

Women In Leadership of Central Illinois

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President's Letter

Dear Women Leaders,

“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”

~ Jack Welch

I recently came across this statement and really stopped to think about how it relates to Women in Leadership. As an organization, our commitment has been to promote leadership among women by providing mentoring, networking, and educational opportunities. WIL's membership is full of individuals who aspire to continue to grow professionally and personally and WIL is providing the opportunity to do just that.



The theme of our December luncheon is "Gifts". In addition to providing the opportunity to give gifts to each of the organizations listed below, we will be discussing "The 12 Gifts of WIL." We want to ensure our members know all that their membership with Women in Leadership provides! Please join us at our December luncheon at the IVY Club on Thursday, December 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kinds regards,

Stephanie J. Petri, CPA
President, Women in Leadership of Central Illinois



December Birthdays, We Celebrate YOU!

Donya Riggert • Dec. 3

Dr. Carolynsue Wolf • Dec. 15

Beverly Bourazak • Dec. 17

Jill Attaway • Dec. 24

Christine Hill • Dec. 25

Jennifer Addis • Dec. 27

Louisa Blanchard • Dec. 29

Ellen Vosberg • Dec. 31

If you are kind enough to bring a Birthday Silent Auction item to the next luncheon, the proceeds benefit the *Women In Leadership Scholarship Fund* that is awarded each spring. Thanks!



Hiral Hudson
Morgan Stanley

Pamela Rumba
Common Place Family Learning Center

Cathy Plouzek
ABG Retirement Plan Services

Please greet our new members wearing yellow ribbons at our next luncheon!



December is the last month of our Membership Drive, so invite your colleagues and friends! For every guest you bring to a luncheon, you get an entry into the prize drawing for a gift card. If your guest officially joins, you'll receive another special bonus! The member who brings the most guests during Oct-Nov-Dec wins a \$75 Jim's Bistro gift certificate.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

December WIL Luncheon

Thursday, December 14

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

IVY Club, 5102 N. Galena Road, Peoria Heights

The theme for our December luncheon is "Gifts." This theme will serve two purposes as we will have the opportunity to give gifts and to receive gifts.

To give gifts, three local not-for-profits were selected as they serve various age groups. If you would like to support one or more of these groups (children, women, or seniors), a "top ten" wish list from each organization is listed below. Donated items need to be **unwrapped** and can be brought to the December luncheon. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate items, you can give them to someone else who will be attending or you can take the items directly to the organization.

As for receiving gifts, your membership in Women In Leadership can be a gift to yourself in many ways. Do you know all that your membership provides? At the December 14 luncheon, we will highlight "The 12 Gifts of WIL."



[>> REGISTER HERE for December Luncheon <<](#)

**Please bring new, unwrapped donations to our
December luncheon to help our community in need!**

For [The Crittenton Center's](#) Crisis Nursery:

Formula for infant, gentle, newborn, Diapers size 3,4,5, 6, Baby Wipes, Children's Clothing (size 12mos-6T), Bottles, Sippy Cups, Baby Wash and Lotion, Pull Ups (size 3T and up), Educational Toys, and Baby Dolls



For [The Center for Prevention of Abuse:](#)

Gift cards to Walgreen's, Payless, Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Burlington Coat Factory, Toys R Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, Bath & Body Works, gasoline, Kroger, Soft blankets, throws, Dishes, pots and pans, silverware, Hair brushes, hair styling products, head bands, flat irons, hair styling products, blow dryers, crunchies, Books (non-violent, for children through adult), Coloring books, crayons, markers, art supplies DVDs (family oriented, non-violent, for children), Games, board games, trucks, basketballs, footballs, dolls, blocks, Legos



For [Central Illinois Agency on Aging](#):

Throws/Blankets, Socks (Adult size, including diabetic socks); Bed Pillows, Bath Towels, Hand Towels, and Wash Cloths, Paper Product (Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels), Toiletries for men and women (shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, body wash/soap), Stamps, Grabber/Reacher, Gift cards to grocery store or pharmacy.



SAVE THE DATE! January WIL Luncheon

Thursday, January 11, 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

IVY Club, 5102 N. Galena Road, Peoria Heights

Looking ahead to 2018, our January speaker will be **Dr. Elena Gabor** who will present "Conflict Resolution" as it relates to communication. What a timely topic for the New Year!



Member Spotlight

Whitney Goldstein

Financial Advisor
at **Robert W. Baird**



What was your first job?

I worked in jewelry sales at K's Merchandise Mart here in Peoria. For those not local to the area, it was a local department store on Pioneer Parkway that sadly closed while I was in college.

What led you to your profession?

It is something I grew up with as my father is also a financial advisor.

What do you like most about working for your company?

Baird is a large employee-owned global investment and wealth management firm. Headquarters is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, so the Midwest values that resonate so heavily in this community drive nearly every aspect of the firm.

What do you like most about WILCI?

It's a great opportunity to meet other like-minded women.

Who or what inspires you?

My father. He is my business partner and mentor.

Other interesting tidbit about me:

I have been in karate for 23 years. I am a 4th degree black belt and two-time international sparring champion.

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