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**IWIL CALENDAR
2006**

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

MARCH

Date: Thursday, March 16
Time: 5:15 -6:55 p.m.
Location: Inn at 835
Program: Featured speaker is Ann Leach, co-author of *Goal Sisters: Live the Life You Want with a Little Help from Your Friends!* Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
IWIL Holiday Social Raises Over \$4,500
Val Yazell, IWIL President

The strength of this organization has always been an inspiration to me. I have observed other organizations and wondered what sets us apart. The night of December 8 the IWIL Holiday Social and Scholarship Fundraiser, answered that question for me. IWIL is about many things but here are a few that I witnessed that evening.

It's about a team (not just a few) of women on the Hospitality Committee who worked tirelessly, giving up many hours of their time to see that we had a wonderful evening. It's about 79 women who braved the weather in boots, carrying extra shoes so that they could "dress up" for the festivities. It's about women who brought whole changes of clothes, crowding into restrooms, giggling at putting on makeup while hopping around on one foot trying to find their shoes. It's about husbands who gave up their evenings to drive their wives into town to be safe. It's about women who share their daughters. It's about women who can go with the flow. It's about women supporting young women and reaching deep down to raise a record-breaking \$4,551 for scholarships. But mostly what I saw was camaraderie and although I am always proud to be a part of this organization, I couldn't have felt more blessed that night. Thank you and never forget that each one of you make up the tapestry called Illinois Women in Leadership.

If you were unable to attend the social and would still like to contribute to the scholarship fund, you may contact Sally Quinn at squinn@securitybk.com or send a check to IWIL, P.O. Box 5612, Springfield, IL 62705-5612 stating that the check is for the scholarship fund.

New Year, New Scholarship
IWIL scholarship to benefit women in transition

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 begin or continue college education to complete her first baccalaureate degree.

Details of this new scholarship will be available in an upcoming newsletter.

– Dr. Diane Hillard-Sembell, IWIL Scholarship Chair

IWIL MEMBERSHIP STRONG IN 2005 MAKE A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP!

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." Words taken from Nelson Mandela and can be applied to anything in our lives. Share the experience of Illinois Women in Leadership with other women. Encourage them to attend and remind them that beginning in January they can "try out" the membership for sixth months at HALF PRICE. There is a synergy within this organization and we should not keep it to ourselves.

-Val Yazell

NEW MEMBER PARTY AT PANTHER FEB. 7 VALENTINE CHOCOLATE FONDUE RECEPTION!

All members are invited to attend a Valentine-themed chocolate fondue reception held in honor of our new IWIL members from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Panther Creek Country Club on February 7. Cost is \$10 for charter members and free to new members. Price includes one drink ticket. Reservations must be received by Sally Sevenser by January 30.

- Susan Wilcockson, IWIL
Membership Chair

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 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

IWIL Scholarship Program Underway

Nomination deadline Feb. 15 for area high school seniors

IWIL is proud to offer three \$1,000 college scholarships for area high school senior women from the Sangamon County area. The purpose of the annual scholarship is to promote the advancement of outstanding young women by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals and maximize their potential. Thanks again to the membership of IWIL for their continued generosity and vision in supporting the scholarship program and the leaders of tomorrow. You can find scholarship information online at www.iwil.biz, Resources.

- Dr. Diane Hillard-Sembell, IWIL Scholarship Chair

In Their Own Words

IWIL hears from two more scholarship recipients

McKenzie Davidson

2005 IWIL Scholarship Award

"It is hard to believe that I have almost completed my first semester at Illinois College (in Jacksonville). I just wanted to thank you again for selecting me. The recognition I received from your organization has only further fostered my involvement in college. I have had a very busy semester with classes (with A's going in all five), extra curricular activities, and working in the admissions office as a Student Ambassador. As an ambassador, I give personal tours of the campus informing prospective students and their families of Illinois College and all that it has to offer. I served on the Spirit Committee for our Homecoming festivities and I am also on the Student Activities Board, which provides concerts, comedians, road trips and other activities for students. Over Christmas break I traveled to Fort Smith, Arkansas, for a week to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity with 17 other students on campus. I was also selected for the Dean's Advisory Committee, which recognizes ways we could improve campus life and the sense of community on IC's campus. Thanks again for your financial support. I truly feel that I am getting an excellent and well-rounded education at Illinois College."

