



## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

As the world slowly emerged from the pandemic, Boston Women in Public Finance strived to keep our members connected and informed with several virtual events and a couple of in person ones, too! The following is a review of our 2021 events.

### February

- BWPF & MSCPA Webinar: *Audited Financial Statements in the Muni Market*

### May

- *How to Join a Corporate Board* hosted by the national chapter of WPF

### June

- Virtual Cocktail Class
- *Thriving Together: Women and Men and Leadership Success in the Workplace* hosted by the Virginia WPF

### July

- *Building Women Leaders: Financial Planning* hosted by the national chapter of WPF

### September

- Happy Hour at Porto in Boston

### October

- Financial Wellness Discussion
- Cradles to Crayons: Charitable Event

### December

- Virtual Holiday Party
- End of 2021 Happy Hour



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**February 9th**

**BWPF & MSCPA Webinar: Audited Financial Statements in the Muni Market**

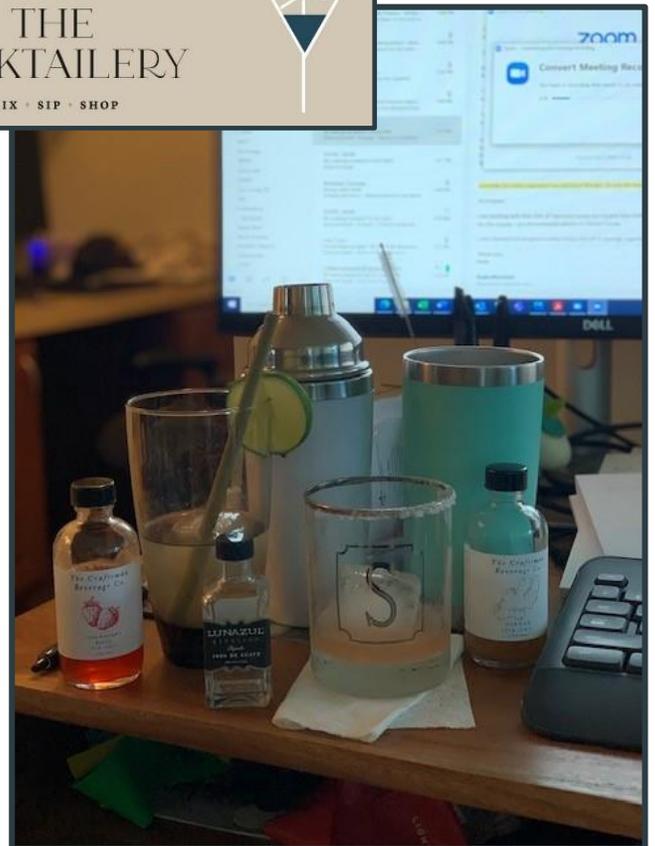
This virtual webinar moderated by Jennifer Mendonça took place on February 9<sup>th</sup> and discussed the importance of audited financial statements in the municipal marketplace. The goal of the webinar was to have a free-flowing conversation about the importance of audited financial statements and gain an understanding of the significance of each component of audited financial statements. The panel discussed the issues CPAs face when putting together these statements, how financial statements are used to speak to the market, and the potential legal ramifications if something in these statements is missing or incomplete. The panelists included Mark Kim, CEO of the MSRB; Christina Marin, Deputy Director of Treasury Services and P3 Finance at the MBTA; Kat Estes, Muni Bond Underwriter at Fidelity; and Sandy Ross, Partner, Not-For-Profit Services Group at KLR.



**June 24th**

**Virtual Cocktail Class**

BWPF hosted a virtual cocktail-making class on June 24<sup>th</sup>, featuring Ashley Thompson from The Cocktailery. Participants received a kit with the needed ingredients for a Moscow Mule and a Strawberry Basil Margarita. Ashley walked everyone through the steps of making these two absolutely delicious drinks. Participants had a chance to ask Ashley questions about mixology as well as chat and network with one another.



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## September 14th Happy Hour at Porto in Boston

Happy Hour at Porto in Boston took place on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Drinks, appetizers, and connecting with others in person all contributed to a fun night of networking at Porto!

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## October 26th Financial Wellness Discussion

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, BWPF hosted a Financial Wellness Discussion webinar with Katie Soule of Merrill Lynch. Katie provided an engaging conversation about various financial planning initiatives including college and retirement planning. Katie also engaged with our members in a Q&A at the end of the webinar, addressing a variety of financial topics pertinent to the BWPF members in attendance.

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## October 29th Cradles to Crayons: Charitable Event

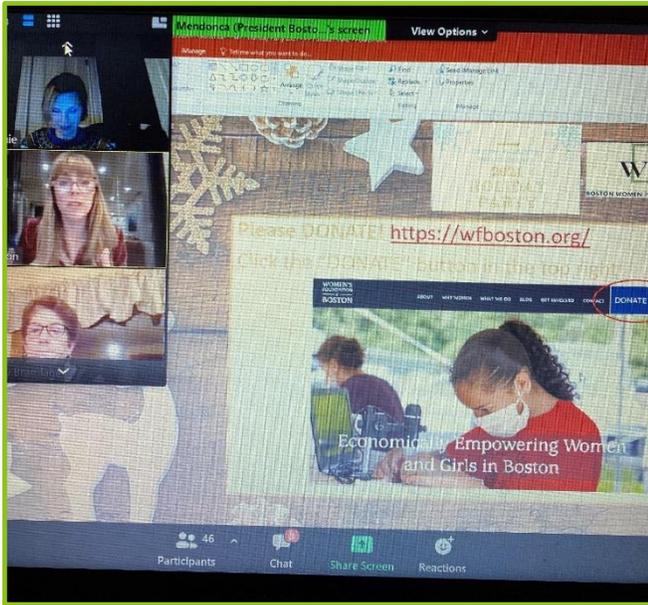
On October 29th, a group of 14 members of BWPF and their families donated their time and energy to the Cradles to Crayons organization. These volunteers sorted through donations and created clothing bundles to provide one week's worth of clothing for children in need. The BWPF group created over 40 clothing packs during our 2-hour service event. This event was a success, and we hope to organize additional volunteer efforts at Cradles to Crayons in 2022. For more information about this wonderful organization, please visit [www.cradlestocrayons.org](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org).

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## December 9th Virtual Holiday Party

Boston Women in Public Finance sure know how to throw a virtual party! On December 9<sup>th</sup>, BWPF hosted a holiday party via Zoom that featured an ugly sweater contest, a trivia contest, raffles and prizes. The featured charity was The Women's Foundation of Boston, for whom over \$2,000 was raised leading up to and during the party.



## December 15th End of 2021 Happy Hour at the UMass Club

Boston Women in Public Finance hosted an End of 2021 Happy Hour at the University of Massachusetts Club in downtown Boston on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great opportunity for our BWPF members to meet and reconnect as many had not seen each other in person since the 2019 Holiday Party. The evening ended with a few participants sitting down for a "Chat n Chow" dinner.



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## Other Notables

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In Honor of Women's History Month 2021, Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General, Deborah B. Goldberg, was recognized by the national chapter of Women in Public Finance as a trailblazing women who has broken down barriers and paved the way for women in our industry.

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