

Women in Leadership

Peoria Chapter

February 2007

A Note from your President

I can't believe I had to miss last month's meeting - heard it was awesome! Great speaker - great food - great door prizes - great Birthday Auction! I was in Dallas trying my darndest to learn something - not sure if I did, but I thought of you all!

We're sure looking forward to next month's meeting! Michelle Miller from Inspired Redesign will be speaking on "Interior Redesign".

The second Thursday of February falls really early this year (2/8), so mark your calendars - we'll be meeting at *WeaverRidge* too - so might want to make a note (Peoria Country Club is closed during the month of February).

I hope you're having a great WIL year - I sure am! If you have any comments or suggestions on how to make it better, please don't hesitate to let any of the board know.

Also, if you know of anyone that would benefit from our group - please let us know and we'll be happy to contact them!

See you at 11:45 on Thursday, February 8th at WeaverRidge!

Emma Vandever
President
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****SPECIAL NOTICE****

We have received some concerns about the ability to network at the WIL meetings. As a reminder, the first 30 minutes (11:30-12:00pm) of each meeting is designated for networking. The program is slated to begin at 12:00 and conclude by 1:15pm.

We hope this helps to clarify any confusion. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Board members.

Next Meeting: February 8 at ***WeaverRidge***

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 at WeaverRidge.

Meal: Quiche Lorraine
Cheesecake with strawberries

Our speaker this month is Michelle Miller, owner of Inspired Redesigns, a residential design/redesign

firm, specializing in Interior Redesigns, Real Estate Staging, Color Consultations and New Home Setup, including new home construction.

After completing her redesign training in Chicago she became certified in Redesign and Real Estate Staging with the Interior Redesign Industry Specialists (I.R.I.S.) and with the Society of Decorating

Professionals.

Michelle says, "I absolutely love every aspect of decorating especially when you see the smiles on your clients faces when they see their new room for the first time or you get the "oh my gosh" scream ... it's priceless."

Redesign is starting to make

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Welcome New Members and Renewals!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to WIL:

- Amanda Beadles of FGM Architects
- Teresa Manzella of Confidential On-Site Paper Shredding
- Sue Patterson of the Journal Star
- Dana Beck of The Wassi Group, Inc
- Monica Mueller of MJ Media-Tidbits
- Ann Ford of Five Star Water Co., Inc
- Kimberly Olar of Tazewell County Court Services
- Jami Hemmenway of Eureka College

"Welcome Back" to the following who have recently renewed their WIL memberships:

- Monica Jagiella of Smith Barney
- Pauline Johnson of Impact Incentives

WIL Leader Luncheon Schedule

The following network luncheons have been scheduled for February. We invite you to attend any of the luncheons as a way to network and get to know other members better.

As a reminder to our membership, feel free to "group hop" if a date, time, or location works better for you than your original group's. Also, if you have not been invited to a group yet, please contact Betsy at byarcho@heiserinsurance.com

or call 266-2117.

Beth Kolowski:
Friday, February 23rd @ noon at the Copperworks (corner of Knoxville & Pioneer Park – the old Jim's Steak-house)

SueAnn Billimack:
Thursday, February 1st @ noon at the Rhythm Kitchen

Cathy Thomatis:
Wednesday, February 28th

@ 11:45 at Childer's Eatery (3312 N University)

Mary Jane Johnson & Linda Martin:
Friday, February 23rd @ noon at Basta's Italian Kitchen (Morton)

Shawna Knapp:
Friday, February 2nd @ noon at Ming's (East Peoria)
Friday, March 2nd @ noon at Rhythm Kitchen

Happy Birthday to ALL Members with a January Birthday!

Thank you to the following people who were generous in donating birthday auction items. Also thank you to the people who purchased those items. We raised a total of **\$115.00** to be used for scholarships.

Key Chain and Jewelry Box donated by Sandi Levell, Hair Company & Cool Thingz

purchased by Kathy Schaeffer, Stellar Systems, Inc. for \$25.00

Flower Arrangement donated by Joan Vierhout, STS Consultants, LTD *purchased by Roxanne Heiser, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. for \$45.00*

Lia Sophia Slide donated by Amy Pearson, Hotel Pere Marquette *purchased by Tonya Taylor, Advanced Technology Services for \$45.00*

Next Meeting (cont'd from page 1)

it's mark in medium size cities, like Peoria. Clients see how they can get a designer look without a huge designer price tag while utilizing what they already own.

When not decorating homes, Michelle spends time with her husband and two little boys.

Please remember to RSVP to Marcia Cannon no later than Monday, February 5 to reserve your place.

Also, if you purchased a season pass and *will not* be attending, please let Marcia know.

We look forward to seeing you all at WeaverRidge on Thursday, February 8.

January Door Prizes

- Roxanne Heiser – Aventine Renewable Energy – Leather Portfolio
- Carolynsue Wolf – ICC & Bethel Church – Mug with Truffles and cocoa
- Debbie Sippel - South Side Bank – Snowman
- Kathy Schaeffer - Stellar Systems – Snowmen Candle
- Joan Vierhout – STS Consultants - Candy
- Jeanne Buysee - American Family – Atlas
- Tonya Taylor – ATS – Leather Portfolio
- Cathy Thomatis – Stay bridge Suites – Overnight Stay
- Dina Emser – Professional Development Coach - (3) free 30 Minute Sessions



WIL Awards Now Available

WIL Award applications are available for the following awards:

- ~Career Leader award
- ~Community Leader Award
- ~Woman Leader of the Year award

Make plans to fill out an application. If you have questions, please call Brenda Coates @ 677-7306.

Upcoming Events

If you weren't able to join us for the fun at Fired Up or at Scrapadoodle, you'll want to stay tuned for our upcoming events!

- Super Suppers
- Wine Tasting
- Plant Exchange
- Summer Splash
- A girls weekend retreat (tentative)

Stay tuned for further details.

If you have any suggestions, please email Amy at: apearson@hotelperemarquette.com

Please Join Us!