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*together we will*
**IWIL CALENDAR 2009**
**FEBRUARY**

**Date:** February 19, 2009  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** **Wellness for Women**  
 Dr. Susan Hingle, SIU  
 School of Medicine

**MARCH**

**Date:** March 19, 2009  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Home of Connie Dicenso  
 5004 Dogwood Hills  
**Program:** **New Member Reception**

**APRIL**

**Date:** April 16, 2009  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** **Scholarship Winners  
Diamond Award**

**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."

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
***Leadership – One Step at a Time***
**Annette Piper, IWIL President**

Way to start the year! Despite the frigid weather conditions, school being cancelled, the Inn at 835's furnace being out and the meeting location being moved, we had a fantastic time. Congratulations to Darlene Weaver, for once again pulling together another astounding program for our January Meeting!

Darlene's leadership and vision brought together the former Chairs of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce in a panel discussion with Marion Richter, Marilyn Kushak and Desiree Logsdon. With Val Yazell as moderator, these ladies spun truly enlightening tales of their leadership days with the Chamber of Commerce board. Personally, to hear these ladies, that I have considered my mentors in the community, talk about their challenges was so energizing.

Marion Richter discussed the calm days during her tenure in 1994. It made me think about where I was 15 years ago when I joined the old IWIL group f/k/a Women in Management. Gay Davidson dropped the welcome package off at my office and encouraged me to get involved. I joined the "Annual Meeting Committee" and was assigned the task of calling members to ask for a donation of \$15 or a bottle of wine. What a scary thought, calling all those "powerful" women!

I looked up to people like Desiree Logsdon, Darlene Weaver and Val Yazell as mentors who pushed me (and still do). I learned that this group is not only supportive, but fun! I learned that it is OK to experiment, try new things and take the next step. Thank you for your support.

I am looking forward to next month's program at the Sangamo Club on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Our speaker is Dr. Susan Hingle who will help guide us towards a healthier life style as she discusses, "Wellness for Women." Please bring a guest and join us for breakfast!

Hoping to help empower you to take the next step,

Annette



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

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### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Please join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the home of **Connie Dicenso** located at 5004 Dogwood Hills, Springfield, IL. in Panther Creek Subdivision. You will not want to miss this chance to socialize and meet our new members. More details TBA!

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY OPPORTUNITY

Do you have graphic design experience or does your company provide this service?

If so, we're looking for you! We would like to offer our membership the opportunity to bid on designing and printing our IWIL directory for next year. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Shutz, IWIL Membership Directory Chair, for more information at 747-9367 or [bshutz@hanson-inc.com](mailto:bshutz@hanson-inc.com).

### PAY TO SAY

**Springfield Christian School** announces its annual fundraiser, **Catch The Vision 2009**, to be held on February 20 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Proceeds will be utilized for new computers, sports uniforms, and musical instruments and more. Tickets go on sale on January 15 and are \$30. Sponsorship opportunities are available and auction item donations are currently being solicited. For more information, please contact Amy Sherwood at 217-971-9527 or Janet Brewer at 217-899-1933.

It's everyone's favorite time! **Girl Scout Cookie Time!** Call Jamie Osborne at 523-8159 to have a local troop come by your neighborhood or business.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

**Want to network 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 SIG, contact **Sheryl Daugherty** at [sheryldaugherty@comcast.net](mailto:sheryldaugherty@comcast.net).

### Book Club

**Marianne Jackson**, 725-0414  
[Mspur44@aol.com](mailto:Mspur44@aol.com)

We meet the second Saturday of the Month at Moxie Café, Downtown Springfield.

### Festival of Trees 2008

JoDeen Roley, 522-9774  
[jodeenr@yahoo.com](mailto:jodeenr@yahoo.com).

