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Illinois women
in leadership*together we will***IWIL CALENDAR
2007****APRIL**

Date: Thursday, April 19th
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: IWIL Scholarships and
 GEM Awards

MAY

Date: Thursday, May 17th
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Firefighters Club
Program: IWIL Annual Meeting

JUNE

Date: Thursday, June 21st
Time: Lunch (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: "Candlelight Dinners to
 Twinkies: Food Writing for
 a Daily Newspaper" with
 Kathryn Rem

*"Lighting the Way"***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
"LIGHTING THE WAY"
RACHEL BROUGHTON
IWIL PRESIDENT

In our business we get inundated with magazines and catalogs advertising a plethora of goods from backhoes and end loaders (equipment used to perform our jobs) to safety apparel (you know those stylish hard hats and orange vests). Then there were the hardscape items like park benches, tutorial signs (speed limit, school zone, etc...) that claimed to have "a superior stability and rebound when impacted from any direction, remain in service after multiple impacts," and the clincher, "no sandbags required for ballast." (My children would have been very disappointed if this had been developed 15 years ago because they earned spending money by filling a bazillions sandbags.) Most of the above mentioned products claimed to be efficient, reliable, and accurate with a few garnering the hallmark of *sustainability*. My favorite was the advertisement for an integrated light pole design that marketed itself as "360 degrees of support, unsurpassed craftsmanship, progressive design, engineered strength, complementing the surroundings and providing a lighting solution *reflective of your vision*." I couldn't help but think that the words used to tout these products describe the women in **IWIL**. Many have shown superior stability to rebound when impacted with unforeseen circumstances and continue to be efficient, reliable while remaining focused on their vision and at the same time complementing their surroundings! Each April a segment of the **IWIL** membership meeting is set aside to recognize and honor our members who have been chosen to receive a Gem Awards for their amazing accomplishments.

Sustainability (i.e. the capability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs) **describes the IWIL Scholarship Program**. At the April meeting we will spotlight the scholarship recipients, four bright young women who are the promising leaders of tomorrow.

I view IWIL as an "Integrated Light Pole System." Through friendships and networking, **IWIL** provides a lighting solution reflective of our vision while complementing our surroundings and maintaining sustainability. In other words ...

We're **Lighting the Way!**

Shine on,

Rachel

CAST A BRILLANT RADIANCE THIS SPRING

Guest Speakers: Patty Brockmeyer, Ellen Riemann and Kelli Pachlohofer

Program Co-Chair, **Jackie Newman**, introduced **Patty Brockmeyer** and **Ellen Riemann** of **Designer Landscapers** who gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation with before and after photos and tips on giving color to our landscape year-round. They also gave examples of low maintenance, shade and sun-loving plants. They added that our hardscape (concrete, boulders, brick and stone) is an important component of our landscape plan which is completed by the softscape of bushes, trees and flowers.

They also gave a "Get Rid of it NOW" list complete with photos (i.e., broken stepping stones and overgrown bushes). Patty and Ellen's humor along with their expertise made the program enjoyable as well as educational.

Jan Sescleifer introduced her longtime friend, **Kelli Pachlohofer**, Design Consultant/Showroom Manager of **J.B. Interiors**. Demonstrated by a host of fabric swatches, Kelli illustrated trends in decorating and gave tips of how to pull things together. Bottom line – decorate in fabrics and colors that are comforting to you. If you wish to add a bit of zest, do it with an ottoman or pillows instead of overwhelming the room with a large piece such as a sofa. Current color trends include blues and brown, purple, black and white and any shade of green. Available in many types of fabrics and still trendy are large prints and prints of birds. Kelli brought a beautiful vase of tulips for a door prize; **Sally Severer** was the lucky winner!

Due to the death of **David Radwine's** mother, he was unable to present the third component ("Chef's Tips for Eye Appeal") originally planned for this meeting.

We send our condolences to David and his family.

Attendees were treated to handouts by both speakers along with the "Favorites List" compiled by **Becky Miller** of the Program Committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: Thursday, April 19, 2007
7:30 a.m.

Where: The Sangamo Club
227 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois

Topic: IWIL Scholarships and GEM Awards

Cost: \$15 Members; \$16 Guests; \$20 at the door

The **IWIL GEM Awards** are presented each April to three women within our organization who have demonstrated extraordinary standards of professional excellence, vision and dedication within the business arena and community.

IWIL is also proud to present three \$1,000.00 college scholarships for area high school senior women from the Sangamon County area as well as a \$1,000.00 college scholarship for a woman also from Sangamon County who is endeavoring to begin or continue her college education for her first baccalaureate degree at a college or university of advanced studies.

BYLAW CHANGE VOTE PASSES AT THE MARCH 15th MEETING

The bylaw change is as follows: under Scholarship heading add "and other approved recipients" passed during the March 15th IWIL meeting.



IWIL CREDO

"I WILL..."

