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Illinois women  
in leadership*together we will***IWIL CALENDAR  
2006 - 2007****JULY**

**Date:** Thursday, July 20  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Sheryl Daugherty's Home  
**Program:** "Fiesta De Illumincoan"  
 IWIL Summer Social  
 (Fiesta Apparel  
 Encouraged)

**AUGUST**

**Date:** Thursday, August 17  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Women and Heart  
 Disease: Lighting the  
 Path to a Healthier  
 Future" with Holly Novak,  
 M.D.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Date:** Thursday, September 21  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "Shining Light on the  
 Subject: Becoming  
 President of LLCC" with  
 Charlotte Warren, PhD

**OCTOBER**

**Date:** Thursday, October 19  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Lights, Camera, Action:  
 Setting the Stage for  
 Entertaining" with  
 Desiree Logsdon

**NOVEMBER**

**Date:** Thursday, November 16  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** TBA

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***"Lighting the Way"***RACHEL BROUGHTON, IWIL PRESIDENT**

As we pause on the brink of our third IWIL year, it's a great time to reflect on the outstanding caliber of leadership our past presidents Kathleen Stevens and Val Yazell have provided. Because of them and their dedicated hardworking boards, the organization has flourished.

Jan Wright Vergon, the June speaker, shared her poignant story of triumph after a difficult personal loss. She exemplified the quote, "The essence of character is shown when a person must implement Plan B." (We all have had Plan A derail but what happens next?) The feeling of respect, support and validation was palatable in the room and I once again felt privileged to be a member and now president of such a dynamite group of women.

The 2006-2007 theme I have chosen, "Lighting the Way," will spotlight several diverse areas that impact our quality of life both personally and professionally. As a young child, I remember singing the song *"This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let It Shine,"* while holding one hand cupped over the pointed finger of the other hand (i.e., a candle.) This year, I want each of you to let your light shine and continue to help others find their ray so that as an organization, we can be found "Lighting the Way" with beacons of personal growth, mentoring, and community involvement through our scholarship programs. (As many of you may know, the scholarship program is one especially dear to me since it was through that venue that I found this group.)

This year's program committee, led by Theresa Boley and Jackie Newman, will soon be unveiling their stellar lineup. If you have not yet joined a committee or Special Interest Group (SIG), I'd encourage you to do so because as you feel "ownership" and develop friendships, the benefits you derive from membership are multiplied.

Shine on...

**Rachel**

**PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE**

Since our breakfast meetings are at the Sangamo Club and our luncheon meetings at the Inn at 835, I'm encouraging each of you to think of one person you would invite to be your guest at an IWIL meeting and possible candidate for membership.

## **IWIL CALENDAR 2006 - 2007 (continued)**

### **DECEMBER**

**Date:** TBA  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Program:** IWIL Holiday Social and Silent Auction

### **JANUARY**

**Date:** Thursday, January 18  
**Time:** Lunch (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "I Can't Be A Beckon If My Light Don't Shine: Mental and Physical Health" with Bridgett Cutler

### **FEBRUARY**

**Date:** Thursday, February 15  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "Shine Your Light with Philanthropy" with John Kelker

### **MARCH**

**Date:** Thursday, March 15  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Program:** TBA

### **APRIL**

**Date:** Thursday, April 19  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** IWIL Scholarship and GEM Awards

### **MAY**

**Date:** Thursday, May 17  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Program:** IWIL Annual Meeting

### **JUNE**

**Date:** Thursday, June 21  
**Time:** Lunch (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** TBA

## **JUNE 2006 MEETING RECAP**

### ***"Soaring to New Heights – While Your Wings Are Being Tested"***

#### **GUEST SPEAKER JAN WRIGHT VERGON**

A central Illinois native, Jan Wright Vergon has watched central Illinois grow and prosper for more than 45 years. Together, with her late husband David C. Wright, Jan co-founded Central Illinois Business Publishers, Inc. They first introduced InterBusiness Issues to central Illinois as an eight-page newsletter in 1989. In less than a year, InterBusiness Issues was produced in magazine format, and The Peoria Woman was developed, targeting the professional woman. In 1997, a third publication, Arts Alive! was created to promote the many arts and cultural venues in the area. In 2006, it was expanded to art & society™. After David's death in 1997, Jan became sole owner of the company.

Jan told the attentive IWIL crowd about how she moved forward with the publications business after her husband's death from cancer and even when the company's backer said two days after the funeral that he would pull out because he wasn't sure of her financial abilities.

She said with humor about the situation: "Never underestimate the survival instincts of a crazed widow!" She said it was therapeutic for her to work 80 hours a week to make the business successful and has no regrets. She added "In an instant your life can change forever." Her teachers and parents had fostered in her a drive to work hard. "It's very satisfying and I don't take anything for granted."

