



In the Loop

Monroe West Monroe Business & Professional Women

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Member of the Louisiana Federation

June 2022-August 2022

Message from the President

Dear BPW Monroe West Monroe Members.

I want to take this opportunity to share my BPW story with you.

I have been a member of BPW for 35 years and am passionate about the organization and its mission.

My memberships span BPW Barbados, BPW St. Croix-US Virgin Islands and BPW Louisiana.

I was invited to join BPW Barbados in 1987, after I had served as a judge for their Young Careerists Program. I was intrigued by the organization's mission and found the enthusiasm of the members to be addictive. It was a transformational experience for me.

I found an organization of women at various levels of business and professions, who cared about each other and the advancement of women in general. It was focused on achieving equality for women in the workplace then and the focus remains the same today.

In 1985 I relocated back to Barbados to work on a USAID project at the University of the West Indies. I was required to travel extensively. I am forever grateful to those BPW sisters who stepped up to help with childcare when I was away and arrangements fell through, sometimes staying overnight with my children.

In the 35 years since I became a member, I have had the opportunity to rise through the leadership levels of BPW at the local, district, state, and national level. On the local level I have served as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president in addition to chairing several committees. Most notably I was the BPW/LA State President for 2005-2006. I served as BPW/USA National Membership Chair from 2006-2009 and served on several national committees including the Strategic Planning and Diversity Committees. Additionally, I was elected President of the 2005-2006 State Presidents known as the Roslyn Rubies who served along with 2005-2006 National President Roslyn Ridgeway of Georgia. As you know, I am the current State Treasurer and Membership Chair, and chair the Event Planning Committee.

I tell you this to let you know why I am passionate about BPW and all it has to offer. I have benefitted personally from leadership training as well as the career development and team building opportunities.

The value of the lifelong friendships I have made through this organization is immeasurable.

BPW has a long history of advocacy which impacts our ability to achieve equity in the workplace. We continue to evolve as an organization and attending the local, state and district meetings regularly provides a forum to understand BPW and its inner workings. This is the most effective way to achieve our vision given our size. I remain excited about BPW and what it has to offer.

Until next time, I extend to each one of you my **Best Personal Wishes**

Angie Jackson-Wilson

LO President





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STATE CONFERENCE 2022 IN PICTURES



Monroe West Monroe delegation



Friday Night Dinner - "Girls Wanna Have Fun"



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Monroe receives 2022 State Membership Growth Award



Monroe receives 2022 Membership Retention Award



2022-2023 State Officers-President Lisamarie Brandon, St. Bernard Parish BPW, Vice President, Rene Hollins, New Orleans BPW, Secretary, Linda Burns, Oakdale, Treasurer, Angie Jackson-Wilson, Monroe West9 Monroe



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Congratulations and thank you to Gwen Amelin 2021-2022 State President. Your LO is proud of you.



State President Gwen Amelin. presiding



Appreciation Award for PSP Gwen Amelin

Esther Terry NIKE Award Scholarship Winners



Darian Atkins



Lakisha Iseah



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Celebrating 103 years , 1919-2022

100 *years ago in*
1919

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May 11 & 12, 1918.
The Business Women's
Conference, was called by
the War Work Council to
consider forming a
national organization of
business women.
Topics discussed:
'Protecting and promoting
the woman worker'
'equal pay for equal work'
'promotion of business
opportunities and business
advancement'
'development of training
and efficiency'



On July 15, 1919 in St.
Louis Missouri, The
National Federation of
Business and
Professional Women's
Clubs, Inc. was
formed.

Gail Laughlin
(1868-1952)
NFBPWC First President

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Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips
(1881-1955)
1917 - YWCA War Work Council
Secretary, working with business
and professional women all around
USA.
1918 - United War Work Campaign
Director of Women's Division .
1919 - NFBPWC Secretary
1922 - National Membership
Chairman
1926-1929 - NFBPWC 5th President

NFBPWC WAS BORN

Julg 15, 1919



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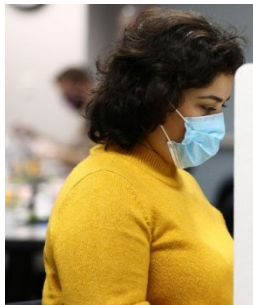
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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY *AUGUST 26, 2022

Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment (Amendment XIX) to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

WOMEN OUTNUMBER AND OUTVOTE MEN BUT ... THEY DON'T VOTE ALIKE



Female voters are not a sure bet for Democrats, recent research on voting says.

