



Debbie Ulmer
President 2020-2021

Believe

I believe in tomorrow and I will be a part of it.

Lori's quote by Audrey Hepburn and her theme as president, "to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" has stayed with me all year. I believe in tomorrow and am honored to serve as your president and all we can accomplish as members of our Club.

As such, I have selected a quote by Linda Ellerbee, American journalist who is most known for several jobs at NBC News, including Washington, D.C. correspondent, and also host of Nickelodeon's Nick News with Linda Ellerbee: "I believe in tomorrow and I will be part of it."

I believe in tomorrow and I will be a part of it by carrying forward Lori's objectives as they are important for our Club to build on tomorrow.

Organization, order, and communication. I will be a part of tomorrow by continuing to place emphasis on our mission of achieving equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. I plan to continue in keeping our committees known of what is expected of them and deadlines they need to adhere to through communication.

Promoting women in business. We need to invest in the women in our community that aren't members of Sedalia Business Women, but should be. Sedalia Business Women is one of the first things that should come to their minds. Let's believe in tomorrow by highlighting women business owners and/or community leaders. I encourage committees to select these business owners or community leaders as speakers for monthly meetings.

Member retention. To be a part of tomorrow is not enough to just get women to join our organization. Introduce new members to all the activities and connections available to them through membership. Help them find the places they feel most comfortable within our club. Be a part of tomorrow by serving as mentors to our newly installed members. Reach out to them to promote a greater understanding of their role within our organization and being a part of SBW.

Sustainability. To be a part of tomorrow, we have to plan for the years to come, not just this year. Who will believe in tomorrow by taking our places in the years to come? Who will be a part of tomorrow to ensure we can continue to be a place for professional women in the future? Tomorrow starts with our Executive Committee officers installed this year.

As Executive Committee, you must believe in tomorrow and be a part of it by looking at your plans for your presidency, creating goals and agendas that can be built upon from year to year.

As a club, be a part of tomorrow by communicating openly and early to the membership about the importance of joining the Executive Committee. We must identify members that have exhibited leadership skills and encourage their participation on committees, at board meetings, and future Executive Committee officers' positions.

Who are the leaders of our future? Who believes in tomorrow and will be a part of it?

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June 4, 2020, Installation



Front: Robin Balke (president-elect), Debbie Ulmer (president), Lori Haney (director). Back row: Carolyn Green standing in for Betty Albrecht (2nd VP), Joyce Grinstead standing in for Amanda Davis (1st VP), Della Schnakenberg (treasurer), and Katie Kirby (secretary).

The June dinner meeting was under the direction of the Installation Committee, Heather Slagle, Chair. Guestbook was Donna Hirner-Gardner. The program for the evening was installation of 2020-2021 officers. The Written Spotlight focused on incoming president, Debbie Ulmer.



Debbie's family joined her to celebrate.



Co-chairs of the Special Projects Committee, Carolyn Green, Cindy Mueller-Lewellyn, and Sue Parrish are pictured with Machele Thierfelder and Rene Vance from the Sedalia Senior Center.

The Special Projects Committee chose the 2020 recipients of the SBW charitable donations: Open Door, Meals on Wheels, and the Sedalia Senior Center.

Stormey Allen won the April birthday drawing. Mary Beegle won the May birthday drawing. Linda Fisher won the June birthday drawing.



Debbie Ulmer 2020-2021 Sedalia Business Women's President

The July 2 dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Finance Committee, Robin Balke, chair, and the Issues Management Committee, Amanda Davis, chair.

