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in leadership*together we will***IWIL CALENDAR 2008****JANUARY**

**Date:** Thursday, January 17  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Running an Effective Meeting...with Flair" with Val Yazell

**FEBRUARY**

**Date:** Thursday, February 21  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "The In's and Out's of Networking" with Mary Croft

**MARCH**

**Date:** Thursday, March 20  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Hoogland Center for Arts  
**Program:** "Giving Feedback on Performance: An Easy 5 Step Process" with Pat Kelly

**APRIL**

**Date:** Thursday, April 17  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** IWIL Scholarship and GEM Awards program

**MAY**

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

**JUNE**

**Date:** Thursday, June 19  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Mentoring: The Key to Success" with Linda Dillon

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*****"A Rocket Thrust in Orbit"*****Karen Loeb Westbrook, IWIL President**

Happy New Year. We start this IWIL year on a wonderful high. Our Holiday Social was fabulous! Great food! Great company! And, a record setting auction! Then there was the snow. Are you starting to feel that this is an annual occurrence? Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and all of our members who brought their checkbooks and credit cards. The Scholarship Applications will be distributed to the schools when school resumes in January. Please plan to attend the April breakfast meeting to meet the scholarship winners.

As we begin the New Year, I am happy to report that we are continuing to attract quality members to the organization. Our new members are enthusiastically joining committees and SIGS. This is very important for the vitality and viability of the organization. The Membership Committee is hosting a new member reception on **February 13th** at the home of **Connie DiCenso**. More details will follow. We hope to you will come to meet and welcome our new members. Please remember that guests are very welcome at our meetings. Applications are available on the information table. Several of our new members joined the day they attended.

A final note for this month: Your input is always welcome. I had hoped conduct a survey to get feedback on the programs, meeting times, committees and SIGS. Well, time has gotten away from me and I didn't get it accomplished. I appreciate everyone's interest in the organization. E-mail is the best method to contact me at [k.westbrook@insightbb.com](mailto:k.westbrook@insightbb.com). I look forward to your constructive comments.



**Mark January 17 on your calendar!** The next IWIL program is one you won't want to miss! **"Running an Effective Meeting...with FLAIR"** with **Val Yazell**, and IWIL past president and owner of Making Waves. See you at the Inn at 835 in the New Year!

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

**Want to network more 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 **Annette Piper** at [apiper@ibankmarine.com](mailto:apiper@ibankmarine.com).

### Book Club

**Marianne Jackson**, 217-498-8962

See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

### Festival of Trees 2008

**JoDeen Roley**, 217-522-9774, [jodeen@yahoo.com](mailto:jodeen@yahoo.com).

### Gardening

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

### Golf

**Sharon Thornton Knop**, 217-496-3050 or Mallorie Teubner, 217-720-0729

### Gourmet

**Susan Fulks**, 217-483-2774

### Hiking

**Viv Bennett**, 217-622-8976 or [viv8976@insightbb.com](mailto:viv8976@insightbb.com)

### Scrapbooking

**Viv Bennett**, 217-622-8976 or [viv8976@insightbb.com](mailto:viv8976@insightbb.com)

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

**Marianne Jackson**, 217-498-8962

### The Underwires

**Mary Mann**, 217-525-3000 or [mary.mann@rsmi.com](mailto:mary.mann@rsmi.com)

## IWIL SOCIAL RECAP

### SOCIAL NETS RECORD \$6,055!

#### PROCEEDS BENEFIT IWIL SCHOLARSHIPS

On December 6, 59 IWIL members and 12 guests attended the annual Holiday Social at Panther Creek. The group enjoyed a wonderful evening of networking, hors d'oeuvres, music and shopping. This year's silent auction to benefit IWIL's scholarship program netted a record \$6,055.

Thanks to all of the Hospitality Committee members (**Carla Mayernick, Danna Elliott, Jean Bruner Jachino, Karen Harris, Karen Westbrook, Marinnane Jackson, Maureen Williams, Sally Sevener** and **Theresa Boley**) for their hard work and dedication, to **Kathie Maslouski** for helping with registration, to all of the wonderful donors and to everyone who made (or even attempted to make) a purchase at the auction.

-- By *Carlissa Puckett, Chair, IWIL Hospitality*

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### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

**MANY IWIL MEMBERS GAVE THEIR ALL TO THE EVENT TO MAKE IT SUCH A SUCCESS – THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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### IWIL AUCTION CREDIT CARD USERS

#### YOUR BILL WILL READ "ARIZONA TILE"

If you used a credit card at the IWIL Holiday Auction—it will read ARIZONA TILE on your credit card statement. Many thanks to Sheryl Daughtery for allowing IWIL to do this!

-- By *Marianne Jackson, IWIL Hospitality Committee*

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### IWIL TAX STATUS

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

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### LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

IWIL is also proud to offer a \$1,000 college scholarship for a woman from Sangamon County who is endeavoring to begin or continue her college education for her first baccalaureate degree at a college or university of advanced studies. The purpose of the annual Chrysalis scholarship is to promote the advancement of women by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals.

**Application materials are due February 15, 2007.** Learn more about IWIL Scholarships and our partnership with the Sangamon County Community Foundation at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz).

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** – Karen Loeb Westbrook

**Immediate Past President** -

Rachel Broughton

**Vice President** – Annette Piper

**Secretary** – Sharon Thornton Knop

**Treasurer** – Sheryl Daugherty

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**Directory** – Brenda Shutz

**Hospitality** – Carlissa Puckett

**Membership** – Linda Nickerson

**Mentoring** – Jill Kennedy-Broughton

**Program** – Kathleen Stevens

**Public Relations** – Eileen Kluckman

**Registration** - Kathy Maslouski

**Scholarship** – Jill Leka

**Website** – Theresa Boley

## “To Infinity and Beyond”



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## MORE IWIL NEWS



### NEW MEMBER “GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT”

**FEBRUARY 13 FROM 5:30 TO 7 PM AT CONNIE DICENSO’S**

All members both new and not so new are invited. It will be at the home of **Connie Dicenso** at 5004 Dogwood Hills in Panther Creek subdivision. The date is Wednesday, February 13, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. New members will be invited to be our guests. Others are encouraged to attend @\$15 which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Please plan to attend and meet some new friends. A registration flyer will be coming soon!

-- By Linda Nickerson, Chair, IWIL Membership

### ATTENTION IWIL PREPAY MEMBERS MARCH LUNCHEON NOT INCLUDED

The March luncheon is not included in the pre-pay package. The theme is "Giving Feedback on Performance: An Easy 5-Step Process" and the speaker is Pat Kelly. This exciting luncheon is at the Hoogland Center on March 20th at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$17. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Maslouski at 217-726-6553.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, November 17, 2008

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

**Topic:** “Running an Effective Meeting...with FLAIR!”

**Speaker:** **Val Yazell, Owner, Making Waves**

Preparation is the most important task when you run a meeting. You must start and end on time and let people know the time commitment. Facilitation is an art that keeps a meeting moving smoothly! Learn more.

**Cost:** \$17 Members, \$18 Guests, \$22 at the door

**Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Website,**  
[www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities.