

# Women In Leadership

Central Illinois

February 2009

## A Note from Your President

Dear WIL Members,

I am writing this on the coldest day of the year so not only am I looking forward to warm weather but all of the events and activities coming up with Women In Leadership! They are too numerous to mention here so please read about all of them in the newsletter and on our web site.

Our February meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> will be one to remember! Give yourself an extra reminder that we are meeting at Weaver Ridge for that meeting only. We are excited to host Joanne Glasser, the President of Bradley University, as our speaker. Thank you to Shelli Cowser who worked very hard to make this work! Please feel free to invite guests that day as I am sure it will be a very inspiring meeting.

The Pathway to Success committee is gearing up with Shawna Knapp leading the way. Our most recent conference was extremely successful and we are looking forward to hosting the event again. Please contact Shawna if you are interested in working with the committee. There is a little hard work involved but it is a very rewarding opportunity to be part of a great conference and a chance to raise funds for our scholarship.

Our Women In Leadership awards will be presented at our May membership meeting. Please review that information and nominate yourself or your friends! Call Nicole Nolte if you have any questions. And don't forget that February 9<sup>th</sup> is a special cooking class to get us in the mood for Valentine's Day. Call Amy Simmons with any questions on that – the menu sounds great!

See you at Weaver Ridge!

Marcia Cannon  
President

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

## Next Meeting: February 12 (Weaver Ridge Country Club)

Joanne K. Glasser was introduced as the 10th President of Bradley University on August 7, 2007, and its first female president.

A native of Baltimore, Glasser was president of Eastern Kentucky University, a comprehensive regional institution of more than 16,000 students in Richmond, Kentucky, for six years prior to coming to Bradley. Previously, she served as executive vice president and chief advancement officer at Towson University in Baltimore. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University, a juris doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law, and a certificate from Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Higher Education Management.

### Menu:

"Weaver Ridge Salad" includes fresh greens, grilled chicken, pineapple, diced tomato, 3 cheese blend, crispy tortilla chips and honey lime dressing.  
Strawberries Romanoff

### Fun Fact:

The average American consumer eats about **30 pounds of lettuce** each year.

<http://www.freshexpress.com/InterestingFacts.asp>



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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.
- February Meeting will be held at Weaver Ridge Country Club

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## Membership Dues

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](mailto:bkolowski@edc.h-p.org)).

## Lead a Friend to WIL

The membership drive may be over, but don't forget to continue to invite women to check out our organization at a monthly luncheon or special event.

### **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.

## WIL Scholarship Fund

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:

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

Please visit our website at [www.peoriawomeninleadership.com](http://www.peoriawomeninleadership.com) for a link to apply online or ask Nicole Nolte ([nicole.nolte@cibbank.com](mailto:nicole.nolte@cibbank.com)) for more details. **Application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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](mailto: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.

**Reservations in February:** Please RSVP no later than Monday, February 9.

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

## WIL Website

Check out your WIL Website ([www.peoriawomeninleadership.com](http://www.peoriawomeninleadership.com)). How can we make it more informative for you, our members? Please send your suggestions to Kathy Schaeffer ([kls@ssinet.com](mailto: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!**

## Calendar of Events

### Date: Monday, February 9

*Special Event:* 6:00pm Cooking Demo by Gina Edwards at the Peoria Heights Public Library

### Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
Location: Weaver Ridge Golf Club  
Speaker: Joanne Glasser, Bradley Univ.  
Topic: "Continuing Education for Women"

### Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
Location: Country Club of Peoria  
Speaker: Peoria Art Guild  
Topic: "Displaying Artwork in Your Home and Business"  
*Special Event:* Dress for Success clothing drive

### Date: Saturday, March 14

*Special Event:* 10am-12pm Adult CPR class at the American Red Cross

### Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
Location: Country Club of Peoria  
Speaker: Becky Peterson  
Topic: "Buying and Selling a House"  
*Special Event:* Food Drive

### 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

\*Special events are subject to change\*

## January Door Prizes & Birthday Auction

*Thank you for our Door Prize donations:*

Jeanne Buisse	American Family Insurance	Atlas
Marcia Cannon	Westaff Staffing	Red Carpet Car Wash
Heather Fitzanko	Confidential Security	\$5 Starbucks and Green Bag
Robin Barnes	Peoria Civic Center	YWCA Cookbook
Diane Davis	Traders Realty	Water Lilly Diffuser

*Birthday Auction items for January 2009*

Beautiful Basket of Red Flowers - Ketra Mytich  
 A \$50.00 cash donation to the Community Foundation was given by Traci Johnston.  
 Happy Birthday to you both!

We raised \$30.00 through the auction and then \$50.00 through donations directly to the Foundation.

## Pay To "Toot Your Horn"

*Watch for the New  
 "Toot Your Horn"  
 Announcement*



## Toot Your Horn January Announcements

1. Kimberly Zook-Anthony received certification in November 2008 from the Johnson Institute of Gerontology in St. Louis as a Spiritual Strengths Inner Healing Coach. This will partner well with her chaplaincy and pastoral care work.
2. Nicole Nolte would like to announce that she is expecting their second child on July 14<sup>th</sup>!! Nicole and her husband Joe have one son Eric who is 2 ½.

## Dress for Success Needs Your Help!

If you have the itch to start cleaning out your closet, then grab a box and drop off you items at the Peoria Friendship House. We'll be holding a clothing drive in a few months but in the meantime, they could really use your help!

Dress for Success has an **immediate need** for the following items:

Dress Coats / Gloves / Scarves

Winter Boots

Perfume / Jewelry

Lotion

Resume Bags (or nice bags someone could carry a resume in)

They are always accepting professional clothing but have an abundance of size 10 clothing. Other sizes are welcome especially size 14 and up.

Donations can be taken to Dress For Success at the Peoria Friendship House, 816 NE Madison in Peoria. Phone (309)671-5200



## Pathways to Success 2009

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

Our first committee chair meeting will be held Monday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Weaver Ridge.

We will meet the Third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m..

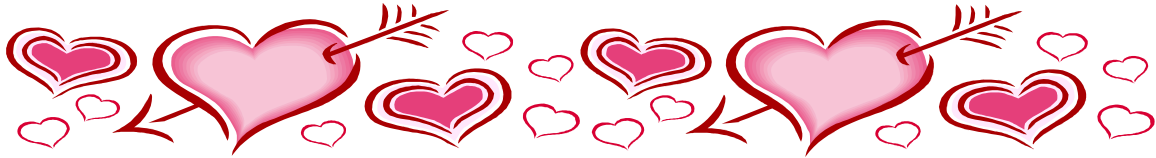
We have several positions available and would love for you to join our team!

Please contact Shawna Knapp ([shawnak@fgmarchitects.com](mailto:shawnak@fgmarchitects.com) or 309-669-0012) if you are interested in participating.

***Make sure to put the conference on your calendar for  
Thursday, October 15, 2009.***



## WIL Special Events



### *Make something sweet for your sweetie on Valentine's Day!*

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, Gina Edwards of "...And She Cooks Too" will be demonstrating some quick and easy appetizers and sweets for a romantic Valentine's Day at home!

Come and experience some delectable treats including:

*Brie with Warm Honey, Toasted Walnuts and Fruit,  
Savory Pastry Pinwheels,  
Chocolate Truffle Muffins  
and much, much more!*

Gina will also show us how to properly prepare chocolate for dipping.

There will be samples of everything Gina makes and you will receive copies of the recipes! Drinks will be provided!

Join us on **Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Peoria Heights Public Library  
816 E Glen, Peoria Heights

The event will start at 6:00pm and last approximately 1 hour

Cost for this event is \$6.00

RSVP to Amy Simmons by **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

[simmonsae@usa.redcross.org](mailto:simmonsae@usa.redcross.org) or (309)253-5859

### **Fun Fact:**

In Medieval Times, girls ate bizarre foods on St. Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future spouses.

