

Women in Leadership

January 2007

A Note from your President

We had another fantastic luncheon at the beautiful Country Club of Peoria and I don't know about you, but I was in Seventh Heaven with the meal - meat loaf, mashed potatoes and apple pie - what a perfect month for comfort food!

Paul Hahn from Mackinaw Valley Vineyard took us through the wine making process. Wow, I had no idea there was so much to it - I always thought the hardest part was getting that little plastic thingee off the top of the cork!

We had a great meal, great speaker and after many fantastic birthday auction items and wonderful door prizes we had our ornament exchange! Thanks to all who brought an ornament - they were all so beautiful

and fun!

We are still working hard to reach our membership goal this year. If you know women in leadership who would benefit from getting to know a great group of fun loving women, please let us know! Starting January 1 we reduce our yearly dues to \$37.50 for the last half of the year (January - June). This provides a perfect opportunity for someone to check us out at a good price!

We sincerely hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I am so excited about 2007 - it just seems like the years keep getting better and better (that's what I keep telling myself as I get older and older!).

Please let us know if you'd like to get more involved in the group - we're always looking for greeters (a great way to meet everyone at the meetings) and various committee members. Also, please be thinking about nominating either yourself or someone else for our upcoming awards!

See you soon!

Emma Vandever
President
2006-2007

Next Meeting: January 11

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, January 11 at the Peoria Country Club.

Meal: Turkey BLT Wrap
Potato Salad
Peppermint Patty

We are excited to have Lisa Puent from the Clubs at River City as our speaker. Lisa will be discussing how to "Build and Maintain Your

Strength." Please watch your email for more information on Lisa.

Please remember to RSVP to Marcia Cannon no later than Monday, January 8, to reserve your place.

Also, if you purchased a season pass for lunch and you will not be attending,

please let Marcia know. This will help us provide the Country Club with an accurate number of meals.

We look forward to seeing each of you there!

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Special Dates:

- WIL Meeting January 11, from 11:30-1:30pm Peoria Country Club.
- WIL night out at Scrapadoodle: January 23, cost \$15 please see the last page of the newsletter for more information and contact Amy Pearson to RSVP your spot today!

Women in Leadership Awards.... Coming Soon!

It's time to start reflecting about the wonderful person you are! The Women in Leadership applications are now available for you to consider filling out. As a woman you put so much effort into being a success both professionally and personally.

Now here's your chance to be proud of all you do and nominate yourself for one of

the awards. Winners will be announced at the May 10 meeting.

The following awards will be presented in May:

- Woman Leader
- Career Leader
- Community Leader
- Outstanding New Leader

In addition to the application, there are award guidelines to review. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Coates 677-7306.

Pathways to Success

This year was a record year!! Thanks to everyone who attended (146 attendees) and supported (Event Sponsors, Dessert Sponsors and Exhibitors) this conference.

WILCI and NAWBO will each receive \$5,586.73, which will be used to help fund our Scholarship Fund with the Community Foundation (www.communityfoundationci.org)

WILCI Scholarship Fund

Check out www.communityfoundationci.org to review the WILCI Scholarship Fund and its criteria. This scholarship has been set up to assist those women, either traditional or non-traditional, working toward a certification or degree.

Luncheon Groups

Reminder

Members, please feel free to "group hop" if a date, time, or location of another group works better for you! We encourage you to go to other lunch groups!

If you have not yet been contacted by a network luncheon leader please let

Betsy know via email: byarcho@heiserinsurance.com. The following luncheons have been scheduled so far for January:

Beth Kolowski: Friday, January 19th at noon at the Spotted Cow on Sheridan & Glen