Sarah E. Broughton Shike

1997 WIM Scholarship Award

"Receiving the scholarship was a great thing for me, not just because of the money (which obviously was a big help with many first-year college expenses), but because of the enthusiasm about my abilities shown to me by so many successful women. I attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Plant and Soil Science with a specialization in Landscape Design. I did internships at the Arboretum in Flagstaff, Arizona, and Walt Disney World in Florida. I then went on to Western Illinois University, Macomb, and earned a Master of Business Administration with specializations in International Business and Marketing. After I married David and we moved to Alexis, Illinois, I worked as a management trainee at Enterprise Rent a Car then for my parent's construction business while I looked for a more fitting position in the Alexis area. During that time I was making one-of-a-kind jewelry and purses, a hobby of mine turned business now known as "Sarah's Silly Serendipities." Last March I took a grant funded position as a Faculty Assistant at the Western Illinois Entrepreneurship Center, which is a center run under the umbrella of Western Illinois University. We work with start-up businesses and established businesses looking to launch or expand their businesses. This year I have also started selling purses at Giganti and Giganti Jewelers in Springfield. I really appreciate all that WIM/IWIL has done for me!"

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
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MORE IWIL NEWS

GEM Awards Honor Our IWIL Colleagues

Nominees must be members in good standing for a year

It's almost that time of year again where you will be able to nominate someone for the GEM Awards. The IWIL GEM Awards are awarded to three women who have demonstrated extraordinary standards of professional excellence, vision and dedication within the business arena and community. Watch for a form in the mail. And link to www.iwil.biz, Communications, to read about the 2004-2005 GEM recipients.

- The **Ruby Award** is presented to a woman who stands in the forefront with great influence in a chosen endeavor. She is a distinguished and committed woman with an enduring sense of community and who is endlessly reliant.
- The **Emerald Award** is presented to a woman who is inventing or reinventing herself. This is someone who has defined and is systematically planning a path for herself and has shown evidence of this plan in the last two to three years.
- The **Sapphire Award** is presented to a woman who can intuitively grasp the goals/dreams/aspirations of others and can act as a catalyst to those goals. This woman continues a coaching/nurturing relationship with those she mentors in order to support them planning, re-directing and successfully achieving their dreams. This woman is consistently "the wind beneath the wings" of others who want to fly high.

New IWIL Guidelines for Donations

Find the new guidelines and form in Members Only

IWIL members typically seek outside donations to the organization to underwrite the scholarships that are granted annually and the "Dream the Dream" high school mentoring program. The IWIL Board of Directors has developed procedures to assure that fundraising through the solicitation of goods or cash is conducted in the same manner throughout the organization. Please review the procedures outlined below before embarking on a solicitation. The steps are very basic and will help insure we protect our tax-exempt status. You can find the guidelines and form online in Member's Only, Treasurer's Reports, www.iwil.biz.

- Each Committee is responsible for its own fundraising/donations.
- The Committee Chairs will work together to assure that there isn't overlap regarding donors.
- Each Committee will prepare its own letter as appropriate including the basic information concerning IWIL and the organization's tax status.
- Each Committee Member who is soliciting a donation will be responsible for completing the IWIL Donation/Contribution Verification Form (found at www.iwil.biz, Members Only, Treasurer's Reports) and forwarding it to the Committee Chair for approval once the donation is received. The donation categories are provided on the form.
- Each Committee Chair will review the IWIL Donation/Contribution form, approve it and forward it to the IWIL Treasurer.
- The IWIL Treasurer will provide the donor with correspondence that confirms the receipt of the donation.

Contact Karen Westbrook at k.westbrook@insightbb.com or 546-9366 (work) or 787-1059 (home) if you have any questions.

