



together we will

2011-12 IWIL CALENDAR

AUGUST

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "What Can I Learn from Younger People?"

*****AUGUST MTG. REMINDER*****

Lisa Weitzel will be on hand to take your directory photo! Make your \$15 check payable to Lisa Weitzel.

SEPTEMBER

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: INB Conference Center
 431 N. 4th Street
Program: End of Summer Social
Watch for all of the fun details ... coming soon!!

OCTOBER

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "How Changing Demographics Will Affect Our Future?"

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "Keep Calm and Carry On"

DECEMBER

Date: December 8, 2011

Save the date and watch for details on the Holiday Event/Silent Auction!

Be sure and visit our website at: www.iwil.biz.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Awesome Ladies,

As many of you can imagine taking the gavel of this epic organization is a bit over-whelming. I felt honored and more than a bit scared. Finding just the right theme and direction for the year ahead was my first weighty decision. I chose the theme of "The Best Is Yet To Come", because I believe that great adversity also brings great opportunity for folks of vision and hope. Our world is changing very rapidly and facing challenges never seen before. The most important thing we can do for each other at this moment in time is provide support and encouragement as each of us finds and re-defines our place in this new world. It was my hope that each of our programs this year would inspire us, open our horizons, teach us something new and leave us with a portal to implement our newfound information if we so choose. And, what a great start we've had!

Our first program of the year was an outstanding presentation from Dr. Colleen Moore entitled "Beyond the Magic 8 Ball: Establishing a Personal Board of Directors". While listening to Dr. Moore, I was reminded again that no one achieves the greatness of their full potential without the help of others. We have all been nurtured and mentored along the way. But, what if we didn't leave our fate to chance? What if we didn't wait for that mentor to present him or herself? What if we went after them by establishing our own "Board of Directors"—a board of mentors of our own choosing and design?

Dr. Moore not only shared the value of her personal Board of Directors with us, she left us with a "how to" plan of action with which to get started. It is my sincere hope that her message inspired at least a few of our members to take action and give their life a nudge forward or a course correction by establishing their own Board. Thanks Colleen.

Cheers to all,
 Julie

Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional.
 Roger Crawford

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IWIL Members Recognized

40 Under 40

The following IWIL members were selected to *Springfield Business Journal's* 2011 *40 Under 40*, based on their contributions to the local business community and to the community in which they reside.

Congratulations go to: **Sarah Beuning, Lashanda Fitch and Jenna Fox.**

26th Annual Small Business Person of the Year Awards

On Wednesday, June 29, the Chamber hosted its annual luncheon at the Crowne Plaza. Several IWIL members were recipients of awards, others were nominated, and several members played roles in the planning and execution of the event.

Winners

Amy (and her husband Brooke) **Peterson**, owners of The Closet Guy, won the Ruby Award (sales up to \$1 million).

Cindy Davis (and Craig Mannschreck), owners of Resource One, won the Emerald Award (sales of \$1 - \$5 million).

Nominees

Sue Hines, owner of Lift and Firm Day Spa, was nominated in the Ruby Award category.

Jackie Newman, Springfield Housing Authority, was nominated in the Non-Profit Director of the Year category.

Kay Fischer, FWAI Architects Inc., was nominated in the Emerald Award category.

Other companies that employ some of our members and were winners or nominees are:

Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (**Brenda Elliott** works there)

AmeriCall Communications Company, Inc. (**Sheila Feipel** works there)

United Way (**Emily Rabin** works there)

Marianne Jackson, Evalon, served as a judge for the event. **Darlene Weaver** and **Val Yazell** served as co-emcees for the event. **Sheryl Daugherty** presented one of the awards. And **Sharon Theison**, Springfield Chamber, organized the entire event with support from IWIL members **Sheryl Daugherty, Darlene Weaver, Val Yazell, Jenna Fox** and **Jean Campbell.**

Help recognize/promote others!

Know an IWIL member who has received an award or deserves recognition? Send an e-mail to Lisa Rigoni at

LRigoni@prwithpurpose.net, we'll include the information in an upcoming newsletter.

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Summer Social Event Recap

A big thanks goes to Julie Zara for hosting our Summer Social, as well as hospitality co-chairs, Emily Rabin and Andria Sapp for their coordination of the event! Beautiful evening, perfect setting, many guests, and everyone had a good time networking, thanking the outgoing board and welcoming the incoming board. Many members participated in the flip-flop contest, but Sheila Feipel was declared the winner with her creative flair to promote her business!



Sheila Feipel was declared winner of the flip-flop contest!



Cherri Plummer, Jean Campbell, Jewel Fishburn, Sheila Feipel and Kim Woolard.



Linda Schaefer, Jan Sorenson, Karen Paisley



Sarah Beuning, Farah Salim, Andria Sapp, Sarah Tapscott

Welcome new members

Debbie Cimarossa, Asst. VP HR Generalist, The Horace Mann Companies.