She also says that "Men do not guarantee your financial security or your happiness." This is a lesson she has taught her college-age daughter as well as lessons of hard work, determination and drive to her daughter and two sons.

Jan thanks the many community friends who have contributed to the success of the magazines and she believes that "You have to give to the community to be successful."

Vergon has served on the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, the Central Illinois Chapter of the Red Cross, the Illinois Central College Foundation board, and the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. Jan is active on the following boards of directors: the Peoria Civic Federation, the Economic Development Council, the Children's Hospital of Illinois, the Forest Park Foundation, the Methodist Medical Center School of Nursing, and the Creve Coeur Club Board of Governors. She is a member of The Rotary Club of Peoria, the Junior League of Peoria, and the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Learn more about Jan and the Peoria publications at [www.peoriamagazines.com](http://www.peoriamagazines.com).

## 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 JOB BANK WOMEN HELPING WOMEN CLIMB THE LADDER

A job bank is available for any individual or organization to post current job vacancies. You do not have to be a member to post vacancies, but you do have to be a member to view postings. Therefore, the job bank is housed within the Members Only section of [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz). If you have a job vacancy you would like posted, please contact Mallorie Wamsley Tuebner, IWIL Website Chair.

## IWIL RESUME BANK IWIL ALSO HAS A PLACE TO POST YOUR RESUME

The IWIL Resume Bank is available for any IWIL member to post her resume for a period of one month and you can extend it for an additional month by contacting the IWIL Website Committee Chair. For guidelines, visit [IWIL Members Only](#).

## IWIL TAX STATUS

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

## IWIL NEWS



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

- Write fewer checks to IWIL?
- Save on postage, time and late fees?
- RSVP for meetings via E-mail?

## NEW FOR 2006-2007- PREPAID MEETINGS Go to one meeting **FREE!**

**Pay for 8 regular monthly meetings** (August, September, October, November, January, February, March and April) and receive the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (June) **free**.

**Cost is \$120 (8 meetings x \$15 = \$120)**

**Save \$15 off the regular monthly registration price of \$135**

**Meeting registrations will be \$15 each**

(That doesn't include the late fees on the months you forgot to pay in advance!)

✓ **You must be current and have your renewal fees paid.**

✓ **All prepaid members must still RSVP for monthly meetings.**

✓ **Prepaid meetings are not transferable.**

✓ **Payment is due by the July 30<sup>th</sup> renewal deadline.**

(Contact Annette Piper at (217) 414-3362 if this is not possible.)

The following meetings are not included in the prepayment program: Summer Social, Holiday Social, New Member Reception, Annual Meeting and other unscheduled events.

### Send your payment to:

Illinois Women in Leadership  
c/o Sally Sevenser  
624 West Vine Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

## LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?

### BOOK CLUB SIG

The IWIL Book Club will be meeting at the home of Marianne Jackson at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7th. Each member is bringing a book of poetry that they enjoy and will discuss. If anyone needs directions to Marianne's home, you may contact her at [msp44@aol.com](mailto:msp44@aol.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** Thursday, July 20, 2006  
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Sheryl Daugherty's Home  
1629 Appalachian Trail, Rochester, Illinois

**Theme:** Co-Chairs **Sheryl Daugherty** and **Carla Mayernick**, along with their hard working Hospitality Committee, have planned the "**Fiesta de Ilumincoan**" a summer social that isn't to be missed! After the preview at the June Meeting, everyone had visions of margaritas, quesadillas and dancing in their heads.

**Cost:** \$20 per person (Fiesta Apparel Encouraged)

## 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 **Karen Westbrook** at (217) 787-1059.

### Book Club

Val Yazell, (217) 546-3860  
See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

### Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, (217) 546-2249  
e-mail [jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com](mailto:jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com)

### Golf

Mary Schaefer, (217) 529-2600

### Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, (217) 483-2774

### Hiking

Viv Bennett, (217) 622-8976  
e-mail [viv@springnet1.com](mailto:viv@springnet1.com)

### Scrapbooking

Julie Krehbiel, (217) 546-6112 (work)  
or (217) 546-0576 (home)

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

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962

### The Underwires

Kate Hein, (217) 498-8077  
e-mail [hein535@springnet1.com](mailto:hein535@springnet1.com)

### Watercolor Painting

Shirley Caldwell Smith, (217) 529-6959  
e-mail [caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net)



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## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & IWIL MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Theresa Boley** for being appointed to the **Illinois WISEWOMAN Program** as a Medical Advisor. The WISEWOMAN (Well Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation) Program seeks to prevent cardiovascular disease (CVD) and other chronic diseases in low income, uninsured women through risk factor screening, lifestyle intervention, and medical referral services. Currently, 15 states/tribes have been funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Eight other healthcare providers throughout Illinois serve in this role.

