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

Date: Thursday, August 16
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: "Leadership and Direction" with Mike DiCenso, President of Retirement Services, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

SEPTEMBER

Date: Thursday, September 20
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "Re-Inventing Yourself" with Linda Castor, R.N., Psychotherapist and Wellness Consultant, Weight Plan for Life

OCTOBER

Date: Thursday, October 18
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: "Giving Dynamic Presentations" with Cindy Davis

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 15
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "Serving on Boards and Committees" with Jill Steiner

**NEW REGISTRATION
DEADLINE!****FRIDAY BEFORE**

To get a better headcount and better manage program costs, the registration deadline for IWIL programs has moved up to the Friday before the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***"Ignition – To Infinity and Beyond"***

Karen Loeb Westbrook, IWIL President

Ignition. In order to take off and have a smooth trip, we need the best fuel available. Our membership is our fuel. One of my goals is to spark our membership to light the fire needed to thrust our organization to the next level.

Membership involvement is essential for the perpetuation of an organization. As we say at my house, "you have to pay to play" which is usually followed by "you're the meanest Mom in the world." I am asking each of you to identify how you might best "pay to play" with your IWIL friends. And, I fully expect that some of you will have a similar retort to that of my children.

All of us are busy women. It is part of being a woman in leadership. Family, work, friends, and other volunteer activities take up our days and nights. Volunteerism is on the decline across the country because of hectic schedules. IWIL is in direct competition with numerous worthy causes for member time including meeting attendance, committee participation and organization leadership.

The challenge is each of us finding the activity or committee that suits our talents and schedule and then "Puttin' Your Best Foot Forward." The Summer Social was our first step on our journey. I look forward to your increased involvement as we take flight.

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFO?****CHECK ONLINE**

You can do yourself and IWIL a big favor by checking your membership information online at www.iwil.biz, Members Only Home.

If you don't know the password for the Members Only Home, please contact Web site Chair Theresa Boley, tboley@siumed.edu or 545-5000.

In the Members Only Home you can also find Board Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports, the IWIL Job and Resume banks.

PRE-PAY AND SAVE! DEADLINE AUG. 17

IWIL is offering its members the opportunity to receive a discount on the monthly IWIL programs for 2007-2008 by pre-paying for eight (8) breakfast and lunch meetings. The pre-pay cost will be \$15 per meeting or \$120. The regular meeting cost is \$17 with an additional \$5 fee for walk-ins. (Guests pay \$18.) You can pre-pay by sending a check when registering for the August meeting. Payment must be received before August 17 to get the discount. Find the calendar online at www.iwil.biz.

WHAT DO THEY DO? IWIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee advertises, selects and awards the annual scholarships given to area high school women. Funds for these scholarships are raised from the holiday social and other activities during the fiscal year as well as donations to the newly formed IWIL scholarship endowment fund administered by the Sangamon County Community Foundation. IWIL is proud to offer college scholarships for area high school senior women from the Sangamon County area, as well as for a woman 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. The committee is led this year by **Jill Leka**. Learn more at www.iwil.biz, Scholarships.

IWIL TAX STATUS

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

JUNE MEETING RECAP

"Puttin' Your Best Foot Forward!"

IWIL SUMMER SOCIAL HOSTED BY THE DAUGHERTYS AND CATERED BY SPARC

Forty-five vivacious and funny women enjoyed each other's company at the July 19 IWIL Summer Social. The event was held for the second year in a row at the beautiful home (and perfect location) of Sheryl Daugherty.

Everyone enjoyed great food catered by Sparc's Success Center Diner /Catering and smooth Flip Flop Slushies created by Marianne Jackson. Everyone received a gift bag of goodies (flip flop bracelets, flip flop notepads and flip flop magnets).

Gift certificates donated by Swan Nails were presented to Desiree Logsdon for the prettiest flip flops, Sally Sevenser for the flashiest flip flops and Darlene Weaver for the funniest flip flops. Door prizes included floral table decorations, flip flop candle holders and flip flop earrings. Our hostess received a flip flop purse and flip flop (of course!) decoration created by Rachel Broughton.

