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IWIL CALENDAR 2005 – 2006

DECEMBER

Date: Thursday, December 8
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Illini Country Club
Program: IWIL Holiday Social
 “Soaring to New Heights:
 Preparing the Next
 Generation”

JANUARY

Date: Thursday, January 19
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: “Soaring to New Heights
 While Being Grounded”
 with Lisa Schmidt,
 spouse of Major Harry
 Schmidt

FEBRUARY

Date: Thursday, February 16
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: “Soaring to New Heights
 – Springfield at 20,000
 Feet” with Gary
 Plummer, President and
 CEO, Greater Springfield
 Chamber of Commerce

AFTER HOURS WITH THE BOARD MUSIC AND MINGLING ON DECEMBER 15

Join us for after hours with the board Thursday, December 15, at the Inn at 835. Meet your board and fellow IWIL members after work at 5:15 p.m. Stop for a few minutes or stay the evening and get to know someone new.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stop and Look Around Your World

Val Yazell, IWIL President

Be of good cheer...or at least as comfortable as possible this holiday season. We have parties to attend, cookies to bake, presents to buy and wrap, and family to entertain. Ladies, that is what we THINK we have to do. My wish for all of you this year is that you stop and look around your world. No matter what is going on or the challenges you face, you can find joy in something. Perhaps, it's even in thinking about what you would really like to say to that “out of control” relative but smile instead. Life ebbs and flows and contrary to popular myth, we are truly not meant to be on top of the world all the time. Wherever you are, things will swing the other way once again. Make a promise to yourself this year to breathe deeply and smile.

I want to give a big “THANK YOU” to **Sally Sevenser**, Registration and Name Tag Chair, for our new name badges.

Don't forget the Holiday Social on Thursday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. at the Illini Country Club. Proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund. Join the fun and help support a most worthy cause!

SCHOLARSHIPS - Over \$31,000 Awarded to Date Where We've Been, Where We're Going

The women of Illinois Women in Leadership should be very proud. Through our commitment to mentoring and professional growth of young women in Sangamon County—first as members of Women in Management and now as members of IWIL—we have raised and awarded over \$31,000 since 1988!

The scholarship program began in 1988 with a single \$350 award given by WIM. Through the late 1980s and 1990s, generally one scholarship was given, ranging from \$450 to \$750, until 1999 when two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. From 2000 through 2003, three \$1,000 awards were given yearly. The year 2004 was a banner year for the scholarship program, and we saw the three winners each receive \$1,500 as well as the seven semifinalists each receive consolation awards of \$500. In 2005, the charter year of IWIL, three IWIL Scholarship recipients each received a \$1,000 award, three semifinalists received \$250 each, and three honorable mention awards of \$100 were disbursed.

What does the future have in store? In addition to the continued support of promising area high school seniors, IWIL is developing an additional new scholarship to be given to a mature woman, a woman who is endeavoring to (*continued on page 2*)

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."



IWIL HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT ILLINI ADVANCE REGISTRATION DUE DEC. 2

Get festive for a good cause at the IWIL Holiday Social and Scholarship Program fundraiser at the Illini Country Club on December 8, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. – "Soaring to New Heights: Preparing the Next Generation." Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the IWIL Scholarship Fund. Registration is \$30 by Dec. 2 or \$40 at the door. Find a registration from at www.iwil.biz, Calendar & Activities. - *Annette Piper, IWIL Hospitality Chair*

You'll have over 100 fabulous items to bid on in the Silent Auction, thanks to many donations from IWIL members!

- Gift baskets
- Floral arrangements
- Restaurant certificates
- Spa packages
- Holiday décor
- Jewelry
- Wine
- Golf package
- Lake of the Ozarks Cabin Stay

IWIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS

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begin or continue college education to complete her first baccalaureate degree. This is in keeping with our credo and mission statement, which includes mentoring others and giving back to the community. Details of this new scholarship will emerge in the New Year newsletter.