**Amee Lee** is looking for sponsors to team up with the Midwest PBA Pros for a full evening of fun at the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Mary Teubner Memorial Open Pro-Am** on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at King Pin Lanes located at 3115 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield. Join touring pros Pete Weber, Randy Pedersen and Jeff Carter for this baseball themed event. Open to all amateur bowlers with squads starting at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

If you know of anyone who is facing child custody and/or visitation issues, contact **Barbara Wall**, owner of **Halcyon Transitions**. The Illinois Supreme Court has mandated that all contested child custody and visitation issues must be mediated before being heard by the courts effective July 1, 2006.

**Sally Sevens**, owner of **Sally's Organizing Service**, wants you to know that she has been helping yet another IWIL member settle into her beautiful new home. "It is a great feeling of accomplishment and an enjoyable experience." Sally wants to remind all IWIL realtor friends that this is a service you should offer your clients. Sally not only helps you unpack and settle in after a move but will help you prepare your home for the market by de-cluttering and downsizing or help you pack up for a move. "There is no better time to get organized than to get organized NOW!" Call Sally at (217) 741-0433.

**Jean Bruner Jachino** is pleased to announce her new position as Vice President of Business Development with **Prairie State Bank**. Jean would like to thank everyone for all of their kind words of encouragement and support.

**JoAnn Abrams** is happy to announce her continued success representing "**Private Quarters**" THE ONLY PARTY PLAN SELLING QUALITY LINENS and the only party plan that sold over one million dollars in nine short months. For business information please contact JoAnn at (217) 652-2236.

**Kathleen Stevens** would like everyone to check out this website to see if you may recognize a familiar face!  
<http://www.sameshield.com>

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** – Rachel Broughton  
**President Elect** – Karen Westbrook  
**Secretary** – Ann Londrigan  
**Treasurer** – Annette Piper  
**Immediate Past President** - Val Yazell

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Communications** – Eileen Kluckman  
**Directory Co-Chairs** –  
Gay Davidson & JoDeen Roley  
**Hospitality Co-Chairs** –  
Sheryl Daugherty & Carla Mayernick  
**Membership** – Cheryl Western  
**Mentoring** – Connie Anderson DiCenso  
**Program Co-Chairs** –  
Theresa Boley & Jackie Newman  
**Public Relations** – Linda Waldron  
**Registration/Nametags** -  
Sally Sevener  
**Scholarship** – Sharon Thornton Knop  
**Website** – Mallorie Wamsley Teubner

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



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Send your **IWIL news** to  
[info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz)!

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.

## MORE IWIL NEWS AND RESOURCES

### NEW PAY TO SAY GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2006

In an effort to reduce the time needed for **Pay to Say**, but also to be fair to all members, the following guidelines will take effect **August 2006**. The guidelines for **Pay to Say** state that these announcements are for member recognition or upcoming events, not business promotions. Please help us get back to the intention of the **Pay to Say**.

1. Announcements should be limited to 50 words.
2. The first 10 submissions will be read at the meeting; all others will be included in the following month's newsletter. You may email your announcement to our **Communications Chair, Eileen Kluckman**, one week prior to each meeting.
3. The cost for each Pay to Say will be \$2.
4. No more than two (2) Pay to Say items per person each month.
5. Submissions shall be made each month – no repeats.
6. The Communications committee shall have final say.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

### HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR DESK ORGANIZED?

#### IWIL MEMBERS TALK IT UP

##### **Mary Mann**

##### **Office Administrator, RSM McGladrey, Inc.**

“I live for folders. I have folders for every project so I can tell at a glance which one I need. I know all my expenses are in a green folder. I've got a “To Do” folder that is blue.”

##### **Darlene Weaver**

##### **Owner/President, Distinctive Designs for Kitchens and Baths**

“I heard a thing on the radio the other day that there are two categories: the files and the pilers. I think I am a piler who needs to be more of a filer! My job files are really organized; it's the mail that nails me! My job files are perfect. They are organized by the customer's last name and we keep every piece of paper for every job right there. All the orders are punched and stamped and we are meticulous.”

##### **Sally Sevener**

##### **Owner, Sally's Organizing Services**

“Opening the mail over the trash can is a good idea so you can take action. Remember **“FAT”**: **F**ile, **A**ct or **T**oss It.”

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter and especially to all of the members who participate and make this organization a continued success.

Here's to “Lighting the Way” to another great year!

**Eileen Kluckman, Communications Chair**