Many thanks to Hospitality Committee members Aimee Lee, Aissa Bell, Carla Mayernick, Jean Bruner Jachino, Karen Harris, Marianne Jackson, Sally Sevenser and Theresa Boley.

—by **Carlissa Pucket**, IWIL Hospitality Chair

New Meeting Format

MORE TIME FOR SPEAKERS AND YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

There have been numerous comments that IWIL has fabulous speakers who do not have enough time to present. In light of the comments, we are going to try a new format for our meetings. The morning programs at the Sangamo begin at 7:30 a.m. and the luncheon programs start at 11:30 a.m. at the Inn at 835.

7:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - Food service will begin. Members will be asked to go through the buffet line as soon as possible.

7:50 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. - Short business meeting including committee & SIG reports, introduction of new members and guests. (Note: we will not start this until all attendees are seated.)

8:10 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. - Introduction of speaker (Note: this may be earlier depending length of previous agenda item.)

8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - Q & A

8:40 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. - Self introductions and Pay to Say followed by networking

The Board hopes that this change responds to the needs of our membership. We are always interested in feedback. Contact any of the board members listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

—by **Karen Westbrook**, IWIL President

ILLINOIS WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

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“To Infinity and Beyond”



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MORE IWIL NEWS

JULY BOARD MEETING RECAP

MINUTES AND REPORTS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE IN MEMBERS ONLY

The board of the Illinois Women in Leadership met on Monday July 9 and below are some highlights. Please know that you can find full minutes as well as the Treasurer's Report online at www.iwil.biz, Members Only Home.

- The 2007 IWIL budget was accepted and approved, including an additional transfer of \$10,000 to the IWIL scholarship endowment fund administered by the Sangamon County Community Foundation.
- The board agreed to a change in the program schedule to give speakers more time with networking and pay-to-says at the end of the meeting.
- An IWIL informational membership brochure is in development and will be available at IWIL meetings for members to give to potential members.
- If a member needs to know the Members Only login and password they can contact Theresa Boley, IWIL Web site Chair, tboley@siumed.edu or 545-5000.
- The deadline for information for the IWIL newsletter is the Monday after the IWIL general program/luncheon.
- **The registration deadline for programs has been moved up to the FRIDAY BEFORE THE MEETING** to improve the accuracy of the head count given to the Sangamo and the Inn at 835. Previously, it was the Monday before the meeting.

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 **Karen Westbrook** at 787-1059.

Book Club - **Marianne Jackson**, 217-498-8962

Gardening - **JoAnn Abrams**, 217-546-2249 or jabrams@rmc-bigcnc.com

Golf - **Sharon Thornton Knop**, 217-496-3050 or Mallorie Teubner, 217-496-3119

Gourmet - **Susan Fulks**, 217-483-2774

Hiking - **Viv Bennett**, 217-622-8976 or viv8976@insightbb.com

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Support Group for Members with Aging Parents – LOVE
Marianne Jackson, 217-498-8962

The Underwires - **Mary Mann**, 217-525-3000 or mary.mann@rsmi.com



IWIL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

When: Thursday, August 16, 2007
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Program: **"Leadership and Direction" with Mike DiCenso,
President of Retirement Services, Arthur J. Gallagher
& Co.**

Cost: \$17 members, \$18 guests and \$22 walk-ins

One of the many roles of leadership is to strategically direct an organization. How do you accomplish that feat? Find out by listening to our speaker in August, Mike DiCenso.

Member's Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail reservation form and payment to:

(NOTE: For accounting purposes, please do not send one check for multiple events. Payment per event is preferred.)

ILLINOIS WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM REGISTRATION
ATTN: AISSA BELL
517 RICHMOND DRIVE,
CHATHAM, IL 62629

REMINDER: All reservations and payments must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2007. No phone reservations are accepted. All late reservations will be invoiced a \$5 late fee.

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