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in leadership*together we will***IWIL CALENDAR  
2006****DECEMBER**

**Date:** Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Secret Recipe  
**Program:** "Making Spirits Bright"  
 IWIL Holiday Social and  
 Silent Auction

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> IWIL's Annual Holiday Social and Silent Auction, "**Making Spirits Bright**", will be held at Secret Recipes. As most of you know, this is one of our most exciting events. We celebrate the season with fellow members, more importantly, through the Silent Auction, raise funds for scholarships we award every spring.

Each year our Scholarship Committee reviews dozens of applications and awards three high school senior girls each a \$1000 college scholarship. In addition, we've established a new scholarship - the Chrysalis. It is awarded to a mature woman who has chosen to improve herself and her lifestyle by either returning to college to complete a degree or starting college for the first time.

We look forward to seeing everyone who has pre-registered for this event and a special thank you to everyone who has made donations to make our 2006 Holiday Social a success!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****"LIGHTING THE WAY"  
RACHEL BROUGHTON  
IWIL PRESIDENT**

Did you ever experience a time where you wanted to push the **PAUSE** button? I'm not referring to the many days when we want to cram six days worth of work into two, but a day that was so special you wanted to savor it a bit longer. That time for you may be solitary time spent reading a good book, a boisterous family gathering or a quiet evening with friends. I hope you experience that feeling at least once during this holiday time!

The elves on the *Making Spirits Bright* Holiday Social Committee have been especially busy and with the superb donations from IWIL's membership, the event promises to be a fabulous evening for a fantastic cause! Spotting a few of the behind-the-scenes elves: **Marianne Jackson** has been the "collection point" person for the donations (which means she's had a head start making her bid wish list!); **Amee Lee** created the flyer and is printing the program; **Sally Sevener** has been creating decorations. Co-chairmen **Sheryl Daugherty** and **Carla Mayernick** have been overseeing the whole event with the support of their hard working committee. So – don your party clothes and join us December 7<sup>th</sup> at Secret Recipes. Be prepared to eat, drink and bid, bid, bid! It promises to be an evening where you'll want to push the **PAUSE** button!

*Rachel***PRESIDENT'S KUDOS**

If we had **IWIL Gold Stars**, **Gay Davidson** and **JoDeen Roley** would surely receive one for getting the membership Directory distributed at the November meeting.

Great job ladies!

## IWIL CALENDAR 2007

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

**Date:** Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Program:** TBA

### APRIL

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

### MAY

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

### JUNE

**Date:** Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** Lunch (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Candlelight Dinners to Twinkies: Food Writing for a Daily Newspaper" with Kathryn Rem

## NOVEMBER 2006 MEETING RECAP

### "IMPLICATIONS OF LEADERSHIP: LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

**Guest Speaker, Julie Cellini**

**Julie Cellini** is active in a range of historical and cultural activities, many of them in her adopted home town of Springfield, Illinois. For 20 years Julie was a driving force behind the establishment of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a \$150 million dollar project in downtown Springfield that has drawn nearly a million visitors since it opened in April of 2005. It is the most-visited Presidential Museum in the nation. She was a founding member and is secretary of the board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. A graduate of Southern Illinois University's School of Journalism, she is a freelance writer and newspaper reporter who received Copley Press's Ring of Truth Award for feature writing. Among other awards, Julie was named Springfield's Preservationist of the Year and also a "Woman of Achievement."

Julie also serves on the Springfield Readiness Committee, the Destination Springfield task force and is an advisory board member for the Sangamon County Community Foundation and the Illinois Global Partnership to promote international cultural tourism in Illinois. In 1985 she was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency by then Illinois Governor James R. Thompson, and has continued to serve in that post under three subsequent Illinois Governors. In 2005 Governor Rod Blagojevich nominated her to the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Abraham Lincoln in 2009. Her appointment was confirmed in February by President George Bush. She also serves on the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Because Julie has been involved with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum project in Springfield, Illinois over the past two decades, she humorously opened her presentation by letting us know that "we were danger of hearing waaaaay more about it than we might want to know." Reams of newspaper and magazine stories have already been published, and countless hours have played in the electronic media about this project's bold concept which is to tell a 19<sup>th</sup> century story with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. As a matter of fact, a Chicago television crew even received an Emmy for its coverage of "High Tech Lincoln".

Julie went on to say that how they got to where they currently are with the Lincoln project is a very interesting story. It is truly a saga with a large cast of characters, a fair amount of intrigue and circumstances that came together almost by chance. Her beginning was over 20 years ago when she signed up to be a volunteer at the Old State Capitol in the middle of downtown Springfield – only mere blocks from where the new museum and library stand today. The Old State Capitol is a historical gem that sits where an up and coming, self taught lawyer named Abraham Lincoln walked to work. The scene of the famous House Divided speech, it was the recipient of over \$6 million in restoration money from the State of Illinois during Governor Otto Kerner's term during the mid 1960's. Julie knows first hand as she had her first real assignment to write about this event during her days as a cub reporter.

However, when she became a volunteer at the Old State Capitol after it reopened following a lot of fanfare – the building was actually rather cold, dirty and unwelcoming to the visitors who came to Springfield to learn about Abraham Lincoln. At this point Julie became an advocate and as she put it – started annoying people. This included mostly legislators and a first term Governor, James Thompson. She wrote letters, made a lot of telephone calls and bugged the powers that be. In the process, Julie was appointed a trustee of the Illinois State Historical Library.

