

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last message as your President. A year ago, we formed a new organization. Our first organizational meeting on June 3 was a marathon session and my challenge as the President was to keep everyone focused. Not always easy with a group of extroverted women! I used my gavel a lot! We have covered a lot of ground since that date and I'm proud of the organization we've designed. We really "Thought Outside The Box". We incorporated and developed a name, logo, bylaws, policies and procedures, charter membership, website, e-newsletter, e-registration, directory, and GEM Awards. We hoped for at least 150 members and prepared a budget based upon that assumption. We have over 220 members and a healthy treasury to support the organization into the next year. We hoped to raise enough money to give out three scholarships to senior high school women and we have given out three \$1,000 awards, three \$250 honorariums and two \$100 honorable mentions for a total of \$3,950. We have plenty of ideas to expand our programs next year. I am ready to turn over the leadership to Val. My year was one of organizing and getting us started – Val's will be one of fine tuning and expanding. I'm confident we will only get better.

I accepted leadership of this organization for several reasons: (1) To give back to a group of women who have energized and inspired me. They have also worried me, frustrated me, confused me but never ceased to amaze me! (2) To learn to be a better leader. It's easy to lead when you have employees who work for you; it's much harder when they are all volunteers. Finally, (3) To establish a vibrant network of women and build a strong organization that will survive long after I'm gone. "The real secret of happiness is not what you give or what you receive; it's what you share." Thank you all for sharing this leadership challenge with me. I'd like to recognize and thank each of my board members.

President Elect – Val Yazell

Vice President – Rachel Broughton

Secretary – Kate Hein

Treasurer – Theresa Boley

Nominating/Organization Advisor – Marianne Jackson

Communications – Eileen Kluckman

Directory – Nora Sansone Hoover and Pat Hughes

Hospitality – Denise Rice

Membership – Susan Wilcockson

Mentoring – Cindy Davis

Program – Becky Hendricks

Public Relations – Cyndi Deitrick

Registration/Nametags – Jean Jachino and Jackie Newman

Scholarship – Diane Hillard-Sembell

Of the 221 members in good standing eligible to vote, 104 or 47% casted their ballots. All votes except for 13 were sent via the internet. Your officers and board of directors beginning July 1, 2005 are:

President – Val Yazell

Immediate Past President – Kathleen Stevens

President Elect – Rachel Broughton

Secretary – JoDeen Roley

Treasurer – Sally Quinn

Communications – Ann Londrigan

Directory – Mary Kay Allison

Hospitality – Annette Piper

Membership – Susan Wilcockson

Mentoring – Karen Westbrook

Program – Kate Hein

Public Relations – Cheryl Snyder

Registration/Nametags – Sally Sevenser

Scholarship – Diane Hillard-Sembell

Website – Stephanie Sapetti

Kathleen



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

“**BEING ONE IS FABULOUS FUN**” was the theme of the First Illinois Women in Leadership Annual Meeting. This premier event was held Thursday, May 19, 2005 in Springfield at the Governor’s Mansion.

The evening began as the membership mingled throughout the second floor of the prestigious mansion. As the networking hour began to wind down, the sounds of chimes called everyone to dinner. As the members entered the dining area they walked into a room decorated with balloons and party hats.

To kick off the celebration festivities, **Carla Mayernick** and **Jackie Newman** took the stage and led everyone in a Birthday Sing-a-long. Next, **Annette Piper**, recognized the following Celebration and Birthday Bash sponsors:

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A.G. Edwards & Sons ~ Nancy Parsons & Julie Krehbiel
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Jo Alessandri, Theresa Boley, Debbie Cimarossa, Cyndi Deitrick, Kay Frank, Becky Hendricks, Nora Sansone Hoover, Judy Huston, Maria Leka, Melanie Lesko, Ann Londrigan, Desiree Logsdon, Kathleen Maslowski, Pat Moody, Karen Paisley, Junell Ransdell, Pat Sanchez, Karen Sanders, Sally Sevener, Amy Sherwood, Kathleen Stevens, Candy Stout, Cathy Tapscott, Mallorie Teubner & Kathy Wolters, Homescapes~Linda Wilson, Mary Kay Cosmetics~Carla Mayernick, James Michaelyn Designs ~ Jamie Strukely, Sarah’s Silly Serendipities~Sarah Shike

Throughout the evening, **Party Chair, Rachel Broughton**, drew names for door prizes and the Birthday Party Committee eagerly handed them out to the winners. Donated items ranged from purses, cosmetics, gift certificates, museum passes, jewelry and more.

In keeping with the **IWIL 2004-2005** theme, “Thinking Outside the Box”, **President, Kathleen Stevens**, recognized and thanked each of her Board Members by presenting them with a personalized silk box. **President Elect, Val Yazell**, presented **Kathleen** with the President’s award commemorating her service throughout the past year. In turn, **Kathleen** left **Val** some gifts, ranging from passing on the meeting gavel to aspirin, along with some words of wisdom to take with her as she takes office for 2005-2006.

As the evening came to a close and the last piece of birthday was served, the membership of **Illinois Women in Leadership** truly celebrated a successful first year.

