

Donna Hirner-Gardner
President 2018-2019
Guardians of the Future



To my SBW sisters, I look forward to the upcoming year as President of the Sedalia Business Women. Thank you for placing your trust in me!

My goals for SBW for the year 2018-19 are in line with the State goals and they are as follows:

- Volunteer our time in the community to support the women who are trying to attain a better life. Empower women who are leaving these domestic relationships to be able to end the abusive situation their children have experienced.
- Raise awareness of human trafficking and do what we can to end it.
- Show our community that we are guardians of the future by being volunteers and making a difference. Continue to support worthy organizations with funds raised through special projects.
- Support women and the families of Women

in the Military.

- Empower women through education by supporting local and state foundations.

SBW sponsors and empowers the women in our club. We need to show the community that we are the guardians of the future. You showed this to me when my husband passed away. I never had to worry about Sedalia Business Women when I was at the hospital with my husband.

All of you ladies took time out of your life, went above and beyond what was expected of you. Seriously, all of you are my angels on this earth. Therefore, I see everyone in our club as guardians of the future.

I would like to thank my family for their support. My family is an amazing family. They are the guardians of my future.

I also appreciate the help and support of Ronda Tull, the principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School. She is an angel to me and the guardian of my future.

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege to serve as your SBW president for the 2018-2019 year. Together we can be the Guardians of the Future.

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SBW President 2018-19

May 3, 2018 Installation of New Officers

The May 3, 2018 meeting was under the direction of the music committee, Joyce Grinstead, chair.

New officers for 2018-19 were installed.

2018 – 2019 Sedalia Business Women Officers



Debbie Ulmer, secretary; Debra Andresen, director; Della Schnakenberg, treasurer; Donna Hirner-Gardner, president; Jessica Buesing, president-elect; Julie Slocum, 2nd Second VP, Amanda Herrick, 1st VP

June 7 SBW Meeting – Paddle Party!



The June 7 meeting was a paddle party under the direction of the Finance Committee, Jessica Buesing, chair.

Proceeds from the auction will be added to special projects funds and donated to local charitable organizations.

SBW welcomed three new members. Membership chair, Julie Slocum installed Rhonda Tull (sponsor Donna Hirner-Gardner), Emma Dieckman (Sponsor Emily Jarrett) and LaDonna Meuschke, (sponsor Jessica Buesing). Welcome!

We have a date for the annual chicken dinner! Sue Parrish announced the dinner will be October 21st at the Shrine Multi-Purpose Building.



July 5, 2018, Sedalia Business Women Issues Management Meeting



The July 5 Sedalia Business Women's meeting was called to order by President Donna Hirner-Gardner. The meeting was under the direction of the Issues Management Committee, Amanda Herrick, chair.



Our guest speaker was Jane Stewart, commander of the George Whiteman Memorial American Legion Post 642. They work with the JROTC as well as Boys and Girls State. She gave an interesting presentation on the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

We were honored to have special guests from Business Women of Missouri. Ruth Christian is our Northwest Regional Director and she was accompanied by her sister and Past State President Betty Beason. Ruth updated the club on upcoming the September 22 Northwest Region Conference. Sedalia will be in charge of the silent auction this year.



Member Chair Julie Slocum installed new member Jean Boston, sponsored by Amanda Herrick.
Welcome to Sedalia Business Women, Jean!



Julie Slocum, Jean Boston, Amanda Herrick

SBW August 2, 2018 Dinner Meeting



The August 2, 2018 meeting was under the direction of the Telephone Committee, Debbie Ulmer, chair.

The speaker for the August meeting was Dr. David Limbaugh who discussed current projects.

The spotlight was on the Sedalia Area Habitat for Humanity which is not welfare, charity or a give-away program. Habitat builds houses around the world according to the same principles:

Simple—Houses are modestly sized: large enough for the family's needs but small enough to keep construction and maintenance costs to a minimum.

Decent—Habitat uses quality, locally available materials. Home designs reflect the local climate and culture.

Affordable—The labor of volunteers and partner families, efficient building methods, modest house sizes, and no-profit loans make it affordable for low income families to purchase Habitat houses.

