



FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

WIFS PDX Members & Friends,

As we step into 2026, our local Women in Insurance & Financial Services chapter is proud to launch a theme that reflects both who we are and how we lead: Bridging Hearts & Hustle. This theme celebrates the power of connection paired with purpose. It honors the relationships we build, the work we do, and the energy we bring when we show up fully for ourselves and one another. I am genuinely excited for what this year holds and for the meaningful time we will spend together as a growing, engaged community.

Our 2026 programming is designed to create space for learning, laughter, reflection, and connection. We will host book clubs that spark thoughtful conversation, Eastside and Westside Bridge to Happy Hour gatherings, and discussions inspired by themes from the WIFS National webinar archives. Each event is an invitation to bridge experience with insight and connection with action.

We are putting the finishing touches on a joyful Galentine's celebration and look forward to falling even more in love with our beautiful city through a July Walk and Talk starting at McCall Park, along with a Pups & Cups gathering later this summer. These moments remind us that community is built not just in conference rooms, but in shared experiences.

This fall, we are thrilled to host the WIFS conference right here in our home city with the national theme THRIVE: Bold by Nature. It will be a powerful opportunity to welcome members from across the country and showcase the strength of our local chapter.

Our chapter is growing, and we invite you to visit our website, save the dates, bring a friend, and join us. Our committees are also actively recruiting for 2027, with volunteer opportunities in Sponsorship, Programs, Marketing, Membership, and Finance. You can sign up for a single event or for the season.

We cannot wait to bridge hearts, hustle together, and welcome what is next.

Sincerely,
Kate Beck, 2025-2026 Chapter President

DANCE CARDS ARE BACK

We invite you to attend our events and be part of the energy that continues to move our chapter forward. We are re-launching our Dance Cards in 2026, and for every event you attend, you will receive a raffle ticket toward great prizes to be celebrated at our annual Jingle and Mingle in December. Come for one event or join us all year long.



GIVING BACK



We are proud to share that WIFS chapter members and friends donated 38 toys in support of the Randall Children's Hospital toy drive. Thanks to the leadership of Gabrielle and the collective generosity of our community, donation locations across the area filled eight SUVs with toys for children and families who need a little extra joy this season. This cause is especially near and dear to the hearts of several of our members, making the outpouring of support even more meaningful. Thank you to everyone who showed up, donated, and helped make a difference.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN OMAHA

2025 National Conference in Omaha, NE provided professional inspiration and motivation. We cannot wait for 2026 to be hosted in Portland.

BOOK CLUB AT COAVA COFFEE

November's book selection, *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, led to discussions about haunting, grieving, and addressing unresolved emotions.



HOLIDAY JINGLE & MINGLE

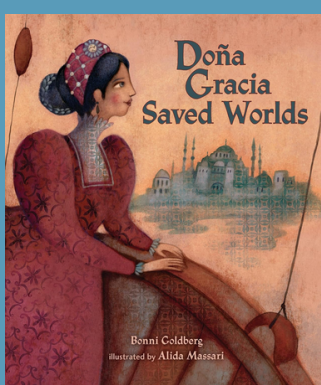
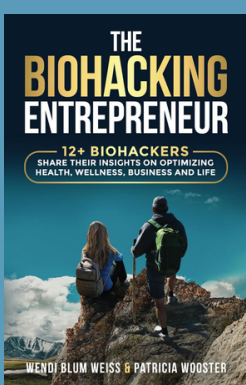
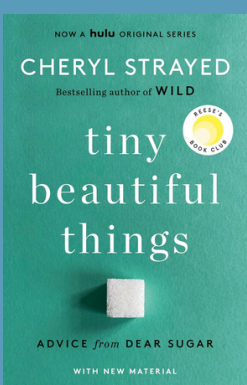
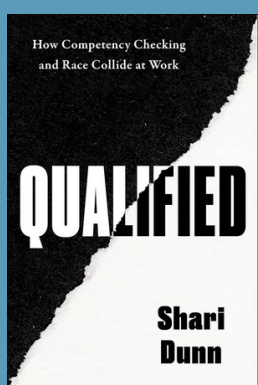
Members and friends came together for a holiday celebration and networking event at Harvest Moon Sangria Bar.



BOOK CLUB PREVIEW

Our WIFS PDX "no read" Book Club is back for another great year of connection and conversation. If you would like to shop ahead of time, we have shared a list of some of the books we will be reading this year. Our first meeting will be held on January 20th at Coava Coffee Roasters on SE Grand Avenue. Whether you join us for one meeting or all of them, we would love to have you reading along with us.

- *Qualified: How Competency Checking and Race Collide at Work* by Shari Dunn
- *Choose to Be Your Own Champion: The Six Step Playbook to Becoming Your Best Self* by Dorice Horenstein
- *Tiny Beautiful Things* by Cheryl Strayed
- *The Biohacking Entrepreneur* by 12 authors, including our own Kate Beck
- *Beyond Biohacking: The HSA is the Hidden Biohack* by Kate Beck and others
- *Doña Gracia Saved Worlds* by Bonni Goldberg



WIFS PDX Book Club is open to both members and non-members! RSVP at wifspdx.org