<http://festivals.iloveindia.com/valentines-day/valentine-day-fact.html>



# Happy Birthday

## February Birthdays

Nellie Gould	Feb 2
Roxanne Heiser	Feb 2
Shannon Werckle	Feb 2
Peggy Smith	Feb 3
Jodi Tarter	Feb 3
Jeannie Osborn	Feb 6
Katie Arnholt Kim	Feb 7
Penny Kramer	Feb 7
Shelli Cowser	Feb 10
Camy McLaren	Feb 18
Cindy Fletcher	Feb 19

A special thank you to  
 Louisa Blanchard and  
 Amanda Hahn  
 for being our greeters at the  
 January 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 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 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](mailto: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

- Feb 18** noon at Kaiserhof in Grand Prairie
- March 18** noon at LongHorn Steakhouse by Grand Prairie
- April 15** 11:45 at Cyd's in Junction City

### Linda Martin

Feb 20 - noon at Eamon Patricks Public House

### Linda Woods

- Feb 18** - 11:45 at Carlos O'Kellys
- March 25** - 11:45 at Ponte Vecchio (Sheridan Village)

### Heather Fitzanko

- Feb 5** - 6 pm at 2 Chez on Pioneer Pkwy
- March 6** - noon at Hi Ho Mongolian Grill
- April 3** - noon at Avantis N. Knoxville
- May 1** - noon at Jalapenos
- June 5** - noon at TGI Fridays
- July 3** - noon at Panera N. Knoxville

### Kathy Schaeffer / Cathy Thomatis

- Feb 24** - 11:45 at Embassy Suites
- March 24** - 11:45 at Water Street Cafe (on State Street)
- April 28** - 11:45 at Eamon Patricks
- May 26** - 11:45 at Mings
- June 23** - 11:45 at Jim's Steakhouse
- July 28** - 11:45 at Rhythm Kitchen

### Lori Boland—Morton

**Feb 10** - noon at Mustards in Morton

## WIL Annual Awards (info & nomination)

January 19, 2009

Dear WILCI Member:

We are always looking for ways to make WIL bigger and better than ever! So we have come up with a new process to receive applicants for the WIL awards presented every May. We are providing each WIL member a way to cast their personal vote in the form of nominations.

The Awards Program provides an opportunity for each of us to reflect upon and celebrate not only our own accomplishments, but those of our membership. The WIL leadership asks you to join in this celebration by nominating either yourself or another WIL member for one of the Awards.

Please take the time to review the Awards and their descriptions. Then nominate up to 3 WIL members by January 30, 2009. We will then provide the application to each of the nominees to fill out and return by March 27, 2009. To apply, you or your nominee must be a member in good standing for at least one year. Members of the executive board ARE eligible to receive these 3 awards during their tenure, except the Outstanding New Member Award which the executive board determines. Please refer to your WIL Membership Directory for prior winners.

December 11, 2008 – Hand out Nominee Forms to Members.

January 30, 2009 – Final Collection of Nominee Forms.

February 2, 2009 – Present application to the Nominees.

March 27, 2009 – Collect submitted applications from Nominees.

May 14, 2009 – Awards Presented

We hope you will take this opportunity to share more about yourself and your accomplishment by participating in the Awards Program. At the same time, we hope you will encourage others by nominating them for recognition. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole R. Nolte

Director of Awards

309.222.2072 or

Nicole.Nolte@cibbank.com

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
NOMINATION FORM  
Awards Program 2008-2009

WOMAN LEADER OF THE YEAR

This Award provides recognition to a member who is outstanding in her business profession, community service, and in her leadership and participation as a WIL member.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

This Award provides recognition to a member who is outstanding by volunteering in her community through service and leadership and participation in WIL.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER LEADER AWARD

This Award provides recognition to a member who is outstanding in her business or profession and participation in WIL.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM BY JANUARY 30, 2009 TO:

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