

Women In Leadership

Central Illinois

May 2009

A Note from Your President

Dear WIL Members,

May will be an exciting month for the members of Women In Leadership! On May 12th Amy Simmons has a fun event planned for us to take a Zumba class in association with Women's Health Week May 10th through 16th. You don't know what Zumba is, you say? Check further in the newsletter and come out to enjoy!

One of the highlights of our program year is our annual May Awards Banquet at our meeting on May 14th. This is a chance to honor some of the amazing members of WIL and also to meet some of our Past Presidents. We know May is very busy but please plan to attend the meeting. It has always been one of my favorites!

Our membership continues to grow and to assist with that we have planned a Spring membership drive. Beth has been keeping tabs again! Look forward to hearing about the winners in June. But you know you cannot win if you don't invite a guest!

The new board is forming and we are very excited to have some new members coming on board. We will be voting for them officially this month so please review who they are and welcome them. You will be getting to know them all very well in the coming months.

Shawna Knapp and her team have the plans for Pathways to Success well under way! Please consider helping or donating. It is shaping up to be better than ever this year!

In our challenging times, aren't you glad you have Women in Leadership to come to every month?! See you May 14th!

Marcia
President

Be a friend, bring a friend, lead a friend to WIL!!
(As said by Katie Arnholt Kim)

Next Meeting: **May 14 ~ Peoria Country Club**

Annual Awards Luncheon

The May luncheon will be our awards banquet where we will find out the winners of 4 different WIL awards. The nominees for these awards were nominated by their peer WIL members. We are looking forward to finding out who our winners are, so please join us!

Menu:

Cobb Salad w/ Mud Pie

Fun Fact

Over 20 million servings of Fresh Express salad only are consumed every week.

Can you imagine how much salad in general is consumed!!!



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SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- Remember to leave your name badge at the registration table upon departure.
- Reservations are required for ALL meetings.
- To help avoid congestion at the registration table, please have your cash or check made out to WIL in the amount of \$20.00 (Members) or \$25.00 (Guests). Payment is expected the day of the meeting.
- Plant Exchange for the June Luncheon
- Don't forget to "Toot Your Horn" at the luncheons

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New Members

Please welcome the following new members to WIL!!

Peggy Folck – Associates in Mental Health

New Dues Structure

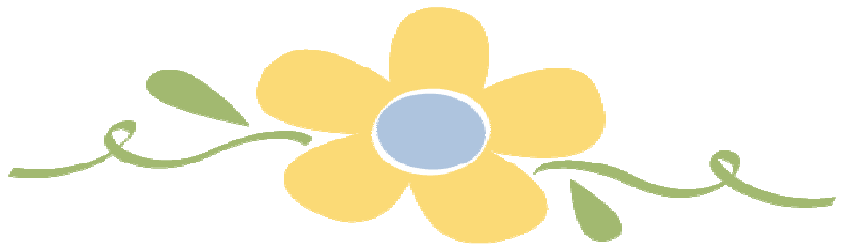
Previously a new member joining in January-June paid ½ the annual membership fee, then renewed with the rest of WIL members in July. The WIL Board has decided that a new member will pay a full year's membership (currently \$85) and their annual renewal will be in the month that they joined. If you are currently a member, your renewal will continue to be in July. If you have questions please call or email Beth Kolowski (495-5973 or bkolowski@edc.h-p.org).

Tie a Yellow Ribbon "Round The New Member's Name Badge

Remember what it was like when you were a new member of WIL? Maybe a little intimidated that everyone seemed to know everyone . . . Except you? New members now have a yellow ribbon on their name badges. Make a point to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome and at home.

"Spring Fling" Membership Drive

Yes...you read correctly...we're having a membership drive in April & May. We're going to keep it simple...for each guest you bring to the April and May meetings, your name will be put in a drawing for a Grand Prairie gift card. AND anyone who joins in April & May will have their name put in a drawing for a Grand Prairie gift card. So...spread the word...invite, invite, invite and you may be going shopping, shopping, shopping!



Luncheon Reservations

NEWS YOU CAN USE NOW!

We now offer a gluten free option for lunch. You will find the reservation form updated to allow for this option. Please be sure to let Kathy Schaffer know if you would like the vegetarian or gluten free option. Substitutions on the lunches or desserts are not available! Thank you!

As you know, **payment is expected the day of the meeting**. To help avoid congestion at the registration table, please have your cash or check ready and payable to WIL in the amount of \$20.00 (Members) or \$25.00 (Guests). While late reservations are accepted after noon on the Friday before our monthly meeting, please add an additional \$5.00 charge.