July 2, 2020, Finance and Issues Management Meeting

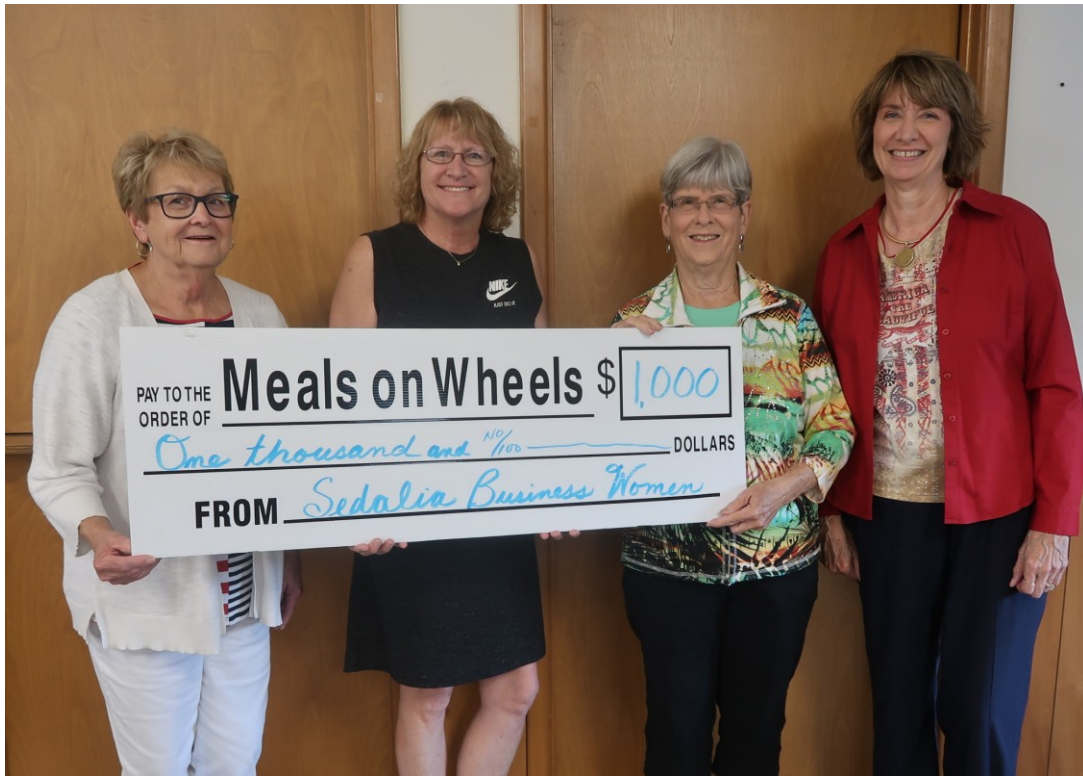


President Debbie Ulmer

The July dinner meeting was under the direction of the Finance and Issue Management Committees. Betty Albrecht introduced the guests. Robin Balke was the hostess.

Amanda Davis introduced the guest speaker, Chris Yeager, a teacher at Sedalia 200 School District. He gave an interesting presentation on kids today. Chris says that kids are the same, it is the parents who are different. Three ideas he shared: Education is a foundation of concrete, Teaching is not a job; it's a purpose, Attitude is everything.





A check was presented to Meals on Wheels.



A check was presented to Open Door.

Robin Balke presented the budget and noted that the Club had come in under budget. Several announcements were made about community events and personal celebrations, condolences, and health concerns.

The members voted to continue having the meetings at the Shrine Club until April. At that time we will make a decision for 2021-2022.



LaSondra Marsch, Linda Fox, Missy Marksberry, and Debbie Fillinger

August 6, 2020, Telephone/Email Meeting



The August meeting was under the direction of the Telephone Committee. Cindy Weaver announced the guests. Missy Marksberry was the hostess.

The program was the annual Paddle party. President Debbie Ulmer extended a huge thank you to all who contributed and bid. The club raised \$565 that will go to Special Projects.



The State Conference will be a one-day event held Saturday, August 29 at the KC Hilton Airport Inn. Donna Hirner-Gardner will be installed as incoming President and Michelle Sparks will be installed as Secretary. The room cost is \$99 and registration fee is \$90.

Each local is asked to donate a basket with a value of \$25 to \$50. The state will also collect items for Alive and CASA.

Shirley McCown won the August birthday drawing.

The September dinner meeting will be held under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee, Valerie Dent and Linda Fox, chairs.



Some of the lucky winners!



September 3, 2020—Career Advancement Meeting



Valerie Dent and Linda Fox, co-chairs with scholarship winners Sarah Henderson and Jessica Hofheins

The September dinner meeting was under the direction of the Career Advancement Committee.

President Debbie Ulmer called the Sedalia Business Women's September dinner meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Chaplain Joyce Grinstead, gave the invocation. Debbie Ulmer led the club in the Club Collect followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Michelle Sparks introduced the guests. Robin Balke was the hostess.