Thanks again to the membership of IWIL for their continued generosity and vision in supporting the scholarship program and the leaders of tomorrow. Come to the Holiday Social to learn more about past winners and to show your support!

– *Dr. Diane Hillard-Sembell, IWIL Scholarship Chair*

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Two Scholarship Recipients Share Their News

Jillian Franke

2005 IWIL Scholarship Award

"I just wanted to write to tell all of you how I have been doing the last few months. I am currently approaching the end of my first semester majoring in Materials Science Engineering at the University of Illinois in Champaign. School has been going absolutely great! I was interviewed to become a member of the Engineering Initiative Board which is a small group of students that strives to innovate the College of Engineering by working with student organizations and the college itself. I am one of three freshmen on the committee and we have already initiated many projects and plans into the college. I was also interviewed to become a board member of the Engineering Council Service Committee. I am currently the only freshman on the board; we have planned and executed many service/volunteer events all over the city of Champaign. Earlier this fall I collected donations for charity in order to be a member of the Orange Krush (the basketball student cheering section). The season has just started, but the games are already fun and exciting. I wanted to thank the organization once again for the opportunity you have provided me."

Kim Little

1989 WIM Scholarship Award

"I clearly remember reading my essay 'The Professional Woman: The Sky's the Limit' to the WIM members! I applied the scholarship money toward textbook fees my freshman year. I aspired to be a broadcast journalist. I did get my B.S. in Broadcast Journalism ('93) from the University of Illinois. However, after a few internships during college, I realized it wasn't the right fit. Journalism is a very versatile degree. I applied my interviewing skills in the higher education publishing industry and loved the business. Who knew I would end up being the editor for those expensive textbooks! At Thompson Learning in San Francisco, I worked my way from sales representative, to Acquisitions Editor, Regional Sales Manager (#1 in Sales) and Consulting Editor. When I moved back to Springfield, I was a WIM member from 1999-2002. After 10 years in publishing, I decided to stay home to raise my two daughters, Amanda (age 3) and Vanessa (21 months). In November 2004 I created www.Springfieldmoms.org, an extension of my passion for bringing people together, utilizing my publishing and marketing skills and contributing to our community. The power of Springfieldmoms.org networking with other women certainly parallels the goals of Women in Leadership today! The scholarship program is an excellent way to foster the professional development of senior girls in our community. I am glad to see this program thrive!"

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 **Rachel Broughton** at 793-0262.

Book Club

Val Yazell, 546-3860
See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, 546-2249
e-mail jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com

Golf

Mary Schaefer, 529-2600

Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, 483-2774

Hiking

Viv Bennett, 622-8976
e-mail 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

Watercolor Painting

Shirley Caldwell Smith, 529-6959
e-mail caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net

GOURMET COOKIES

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

The Gourmet SIG's Christmas Cookie Exchange is Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Please RSVP by e-mail to Cheryl Western at cbenn@csj.net or Susan Wilcockson, Susan_Wilcockson@commerce.state.il.us by Dec. 5!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP and MORE IWIL NEWS

"Soaring to New Heights – Without Giving Away Who You Really Are!"

Guest Speaker Tommy D. Coke, U.S. Postal Inspector

At the November IWIL meeting Tommy Coke, U.S. Postal Inspector Team Leader for the Chicago Division and Springfield Domicile, said that identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime in American with over one million victims annually including persons, banks, retailers and merchants. What do identity thieves want to get? Your credit cards (including information contained on the credit card magnetic strips), checks (including cancelled checks), pre-approved credit card applications, convenience checks, credit bureau printouts, bank statements and credit card statements.

Most ID theft is credit card fraud (28%) but it also includes phone and utilities fraud, bank fraud, employment related fraud and others. There were 11,138 complaints filed in Illinois in 2004. While federal and state legislation are working to address this crime, there are things you can do to protect yourself.

- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox.
- Empty your wallet of extra credit cards and social security card.
- Never give personal information over the phone.
- Shred pre-approved credit applications, bills and other financial information when no longer needed.
- Order your credit report once a year to check for accuracy or fraud.
- Be conscious of normal receipt of routine financial statements.

Action Steps for Identity Theft Victims

- Contact all creditors, by phone and in writing, to inform them of the problem.
- Call each of the three credit bureaus' fraud units to report identity theft. Ask to have a "Fraud Alert/Victim Impact" statement placed in your credit file asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts.
- Alert your banks to flag your accounts and contact you to confirm any unusual activity. Request to change in PIN and a new password.

Where to Report Identity Theft

- Equifax Credit Bureau, 1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com
- Experian Information Solutions, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com
- TransUnion Credit Bureau, 1-800-680-7289, www.transunion.com
- Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-FTC-HELP, www.ftc.gov
- Local Police Department
- U.S. Postal Inspector (Springfield), 217-788-7470

Source: U.S. Postal Inspection Service, www.usps.com/postalinspectors/

Welcome New IWIL MEMBERS!

- **Diane Reinhart**, Vice President and Relationship Manager, Small Business Banking, Bank One
- **Susan Hines**, Owner, Lift and Firm

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"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 and you will be added to the snail mail list.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

Announcements & IWIL Member News

If you want to promote an event or your business at the next IWIL meeting, you can pay \$1 to have it read at the podium. Find "Pay to Say" guidelines at www.iwil.biz in the Resource Center.

Sally Sevenser, owner of **Sally's Organizing Service** wants to know....Are you suffering from CHAOS...Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome? Well, her holiday special can cure that. Your home can be organized and beautiful for the holidays. Sally is currently running a Christmas special that you should take advantage of. Give or receive the gift of organizing this Christmas. Remember, "There is no better time to get organized than to get organized NOW! Call Sally at 741-0433.

Cheryl Synder of the **Illinois Symphony Orchestra** asks you to mark your calendars for December 17 to come see fellow IWIL member **Jackie Newman** perform at the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert!

Becky Miller, vice president of **Morgan Stanley**, spoke on the topic of "Smart Women Finish Rich" to 350 women who attended the "Smart Women Smart Money" conference held at the Northfield Center on Oct. 24 and sponsored by State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka. Becky also is a Rotarian and is selling luscious Florida oranges and grapefruit at \$25 a case. A case can be split half and half, or you can buy a half of a case. Contact Becky at 547-2916.

Kathy Chastain would like to announce that she has a new position at **Athens State Bank** as compliance officer. Her main responsibility will be leading the bank's regulatory compliance and audit function. She will wear other "hats" such as Human Resources, Training and Development, and Education in the schools. Her office is located in the Springfield Branch at the corner of Andrew Road and Route 29. Stop by and see her if you are in the area.

What have you been trying to change in your life and just cannot seem to get the job done? Have you ever thought about having a partner to come alongside you to help get you there? As your personal Life Coach, Jill's interest is only in you and seeing you reach your goals. Learn more about **Jill Kennedy-Broughton** at www.ItsAllAboutChange.com, the Web site for her coaching business. Find out what coaching is all about and how you can try out a coaching session free of charge.

Amee Lee, secretary of the **Springfield Women's 600 Club**, invites you to sponsor the 56th annual Florence Scott Round-the-Town Tournament bowled in the first and second weeks of January 2006 at all four bowling establishments in Springfield. There are four sponsorship levels for this prestigious tournament. Contact Amee for details at 824-8795 or 565-9092.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2005

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

Topic: "Soaring to New Heights While Being Grounded"

Speaker: **Lisa Schmidt**

Lisa Schmidt proved to be strength and stability for Major Harry Schmidt. Regardless of your position on this case, you will want to hear Lisa tell us from where she drew her strength, power and amazing determination.

Cost: \$14 Members, \$15 Guests, \$20 at the door. Reservation forms can be found at www.iwil.biz, Calendar & Activities.