

# MBW

Missouri Business Woman

The Quarterly Magazine of Business Women of Missouri

## State Conference Will Be In Joplin April 21-23, 2017

We are excited to announce that the Ninety-Sixth Business Women of Missouri state conference is coming soon. April 21 through 23 is the time to get together with your BWM sisters to rekindle friendships and create new relationships. This year's conference will be in Joplin, hometown of President Sharron (and many other members). The Hilton Garden Inn Hotel will welcome our group to honor and celebrate Sharron's year.

The schedule will be a bit different this year. Friday afternoon arrivals are encouraged to join the state board at 5 pm for dinner in the hotel dining area. Members are invited to attend the Board

Meeting that begins at 7 pm, and stick around for the President's Reception that will follow. Please circle "yes" or "no" on the registration form to let us know if you will be attending the President's Reception.

The conference will officially begin at 7:30 am, Saturday, April 22, with The First Timer's Workshop, "Explore BWM" and the Regional Directors Workshop. The first general session will be called to order at 8:30 am. Saturday lunch is included for all registered attendees.

You will have the opportunity to be part of the first state competition in the newly updated program, Individual Growth, Generations Taking Charge, that will be meeting simultaneously with the business session. Also on the agenda are two seminars: *Using Facebook to Your Advantage* by Stephanie Niessen and *Women's Self Defense* by Julie Stringer. Chris Burnside, Senior Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics will deliver the keynote address.



Saturday evening, we will celebrate the passing of the gavel from 2016-2017 BWM President Sharron to incoming 2017-2018 President Sheila Miller. Dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by awards, installation, pictures and Shelia's reception.

The Missouri Foundation will also be shaking things up this year. Instead of a Silent Auction, the Foundation is asking each local club to donate a themed basket valued at \$25 to \$50 that will be auctioned off during the Sunday breakfast. Please see the flyer on page 11 for more details.

Sunday, will begin with the annual Fundraiser breakfast presented by Vice President Debra Staffer. Following breakfast, President Shelia will conduct a short business meeting and officially adjourn the 2017 State Conference.

Immediately following will be the Executive Board Meeting and the Missouri Foundation board meeting.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!!! Be part of the celebration and the decisions that will mold the future of Business Women of Missouri. You will learn a wealth of information to take back to your locals. Extra tickets for guest will be available for both Saturday lunch and the installation/awards banquet. DON'T MISS OUT! The registration package is only \$125, please see the registration form on page 6 for more information.





## The President's Message

As I look back at the start of my Presidential year, I feel it has been like the circle on your smartphone when you update an app, how it starts a little slowly and then goes faster. My year didn't really start that slowly, but is ending with speed like a runaway train.

As I write my last President Message, I feel very sad that in January I lost my proof-reader and mentor, our BPW/BWM Sister, Cleo Westbay. We would spend the day together, starting with our breakfast burrito from Baum's, I would write my message and she would read it and let me know what I needed to change. She was a very dedicated member who really believed in this organization. I think it would be fair to say that we will all miss her generous heart. She was also a good traveling companion. Our last trip was to West Plains on August 22, 2016. We'll miss you, Cleo.

The December Board meeting went very smoothly. The Board voted to purchase a computer for the office of the State Treasurer. The reason was so an incoming

Treasurer would not incur any personal expenses for a computer.

I want to thank Sheila, Debra, Sandra, Melissa and Jo for all the great food for the annual December Board Open House. Everyone enjoyed it. The BWM Foundation Annual auction on Friday evening was a lot of fun as always. The Foundation made over \$1,400 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to all who brought toys for the children at the Whiteman Air Force Base. Our chair for Uniting with Military Women, Dianne Simon was very pleased with all the toys she would be taking to the Base.

Bylaws Chair, Sandy Majchrzak presented a bylaws change to "Article XX11: Dissolution". Look for that change in this edition of MBW and be ready to vote on it at the 2017 State Conference.

As I am writing this before the Legislative Conference, I'm sure that Lorraine Whittington had a great conference.

Please consider running for a State Office. The office of Treasurer needs to be filled, as the present Treasurer will be moving up to Vice-President. As an Officer, you will reap rewards that will help you personally and professionally. Please let Sharon Mangan, Nomination Chair know before the start of the State Conference on April 22, if you're interested.

Be looking for the State Conference registration on the website. It will be very easy to register under the Events link.

Speaking of State Conference, it will be April 21-23 at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Joplin. This year it will be just a one-day conference. There will be an Individual Growth "Speak-

Off" by the four candidates that won at the Regional Conferences. Angie Moran has done a great job of getting this ready, and Tami Mills, GTC Chair has been busy preparing for the GTC Seminar. Watch for the application on the website.

