

Donna Hirner-Gardner
President 2016-2017
Shoot for the Moon and Land in the Stars



First of all I would like to say thank you for having the confidence in me to be elected as your president of the Sedalia Business Women club. I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for Lori Haney and all the SBW ladies giving me so much support.

My theme this year is "Shoot for the moon and land in the stars." To me you are all stars!

The goals I would like to see our club accomplish for 2016-2017 are the following:

- To retain our current membership and build onto our membership. I want to invite you to take your time and encourage your friends, and coworkers to become part of our club.
- To be involved with Domestic Violence Awareness and that is one reason I chose the color purple. We also need to

be involved with the Sexual Assault Awareness that is one reason why I chose the color blue. Teal blue is the Sexual Assault Awareness color.

- To help women going back to college through the use of our scholarships that Sedalia Business Women award to women who apply for the scholarships and win them. To keep promoting our scholarships on social media and in the newspaper.
- Support both local and state Foundation. We also need to continue to support our non-for profit organizations in our community through special projects.

Lastly to keep "Pay it forward" ongoing. I selected CASA as the organization to support. This organization exists to house, educate, advocate and give services to those who need them. It does this by developing goals and objectives when the victims first come into the shelter. The residents receiving counseling, case management, crisis care, and are referred to organizations to exist in our community to help those who are less fortunate

Our BWM objectives were defined in 1938 and have remained constant through the years. Our goal should be to achieve equality for all women in the workplace, continue opportunities for women through education and fellowship. We will advocate for educate end information, elevate standards for all women wherever they may be employed, and bring about a spirit of cooperation among all working women in Missouri.

Again let me thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your SBW president for the 2016-2017 year. With your support we can shoot for the moon and land in the stars. I chose the colors purple blue and silver because they are the colors of the universe. As we shoot for the moon and land in the stars we are reminded that each of us is a star.

Donna Hirner-Gardner
SBW President 2016-17

2016– 2017 Sedalia Business Women Officers



2016-17 SBW Officers: Debbie Ulmer, Debra Andresen, Michelle Sparks, Donna Hirner, and Della Schnakenberg. Not pictured: Dena Stockstill and Holly Brown



Michelle Sparks (Director), Debbie Ulmer (Secretary), Della Schnakenberg (Treasurer), Marge Lumpe standing in for Dena Stockstill (2nd VP), Holly Brown (1st VP), Debra Andresen (President-elect) and Donna Hirner-Gardner (President)

Former SBW President Lori Haney installed the new officers. The 2016-17 SBW officers were installed during a candle ceremony with each color symbolizing the duties of the office. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lori Haney read congratulatory letters from prominent persons in the community. She also presented President Donna Hirner-Gardner with a resolution from Representative Beard.

President Donna Hirner-Gardner outlined her goals for the coming year during her acceptance speech. Her theme for the coming year is “Shoot for the moon and land in the stars.”