### Gardening

**JoAnn Abrams**, 546-2249  
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**Maureen Williams**,  
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**Sharon Thornton Knop**  
496-3050 or Mallorie Teubner,  
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## IWIL NEWS



## IWIL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Ann Londrigan	February 2
Connie Anderson DiCenso	February 3
Cynthia Thompson	February 3
Becky Lober Hendricks	February 7
Mary Mucciante	February 11
Iva Bergeron	February 13
Valery McCue	February 14
Rene Fein	February 15
Kay Gregg	February 17
Laura Ann Evans	February 20

**Happy Birthday, Ladies!**

## RECAP OF JANUARY PROGRAM

The January meeting was a fascinating panel discussion by three former Chairs of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce – Marion Richter (1994), Marilyn Kushak (2004) and Desiree Logsdon (2007). The moderator was Val Yazell, who is the next Chair of the Chamber. Val had also posed her questions to Evelyn Zuspahn, the first woman Chair of the Chamber in 1982, and Val related her answers to us.

**What were the burning issues at the Chamber during your term as Chair?**

**Marilyn:** preparation for the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, trying to keep the Air National Guard's 183<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing in Springfield, the merger of the city and county health departments, collaboration among the City, Realtors and developers, Capitol Avenue beautification, improving the Chamber's website, trying to increase membership, and finding a new executive director after Mike Boer's resignation.

**Marion:** Her tenure was "relatively peaceful." A survey of Chamber members at that time showed that 93% of members thought the local economy was good or very good. The financial markets were at record highs. The primary concern of members was the possibility of universal health care. The board was also concerned with membership and economic development.



**2008- 2009**  
**Programs & Events**

**JULY 24**

IWIL Summer Social  
Evening – Island Bay Yacht Club

**AUGUST 21**

Luncheon – Amy Hagen  
“Top Seven Financial Mistakes  
Women Should Not Make”

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Breakfast – Marianne Jackson  
“In the Shadow of a Leader”

**OCTOBER 16**

Luncheon – Diane Newell  
“Leading Multiple Generations”

**NOVEMBER 20**

Breakfast – Evelyn Brandt and  
Norene Davlin  
“Ultimate Life Leadership – the  
Bucket List”

**DECEMBER 4**

IWIL Holiday Social  
Evening – Panther Creek

**JANUARY 15**

Luncheon – Ann Hart, Marion  
Richter, Marilyn Kushak and  
Desiree Logsdon  
Past Chamber of Commerce Chairs

**FEBRUARY 19**

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5004 Dogwood Hills, Spfld

**APRIL 16**

Breakfast – Scholarships and  
Diamond Award

**MAY 21**

Evening – IWIL Annual Meeting

**June 18**

Luncheon – Julie Davis  
“Developing Vital Friendships”

## RECAP OF JANUARY PROGRAM – Continued

**Desiree:** The primary focus of the Chamber during Desiree's term was the Q5 Initiative and employer retention and attraction. Other issues were diversity development, the Medical District, partnering with District 186 and City infrastructure needs.

**Evelyn:** The Chamber and the Economic Development Council were in competition at that time, and Evelyn wanted them to be able to work together.

### What were your goals as Chair?

**Desiree:** to engage board members and have them participate at board meetings, to present a united front to the community and to adapt her personal leadership style to the context of the Chamber.

**Marion:** to have the best board meetings “in the world,” to attend as many Chamber meetings and events as possible, and to recognize the Chamber staff.

**Marilyn:** Marilyn's leadership mantra is to “lead with tomorrow as well as today in mind.” She wanted to foster robust discussion at board meetings, focus on education, work with the ALPLM, get more exposure for the Chamber with local media, and take a firm stand on issues.

### What impact did serving as the Chair of the Chamber have on you personally or professionally?

**Evelyn:** Her service as chair led to a position on the board of First National Bank and helped build her professional standing in the community.

**Marion** gained an understanding of how truly wonderful Springfield is.

**Marilyn** learned how important it is to have unique shops in Springfield, for local and tourists, which led her to purchase the Widow at Windsor antique shop.

**Desiree** said that she does not distinguish between her personal and professional life. In serving as Chair, she gained a great deal of confidence which helped her personally and in her profession as she transitioned to the global Bunn-O-Matic corporation.

Thanks to these wonderful women for sharing their experiences with us and inspiring us.