We will have two workshops; one will be about Facebook, and the other will be on self-defense for women. Our Keynote Speaker is an outstanding motivational speaker. The April Board meeting will be on Friday evening followed by a President's reception. We will then enjoy a movie with popcorn and snacks. On Saturday evening, we will have the Banquet and the installment of the new officers. After the fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, President Sheila Miller will be introducing her Board and the new Officers for the 2017-2018 year.

As this journey comes to an end, I say "Thank You" for your faith in me to serve as the President of this great organization. We Have the Tools, we can Believe in the Power of Women, we can Embrace the Future, we can have One Voice, One Song, are in the Arms of an Angel, we need to Dare to Inspire and Be Inspired, we need to Soar for Success like Eagles and be the Just One Woman Can. To the future Presidents, may your journey as BWM State President be one of your life's greatest experiences.

Sharron Sutton  
BWM President 2016-2017



*Sharron Sutton*  
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## Business Women of Missouri • 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

April 1	DEADLINE Individual Growth participants' names to IG Chair
TBD	DEADLINE Generations Taking Charge participants' names to GTC Chair Lobby Day with MO Women's Network Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City
April 21	Board of Directors Meeting Hilton Garden Inn- Joplin
April 22-23	2017 State Conference Hilton Garden Inn- Joplin

### Proposed Bylaws Changes to Be Submitted For Approval At 2017 State Conference

At the December 2016 Business Women of Missouri Board Meeting, the following by-law change was submitted and approved to be brought to the April, 2017 State Conference.

This by-law is found on p. 48 in the State Manual.

#### Article XXIII: Dissolution

**Current:** Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to a state federation, a region, a local club, the National Foundation, or a state federation foundation which has qualified for exemption under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and state regulations. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this organization.

**Proposed:** Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and state tax regulations. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this organization. Final distribution requires the conference action of Business Women of Missouri.

**Rationale:** There are no longer state federations.

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**Regions Were Well Represented at  
Legislative Conference**

**Top center: Northwest Region  
Center: Northeast Region  
Left: Southwest Region  
Bottom: Southeast Region**



## A New Slate of Officers for 2017-2018



### **President**

Sheila Miller has been a member of the Excelsior Springs Club BWM since 1999. She has always been an active, engaged member and has held various positions at the Local, Regional and State level. She has also served on the State Foundation Board.

Sheila has a deep respect for the organization and takes tremendous pride in being a member and serving the

Business Women of Missouri mission. She welcomes new members and fosters warm relationships between existing members. Sheila is an excellent listener and remains open to ideas. She relates well to old and new members alike.

Sheila has been employed at Dit-Mco International for 40 years, where she is a Production Supervisor. She and Greg have been married for 45 years and have three children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Her hobbies are making quilts and spending time with family and friends.

### **President Elect**

The St. Louis BWM has endorsed Debra Saffer for the position of President-Elect. Debra has served as Treasurer of her local club, the Southeast Region and BWM State. She has served as Fund-raiser chairperson and Membership chairperson at the local level. She has served as meetings coordinator and mentor chair at the state level and is currently serving as Vice-President. Debra has been a member of St. Louis BWM for 8 years and would like to continue serving on the State Board as President-Elect.



In addition to BWM, Debra has been involved in her sons' elementary school PTA as treasurer and president and middle school PTA as secretary. She has served as treasurer to Hazelwood PTA Council, Band Boosters and Lacrosse Club.

Debra has been employed as a Medical Technologist with Quest Diagnostics for 25 years.



### **Vice President**

Chillicothe BWM has endorsed Melissa Moore for the office of Vice President.

Melissa has been employed as an internal auditor with Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City, MO for the last fifteen years. She has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the local level and Regional Director for the Northwest Region.

Melissa has served at various board positions at the State level and is currently serving as the State Treasurer. In addition to BWM, Melissa is a member of the Jamesport United Methodist Church where she serves as the recording secretary and teaches the Young Adult

Sunday School Class. She is also active in the Jamesport community serving on the Jamesport Jr. Livestock Fair Board and Jamesport FFA Alumna Chapter.

In the letter of consent, Melissa states she is familiar with the goals and objectives of Business Women of Missouri and pledges to support the organization as an officer of BWM and to serve to the best of her ability.

### **Treasurer**

No nominations received at this time. Nominations may be made from the floor. Paperwork should be turned into the nominations chair by 4 pm. on Friday of the state conference.