Lori Haney



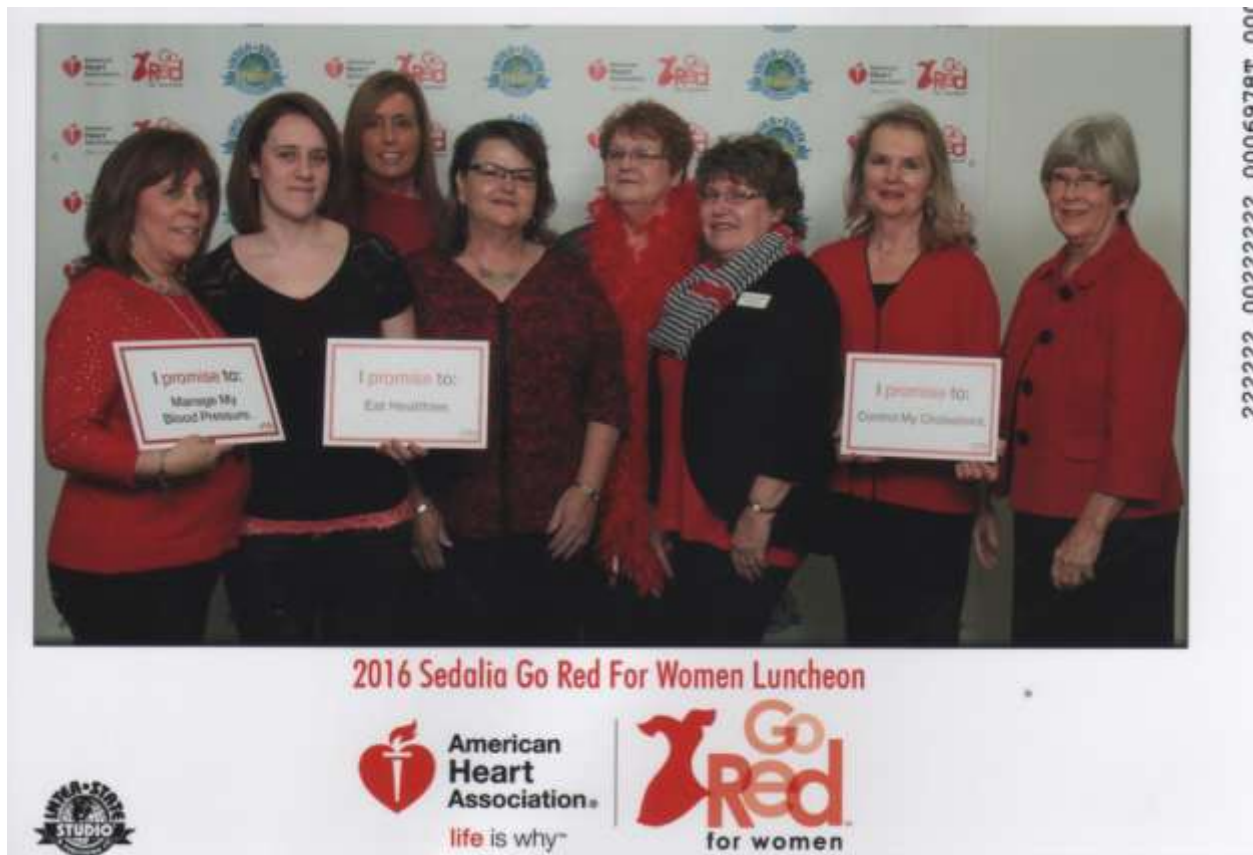
Donna and Steve Gardner



Shirley McCown, chair, and the Music Committee along with volunteers created a festive location for the installation. The room sparkled with silver and blue stars. Rhoda Moore provided flowers for the tables and Kay Shull provided the lattice and tulle for the backdrop. SBW appreciates Rhoda and Kay's contributions considering how busy their businesses are this time of year.

Many thanks to Shirley and her committee for once again making the president's installation a night to remember!

Sedalia Business Women at Go Red Event



Sedalia Business Women sponsored a table at the 2016 Heart Association's Go Red for Women Event. Just another example of women supporting women.

Representing the club at the event: Cindy Goalder, Jennifer Maples, Robin Balke, Carol Sawyer, Carolyn Green, Linda Fisher, Linda Alcorn, and Sue Parrish.

June 2, 2016 SBW Meeting



The June meeting was under the direction of the Finance Committee, Debra Andresen, Chair. The program was a Paddle Party! Members had an opportunity to bid on great items donated by vendors and members. The party was a lot of fun and the \$522 raised is earmarked for Special Projects.

The Club installed two new members, Ruth Kell (sponsored by Donna Hirner-Gardner) and Jessica Buesing (sponsored by Robin Balke). Warm welcome to our newest members.



Donna Hirner Gardner (sponsor), Ruth Kell, and Debra Andresen



Robin Balke (sponsor) and Jessica Buesing

July 7, 2016 SBW Meeting

The July 7 meeting was under the direction of the Issues Management Committee, Holly Brown, chair. Debbie Ulmer, Chaplain, gave the invocation. Donna Hirner-Gardner led the club in the Club Collect followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie Ulmer introduced the guests.