- make things happen
- promote professionalism
- seek educational opportunities
- mentor
- participate
- encourage others
- climb the ladder
- empower others
- educate the world
- make a difference
- do more than my part
- provide the initiative
- take action
- implement ideas
- be involved in the process
- give back to the community
- leave a legacy

IWIL TAX STATUS

The IRS has granted IWIL 501(c) (3) tax exempt status. Membership dues, contributions, and donations are tax deductible.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Want to network more with other IWIL members by sharing a more personal side of yourself?

Volunteers have started small special interest groups (SIGs) that meet outside the time constraints of our monthly meetings.

If you want to join or start a group, contact **Karen Westbrook** at (217) 787-1059.

Book Club

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962
See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, (217) 546-2249
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Sharon Thornton Knop,
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Susan Fulks, (217) 483-2774

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<http://www.iwil.biz/JoinIWIL.htm>

IWIL ANNUAL MEETING



"THE TWILIGHT BALL"
THURSDAY, MAY 17th

Please join us for the **IWIL Annual Meeting "The Twilight Ball"** on Thursday, May 17, 2007, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Firefighters Club on Lake Shore Drive in Springfield, Illinois. **Black or White attire please**, dancing shoes recommended. Catered by Bentoh's.

The Hospitality Committee promises you a fun-filled evening. More to follow.

REMINDER - Members ONLY, no guests or walk-ins for this event.

IWIL SIGs

- The **IWIL Book Club** will be meeting to discuss *The Sweet Potato Queen's First Big Ass Novel: Stuff We Didn't Actually Do, But Could Have, and May Yet* by Jill Conner Browne on Saturday, April 28th at Java Express located at 1827 North Peoria Road (about two blocks south of Sangamon Avenue) in Springfield, Illinois from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Marianne Jackson** at (217) 498-8962.
- The **IWIL Golf SIG** is under new leadership this year. Anyone interested in hitting the greens this Spring should contact **Sharon Thornton Knop** at (217) 496-3050 or **Mallorie Teubner** at (217) 496-3119 for more information.
- **Calling all Scrapbookers:**
Westside Christian Church holds monthly scrapbooking/craft nights on the following Friday evenings in Centennial Hall 3 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. May 4th, June 1st, July 29th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 12th and November 2nd.

Members of the **IWIL Scrapbooking SIG** will be attending.

If you are interested in going, contact **Viv Bennett** via e-mail at viv8976@insightbb.com or call her at (217) 622-8976. The only fee to attend is to bring a dish to share and/or a one liter bottle of your favorite drink. Spread the word and invite your friends!
- The **IWIL Hiking Club** will be meeting at the entrance of Lincoln Memorial Gardens on Sunday, April 29th. For those who can stay, at 3:00 p.m. they will be taking the Wildflower Tour. Children, spouses, and friends are all invited to join us. Contact **Viv Bennett** at (217) 622-8976 or viv8976@insightbb.com for additional information or to RSVP.



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Send your **IWIL news** to our
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Eileen Kluckman at info@iwil.biz!

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

IWIL WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

Andria Petrucha, Trust Associate, **Marine Bank**

Connie Stearns, Assistant Manager, **MealMakers**

IWIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Isolde Davidson has accepted the position of **Director of Membership & Marketing** with the **Maricopa County Bar Association** in Phoenix, Arizona beginning April 13th.

Best wishes to **Isolde** as she takes on her new endeavor!

IWIL FAVORITES LIST

Sue Hines

My favorite place in the entire world to vacation is Lake Tahoe, CA. Fortunately, I have traveled far and near and Lake Tahoe is one of the most beautiful and peaceful places I have been. The skies are brilliant blue, the water is clear and brilliant blue and the mountains snow capped while the weather is warm during the day and cools off at night to the low 60's. There is low humidity and absolutely no bugs or mosquitoes. Evening entertainment can be found a few minutes away in the casinos where many stars perform. Better yet, sit back, build a fire in the fireplace and enjoy the beauty that surrounds.

Sharon Thornton Knop

Best place for a quiet drink and dinner is the Lime Street Café. Best place for coffee is the Java Express on 9th Street. Best place for popcorn is Del's Popcorn Shop and the best place to buy unusual things is The River Wilde on North Dirksen Parkway.

Sally Sevenser

Favorite place to shop is Chicago. Favorite wine is Lambrusco by Riuniti. Favorite book store is Border in Chicago and my favorite author is my husband, Donald Sevenser. Favorite TV channel is HGTV. Favorite baseball team is the Cardinals. Favorite male singer is Josh Grobin and favorite female singer is Barbra Streisand. Favorite make-up and consultant, Carla Mayernick, Mary Kay.

Elizabeth Simpson

Favorite restaurant is the Iberico Café & Bar located on North LaSalle Drive in Chicago.

Mallorie Teubner

Favorite realtor is Becky Hendricks of the Becky Hendricks Team at the Real Estate Group. My favorite vacation is Gran Porto Real in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. My favorite wine is Stone House Red from the Montelle Winery in Augusta, MO. Visit it ... the view from the veranda is spectacular! www.montelle.com