Cancellation policy: If you make a reservation for the luncheon and are unable to attend, cancellation must be received by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting date; if not, you are responsible for full payment of your reservation.

Name badges: Please remember to leave your name badge on the registration table upon departure. This will help ensure the badges don't get lost and that you have a badge at the next meeting. If anyone is in need of a name badge to replace a lost one, please contact Kathy Schaeffer at kls@ssinet.com. The cost is \$10.00 for replacements. If you have changed employers, there is no cost.

Guest Reservations: When making a reservation for a guest, please include the guest's company name and email address. No guest reservations will be honored unless this information is provided.

If you have any questions about the reservation/registration process, please contact Kathy Schaeffer (kls@ssinet.com).

WIL Website

Check out your WIL Website (www.peoriawomeninleadership.com). How can we make it more informative for you, our members? Please send your suggestions to Kathy Schaeffer (kls@ssinet.com). If you haven't checked out our website in awhile, please do! There are past newsletters, reservation forms, pictures and so much more!

Ask your company to add the WIL website link to their website. It's a great way to promote WIL and your active involvement in the community!

Did you forget your username and Password to get into the Member's Only Section?

If so, please email Beth Kolowski [bkolowski@edc.h-p.org]

Fun Fact

Women blink twice as many times as men do.

<http://ioframe.com/>

Calendar of Events

Date: Thursday, May 14

Time: Luncheon (11:30am)

Location: Country Club of Peoria

Topic: Awards Luncheon

Date: Thursday, June 11

Time: Luncheon (11:30am)

Location: Country Club of Peoria

Speaker: Shelli Cowser/Shawna Knapp

Topic: Going Green

Special Event: Plant Exchange

Date: Thursday, July 9

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Special events are subject to change

March Door Prizes & Birthday Auction

Thank you for our Door Prize donations:

Carolyn Sue Wolf	ICC	Peanut Butter Cookies
Diane Davis	Traders Realty	Mug Gift Set
PJ Hagerdorn	Tastefully Simple	Drink Mix
Barb Mishler	Henrickson	2 paper cubes
Linda Woods	Girls Scouts of America	Cookie Basket
Debbie Sippel	South Side Bank	2 ceramic bunnies
Amanda Beadles	FGM Architects	Tea light and saucer

Birthday Auction items for May2009



****Attention:** With the current state of the economy, we realize that everyone is making budget cuts of some sort – whether it's condensing trips to town, car pooling, cutting back on going shopping, the list is endless. So, the WIL Board of Directors has decided that we will discontinue with the Birthday Auction for the remainder of this membership year. If you wish to still bring something to celebrate your special day, your item will be used in Door Prize drawings. We hope that you understand our decision and we wish everyone the best during this economic struggle.

WIL Scholarship Fund ~ Nominations Pending

The Women in Leadership Scholarship Fund is targeted at assisting women in the Tri-County area who are pursuing college/university, post graduate, or accreditation/certification for business management/professional or entrepreneurial education. The award is intended to defer tuition, fees, books, and other academic expenses. The amount granted for any year shall not exceed \$1,000.

The scholarship will be available to qualified women who are residents of the Illinois Tri-County area as well as being a graduate of a high school or a recipient of GED. The applicant should have motivation to accomplish career and leadership goals. Financial need will be considered only when other factors are equal among applications. The applicant should also be a non-traditional student who has been in the workforce a minimum of three years.

Money for the WIL Scholarship Fund is raised through many of our fun programs, including:

- Toot Your Horn announcements
- Birthday Auction
- Pathway to Success Conference

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Director - Network Luncheons - Linda Martin

Director - Annual Conference - Shawna Knapp ; Also President-Elect Presumptive

Next Role for Annual Conference – Cindy Fleming



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Your Pathway to Success

We are starting to plan for Pathways to Success Conference 2009!

We are gearing up for the planning of the 10th Anniversary of the 2009 Pathways to Success Conference that will be coming up in October.

We are excited about building on last year's great success by expanding our coverage to areas of Central Illinois such as Bloomington, Springfield, Galesburg, Champaign, and LaSalle/Peru. We will focus on bringing in an even better headline speaker and more vendors!

I hope you have begun to catch the excitement as WIL celebrates its 5th anniversary and NAWBO's 30th!