### **Recording Secretary**

The Maryville BWM endorses Sandra Shermuly for the office of recording secretary. Sandra is currently serving as the state recording secretary. She is Alzheimers Care Director at Maryville. Jail Administrator at Livingston Co. and Court Marshall of Boone County. Sandra is a.D.H.M.S. Treasurer and S.A.L.T. Board member. She is a member of the Alzheimers Association "Walk To End."

She is currently serving as President of the Maryville local club, but will soon be transferring her membership to Sedalia.





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**April 21- 23, 2017**

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 Phone 417-206-6700  
 Group: Business Women of MO

**Conference Room Rates\* are:**  
**Deluxe King Suite \$ 99++**  
**Deluxe 2 Dbl Bed Suite \$ 99++**

- \* After April 1, BWM special room rate expires (rates will be higher and subject to availability)
- \* Please have all roommates names available when making your reservation.
- \* Saturday breakfast (only) is included in room rate.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 2017

**Conference Package is \$125**

Package Includes:

Registration Fee, All Meetings & Presentations,  
 Friday Night Snacks, Saturday Lunch & Dinner

OPTIONAL MEALS ARE:

Sunday Fundraiser Breakfast \$25.

TOTAL PRICE for Conf. PKG + optional breakfast is \$150

You may pay with a check\*\* made to: BWM  
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 Kansas City, MO 64188

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 PayPal at [www.businesswomenmo.org](http://www.businesswomenmo.org)  
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**AFTER APRIL 10, A \$25 LATE FEE WILL APPLY**

### NO REFUNDS After April 15, 2017

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First Time State Conference Attendee (circle one) YES NO

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Put an "x" in all boxes that apply to you					
PSP	ST BD	REG DIR	MBR	LC PRES	Guest

<b>Please indicate all events that you are paying for</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Conference package	\$ 125	\$ _____
Fundraiser Breakfast	\$ 25	\$ _____
Do you plan to attend the President's Reception & movie after board meeting on Friday evening		(circle one) YES* NO
Saturday Lunch @ guest rate	\$ 25	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Dinner	\$ 50	\$ _____
Late Registration Fee (After April 10)	\$ 25	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

\*\* \$35 NSF Charge for all returned checks.  
 Any reservations that result in a no show will be billed.

## ERA Facts You Need to Know

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

### Why is it important?

The first – and still the only – right specifically affirmed as equal for men and women is the right to vote.

The ERA would provide a strong legal defense against a rollback of the significant advances in women's rights made in the past 50 years. Without it, because these hard-won laws against sex discrimination do not rest on a constitutional foundation, Congress can weaken or replace existing laws, and judicial precedents on issues of gender equality can be eroded or ignored.

Some of women's rights that are not covered by the U.S. Constitution:

- To hold public office
- To work
- To fair wages or equal pay
- To education
- To serve in the military
- To enter into legal contracts
- To have marital and parental rights

Missouri is one of two remaining states yet to ratify the ERA

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*The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on January 22, 2017*

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Senate Democrats planning to reintroduce ERA

U.S. Senate Democrats plan to reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment.

"Many Americans would be shocked to find out that the U.S. Constitution still lacks a provision ensuring gender equality," Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said in a statement. "Think about that: in 2017, women lack the same constitutional protections as men."

A 28th amendment to the Constitution would guarantee "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

## 2016-2017 Individual Growth

*Announcing 2017 Individual Growth Competition*

Support your representative Saturday morning, April 22, at the State Conference in Joplin Mo.

These participants were selected by judges during their 2-minute impromptu speeches at Region Conferences, and will be representing their regions:

- SE Region, Stephanie Nissen, Three Rivers
- NW Region, Jane Miller, Excelsior Springs
- SW Region, Pat Houk, MAL
- NE Region, Beth Knight, Hannibal

The following members were selected to speak for the representative if they are unable to attend.

- SE Region, Micah Weirich, Three Rivers
- NW Region, Melissa Moore, Chillicothe
- SW Region, Tammy Rinehart, MAL and Alta Smith, Carthage
- NE Region, Diane Kocher, Hannibal and Irene Meyers, Hannibal

All participants will draw one of President Sharron's 2016-2017 IG topics at random and present a 3 minute impromptu. They will be judged for their content and how they speak along with a personal interview. The winner will be announced at the banquet Saturday night and receive one year paid membership to Business Women of Missouri.

We are excited for this program to complete President Sharron's goal.

See you on Saturday, April 22, at State Conference.