SBW September 6, 2018, Scholarships



Mary Bowlin, Valerie Dent (chair), Erica Price, and Megan Ferguson

The September 6, 2018, Sedalia Business Women's Dinner Meeting was under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee, Valerie Dent, chair.

SBW awarded three scholarships to help area women to accomplish their educational goals. Mary Bowlin will achieve her dream of becoming a cosmetologist in April. Erica Price will graduate with her Master's Degree in Elementary Education in May 2019. Megan Ferguson will attend Central Methodist University to pursue a bachelor of nursing degree.

Congratulations!

October 4 Legislative Meeting

The October 4th SBW monthly meeting was under the direction of the Legislative Committee, Linda Alcorn, chair.



Our guest speaker was Senator Sandy Crawford. She talked about her journey to becoming being a woman in the Missouri General Assembly. She encouraged other women to be a part of the Missouri government and offered to let interested women to job shadow her.



This meeting was our kickoff for business women's week. Senator Crawford read the state proclamation of Business Women's week for October 21 – 28. Mayor John Kehde read the city's proclamation.



November 1, 2018, SBW Public Relations Dinner



Sedalia Business Women announced their 2018 Woman of the Year and 2018 Business of the year at the public relations dinner, November 1.

Michelle Sparks

Woman of the Year 2018-19!

Lori Haney Woman of the Year Committee chair presented the Woman of the Year honors to Michelle Sparks. Michelle received this award for her outstanding service to the community and to both Sedalia Business Women and Business Women of Missouri. Her nomination form can be found under Special Recognition/Woman of the Year.

SFCC

Business of the Year 2018-19!

Carol Sawyer, chair of the Business of the Year Committee, presented the 2018 award to State Fair Community College. Dr. Joanna Anderson accepted the award on behalf of the college. The college recently celebrated its 50-year anniversary. Originally dubbed "Plywood U," the college now has a beautiful campus in Sedalia. Today, SFCC serves more than 12,000 students through its sites in Sedalia, Warsaw, Lake of the Ozarks, Eldon, Clinton, Whiteman Air Force Base, Boonville, and online.



Dr. Joanna Anderson and Randy Eaton holding SFCC's award.



Deb Saffer, BWM President and Donna Hirner-Gardner SBW President and BWM VP

The club welcomed Business Women of Missouri state president, Debra Saffer, who gave an update on state events.

The club completed its Service Project and a check was presented to Betty Albrecht.

December 6, 2018 SBW Dinner Meeting



The Sedalia Business Women's December board meeting was under the direction of the Social's Committee, Carolyn Green, chair. Members and guests celebrated the holiday season by singing, a gift exchange, and collecting donations for the holiday family.

Membership Chair, Julie Slocum installed new members and presented them with a folder of information and roses. Photos courtesy of Cindy Goalder.





New Member: Mary Becker



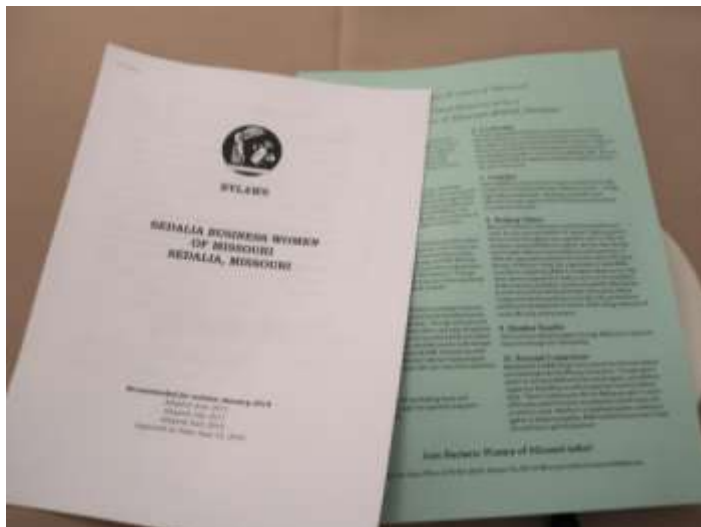
SBW Board

SBW January 10, 2019, Membership meeting



President Donna Hirner Gardner

President Donna Hirner Gardner reported that the deadline for committee chair reports for BWB awards are due March 1. Reports should be submitted to Donna by February 22 from the mentoring chair, legislation chair, and issues management chair.