Scholarships were presented to Jessica Hofheins and Sarah Henderson. Both recipients are students at State Fair Community College.

Jessica is in her second year of nursing school. She is currently an LPN and working toward her RN certificate.

Sarah is pursuing an AAS in Business Management with an emphasis in Accounting. Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Scholarship winners!



Membership Chair Betty Albrecht installed new member Bobbi Hogan. Welcome to SBW, Bobbi!



President Debbie Ulmer presented the BWM awards announced at the state conference. Sedalia Business Women -1st Place – Legislative; Sedalia Business Women – 1st Place – Most New Members; Sedalia Business Women – Membership Award – Increased Membership through Retention and Recruiting; Lori Haney – Membership Award (2 new members); Denise Jaegers – Membership Award (2 new members); Sue Parrish – Membership Award (1 new member); La Sondra Marsch – Membership Award (1 new member); Robin Balke – Membership Award (1 new member).

Congratulations to all the state award winners!

October 1, 2020—Legislative Committee Meeting



The October dinner meeting was under the direct of the Legislative Committee. Guestbook was Dianne Simon. Dianne Simon was the hostess. Debbie Ulmer presented the program for the evening. The program was the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.

Debbie Ulmer, president, presented the business portion of the meeting.

Katie Kirby, secretary, read the correspondence and the action items for the October Board meeting.

Michelle Abney was installed as a new member.

Dianne Simon won the 50/50 drawing.

Mary Merritt won the October birthday drawing.

Robin Balke asked for awards and notices to be sent to her to share on the SBW Facebook page.

The Business Women's Week Committee will postpone the social until Spring. The schedule for Business Women's Week will be posted on the Website, Facebook page, and in the newspaper. Some events require reservations.

Carolyn Green reminded everyone to sign up to work the Chicken Dinner and to nominate people for Woman and Business of the Year. Dessert for the Chicken Dinner can be dropped off on Saturday.



Mickayla Peters owner of AddieCakes, was featured in an article in the Sedalia Democrat. She made the lovely and delicious cake for the dinner meeting.

The November dinner meeting will be under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Chairmen Lori Haney. The November Board Meeting will be held on November 2nd at 5:30 at the Shriner's Pro Shop.

Announcements:

Cindy Weaver went to KU today to seek treatment options.

Denis Jaegers is recovering from knee surgery.

DeFeet is hold a free Mental Health First Aid training at Katy Trail on October 16th. DeFeet has given away over 1000 free shirts and is ordering more.

The Shrine is resuming their breakfast starting October 3rd.

Julie Slocum's retirement party will be held at Fitter's on October 2nd at 3pm.

Sacred Heart is holding their Bizarre. They will have an online auction October 2nd, and you can view the items in person from 3-7. Tickets are \$30 for food take out.

November 5, 2020—Public Relations Committee Meeting



Debbie Ulmer, president, called the Sedalia Business Women's November dinner meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Joyce Grinstead, chaplain, gave the invocation. Debbie Ulmer led the club in the Club Collect followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Carolyn Green introduced the guests.

The November dinner meeting was under the direction of the Public Relations Committee, Lori Haney, chair.



Brandy and David Von Holten were guest of the club. Brandy was the guest speaker and gave an interesting presentation about overcoming challenges and persevering as a female entrepreneur.

Public Relations Chair Lori Haney presented the November dinner meeting guest speaker, Brandy Von Holten, with an honorarium, which Brandy requested be donated to "The Unleashed Series." The Unleashed Series was originally envisioned as a single workbook intended for incarcerated women. That vision has

expanded to almost a dozen workbooks for women everywhere.

Shirley McCown and Roda Moore introduced Betty Albrecht of Woman of the Year. Debbie Ulmer provided a gift for Betty Albrecht.



Carolyn Green introduced WK as the Business of the Year and provided them a gift.



Amanda Herrick won the birthday drawing.

State President Donna Hirner- Gardner announced that Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th is the State Board Meeting and party to be held in Sedalia.

SBW served 531 chicken dinners! Of that total, 411 were to-go and drive-up orders. We had so many wonderful desserts that individuals who attended bought whole pies and cakes, and that added to the chicken dinner proceeds. Shrine club members bought the remaining chicken and vegetables.