*PSP Angie Moran*

*2016-2017 individual Growth Chair*

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## Legislative Conference Recap

Submitted by PSP Lorraine Whittington, Legislative Chair, 2016-2017

What's the line from "The A Team?" I love it when a plan comes together." I know patting yourself on the back is not proper, but the speakers were good, the food was tasty, everything ran smoothly and I had all kinds of help with Mary Clark, Jo Coleman, Carole Parson, Vicki Silkwood, Melissa Moore, Sherry Rolen, etc. I even got to go to Happy Hour and have a glass of wine. Can't remember when I got to do that. I think it was a good conference, and Mary Clark took a show of hands and everyone agreed. I'm through patting myself on the back now. Just sorry that only 37 of us were there to enjoy the speakers.



Bob Priddy, Author, Retired Professor and Journalist

Following an excellent chicken Alfredo dinner, we welcomed Bob Priddy, former MU Journalism Professor and newsman covering the State Capital for print and radio. He's also the State President of the MO Historical Society. Priddy retired in 2014 with "Bob Priddy Day" in Jefferson City.

He talked to us about our State Legislature and his years of association with same. He thinks the State Legislature would work better if there were no term limits, and proceeded to defend his opinion. He told stories about his years in the Capitol and about past legislators and governors. During the course of his presentation he talked about the books he has written. When he was finished with the Q&A Session, he brought in his books (from his car at our request) and sold quite a few. I now have all 3 books regarding his blog titled *Across Our Wide Missouri*. I can't wait to read them.

Saturday morning, we reviewed the Legislative Platform, and passed it with no changes for 2017. It will be printed in your State Conference Program Book and voted on by the membership at State Conference.

Jessica Shrimpf, Life and Health Manager, Consumer Services Section, MO Dept. of Insurance, talked to us about Health Insurance. It was obvious that she is well informed

about the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance in general. She had several handouts and a lengthy Q&A Session. She does not believe that the ACA will be repealed in its entirety, but that parts of it will be replaced. It was an interesting hour.



Jessica Shrimpf, Missouri Dept. of Insurance, Consumer Services Specialist

Kevin Wilson, former State Representative from the 130th District, who resides in Neosho, MO, talked about his experiences in Jefferson City, and urged us to get to know our State Representative and State Senator. If your State Legislator gets to know you and you establish a

rapport; when you need something from him/her, you are more likely to be seen and heard.

He agreed that term limits has many draw backs. He also believes there should be more crossing the aisle in the Legislature. He was called upon to give instructions to the "newbies" for this Legislative term.

Kevin is a cancer survivor and has to watch what he eats, so he "worked the room" while we ate. It was fun to watch, because he talked with us as I'm sure he did his constituents when he was in office. He gave an excellent overview of a State Representative.



Kevin Wilson, Former Missouri State Representative

Our final speaker, following lunch, was Kay Metcalf, who was accompanied by her projectionist, traveling companion and husband Dale Metcalf. I know Kay through our association in Presbyterian Women, and had heard her presentation at a meeting. When I asked if she'd come to our Legislative Conference to speak, she readily agreed. Kay

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is passionate about Trafficking. Although we like to think that Trafficking is in other countries, it is here in Missouri, in Joplin, Columbia, Kansas City, Springfield, and everywhere else. Kay is emotional about this subject because it is near and dear to her heart. She presented a slide program with pictures of young girls and boys who were being trafficked. Some of these stories had a happy ending, and some did not. She provided handouts and



Kay Metcalf  
Human Trafficking Activist

held a lengthy Q&A Session. There are many organizations working on trafficking. The best way for us to help prevent this is to be very observant. There are signs that we can look for. When you observe this the signs or behavior, you should tell an authority about what you are seeing and ask them to look into it. Many have been saved in this manner. Does someone in your neighborhood have a young person in their home that you never see- who is working at all hours of the day and night like a slave? Call someone.

We adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. I sincerely hope that everyone arrived safely to their homes. I hope you all enjoyed the candy – thank you – I didn't have to take any home and wear it on my hips.

Kay Metcalf shared the following Information from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center  
([www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking)  
1-888-373-7888

#### Look Beneath The Surface:

The person you have encountered may be a victim of human trafficking.

The following clues may help you identify a possible trafficking victim:

- Accompanied by a controlling person or boss; not speaking on own behalf
- Lack of control over personal schedule, money, ID &/or travel documents
- Transported to or from work; lives and works in the same place
- Debt owed to employer/crewleader; inability to leave job
- Bruised, depressed, fearful, overly submissive

These questions may help you identify a trafficking victim

- What type of work do you do?
- Are you being paid?
- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you or your family been threatened?
- What are your working and living conditions like?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat/sleep/go to the bathroom?
- Are there locks on the doors/windows so you cannot get out?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?

She also recommended books penned by former victims:

[Girls Like Us](#) by Rachel Lloyd

[The Slave Across the Street](#)

by Theresa Flores

[Cry Purple](#) by Christine McDonald

[Hidden Girl](#) by Shiyima Hall

and many more.

