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## IWIL CALENDAR 2005

### AUGUST

**Date:** Thursday, August 18  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights and Doing the Talking in Springfield" with guest speaker Pamela Furr, Hot Talk 970 WMAV

### SEPTEMBER

**Date:** Thursday, September 15  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights and Ending Up with Cotton Candy, Greased Pig Races, and Carnival Rides" with guest speaker Amy Bliefnick, Illinois State Fair

### OCTOBER

**Date:** Thursday, October 20  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights – Rising from the Ashes" with Kay Gregg and Project RETURN

## WHERE'S MY IWIL PROGRAM FLYER? LOOK FOR YOUR IWIL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS E-MAIL

Two links were included in your IWIL e-mail: this one and one for the program registration flyer. You can also find the program registration flyer online in pdf format at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *"Soaring to New Heights"*

Val Yazell, IWIL President

It's "Lunch at the Inn" this month! Join us at the new facility at the Inn at 835 for our 11:30 a.m. lunch meeting.

Kudos to the Hospitality Committee headed by Annette Piper for a wonderful summer social at Island Bay Yacht Club. It may have been warm but we kept cool with fans, cold drinks and boat rides. The theme of a ten-year reunion in 2015 invited some interesting projections on the lives of your fellow members...we have some very ambitious women in our midst.

The "Members Only" portion of our Web site is now active. You will receive a mailing after the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month revealing your ID and password. Please remember that the information contained in this section is for members only.

We will be introducing a new activity called "Meet the Board" this month. We plan to have a breakfast or luncheon every other month in lieu of our IWIL board meeting where the Mentoring Committee will invite new members to join us to meet and network. It is our hope that we can make our new members feel more at ease and welcome.

I would like to leave you each month with just a thought. Remember that you ARE important to this organization. No matter how you might perceive it, your presence is always felt but your absence screams. Join us to keep the noise level down.

### *Welcome New Members!*

Please welcome the new members who officially joined Illinois Women in Leadership this past July.

**Judith Redick**, Health Consultant and Max Karpman Furs and Fashions

**Teresa Smoot**, Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee

**Cynthia Thompson**, University of Illinois at Springfield

**Edith Weaver**, The State Journal-Register

**Emily Wright**, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP

**NEW AT IWIL.BIZ  
MEMBERS ONLY SECTION TO  
INCLUDE JOB BANK**

The "Members Only" section of the IWIL Web site is up and running. You will receive a mailing after August 15 informing you of your ID and password. You will be able to check the database to ensure your information is correct and let us know of any changes by sending a message to [info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz). You will also have access to the job bank as it is developed, past board minutes and treasurer's reports. Please remember that this information is for members only.

**NEW AT IWIL.BIZ  
CALENDAR FORMAT FOR  
IWIL MEETINGS**

Check out the new calendar format for IWIL board and committee meetings as well as the general meetings and newsletter deadlines at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities. The list of upcoming IWIL meetings and speakers is there with links to registration forms.

**ILLINOIS WOMEN IN  
LEADERSHIP 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,
- and leave a legacy."

***"Come As You Will Be in 2015!"***

**It was hotter than Hades but the drinks, boat rides, prizes and 10-year achievements were very cool.**

**Jean Jachino** is president of Illini Bank. Philanthropist **Val Yazell** donated \$150,000 dollars to the Illinois Women in Leadership. **JoDeen Roley** is retired and living a life of leisure. And **Nancy Richards** has achieved her dream of becoming an award-winning architect and owner of Little House in the City located in the Caldwell Mansion. Those are just a few of our favorite "come as you will be's" from the IWIL Summer Social at Island Bay Yacht Club on July 21. View scenes from the red carpet at the IWIL Photo Gallery, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Resources. The IWIL Hospitality Committee thanks the following event sponsors for their generous monetary gifts and in-kind contributions:

- Nancy Richards, **Central Illinois Bank** (\$150)
- Sheryl Daugherty, **Arizona Tile** (\$100)
- Karen Harris, **The Real Estate Group** (\$50)
- George Laubner, **CaptivatingCopy.com** (pontoon boat rides)
- Marty Chapman, **Party Creations** (table decorations/prizes and red carpet)

