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IWIL CALENDAR 2009
JANUARY

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: **Past Chamber of Commerce Chairpersons**
 Ann Hart – 1989
 Marion Richter - 1994
 Marilyn Kushak - 2004
 Desiree Logsdon - 2007
 Moderator: Val Yazell

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**

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

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a New Year!

Talk about support!!! As many of you know, I believe in the concept of asking for what you want in life. Last month, my request was simple. I asked for you to support our community. Of course, my expectations were not only met, but exceeded! Thank you for your overwhelming support for our Annual Holiday Social and Scholarship Fundraiser!

Many, many thanks to Hospitality Co-chairs Carlissa Puckett and Connie Dicenso who guided their committee to achieve new goals by setting two new records! We had over 101 people in attendance and raised a record amount of over \$6700 for our scholarship fund this year. This committee of ladies is unbelievable. Each one had their own ideas and expectations. Each one worked to make this night special for all of us. More importantly their leadership will influence the young woman who we are mentoring by providing scholarships and helping them get to the next step in life!

Mentoring is one of the keys to success in life. You need mentors all your life and for different reasons, both personal and professional. I encourage each of you to find at least one or more mentors who will really get to know you. Look for someone who will tell you the truth. It really doesn't matter how old you are, we all still need others to help us out in life. In addition, the flip side is that you should always be looking for ways to pay it back as well, meaning reach back and help someone else up the next step. We have shown that we can reach back by helping young women with their college expenses!

Looking forward, our next meeting will jump start 2009 with some incredible mentors talking with us about past experiences leading the Chamber of Commerce. We will be having a panel of Past Chamber of Commerce Chairpersons: Ann Hart - 1989, Marion Richter – 1994, Marilyn Kushak - 2004 and Desiree Logsdon – 2007. The Moderator will be the Chamber's 2009 incoming Chairperson: Val Yazell. I know I will learn something and am looking forward to their stories! Please bring a friend and join us on January 15th for lunch at the Inn at 835.

I'm there on the step, waiting for you,

Annette

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Iva Bergeron, Assistant to the President for Plan, Lincoln Land Community College

G. Virginia (Ginny) Conlee, Retired

Julie Davis, Real Estate Broker, The Real Estate Group and Financial Consultant with CompensationMaster

Michelle Miles, Executive Director, Illinois Society for Advanced Nursing Practice

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Marilyn Raney, Special Events Coordinator, Breast Cancer Network of Strength



FESTIVAL OF TREES SIG

2008 is the first year that IWIL has sponsored a tree for the Festival of Trees, and our SIG has thoroughly enjoyed working together and planning and decorating our tree! Rachel Broughton and Sara Wilcox were the main designers, and Denise Rice, Susan Fulks, Mary Schaefer, Eileen Kluckman, Theresa Boley and I helped plan and decorate. The Festival of Trees theme for this year is Winter Garden, and we decorated our tree with red, crystal, white and silver ornaments. November 8th and 9th was Super Set Up Weekend, and we all arrived at the Orr Building around 8:30 a.m. and finally left around 4 p.m. on the 8th. Rachel and Sara were back on the 9th to do some finishing touches. Sikich Gardner purchased our tree. It was their number one pick on their list, and they were thrilled to get it! We were thrilled too!

We are very proud of our tree and hope that everyone has the chance to go to the Festival and see it. I know you will be proud too!

-- **Jo Deen Roley**
Festival of Trees Committee Chair

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.

Book Club

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

Festival of Trees 2008

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IWIL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Please join on March 19th 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!



IWIL JANURY BIRTHDAYS:

L. Gay Davidson	January 2
Karen Conn	January 5
Donna Squires	January 10
Janet Joslin	January 15
Sharon Riechers	January 18
Leah Boente-Hulcher	January 21
Carlissa Puckett	January 21
Susan Austin	January 22
Susan Dye	January 25

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining the Communications Committee and assisting with the Newsletter, please contact Sarah Delano Pavlik at sdpavlik@delanolaw.com.

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

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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 DECEMBER PROGRAM

A record number of IWIL members and guests attended IWIL's December 4 Holiday Social at Panther Creek Country Club. A RECORD total of 101 individuals (36 more than last year) attended the event. This year's success is due in large part to the Hospitality Committee's decision to promote attendance of spouses/significant others and guests (total - 39).

Also, another record was set for proceeds from the auction - \$6731. We outdid last year with fewer donations! We had over \$250 in the cookie money—and at least \$200 in out and out donations.

Treasurer Sally Quinn will distribute letters documenting donations for tax purposes by January 19. If letters are not received by January 21, contact Carlissa Puckett at 787-3042.

A big thanks to all of the committee members: Theresa Boley, Connie Anderson DiCenso, Sheila Feipel, Mary Furrie, Marianne Jackson, Carla Mayernick, Emily Rabin, Denise Rice, Andria Petrucha Sapp, Sally Sevener, Karen Westbrook, and Maureen Williams.

Everyone did a great job giving input and coming up with ideas. Connie took care of the food and Santa the auctioneer. Marianne provided her expertise keeping us on track with soliciting auction items, tracking donations and getting auction items to the event. A big thanks also go to Kathy Maslouski and Renee Fein for manning the table ALL through registration and check-out.

-- Carlissa Puckett, Hospitality Co-Chair

PAY TO SAY

LaToya Jackson and husband Jonathan Phillips, along with Jonathan Jr., LaKeasia, and Kevin, were presented a completely refurbished 2000 Oldsmobile Silhouette van, courtesy of **Zaras Collision Center**. The family received the van and other gifts at a December 10th luncheon at Zaras.

Zaras is among 54 Acoat selected shops nationally giving away 60 vehicles to deserving individuals this Christmas. Over the course of 10 years, Zaras has given away 15 vehicles.