**December 3, 2020—Socials Committee Meeting
Cancelled**

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



Debbie and Bobbi

Debbie Ulmer: Rang the bells for the Salvation Army at JC Penney. Had so much fun with customers coming into Penneys because of what we were wearing. Had some giving because of the Raiders and the other person giving because of the Chiefs. If you have not rang before, please sign up next year!

Special thanks to all of the SBW members who participated in ringing the bell for The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign November 28. SBW members collected \$475.74 for the Salvation Army!





Holiday Basket – Sharing the Joy



Gifts for the family (a single mother with two daughters) SBW adopted for Christmas this year were delivered December 22.

SBW members and Holiday Family chairs, Krista Eshbacher and Michelle Sparks, did the shopping. SBW member and Executive Director of Open Door, Amanda Davis, contributed food and toiletry items. And SBW member and Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Debra Andresen, facilitated use of the Katy Depot conference room for organization of the items and pick up location for the adopted family.

Thank you to all SBW members who donated almost \$500 to the fund for the purchase of the gift items.





January 2, 2021—Membership Committee Meeting
Cancelled

SBW members donated \$646 to purchase gift bags to nursing employees at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center and E W Thompson Health and Rehab Center. Thank you!

In Memory of Mary Merritt

Sadly, Sedalia Business Women lost our beloved member **Mary Merritt** who contracted COVID-19 in November and died at her home January 15, 2021. Mary was born October 12, 1931, and was an active 89 year old.



She never wavered in her steadfast commitment to making a difference in her community through volunteering and other civic involvement. As recently as October 2020, Mary was the guest speaker at Sedalia Business Women and moderated the Sedalia-Pettis County League of Women Voters forum with candidates for the Pettis County sheriff's race.

Mary was a member of American Business Women's Association for sixty-three years. She served in various leadership roles for ABWA and was honored with the group's prestigious Top Ten Business Women Award.

She has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Missouri serving at the state level as secretary/treasurer for 12 years and as president for four years. She was co-president of the League of Women Voters of Sedalia-Pettis County.

Mary joined Sedalia Business Women November 2012. She served on several committees and kept the club updated on legislative issues. She was named SBW's Woman of the Year in 2016-17 because of her community leadership.





In Memory of Anne Hamilton

Anne Hamilton passed away on January 23, 2021. Anne was a member of SBW from October 1968 through April 2018, when she moved from the area. She served as president from 1974-75. She was a wealth of knowledge and had valuable input for other members.

Anne was born in Sedalia on March 10, 1924. On September 22, 1940, in Sedalia, she was married to James R. "Jim" Hamilton who preceded her in death on October 4, 2013.

She was employed 15 years at Sedalia Bank and Trust, which later became Mercantile Bank. She retired as an administrative assistant in 1988. Anne was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, member and past president of Sedalia Business and Professional Women's Club, past president of Altrusa International, and member of Chapter 57 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a Red Cross Volunteer and charter member of the Bothwell Hospital Auxiliary since 1971.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet Ann Butler, and her husband, Keith of Grain Valley; two granddaughters, Anne Proctor and Amy Miller; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.



2014 Past President's Dinner at Ivory Grille



SBW Meeting 2009

In Memory of Cindy Weaver



Cindy Ann Weaver, 62, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021, at Bothwell Regional Health Center. She was born on November 22, 1958, in Kirkwood, MO the daughter of Vernon and Donna (Schindler) Schmidt, who preceded her in death.

On August 9, 1980, in Wellsville, MO she was united in marriage to Don A. Weaver, who resides in the home.

Cindy was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sedalia and very active in the Sedalia community. She was a proud member of Sedalia Business Women, the Lady Shriner's, and Child Safe of Central Missouri. Cindy was co-owner of Don's Truck Towing and Truck Wash, where she enjoyed managing the office and staying active in everyday operations.

Cindy will forever be remembered for her strong faith and giving spirit. She would never miss the opportunity to deliver a card to a friend or family member. Her willingness to do for others before herself will be treasured and missed by so many.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two stepsons, Don F. "Frosty" Weaver (Tonia) and Robert E. Weaver (Diana) all of Sedalia; a grandson, Justin Weaver; two granddaughters, Lexi Weaver and Kylie Million; three brothers, Bryan Schmidt (Karen) of Montgomery City, MO, Rodney Schmidt (Dawn) of Lowman, NY, and Kenley Schmidt (Cathleen Hueston) of Montgomery City, MO; a sister, Nancy Fankhauser (Bill) of St. Charles, MO.