***"The DNA of Women Leaders"***

**Caliper study finds women leaders are more persuasive, assertive and willing to take risks**

One of the most striking findings in the study conducted by Caliper, a Princeton-based management consulting firm, points to women leaders being more persuasive than their male counterparts. "The women leaders we studied are more interested in hearing all points of view, then making the best possible decision. The final decision doesn't necessarily have to be their initial point of view. This willingness to see all sides of a situation enhances their persuasive ability," said Dr. Herb Greenberg, president and CEO, Caliper ([www.calipercorp.com](http://www.calipercorp.com)).

The male leaders studied, on the other hand, have a tendency to start from their own point of view. And because they are not as outgoing, open and flexible as the women leaders assessed, the male leaders may tend to force their perspective and convince through the strength of their position...rather than actually persuading. The male leaders studied run the risk of not necessarily persuading so much as pushing for their point of view.

Women leaders in the study also demonstrated a particular approach toward dealing with disappointment, rejection or situations that don't work out their way. The results showed that women would feel the sting of being set back. They may even dwell on it, and tend to be a little self-critical. But then they will muster their strength, shake it off, and learn what they need to carry on with more motivation. Male leaders in the study tended to let experiences roll off their back—without being affected by them as much as the women leaders. So, while the impact of rejection on male leaders was not as pronounced—they also tended to learn less from those experiences.

- Source: Caliper Corp. news release, 6/21/05 (submitted by Kathleen Stevens)

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

### Want to network more with other Illinois Women in Leadership 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 **Rachel Broughton** at 793-0262.

### Book Club

Val Yazell, 546-3860

### Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, 546-2249  
e-mail [jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com](mailto:jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com)

### Golf

Mary Schaefer, 529-2600

### Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, 483-2774

### Hiking

Viv Bennett, 622-8976  
e-mail [viv@springnet1.com](mailto:viv@springnet1.com)

### Scrapbooking

Julie Krehbiel, 546-6112 (work) or  
546-0576 (home)

### Support Group for Members with Aging Parents - LOVE

Marianne Jackson, 498-8962

### The Underwires

Kate Hein, 498-8077  
e-mail [hein535@springnet1.com](mailto:hein535@springnet1.com)

### Watercolor Painting

Shirley Caldwell Smith, 529-6959  
e-mail [caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net)

## IWIL SIG CORNER

### IWIL GARDEN TOUR

#### SUNDAY, JULY 31

The IWIL Gardening SIG will host a Garden Tour of four members' gardens on July 31. We'll meet at 4:30 p.m. on the south side of Target and carpool or drive separately and stop at the gardens ending at Marianne Jackson's house by 7 p.m. for burgers on the grill. For more info, contact **JoAnn Abrams** (546-2249) or **Viv Bennett** (622-8976).

### UPCOMING HIKES

#### LAKE SANGCHRIS, WELDON SPRINGS STATE PARK

The IWIL Hiking SIG shares these upcoming hiking dates. For more information, contact **Viv Bennett** (622-8976).

- September 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weldon Springs State Park

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

#### BOOK CLUB SIG SHARES READING LIST

The Book Club SIG doesn't just eat, in case that is what you've heard. We do read books, have listed them for you below and asterisked some of our favorites. We are currently reading *Chalktown* by Melinda Haynes. Our next meeting will be August 24, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marianne Jackson. Please join us!

*Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn

*White Oleander* by Janet Fitch

*The Hours* by Michael Cunningham

*To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*The DaVinci Code*\* by Dan Brown

*The Secret Life of Bees*\* by Sue Monk Kidd

*Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier

*Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

*Life of Pi*\* by Yann Martel

*Blue Shoe* by Ann Lamott

*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

*Heaven Lake* by John Dalton

*Five Quarters of Orange* by Joanne Harris

*Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton

*Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon

*Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

*The Egyptologist* by Arthur Phillips

*The Master Butcher's Singing Club*\* by Louise Erdrich

*Straight on til Morning* by Mary S. Lovell

*Book of Dead Birds* by Gayle Brandeis

*The Mermaid Chair*\* by Sue Monk Kidd

*Tales of Burning Love* by Louise Erdrich

*Peace Like a River*\* by Leif Enger

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** - Val Yazell

**Immediate Past President** -

Kathleen Stevens

**President Elect** - Rachel Broughton

**Secretary** - JoDeen Roley

**Treasurer** - Sally Quinn

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Communications** - Ann Londrigan

**Directory** - Mary Kay Allison

**Hospitality** - Annette Piper

**Membership** - Susan Wilcockson

**Mentoring** - Karen Westbrook

**Program** - Kate Hein

**Public Relations** - Cheryl Snyder

**Registration/Nametags** -

Sally Sevenser

**Scholarship** - Diane Hillard-Sembell

**Website** - Stephanie Sapetti

*Newsletter design by IWIL member  
Sharon Hewitt, Hewitt Graphic Design*



*"Soaring to New Heights"*

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If you wish to opt-out of future e-mail communications, please let us know by sending a message to [info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz) and you will be added to the snail mail list.

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

### Announcements & IWIL Member News

**Diane K. Rutledge, Ph.D.** was elected to the **Memorial Health Systems** board of directors. Rutledge, superintendent of Springfield School District 186, has been a member of the Memorial Health System Corporation since April 2001. She currently serves as corresponding secretary for Friends of Memorial Medical Center. She also served as chair of the Friends of Memorial Partners in Education Committee from 2001-2004.

**Debbie Cimarossa** has been appointed assistant vice president and human resources generalist, Human Resources Division, for the **Horace Mann Educators Corporation**. She will be the division's strategic business partner to Client Services, Administrative Services, Marketing, Law, and Corporate and Marketing Communications.

**Diane Hillard-Sembell** is seeking volunteers to serve on the **IWIL Scholarship Committee**. Join this group that gets the fun of planning the scholarship program and reviewing those incredible applications! The first meeting will be in early August and the time commitment is approximately one hour per month, August through February, and two hours per month March through May. This year we look to "soar to new heights" and add a special scholarship. Please e-mail [drdiane@insightbb.com](mailto:drdiane@insightbb.com) if you are interested.

Applications for the prestigious **Athena Awards** presented by the **Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce** were due July 29, 2005, at 5 p.m. The Awards Luncheon and Presentation will be held September 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Good luck to all nominees and here we proudly boast that four IWIL members are past Athena Award winners: **Cindy Davis** (2004), **Linda Waldron** (2001), **Gay Davidson** (2000), and **Desiree Logsdon** (1999)!

**IWIL president Val Yazell** sends a big "thank you" to **Sharon Hewitt** for the development of the newsletter template. Sharon developed the newsletter template to mirror the design of the Web site, which she also developed along with **Diana McClelland**. Please join me in thanking Sharon the next time you see her for her wonderful work.

A rousing round of applause for the **IWIL Hospitality team** from **The Underwires**. Why? For a great summer social!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 18, 2005

**Where:** Inn at 835, 835 South Second Street, Springfield

**Topic:** "Soaring to New Heights and Doing the Talking in Springfield"

**Speaker:** **Pamela Furr** of Hot Talk 970 WMAV "Talkback with Pamela Furr NOW"

Remember what it was like to move to Springfield? Maybe you chose to, maybe you didn't, maybe you've never lived elsewhere. All the same you'll enjoy our kick-off speaker for 2005-2006, Pamela Furr, talk radio host at WMAV, country music performer, producer and businesswoman. Pam is vivacious and outgoing. A fairly recent transplant from Nashville, Tenn., Pam will tell us about taking on the challenges of moving to a new city - and one in the North at that! And check out her Web site,

[www.pamelafurr.com](http://www.pamelafurr.com).

**Cost:** \$14 Members, \$15 Guests, \$20 at the door

**Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Website, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities. A link to the form was included in this newsletter e-mail.**