Sarah Potter, President, Creative Alliance.

Linsay Jackson, Regional Director of Sales & Marketing for Central Illinois, Covenant Care.

Heather Winkler, Manager, Organizational Communications, The Hope Institute.

Colleen Stone, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross.

Sarah Jennings, Director Corporate and Foundation Relations, University of Ill. Springfield

Sara Freitag, Agency Intern, State Farm Insurance

Marsha Shomidie, VP, Branch Manager, Illinois National Bank.

Watch for member spotlights of these women in upcoming issues of the IWIL newsletter to learn more about them. We'll feature veteran members, too!

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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,
and leave a legacy."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Brenda Barton	Aug. 4 th
Jamie Osborne	Aug. 4 th
Denise Rice	Aug. 5 th
Lisa Rigoni	Aug. 5 th
Tammy Lonergan	Aug. 8 th
Sarah Mackey	Aug. 8 th
Kris Salter	Aug. 16 th
Sally Quinn	Aug. 17 th
Eileen Kluckman	Aug. 21 st
JoAnn Abrams	Aug. 23 rd
Amy Peterson	Aug. 24 th
Evelyn Brandt-Thomas	Aug. 25 th

Pay to Says

Featured artist **Jan Sorenson** at Hoogland Center for the Arts Aug. 13 – Sept. 23. For more details visit: www.artworksbyjansorenson.com or jan@artworksbyjansorenson.com.

Shirley Coldwell Smith invites you to view her paintings in the entry of the Sangamo Club.

Beth Gietl's family is hosting a golf outing for her 3 ½-year-old nephew, Sam Crouse, on Sept. 11, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Piper Glen Golf Course. Sam was diagnosed with a brain malformation at birth that caused severe pressure and damage. All proceeds from this event will help fund the extreme medical expenses that have piled up due to hospitalizations this past year. The afternoon includes a shotgun start, dinner, prizes, awards and recognition. Please feel free to come for golf, dinner or both and invite others to join! For more information contact Beth Gietl bgietl@ibankmarine.com.

Book Club

August - Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. The Book Club extends thanks for hosting the Aug. 11 Book Club meeting to Janetta Clemons.

September - Before I Go To Sleep by S. J. Watson

October - You Shall Know Our Velocity by Dave Eggers

November - Woman in White by Wilkie Collins (our classic)

December - no book club

Contact Val Yazell at valerayazell@hotmail.com for more information, and watch upcoming newsletters and the website for specific dates!

Clarification from Val Yazell

Dear IWIL friends,

I think I created some confusion at the July meeting. I mentioned that I am Chairman of Festival of Trees. Several people thought I meant that I was chairing the IWIL Festival of Trees committee (we've had that committee the last couple years). What I meant is that I am the General Chairman for Memorial Medical Center's Festival of Trees (nothing to do with IWIL). The event will be held November 19 - 27 at the Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Thanks much,
Val Yazell

Member Spotlight



Name: Sheila Feipel, 46

Profession and how you got started. Business telephone sales, AmeriCALL Communications. I went to a job fair and Joe Ushman offered me a position the next day.

Education: University of Illinois Champaign Urbana

Tell us about your family. Husband Jon, one of the few true men I know and my best friend. In almost 14 years, we have never had an argument; certainly not due to my disposition but everything to do with his immense patience, caring and understanding. I have four cats and one dog.

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. When I retire, I would like to pursue a career in the non-profit sector. To date I have worked with Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Salvation Army.

List your hobbies: Racquetball, dancing, biking, scuba, rock climbing and travel

Favorite quote: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other," Mother Teresa

Favorite food: Scallops

Favorite book: *Candide*, Voltaire

List 3 adjectives that describe you. Fun-loving, energetic, impetuous

What do you want to be when you grow up? Wise

What are your favorite subjects in school? French and math

Name two characteristics you look for in a leader. Honesty and charisma

What do you value most in other people? Honesty and zeal for life

Who served as a role model to you? My French teacher, Marcia Pfahl, who is a strong, independent and loving woman

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? I love attempting everything whether I succeed or fail. I believe it is only through failure that we truly learn.

What is the best advice you've ever given and/or received? My grandmother's, but it can't be written in this interview.

What would you like to teach others about? Tolerance: human beings, no matter their socio-economic, ethnic or religious background, are all equal. We all seek the same things: secure life, liberty, love and happiness.

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? I would like to be able to fly, because I can imagine the feeling of complete freedom.

When you have an hour of free time, what do you like to do? Play racquetball

What famous person would you like to meet? First Lady Michelle Obama

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be? Brazil

If you could spend an ideal day without monetary constraints what would it be? I would fly to Paris with Jon, have lunch on the Cote d'Azur, and dine at Roger La Grenouille and dance the night away.

What do you want to be doing in ten years? Working in some capacity to help others.