A private family graveside service and burial was held Friday, February 5, 2021 at Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Jeremy Freeman officiating.



Cindy Comforting Donna Hirner-Gardner



Don's Truck Towing, Business of the Year 2017



Cindy, Betty, and Debra

February 6, 2021—Foundation Committee Meeting
Cancelled

The February meeting was cancelled and in lieu of the Red Purse Raffle we are having a Foundation Drive. Funds may be designated to Foundation for either local or BWM Scholarships.

Honoring Cindy Weaver: The club has also established a Cindy Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be sent to this fund at any time of year. Send donations to Della Schnackenberg, treasurer and designate Cindy Weaver Memorial Fund.

**March 4, 2021—Individual Growth Meeting
Joanna Anderson Chair**



Dr. Teresa Gatton from Katy Trail Community Health spoke to the group about finding happiness and purpose in life during the pandemic. She started a business, The Art Room, and found fulfillment for her creative side. She encouraged everyone to make time for a creative outlet that makes him or her happy.

Those in attendance enjoyed a 98th-anniversary cake made by SBW member, Mickayla Peters of Addie Cakes.

Interpreter, Lauren Havard, signed during the meeting for Kami Gurella, guest of Angela Boone.



Dr. Joanna Anderson, SBW member and President of State Fair Community College, spoke to the group about personal growth and wellness during the Covid-19 pandemic.

SBW secretary, Kaite Kirby, read the correspondence received by the club, along with other business conducted electronically by the

club during the three months SBW did not meet in person. She read the minutes from the March board meeting.



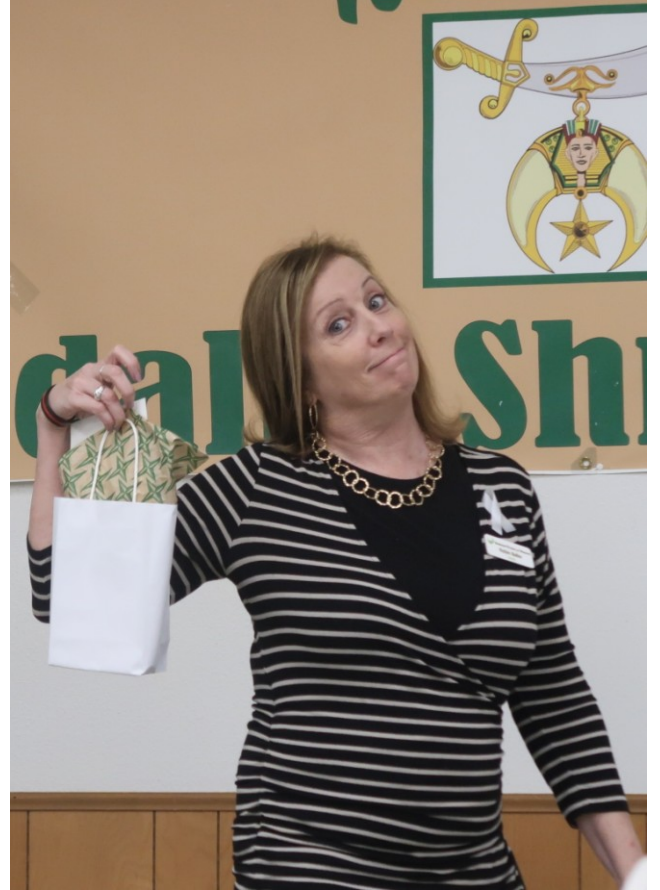
Della Schnakenberg introduced new member Myrna Ragar. SBW president, Debbie Ulmer, installed Myrna who owns Ragar Banners.

Linda Fisher spoke about the Business Women of Missouri Foundation and had envelopes for donations.

The April Meeting will be under the direction of the Special Projects Committee, Carolyn Green, Lori Haney, and Missy Marksberry, co-chairs.