The guest speaker was Lori Bohnenstiel of Healthy U who talked about this successful fitness program. A dozen people are chosen each year for the project. They are motivated to make healthier nutrition choices and to develop a healthy lifestyle to help them meet and maintain their goals.

August 7, 2016 SBW Meeting



Lisa Church

The August meeting was under the direction of the Telephone Committee, Debbie Ulmer, chair.

The guest speaker was Lisa Church from Bothwell Regional Health Center. She gave an informative presentation about our hometown medical services. She talked about Bothwell Foundation and how they have made it possible for our local hospital to have cutting edge equipment.

Dena Stockstill, 2nd vice president installed two new members: Krista Dicks, Gardner Denver, sponsored by Cindy Weaver, and Giselle CruzdeBaeza with CASA, sponsored by Donna Hirner-Gardner.



Installation of New Members: Dena, Cindy, Krista, Giselle, Donna

September 1, 2016 SBW Meeting

The September meeting was under the direction of Career Advancement Committee, Valerie Dent, chair, and Laura Taylor, co-chair.

The 2016-17 scholarship recipients were announced: Mickayla Peters, Stacie Savage, and Heather Slagle. Congratulations!



October 6, 2016 – SBW Pajama Party



Business Women's Week Proclamation Signing

The October SBW meeting/pajama party was under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Linda Fisher, chair. The meeting began with Mayor Stephen Galliher signing the Business Women's Week proclamation.

To keep SBW members informed two important handouts were distributed. Mary Merritt distributed the League of Women Voter's compilation of statewide ballot issues and Lori Haney provided the MCADSV (Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence) "New Missouri Law" handout. SBW appreciates this information.

Lori Haney presented an "In Her Shoes" simulation. Each table chose a "victim" and that person was given a character card. Each card described a situation and the other members at the table, "shadows," helped the victim make her choice. When a victim made a choice that put her back into the abusive situation, she put on a Band-Aid. The exercise was enlightening as to why victims of domestic abuse make choices that put them in the same dangerous situation.



In Her Shoes Simulation

Members brought undergarments for CASA, and some of the “Pajama Kids” posed with some of the donations.



Pajama Kids

Lori Haney installed Linda Irby, sponsored by Cindy Goalder. Linda is a returning member. We’re happy to have you back, Linda!



Linda Irby with her sponsor Cindy Goalder



Linda Fisher, chair, presenting check for CASA to Lori Haney, speaker

SBW November Meeting



The Sedalia Business Women's November Public Relations dinner was held in the upstairs ballroom at the Best Western State Fair Inn. The meeting was under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Lori Haney and Emily Jarrett, co-chairs. President Elect Debra Andresen presided over the meeting.

The Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts Color Guard presented the Flags. Cast members of "Mary Poppins" from Smith-Cotton sang the National Anthem and performed short scenes from the musical.



Mary Merritt

Mary Merritt was announced as Woman of the Year. Carolyn Green read the nomination and enumerated Mary's many accomplishments in the community. Read more about Mary's accomplishments on SBW's Woman of the Year Page.



Myrna Ragar

Ragar Banners by Design was named the Business of the Year. Rhoda Moore presented the award to this woman owned and operated business. Read more about Ragar Banners on the SBW Business of the Year page.

Teri Turner, vice-president for the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri, was the guest speaker. She spoke about the importance of arts education toward developing creativity in all students. She said that arts education was as important as math and science. Kids who participate in the arts do better on academic tests. The arts give students a broader view of life. Ms. Turner gave us much to think about!

As always, several guests were in attendance at the public relations dinner. We were especially pleased to have BWM sisters from other clubs visit.