Lori Haney presented proposed revisions to the Sedalia Business Women's bylaws. She will distribute the bylaws electronically to the members for a vote. Forty-eight members must vote in order to adopt the revised bylaws.

The January dinner meeting was under the direction of the Membership Committee, Julie Slocum, chair.

Julie gave the membership copies of "Ten Great Reason to be a Business Women of Missouri Member!" She

asked members to tell what they liked about being a SBW member. The responses were varied, but it is obvious that SBW members like to contribute to the community, enjoy the meetings, and look forward to networking with other members.



Julie Slocum, chair; Heather Lynn, guest speaker

The guest speaker was Heather Lynn, 18th Circuit Manager, Children's Division. Heather spoke about the importance of trying to keep families together, but making certain that children were in a safe environment. She talked about the need for foster homes from small kids to teenagers. Also, needed are third party person to review the care provided in the foster homes.

President Donna announced that the Northwest Inspirational Breakfast will be held March 16th at the Sedalia Country Club.



Krista Dicks won the January birthday drawing.



SBW February 7 Foundation Meeting Cancelled



The February 7 Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Red Purse Raffle drawing will be held at the March 7 meeting. Tickets will be available for purchase until the March meeting!

History of the Red Purse Raffle

The SBW Foundation Committee began the Red Purse Raffle in 2009 when President Nancy Grey challenged the board to find a fundraiser dedicated to scholarships. Linda Fisher proposed a Mysterious Red Purse Raffle with contents valued at a minimum of \$500. The Foundation Committee and the Career Advancement committee worked together to make the fundraiser a resounding success. Arlene Wischmeier deserves credit for making the event fun and profitable.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Red Purse Raffle are used for scholarships for deserving women in our area. Since its inception, the Red Purse Raffle has raised \$15,298 for scholarships!

Sedalia Business Women donate items for a silent auction to raise funds for Business Women of Missouri Foundation. Since 2009, we have raised \$2,458 for the state foundation.

We appreciate all the businesses, individuals in the community, and SBW members who contribute items for the Red Purse and silent auctions. These events are only possible through your generosity. Thank you for being guardians of the future!

March 7, 2019 SBW Individual Growth Meeting

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



Sylvia Thompson

Sylvia Thompson told us about “Love, Loss, and What I Wore” which will be showing at the Hayden Liberty Center March 29th, 30th and April 5th and 6th. Women really do remember what they wore during the highs and lows of their lives!



The Panel: Della Schnakenberg, Joanna Anderson, Debra Andresen, Amanda Herrick, Mariya Slypich, Kelly Asbury

A panel representing each generation discussed working together in the workplace. Moderator Kelly Asbury asked some great questions and the answers were eye-opening. We installed six new members! I'm not positive, but that may be a record.



Kelly Asbury (sponsor), Paula Walter, Sheri Matz, Della Schnakenberg (sponsor), Denise Jaegers, Cindy Weaver (sponsor), Sheryl Heisterberg, Laura Cramer, Julie Slocum (sponsor) Callie Turpin



Donna Hirner Gardner won the Red Purse Raffle (worth over \$1,000) and Mickayla Peters won the members only clutch (worth \$300 or more). Congrats!

We elected our 2019-20 slate of officers. Lori Haney will be our fearless leader. Her board is packed with outstanding women to help make our next year productive, exciting, and FUN.

The Slate of Officers for 2019-20

President – Lori Haney;

President-Elect – Debra Andresen

1st VP – Robin Balke

2nd VP – Amanda Davis

Secretary – Debbie Ulmer

Treasurer – Della Schnakenberg

Director – Donna Hirner-Gardner

April 4, 2019 SBW Gives Back to the Community

Sedalia Business Women gave back to the community with the proceeds from the chicken dinner. \$500 was given to the Sedalia School District for unpaid school lunch balances, the Sedalia Senior Center, Activity Builders for Children, DeFeet, Meals on Wheels, and ReFuel.



ReFuel



Meals on Wheels



Sedalia School District



Senior Center



DeFeet



Activity Builders for Children