Birthdays for the past several months were celebrated. The recipients of the birthday gifts were: Cindy Mueller-Lewellyn, December; Robin Balke, January, Michelle Sparks, February and Kami Guanella, March.

Michelle Sparks is in need of Get Well and Sympathy cards if anyone has any they would like to donate. She also spoke on presenting the Holiday Basket to the chosen family.



April 1, 2021 – Special Project Meeting



The April dinner meeting was under the direction of the Special Projects Committee. Lori Haney introduced the guests. Carolyn Green and Debbie Fillinger were the hostesses.

Child Safe, Community Café, DeFeet, Meals on Wheels, Mercy Rest Stop and Pettis County Children's Fund were presented with \$600 each from proceeds of Chicken Dinner.

The club held a memorial for Cindy Weaver. Missy Marksberry spoke about the scarves and picture board. Krista Eschbacher spoke of the meaning of the angel wing lithographs. The Shrine Club will be hanging them in memory of Cindy. Other members shared their memories or stories of Cindy.

Janice Cones, chair of the nominating committee presented the 2021-2022 Slate of Officers:

President: Robin Balke
President Elect: Amanda Davis
First Vice President: Jada Weaver
Second Vice President: Julie Slocum
Secretary: Katy Kirby
Treasurer: Della Schnakenberg
Director: Debbie Ulmer

Janice Cones made a motion to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee. The motion was presented to membership for vote and the Slate of officers for 2021-2022 was accepted.

The Shrine Club has offered to allow us to continue to hold our monthly meetings at the Multi-Purpose building again this upcoming year. Dennis Gerken will again cook for us. The membership approved the arrangement.

The May dinner meeting will be held under the direction of the Installation Committee, Shirley McCown, chair.



Child Safe of Missouri



Community Café



DeFeet



Mercy Rest Stop



Pettis County Children's Fund



Meals on Wheels



Cindy Weaver's scarves—one for each person.

**State Conference
April 17, 2021
Moose Lodge, Sedalia**



Eleven SBW members attended the state conference. We were pleased that Sedalia received several awards.

Back row: Dianne Simon, Julie Slocum, Janice Cones, Amanda Herrick, Della Schnackenberg, Robin Balke

Front Row: Debbie Ulmer (SBW President), Donna Hirner-Gardner (BWM President), Joyce Grinstead, Michelle Sparks, Linda Fisher



Della received a Platinum award for her contribution to Foundation



Sedalia received a bronze award for our contribution to foundation



Sedalia received first place for membership



Robin Balke received a membership award



Della received a membership award



Mary Merritt received a membership award and Debbie Ulmer accepted on her behalf. Debbie Ulmer received a membership award.



Cindy Weaver received a membership award and Debbie Ulmer accepted on her behalf.

SBW was the only local that submitted all reports that were due, so they are being held over to next year. Hopefully we will win twice!

SBW Member Sarah Henderson received a \$1,000 Phyllis Sanders scholarship.

The 2021 BWM Foundation Scholarships:

Laura Mae Hornecker
McKenna Grimmer
Sarah Henderson
Sydney Conley
Kaitlyn Scarborough
Alayna Sutter

St. Charles
Hannibal
Otterville
Maryville
Excelsior Springs
Hannibal

Sue Panetti-Lee Scholarship
Alberta J. Meyer Scholarship
Phyllis Sanders Scholarship
General Scholarship
General Scholarship
General Scholarship

Attendees at the 2021 State Conference



Memorial arrangements for Cindy Weaver, Anne Hamilton, and Mary Merritt

May 4, 2021, Board Meeting

“I believe in tomorrow and I will be part of it.” ~ Linda Ellerbee

**Thank you, President Debbie Ulmer (2020-2021), for your leadership during the past year.
You kept us connected throughout the challenges of a pandemic.**



As her 2020-2021 term came to a close, SBW president, Debbie Ulmer, held her final board meeting at the Ivory Grille May 4, where she presented each board member with a small gift as a thank you for serving. Pictured left to right: Michelle Sparks, Amanda Davis, Dianne Simon, Joyce Grinstead, Debbie Ulmer, Amanda Herrick, Dr. Joanna Anderson, Robin Balke, Linda Fisher, and Carolyn Green. In attendance but not shown in photo: Della Schnakenberg