She also offered more information available from the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition:

[www.stophumantraffickingmo.com](http://www.stophumantraffickingmo.com)

email: [help@stophumantraffickingmo.com](mailto:help@stophumantraffickingmo.com)

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Check out the website for more information and to sign up for the Freedom Walk 2017 on April 30.

PSP Sherry Rolan is working to keep the website updated. She is posting new content weekly. Check it out today and often! Contact Sherry: [lifelessons16@yahoo.com](mailto:lifelessons16@yahoo.com) if you are having problems logging on. However, you do not have to log on to read most content on the site.

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## Local News

### Columbia BWM

During this past year four University of Missouri students were awarded scholarships from the Christine Hauschild Columbia Local Business Women of Missouri Scholarship Fund. Each student, all in the MU College of Business, used their scholarship to continue their education and realize their dreams.

The Columbia BWM is also committed to giving a helping hand to the women in our area and supporting the local women's shelter, True North of Columbia. Items are being donated not only to the shelter, but also to the Assistance League of Mid Missouri Upscale Resale store. Proceeds from Upscale Resale support many local projects, including True North of Columbia.

Columbia is seeking to increase membership. Sharron's theme "Just One Woman Can" inspires us to continue to create awareness of the programs and informational meetings offered on the BWM local, regional and state levels.

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### A Note of Thanks

March 13, 2017

To my BWM Sisters,

*My family and I would like to thank you for your kind words, emails, texts and sympathy cards regarding the death of our mother. Hearing how much she was cherished by you, my BWM family, has made this very difficult time bearable. In addition to your expressions of sympathy, your donation to the Missouri Foundation is something which will provide opportunities for young women to better themselves and become strong women who will live life to its fullest just as my mother did every day of her life. Mom enjoyed traveling with me, around the state, to various local, district and state meetings. I don't think she ever met a stranger, thanks to all of you who always made her feel welcomed.*

*Thank you so much for your generosity and friendship.*

*Sandy Majchrzak, PSP,  
Member of Three Rivers BWM and  
Heart of the Ozarks PBW*

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### Three Rivers BWM



Pictured above is Three Rivers Cathy Covington, Dana Veasman, and State Senator Dave Schatz at Capitol Advocacy Days at the State Capitol on 2-22-17. Victim advocates from across the State of Missouri were there to discuss issues in reference to domestic violence. Three Rivers members also met with State Representative Justin Alferman, State Representative Paul Curtman and State Representative Nate Tate.

Three Rivers BWM representatives met with all of the Representatives and the Senator, who represent their locale to discuss the importance of domestic violence and House and Senate Bills that they will be voting on.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS  
MAY DAY IS PAY DAY  
FOR ALL BWM MEMBERS  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
TODAY!**

*Special request: if your local club has lost a BWM Sister since the 2016 state conference, please let us know so that member can be remembered during our conference.*

*Please notify: Jo Coleman at the state office  
(jo.mofedbpw@gmail.com).*

### Like Us On Facebook!

Cindy Goalder, Sedalia BWM, posts state and local club news, photos, and information about upcoming events. Send your news to Cindy at: [goaldertransportation@hotmail.com](mailto:goaldertransportation@hotmail.com)





**Business Women of Missouri Foundation**



*This year the BWM Foundation is introducing a new fundraising idea at the 2017 BWM Annual State Conference – theme baskets! Each local club is encouraged to bring a theme basket (or as many as you would like) with a \$25-\$50 value. Some of many ideas include: wine, garden, spa, children's, car wash, food. A Quarter Mania paddle party will take place at the Sunday morning breakfast!*

*The proceeds of this Quarter Mania paddle party will benefit the BWM Foundation scholarship fund.*

*Individual monetary donations are always welcome.*

*This will be a fun and creative challenge for everyone!*





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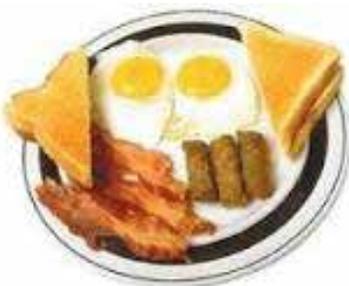


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**The Business Women of Missouri  
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Missouri Fundraiser Breakfast**



**Sunday, April 23**

**7:30 A.M.**

**\$25.00**

**Come join us for good food, fellowship  
and a quarter auction.**

**BWM Foundation will lead us in a quarter auction for the baskets  
donated by the local clubs. All proceeds from the auction go toward  
the Foundation's scholarships.**