value currently; Lockett's donated purse

Betty Blackwell won the birthday drawing.

January Dinner Meeting will be January 3, 2013 under the direction of the Membership Committee, Julia Bowers, Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.



SBW January 2013 Meeting – Membership



President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's January meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Valerie Dent and Linda Temple acted as hostesses.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Carolyn Green introduced the guests. The Written Spotlight – "Recruitment is Up to You!"

The January dinner meeting was under the direction of the Membership Committee, Julia Bowers, Chair.

New members: Mary Merritt and Joyce Grinstead were installed by Julia Bowers. Julia encouraged all those present to take a Recruitment Kit and invite one person to the next SBW meeting. Winner of the Recruitment Kit incentive was Dianne Simon.

Program: Linda Cristle, Executive Director, Sedalia-Pettis County Economic Development gave a

very informative program concerning economic development, statistics and growth in the Sedalia-Pettis County area.

Carolyn Green, Secretary read the correspondence and gave highlights of the January Executive Committee meeting. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed.

Unfinished Business: Donna Hirner reported on the Red Purse Raffle which will be held at the February meeting. Sell tickets. Current value of purse is over \$500.

New Business: 2-1-13 Deadline for State Scholarships
Legislative Conference, Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, February 22-23.

State Conference, Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, April 26-28, 2013 – Nancy Grey to be installed as President!

Announcements:

- Dianne Simon read a thank you note from Donelle Miles, the Whiteman soldier SBW adopted.
- Prayers and cards for Sharon Blankenship and Karen Steele
- 6 for 6 membership drive continues
- Marge Lumpe announced Cole Camp's Chocolate and Wine Tasting event, January 13th to benefit the Cole Camp Community Center. She and Dianne Simon have tickets.
- Linda Fisher's blog 'Early Onset Alzheimer's' is in the running for 'Best Health Blog of 2012'. Vote daily at: www.healthline.com. Linda, Congratulations on being nominated and best of luck!
- Michele Sparks passed around sign-ups for Committees for next year.
- Security cases for credit cards are for sale to help fund Nancy's State presidency expenses.

No members were present for the birthday drawing; a membership contest was held instead, won by Julia Bowers.

February Dinner Meeting will be under the direction of the Foundation Committee, Amanda Davis and Donna Hirner, co-chairs. Remember to bring items for the White Elephant Silent Auction and sell your tickets for the Red Purse Raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.



New Members Mary Merritt and Joyce Grinstead

SBW February 2013 Meeting – Foundation



Amanda Davis, chair, and Monica Holman, speaker

President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women’s February dinner meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Janice Cones and Ida Shephard were hostesses.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Donna Hirner introduced the guests. Lori Haney was the Written Spotlight.

The February dinner meeting was under the direction of the Foundation Committee, Amanda Davis and Donna Hirner, co-chairs..

Program: Monica Holman, Aerobics Instructor, Brian’s Gym gave an energetic and fun program, leading the group through exercise routines that can be performed at your desk or while sitting, as well as diet information. Monica also provided everyone with a free visit to Brian’s Gym.

Carolyn Green, Secretary read the correspondence and gave highlights of the February Executive Committee meeting. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed.



New members, Theresa Pennock and Laura Briscoe were installed by Lori Haney. Welcome!

Unfinished Business: 6 for 6 Membership drive – No one recruited 6 new members; however both Della Schankenberg and Sue Parrish recruited 3 new members; they were each awarded 3 for 3 – 3 free meals for 3 members recruited.

Way to go ladies! Thanks to Linda for providing this incentive to increase membership.

Linda reported State Reports are due March 1, 2013 and asked that she receive them on later than 2-14-13.

New Business:

Linda appointed Nominating Committee of: Dianne Simon, Betty Blackwell, and Cathy Hammonds. If you are interested in an officer's position, please let one of these ladies know.

Announcements:

- Legislative Conference, Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, February 22-23.
- Inspiration Breakfast – March 30th? (It may be Sedalia's responsibility to determine date.)
- State Conference, Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, April 26-28, 2013 – Nancy Grey to be installed as State President on 4-27-13 at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. Congratulations Nancy!
- Della will be ordering name tags for new members. If you need a new tag, let Della know and she will order – cost is \$10 for replacement tags.

Michelle Sparks won the birthday drawing.

A white elephant silent auction was conducted throughout the evening and the winner of the Red Purse Raffle was drawn prior to adjournment.

March Dinner Meeting will be under the direction of the Individual Growth Committee, Dianne Simon, Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.

SBW March Dinner Meeting – March 7, 2013



President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's March dinner meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Lori Haney and Nita Bales were hostesses.

Debbie Ulmer gave the invocation. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Nancy Grey introduced the guests. JoAnn Perusich, Backbone Communications, was the Written Spotlight.

The March dinner meeting was under the direction of the Individual Growth Committee, Dianne Simon, Chair.