Mary Jane Johnson & Linda Martin: Friday, January 26th at

Lindsay's Bistro – downtown Peoria

Shawna Knapp: Friday, January 5th at noon at Rizzi's on State

Thank you for your December Door Prize Donations

Mackinaw Valley Winery – Basket with Wine, Glasses and Goodies
 Robin Barnes – Peoria Civic Center – Wine in Blue & Red Bag
 Roxanne Heiser – Aventine Renewable Energy – Coffee Travel Mug & Mouse Pad
 Carolynsue Wolf – ICC & Bethel Church – Tin of Russell Stover's Candy
 Brenda Coates – Peoria Housing Authority – Twelve Teas of Christmas
 Debbie Sippel - South Side Bank – 2 Avon Candy Cane Soaps, Holiday Trivet & Coasters, Santa Wire Wisk
 Emma Vandever - South Side Bank – 3 Santa Mugs filled with Candy
 Kathy Schaeffer - Stellar Systems – Flavored Coffee and Christmas Stem
 Joan Vierhout – STS Consultants - Candy
 Jeanne Buysee - American Family – Atlas
 Tonya Taylor – ATS – Insulated Mug
 Shawna Knapp – FGM Architects – Fall Floral Center Piece
 Shawna Knapp – Premier Designs – Candle Sticks
 Cathy Thomatis – Stay bridge Suites – Overnight Stay
 Jennifer Weers - Henricksen – Hot Chocolate
 MaryJane Johnson – Horwitz & Associates – Penzey's Cocoa
 Barb Mishler – Henricksen – 2 cups with Chocolate

Thank you to Julie Morales and Nancee Cassidy for being greeters at our December luncheon.

Happy Birthday to ALL Members with a December 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 **\$400.00** to be used for scholarships.

- Ceramic Santa & Tree donated by Julie Morales, Central Illinois Business Publishers *purchased* by Roxanne Heiser, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. for \$35.00
- Spode Christmas Tree shaped dish donated by Nancee Cassidy, Three Sisters Park *purchased* by Betsy Yarcho, Heiser Insurance Agency for \$25.00
- Trifle Bowl with recipe & potpourri donated by Donna Cimino, Heinold - Banwart *purchased* by Carol Hultgren, Carver & Assoc., for \$50.00
- Mary Kay Products donated by Julie Earnest, ATS *purchased* by Shawna Knapp, FGM Architects for \$30.00
- Romantic Evening Basket donated by Mary Jane Johnson, Horwitz & Assoc. *purchased* by Pat Dempsey, Bradley University for \$60.00
- Lippmans Jewelry Box donated by Mary Jane Johnson, Horwitz & Assoc. *purchased* by Maria Williams, Mega Services, Inc. for \$35.00
- Ansel Adams Print & Gallery Tickets donated by Sandy Gavin, Lakeview Museum *purchased* by Lori Boland. for \$85.00
- Tastefully Simple Assortment of goodies donated by P.J. Hagerdorn, Tastefully Simple *purchased* by Julie Morales, Central Illinois Business Publishers, for \$45.00
- Wrap with travel Bag donated by Becky Davies, Mary Kay *purchased* by Maria Williams, Mega Services, Inc. for \$35.00

Upcoming WIL Girls Night Out

Join us
Tuesday, January 23, 2007

6 -8:00pm

At Scrappadoodle
for

LOVE LETTERS

Learn how to make 5 beautiful
cards just in time for
Valentine's Day
RSVP today

apearson@hotelperemarquette.com

Seating is limited. \$15 fee for class



NEW

WIL Website

Be sure to check out:

www.peoriawomeninleadership.com . . .

Thanks to Stellar Systems, Inc., who provided WILCI with a complimentary website, we're now entering the 21st Century!! The website basically contains the WILCI Directory in its entirety for now but plans are to keep adding information.

If you would like to access the Members Only portion, the username is **WILCI** and the password is **MEMBER**. This section is for MEMBERS ONLY.

If you have ideas on how the website can better serve you, our members, please email Kathy Schaeffer at ks@ssinet.com.

CHECK US OUT!

Membership Drive Recap

A huge thank you to each member who contributed to the success of our 2006 membership drive. Between the months of August and December we had over 50 guests attend our lunches. And so far, 10 of those individuals have joined!

We welcome: Jamie Reichman, Kirstin Herman, Rebecca Cobb, Lisa Saunders, Dorene Burkholter, Diane Davis, Shelli Cowser, Richole Madison, Valerie Sinks and Julie Earnest.

We appreciate your continued support of our organization and hope you will continue to encourage wonderful women to be a part of WIL.

Keep in mind, as of January 1, the membership rate will decrease to \$37.50. If your guest is toying with the idea of joining, that may just be a deal they can't pass up!

Members, be sure to pick up your 2006-2007 WIL Directory