Jane Miller, Ruth Christian, Sheila Miller, and Betty Beason

SBW December 2016 Meeting



The Sedalia Business Women's December 1, 2016 meeting was under the direction of the Social's Committee, Debbie Fillinger, chair.

Sound Effects from Smith-Cotton Junior High School performed special music.



Carolyn Green read a Christmas story while we passed gifts around and across the table.

Faith Lewis, a young entrepreneur introduced her homemade doggie treats, “Stewie’s Chewies.” She gave a short presentation and sold all that she brought to the meeting!



Faith Lewis

SBW January 5, 2017 Meeting – Open Forum/Mentoring



Donna Hirner-Gardner, President

The January 5, 2017, meeting of Sedalia Business Women was an open forum. The meeting was called to order by SBW President Donna Hirner-Gardner.

Della Schnakenberg talked about operation sweatsuit which is a program through Bothwell Regional Health Center to provide clothing for victims of sexual assault. She also talked about the benefit of attending Business Women of Missouri conferences. The Northwest Region will hold an inspirational breakfast on March 18 at Harrisonville. She reported on the BWM Foundation and asked our members to support scholarships. Foundation has given more than \$130,000 in scholarships to Missouri women who are pursuing a higher education.

Linda Fisher gave an update on the Red Purse Raffle and tickets were distributed for a drawing in February. The Red Purse raffle is a scholarship fundraiser that began in 2008. The purse will contain a minimum of \$500 worth of certificates and other prizes donated by businesses and individuals in the community. The lucky ticket holder does not need to be present to win. A member's only clutch will



also be raffled. The club will host a silent auction to raise funds for the BWM scholarships.

Committee Chairs were invited to talk about their committees. Debbie Ulmer talked about the telephone committee and its important role to keep members informed about upcoming meetings and to make accurate dinner reservations. Cindy Weaver talked about the special projects committee which is in charge of the April Meeting. This committee also plans the club's signature event, the Chicken Dinner. Linda Fisher talked about the legislative committee and the club's history of winning the legislative award. The legislative committee is in charge of the October meeting, which has been a Pajama Party for the past several years with donations for CASA.



Jeannie Cable and Cheryl Ames

Cheryl Ames and Jeannie Cable reported on the holiday "basket" for the family SBW adopted. They gave a long list of items they purchased for the two girls. They were able to buy each of the girls a coat, hat, scarf, gloves, an outfit, socks, underwear and tennis shoes. In addition, they bought four board games, two puzzles, a doll each, two backpacks, a scooter and a bicycle. The food pantry at Open Door donated three boxes of food and they purchased some additional food. They gave the parents a \$25 Visa gift card. The family was very appreciative and hoped to pay it forward next year!



Dianne Simon led a mentoring session about bullying in the workplace. Members shared stories of harassment, bullying in the workplace including customers, being treated differently than male employees—cleaning the kitchen, bathroom, being denied educational benefits, making/serving coffee, etc. We talked about solutions. In the end, we agreed that women need to stand up for themselves and challenge mistreatment.

Carolyn Green won the 50/50 drawing. Krista Dicks won the birthday gift.

The next meeting will be February 2, Under the direction of the Foundation Committee. Members are encouraged to sell Red Purse Raffle tickets and to bring items for the silent auction.



February 2, 2017, SBW Foundation Meeting



**Donna Hirner-Gardner presenting Red Purse to winner
Diane Eckhoff**



The highlight of the February 2 Foundation meeting was the Red Purse raffle. Diane Eckhoff won the Red Purse raffle. Brenda Sleeper was the lucky winner of the member's only clutch.

The purse and clutch had a combined value of approximately \$1400 thanks to the generosity of our donors. The club is happy to announce that the purse and clutch brought in \$1343 for local scholarships. The silent auction held the same night brought in \$225 for Business Women of Missouri Scholarships. Forty-eight members and guests attended the meeting.

This means that to-date, the Red Purse has raised \$13,398

for SBW scholarships and the silent auction has raised \$2,358 for Business Women of Missouri Scholarships.