While Black, Latina and Asian American women voted for Democratic President Joe Biden by large margins, 55% of white women voted for then-incumbent, Republican Donald Trump, and 44% chose Biden, who went on to win.

The data challenge any notion that women are a monolithic voting bloc with a shared sense of identity.

"There's no singular sort of women's vote in the American electorate," says Claire Gothreau, a research associate at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers. "Yes, women are more likely to vote Democratic than men. But once you look at gender data disaggregated by race, by age group, education, religiosity, there are these really big differences. For example, white women have pretty consistently voted Republican in presidential elections.

"Still, across all age groups, women do tend to vote more Democratic, with more white women voting for Democrats than white men. In addition, a CAWP analysis found that unmarried women tend to vote at a higher rate than unmarried men, but married couples tend to vote at similar rates as each other.

There's also an education gap, according to the analysis. Educated voters across demographic groups tend to vote more Democratic, but the gap isn't as large among voters of color. Sixty-four percent of white women with a college degree voted for Biden, while 45% went for Trump.

No matter how they vote, women play a huge role in U.S. elections.

"They've registered and voted at higher rates than men in every presidential election since 1980," Gothreau says. "They outnumber men, at least in the past couple of elections, by about 10 million. So, even though men outpaced women in terms of some other forms of political engagement like donating and running for office, the fact that women outvote men is meaningful."

But that doesn't mean they all vote for female candidates. The numbers suggest that race is a stronger shared identity than gender," Gothreau says.

Meanwhile, women of color are wielding increasing power in the U.S. electorate, Gothreau says. Nonwhite people accounted for about one-third of the electorate in 2020, which is the largest share ever.

The voting power of Black women was evident in the most recent presidential election cycle.



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"Black women are a demographic group that tends to turn out in extremely high numbers, and I think that definitely played out in 2020," Gothreau says. "In key swing states where Black women turned out, in urban areas, in places like Georgia, that was just critical to the Biden victory. And it is the case, particularly in recent elections, that Black women have one of the highest turnout rates."

And she expects Black women and other women of color to become even more influential at the ballot box going forward.

"More and more, Gen Zers (young people up to age 24) are able to vote, and they're a more diverse generation," Gothreau says. "So, I think in the future, we're going to see, in particular, younger women of color holding a lot of sway in our elections."

https://www.voanews.com/a/usa_allabout-america_women-outnumber-andoutvote-men-they-dont-votealike/6205437.html

Quarterly Breakfast and birthday celebrations:-



BUILDING POWERFUL WOMEN



Business and
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Women

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MONROE WEST MONROE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Women's
WEEK

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 18,
2022**

5:30-7:30 P.M.

**BUSINESS
SHOWCASE**



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- Space is limited
- Vendor Tables \$25.00 for non-members
- Admission is free & open to the public

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Welcome New Members

Kathy Nola
Jordan Carter



June

10 - Tiffany Anderson
20 - Evelyn Aubrey
23 - Dr. Valerie Fields
24 - Angie Jackson-Wilson
25 - Kathy Nola

July

15 - Lakisha Iseah
15 - Melissa Miley
19 - Ella Davis

August

2 - Sheila Clark-Mims
5-Brenda Sheppard-Nelson
22 - Gwen Amelin
24 - Doretha Bennett
31 - Pamela Brys Chisley

Scholarships

Monroe West Monroe BPW
[Monroe-West Monroe Business & Professional
Women Scholarship - ULM](#)

Louisiana BPW
LSU
[Contact LSU](#)

Agnes Morris Education Scholarship
BPW LA - **Members Only**
[Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional
Women - Scholarship](#)

Dates to Remember

September

13 - Monthly Meeting
25 - Gold Star Families Day

October

16-22-National Business Women's Week

November

8 - Election Day
8 - Monthly Meeting
11 - Veteran's Day

December

13- Christmas Celebration



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Camp BPW

August 27, 2022





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Gwen Amelin

Delia Flynn

Rene Hollins

Angie Jackson-Wilson

Sheila Clark-Mims

KaTrina Griffin

(open)

Linda Burns

Rosemaria Broussard

Pamela Byrd-Chisley

Linda Burns

Camille Moran

Angie Jackson-Wilson

Suzanne Sweeney

Frances Jakes

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