We would love to have you volunteer on the planning committee to help us realize our goals. This conference has grown bigger and better than any of us could imagine. Help us make Pathways the premier woman's conference of Central Illinois! Please contact Shawna Knapp by e-mail: shawnak@fgmarchitects.com or call: 669-0012.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 pm. Held at Bar Louie's Meeting Room

Make sure to put the conference on your calendar for

Wednesday October 21, 2009.

WIL Special Events

In honor of National Women's Health Week – May 10th through the 16th – we have scheduled a special event to get you moving and give you a fun, exhilarating workout option.

The Greater Peoria Family YMCA at 7000 N. Fleming Lane (off Willow Knolls Road) has made a special offer to WIL members and guests. On **Tuesday, May 12th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**, we are all invited to participate in a Zumba class. (From the website www.zumba.com) *Zumba® fuses hypnotic latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away. Zumba® is one exhilarating hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life!*

Cost for WIL members and Guests will be \$3. RSVP to Amy Simmons at simmonsae@usa.redcross.org or (309)253-5859 by Friday May 1st. Wear comfortable clothing and flat tennis shoes. Bring a bottle of water. It's great fun!! The attendee can do Zumba in a very low impact way, medium or high . . . whatever is comfortable for that person.

Sue the instructor is GREAT, fun, laughs a lot and has patience galore!!



Thanks to Kathy Schaeffer for her help in organizing this event!

Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods to our April luncheon! All items were donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry!



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

Amanda Beadles	May 2
Adrienne Ray	May 5
Melinda Iund	May 10
Sara Horn	May 28
Kathy Schaeffer	May 29

A special thank you to
Cindy Fleming and
Valerie Sinks
for being our greeters at the
April luncheon!

Network Lunches

Network Luncheon Leaders have been scheduled for most of the year and we hope all members will take this opportunity to get involved! Network lunches are smaller groups that are the perfect setting to get to know each other better and exchange information and ideas. Please remember we encourage you to attend the luncheon for your group as well as any of the other luncheons scheduled.

Watch your email for the upcoming luncheon group dates and locations. Please feel free to attend more than one or any that work better for you. Monthly network luncheons are also on the WIL website calendar.

You should have received an email from your assigned luncheon leader. Please feel free to contact Stacy Frederking (stacy.frederking@busey.com or 303-1542) if you have any questions or have not been assigned to a group.

Our luncheon leaders 2008-2009 will include Stacy Frederking, Linda Martin, Linda Woods, Heather Fitzanko, Lori Boland and Kathy Schaeffer/Cathy Thomatis.

Stacy Frederking

May 19 11:45 at Kaiserhoff in Shoppes of Grand Prairie
June 16 11:45 at Old Chicago out by Shoppes of Grand Prairie.

Linda Martin

May 15 noon at Red Lobster
June 19 noon at One World Cafe

Linda Woods

May 20 11:45 at Good Tequila's

Heather Fitzanko

May 1 - noon at Jalapenos
June 5 - noon at TGI Fridays
July 3 - noon at Panera N. Knoxville

Kathy Schaeffer/Cathy Thomatis

May 26 - 11:45 at Mings
June 23 - 11:45 at Jim's Steakhouse
July 28 - 11:45 at Rhythm Kitchen

Lori Boland—Morton

May 21 - noon at Ruby Tuesday
June 25 - noon at La Fiesta
July 23 - noon at Monical's Pizza

By-Law Changes

The board of directors met and approved changes to the By-laws to make sure they reflected what is actually happening. The changes were made to clarify current specifics. Please read below the specific changes. An updated version of the By-laws are on our website at www.peoriawomeninleadership.com.

Article IV – Meetings. The wording is corrected to state we have monthly luncheons except for the month of July.

2. Article V - Dues – As of January 2009 any new members will have an annual renewal date at their anniversary date. Members joining prior to January 2009 have an annual renewal date of July 1.

3. Article VI - Board of Directors -- To have consistency with the names of each position, the Director positions are changed to VP. Also, to continue the leadership of a signature event like Pathways, and since the event is in October, we have added a board position as the Assistant VP Annual Conference who will work directly with the VP Annual Conference and then after the event in October each year, the assistant VP is in charge to work on the next year's conference.

4. Article VII - Duties -- To have more clarity and specific details, the duties have been taken out of the by-laws and there will be job descriptions for each board position that will have continual upgrading.

5. Article X Amendments – The wording states any board approved By-law change will appear in the newsletter that is sent to the general membership.

Please ask any board member if you would like more clarification.

Your past president,

Donna Cimino