JoAnn Perusich, Backbone Communications, presented a very educational and interesting program: From the Tablet to the Tablet (think Big Chief to I-Pad) Communicating within a Multigenerational Workforce; Differences in Generations, Leadership Strategies and Keys to Leading in a Multigenerational Workforce.

Carolyn Green, Secretary read the correspondence and gave highlights of the March Executive Committee meeting. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed.

New members, Katie Albrecht and Julie Hardy will be installed at the April meeting.

Linda appointed Nominating Committee of: Dianne Simon, Betty Blackwell, and Cathy Hammonds. If you are interested in an officer's position, please let one of these ladies know.

Announcements:

- Legislative Conference, Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, rescheduled to March 15 & 16.
- Inspiration Breakfast – Re-scheduled to April 13th.
- State Conference, Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, April 26-28, 2013 – Nancy Grey to be installed as State President on 4-27-13 at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. Congratulations Nancy!
- CASA will present the Vagina Monologues on April 19 and 20, 2013.
- Dianne Simon will be performing at SFCC's "Dancing with the Stars". Good Luck Dianne!
- Child Safe's 9th Annual Adult Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23, 2013.
- Special Projects Committee will hold a brief meeting following this Dinner meeting.

Vera Chrismer won the birthday drawing.

The April Dinner Meeting will be under the direction of the Special Projects Committee, Denise Jaegers, Cindy Weaver and Sue Parrish co-chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.

SBW Membership Meeting – April 4, 2013



President Linda Fisher called the Sedalia Business Women's April dinner meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Debbie Fillinger and Ida Shephard were hostesses.

Invocation was given by Debbie Ulmer. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Linda Fisher. Lori Haney introduced the guests. Dave Clippert, Pettis County Emergency Manager was the Written Spotlight.

The April Dinner Meeting was under the direction of the Special Projects Committee, Cindy Weaver, Denise Jaegers and Sue Parrish, Co-Chairs.

Dave Clippert, Manager, Pettis County Emergency Management Agency presented an informative and interesting program on severe weather; including the following tips on how to best keep safe during a tornado: 1) Have a Plan! 2) Move to lowest level of building; 3) Stay away from windows; 4) get in the bathtub or closet if no basement. If you in a vehicle – STAY in the vehicle, look for a building that would be safe; if not safe building available, turn around and drive fast in the opposite direction of the tornado; if you are out of options – tighten seat belt, lie down and hold on tight! Dave gave several internet

resources for severe weather tracking, including Storm Prediction Center (SPC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) in Pleasant Hill. For Pettis County, you can also text your zip code to 888777 to get weather alerts through NIXLE.

Carolyn Green, Secretary read the correspondence and gave highlights of the April Executive Committee meeting.

Dianne Simon, Linda Fisher, and Nancy Grey attended the Legislative Conference in Jefferson City. Linda gave a brief report on the conference.

Linda Fisher praised Lori Haney on the good job she did in completing the Issues Management Report for the year. Report was e-mailed to all members for review and Linda submitted it as required. SBW can be proud of the many accomplishments of the past year.

New members, Katie Albrecht and Julie Hardy will be installed at a later meeting as they were not present at tonight's meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2013-14: Michelle Sparks, President; Lori Haney, President Elect; Julia Bowers 1st Vice-President; Brenda Tippie 2nd Vice-President; Donna Hirner, Secretary and Della Schnakenberg, Treasurer. 2nd not required as motion from Committee, Motion carried.

Sandra Clay, Northwest Regional Director attended the dinner meeting and presented updates of upcoming events: Inspiration Breakfast, April 13, Kansas City, Hilton at KCI. Linda plans to attend.

Announcements:

- State Conference, Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, April 26-28, 2013 – Nancy Grey to be installed as State President on 4-27-13 at 5:00 p.m. Registration Deadline is April 12th. Please plan to attend to support Nancy as she becomes State President.
- V-Day will present the Vagina Monologues on April 19 and 20, 2013, with CASA as the beneficiary of ticket proceeds. If you are interested in attending with SBW, contact Marge Lumpe by April 12th.
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Several activities are planned by CASA and Child Safe during April to promote awareness of these two nationwide problems.
- SFCC's 9th Annual Hire Attire will be accepting donations of quality business and business casual clothing/shoes on April 19th and 22nd; with the sale beginning April 24th for students. Items may be dropped off at the Thompson Conference Center, Heckart Bldg, SFCC.
- The Gallery Salon & Spa will hold a "Healthy You Inside & Out" free event on Thursday, April 25th at 2406 S. Limit.

Laura Taylor won the birthday drawing.

The May Dinner Meeting will be under the direction of the Music Committee, LiShauna Braedehoft, Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm with the Emblem Benediction led by Linda Fisher.



Special Projects Co-Chair Sue Parrish presented \$250 checks to the recipients of the chicken dinner proceeds as follows: CASA, Lori Haney; Child Safe, Carolyn Green; AFS, Melinda Moore; and Meals on Wheels, Shirley Homan.