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"Soaring to New Heights"

Send your **IWIL news** to
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 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.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Snyder** who was named Executive Director of the **Illinois Symphony Orchestra!**

Annette Piper, chair of the IWIL Hospitality Committee would like to thank the members of the Hospitality Committee for all their work over the past year and especially for the successful IWIL Holiday Social and Scholarship Fundraiser: **Amee Lee, Angie Scheina, Carla Mayernick, Carlissa Puckett, Cheryl Western, Jean Jachino, JoDeen Roley, Karen Harris, Marianne Jackson, Marty Chapman, Sally Sevenser, Sheryl Daugherty, Susan Wilcockson, Theresa Boley, and Nancy Richards.**

The Holiday Social on December 8 at Illinois -- "Soaring to New Heights: Preparing the next generation" -- was a rousing success with the proceeds from the silent auction totaling \$4,551 for the IWIL scholarship fund. **Katy Miller**, daughter of IWIL member **Sally Sevenser**, performed two inspirational songs using sign language.

We also recognize and thank the many generous IWIL members who donated Silent Auction items for the Holiday Social: **Jo Alessandrini, Patty Ambrose, Connie Anderson, JoAnn Abrams, Kathy Ascher, Karola Beahringer, Aissa Bell, Viv Bennett, Marjorie Beilstein, Jill Bohringer, Theresa Boley, Susan Boone, Evelyn Brant-Thomas, Stacey Bredemeyer, Carole Britton, Rachel Broughton, Sarah Broughton, Julianne Brown, Shirley Caldwell Smith, Patti Camile, Alice Campbell, Linda Castor, Janice Chan Hahn, Marty Chapman, Debbie Cimarossa, Karen Conn, Susan Coplea, Sheryl Daugherty, Isolde Davidson, Susan Dye, Patricia Earl, Meg Evans, Joyce Fikri, Sarah Formea, Kay Frank, Jane Frech, Faye Fullerton, Michelle Green, Teresa Gregoria, Patricia Groves, Nancy Haines, Sally Hardwick, Karen Harris, Kate Hein, Brynn Henderson, Becky Hendricks, Nan Hendrickson, Terri Hinrichs, Diane Hillard-Sembell, Sue Hines, Jessica Hoppe, Patricia Hughes, Judy Huston, Jean Jachino, Marianne Jackson, Janet Joslin, Linda Jurgens, Mary Kay Allison, Jill Kennedy-Broughton, Eileen Kluckman, Sharon Knop, Amee Lee, Melanie Lesko, Desiree Logsdon, Ann Londrigan, Toni Long, Rosemarie Long, Toni Long, Mary Mann, Tracey Maras, De Ann Martin, Kathy Maslouski, Carla Mayernick, Pam McClelland, Becky Miller, Katy Miller, Pat Moody, Mary Mucciante, Linda Nickerson, Annette Piper, Carlissa Puckett, Sally Quinn, Kathryn Rem, Debbie Ringer, Donna Rogers, JoDeen Roley, Patti Roseboom, Paula Ryan, Nora Sansone Hoover, Sue Scaife, Mary Schaefer, Karen Schainker, Angie Scheina, Sally Sevenser, Lisa Schafer, Amy Sherwood, Elizabeth Simpson, Teresa Smoot, Cheryl Snyder, Nicole Sommer, Katie Spindell, Vicki Stehn, Kathleen Stevens, Candy Stout, Jennifer Sullivan, Nancy Sutzer, Mallorie Teubner, Sharon Theison, Barbara Thomas, Cynthia Thompson, Helen Tolan, Darlene Weaver, Anglynn Weihmeir, Karen Westbrook, Cheryl Western, Susan Wilcockson, Nancy Wisleder, Kathy Wolters, Cindy Womack, Valerie Yazell, and Marggie Zimmerman.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT 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**, wife of Major Harry Schmidt

Cost: \$14 Members, \$15 Guests, \$20 at the door.