The guest speaker was Shery Fogle who talked about organ donations. Shery's passion for talking about organ transplants because she was a recipient of kidney. She waited 18 months for her kidney and traveled to Kansas City in a snowstorm for the transplant. She arrived at the hospital an hour after her appointment time to learn that the donor had not yet passed away. The surgery was performed later in the day. Shery said each person can donate 25 organs. More than 118,000 people are on a transplant list in the United States. In 2016 33,596 transplants were performed. Shery explained that to complete the process, you need to register on the donor list as well as put your wishes on your drivers license.



Shery Fogle, Guest Speaker

March 2, 2017, Sedalia Business Women's Meeting



The March meeting of Sedalia Business was under the direction of the Individual Growth Committee, Dianne Simon, chair.

The guest speakers were Dr. Joanna Anderson and Gary Noland who gave a presentation on SFCC's Building Strong Futures. SFCC is committed to providing quality education to students and providing training for the Sedalia workforce. The bond will cost \$48 per year for the average homeowner and will sunset in 20 years. The plan is to build a new 116,000 facility and renovate the existing facility. The expanded area will allow new programs to accommodate workforce demand. The vote will be on April 4. More information can be found at Building Strong Futures Website.

Dianne Simon shared information with the group about mentoring others when it comes to elections and political issues. "Fake news" is not new, but it seems to be because of social

media. It is important that our young people become in politics and we can be mentors even when we do not agree politically. The key is to be respectful and be careful of your sources. An example Dianne gave was abcnews.com.co which sounds authentic, but is a fake site with no affiliation with ABC news.



Lori Haney installed new member Lalene Harrison. Cindy Goalder was Lalene's sponsor.



Lalene Harrison and Cindy Goalder

Marge Lumpe won the birthday gift and Jessica Buening won the drawing for commenting on the Sedalia Facebook page.



Marge Lumpe

SBW April 6 Dinner Meeting – Special Projects



The SBW April meeting, under the direction of the Special Projects Committee, is a time of sharing the proceeds from the chicken dinner. Co-chairs Sue Parrish and Cindy Weaver presented \$600 checks to worthy local organizations.



Our guest speaker Sally Lockett, Director of Client Services and Fundraising for **Open Door Soup Kitchen**, stressed the importance of the services provided by Open Door. She said the Ditzfeld building at 417 W. Pettis is near downtown and will be a good location to serve the east side of town and provide satellite meals. Sally is a great voice for the Soup Kitchen and Open Door! SBW presented a \$600 check to the Open Door Soup Kitchen.



Show-Me Christian Youth Home is compelled by Christ to rescue and restore young lives. Since 1967, children continue to find hope, healing, and renewal inside the therapeutic programs of Show-Me. They offer more than simply a house in which to grow up; children find a safe, stable, loving home and family with layers of support geared toward their current and future success. Currently, 56 children call Show-Me “home” in one of seven childcare families. SBW presented a \$600 check to Director Chad Puckett for Show-Me.



Meals on Wheels is a voluntary not-for-profit organization that provides nutritious home delivered meals to home-bound individuals regardless of age. They are funded by United Way, fundraisers, and donations. SBW presented a \$600 check to Cindy Goalder for Meals on Wheels.



Activity Builders for Children sponsors foster children's participation in extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, dance, martial arts, etc. by providing equipment, fees, and uniform costs. Due to the generosity of the Pettis County Communities some of the activities paid for include Camp Wonderland, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Dance Team, swimming lessons, and horseback riding lessons to help with behavior issues. SBW presented a \$600 check to Julie Slocum for Activity Builders for Children.

Betty Albrecht spoke about the activities of the Literacy Council. They have many programs to promote literacy including providing a book to every newborn at Bothwell Regional Health Center. She told about the Council's upcoming Tea and Auction fundraiser April 23.



Betty Albrecht

The slate of officers for the coming year was announced and approved by the membership. Installation will be in May.

SBW annual dues are also due May 1.