## 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

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962  
See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

### Gardening

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

### Golf

Pat Seppelt, (217) 753-7446 or  
Karen Weidner, (309) 826-1555

### Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, (217) 483-2774

### Hiking

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

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

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962

### The Underwires

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*"Lighting the Way"*

## NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP CONTINUED

Most people probably didn't even know that Illinois had a State Historical Library. However, there sat a 12 million item treasure trove for scholars tucked away under the Old State Capitol. Within it were 47,000 items that made up this state's priceless Lincoln collection. Julie remembers being stunned by seeing the depth of the materials and artifacts that almost no one ever gets to see. One day a curator handed her a pair of white cotton gloves and as she slipped them on she asked him why and he stated that he was going to hand her the Gettysburg Address. She was in amazement as she held this 272 word document that historian Gary Wills says remade America.

From this point Julie was totally hooked on the content and just being associated with something so fundamentally important to America's greatness. Without our state's collections there would be no scholarly underpinning for the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum project. Besides, no matter how much the people behind selling this concept to politicians and the public, it has always been these collections that spoke volumes and gave this project its credibility.

Most Presidential Libraries begin with expensive, beautiful buildings - many look like monuments to the President they honor. When finished, the librarians and exhibit professionals often find that much of the budget has already been spent on soaring architecture. They have to figure out how to engage the public, and the scholars and researchers, when basically the lion's share of the funding has already been spent on the building. Here in Springfield they did just the opposite. It was decided that Lincoln already had plenty of monuments and what was truly needed was a place that told his story.

The result is that we didn't build an archival warehouse. Instead what we have is a lively, dynamic, two-building classroom of democracy. And if you think that's overstating the case - take a look at our downtown. Most days, it's alive with everyone from school kids to scholars.

Without stifling the scholarly facilities or functions of the library, the Lincoln Presidential museum is of unparalleled size, originality and educational promise. Its permanent exhibits are three times the size of those at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, which until now has been the nation's largest. Size matters, but it isn't everything. The best history places us inside a story and there isn't a better story in all of American history than the rags to riches tale of an illiterate Kentucky dirt farmer's son who rises all the way to the Presidency.

The museum was planned to be story driven from the start. Everything in the museum has been meticulously designed for the way we, and certainly our children and grandchildren, process information in today's fast-paced world.

In the 18 months since the museum doors opened, there have been visits from two heads of states, the President of the United States and the Emir of the Middle Eastern kingdom of Qatar, who followed up his visit by sending his Ambassador to personally deliver a \$1 million check to support the ongoing educational programs at the museum. In the near future the museum expects to welcome its one-millionth visitor. That's quite an impressive accomplishment for a Midwest community of 111,000 surrounded by corn and soy bean fields.

Julie concluded by stating that "there is only one Abraham Lincoln and to borrow a line from one the museum's shows ... the best of him lives in all of us."

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## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT: IWIL NEWS AND RESOURCES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Inn at 835  
835 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois  
**Topic:** “I Can’t Be A Beacon If My Light Don’t Shine: Mental and Physical Health”  
**Speaker:** Bridgett Cutler  
**Cost:** \$15 Members; \$16 Guests; \$20 at the door

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & IWIL MEMBER NEWS

**Marianne Jackson** did it!!! Congratulations to **Marianne** for completing her first marathon on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in San Francisco, California. She finished 7447 out of 15000 runners and now sports a new Tiffany necklace she received for participating. **Marianne** wants to thank everyone for their support.

December is a special month for **Maria Leka**, owner of **Max Karpman Furs & Fashions**, and in keeping with that she is offering an additional 10% to any IWIL member. See Maria for more details.

Congratulations to **Carole O’Neill**, who attended the American Public Power Association’s Business and Financial Conference in September 2006, for being named the Chairman of the APPA Business & Finance Section. The Business and Finance Section is comprised of the following five APPA Committees: Human Relations & Training; Customer Accounting & Services; General Accounting, Finance & Audit; Information Technology; and Pricing & Market Analysis. This year’s conference was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the 2007 conference will be held in Austin, Texas. Previously, **Carole** has served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Human Resources & Training Committee and this year served as Vice Chair of the Business & Financial Section. Springfield’s City Water, Light & Power is a charter member of the American Public Power Association, the national association representing the interests of more than 2,000 community- and state-owned electric utilities that serve 43 million consumers across the United States.

**Carole** also recently attended the American Society for Training and Development’s 2006 International Conference & Exposition in Dallas, Texas where she was recognized as one of the first CPLPs and a Pilot Pioneer. She participated in a focus group, which was by invitation only, on recertification issues and an item writing session. As a result of her participation in the item writing session, **Carole** was asked to write future test questions for this program.

**Carlissa Puckett** is encouraging everyone to shop at Design Idea’s inventory clearance sale at the former K-mart located on MacArthur Boulevard between Outer Park Drive and Cherry Road. Most items are 75% off and the best part is that three local charities (Sparc, Big Brother Big Sister and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra) will receive a donation for helping man the store. The store will be open Wednesday through Sunday until December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sally Sevener**, owner of **Sally’s Organizing Service**, is having another article published in the “Welcome to the Neighborhood” section of the Springfield State Journal-Register. It is titled “Holiday Hints” and suggests getting organized before you decorate by clearing out the clutter before adding more. There are also suggestions about cleaning out closets and drawers, going through toys and games for donating to charities this time of year. See Sally for more details about her decorating services and Holiday Special.