SIG CONTACTS

Would you like to increase networking and strengthen the bonds with other Illinois Women In Leadership members by sharing a more personal side of yourself? The Special Interest Groups (SIG's) might be the answer. Volunteers have started small groups with specific interests that meet outside the time constraints of our monthly meeting. If you have an interest and would like to start a group, please contact **Val Yazell** at **546-3860** for guidance.

***BOOK CLUB**

Contact **Val Yazell** at **546-3860**.

***GARDENING**

Contact **JoAnn Abrams** at **546-2249** or via e-mail at jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com.

***GOLF**

Contact **Mary Schaefer** at **529-2600**.

***GOURMET**

Contact **Susan Wilcockson** at **483-2774**.

***HIKING**

Contact **Viv Bennett** at viv@springnet1.com or call **622-8976**.

***SCRAPBOOKING**

Contact **Julie Krehbiel** at **546-6112** (work) or **546-0576** (home).

***SUPPORT GROUP for members with aging PARENTS-LOVE**

Contact **Marianne Jackson** at **498-8962**.

***WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

Contact **Shirley Caldwell Smith** at **529-6959** or via e-mail at caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

IWIL Membership Renewals Due June 30, 2005

You should be in receipt of the Illinois Women in Leadership Membership Renewal forms for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Please review your information and make any necessary changes or additions directly on the form.

Mail the form along with your \$60 dues check made payable to Illinois Women in Leadership by June 30, 2005 to:

**IWIL Membership Chair
P.O. Box 5612
Springfield, IL 62705-5612**

AD HOC COMMITTEE

President Elect Val Yazell has formed an ad hoc committee to study alternative locations for our regular monthly meetings. The committee will meet during the month of June and will submit a proposal to the new board in July. Pricing, parking and location change impact will be a few of the considerations for discussion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **Val** at **546-3860**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE APRIL MEETING

SPEAKER: NAOMI LYNN, Ph.D. (Former Chancellor, University of Illinois, Springfield)
TOPIC: I WILL LEAVE A LEGACY
WHEN: 11:30 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005
WHERE: THE SANGAMO CLUB
 227 EAST ADAMS
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
COST: \$14 MEMBERS; \$15 GUESTS; \$20 AT THE DOOR

(Reservation forms for the June meeting will be e-mailed to the membership on Thursday, June 2, 2005.)

**REMINDER: All reservations and payments must be received by 5:00pm on Monday, June 13, 2005.
 Send completed registration forms and payments to:**

**Illinois Women In Leadership Program Registration
 Attn: Jackie Newman
 Springfield Housing Authority
 1910 Truman Road
 Springfield, IL 62703**

No phone reservations are accepted. All late reservations will be invoiced a \$6.00 late fee.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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We are on the web at
www.iwil.biz

Please note that if you wish to opt-out of future e-mail communication 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, UPCOMING EVENTS AND MORE ...

CFRE International has awarded **Pat Hughes** the professional designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). **Pat Hughes**, Director of Resource Development for United Way of Central Illinois, joins over 4,682 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation. Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International which include tenure in the profession, education, professional achievements and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations. They have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights. Additionally, candidates must pass a written examination testing the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a fundraising executive.

Donna Rogers, SPHR, received the **HR Professional of the Year** award nominated by her peers at the March member meeting for the Central Illinois Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management (CIC-SHRM). **Donna** has recently left Henry Technologies to become more active in her HR consulting business which primarily focuses on the HR Management and Development needs of small to medium size organizations. She also works with individuals needing career development assistance. Referrals are always welcome and rewarded.

Congratulations goes out to **Lisa Shafer** for her promotion to Director of Operations at The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The promotion took place April 15, 2005. A Chamber employee for 11 years, Schafer started out as an Executive Assistant to the President/CEO and spent the past 5 years as the Chamber's Business Manager. As Business Manager, her main responsibilities have included financial management, human resources, database administration and staffing four committees: the Athena Award, Workforce & Education Committee, Technology Committee and Health Care Task Force. As Director, **Lisa** will be assuming greater responsibility in information technology, budgeting, investments, building management and a variety of non-dues revenue programs.

Congratulations goes out to **Eileen Kluckman** for being elected as the next Toastmasters International District 8, Area 1 Governor for 2005-2006. District 8 runs from Central Illinois to Southern Missouri and **Eileen** will be responsible for coordinating and mentoring the clubs within the Central Illinois area. **Eileen** currently serves as President for the Noontime Toastmasters Club in Springfield which meets weekly on Monday from noon to 1:00pm at Laurel United Methodist Church located at the corner of Walnut Street and South Grand Avenue. For further information about the Noontime Club, please contact noontimetm@hotmail.com.

Sally Sevenser, owner of **Sally's Organizing Service**, wishes to announce that she is extending her spring special to IWIL members through the summer months to anyone who might be in need of her services. "Let me be your motivator and help you tackle that project that is overwhelming to you". **Sally** can be reached at 741-0433 or 753-3251.

Hanson Professional Services, Inc. is seeking a candidate to fill a Marketing Public Relations Coordinator position for the Business Development department in the Springfield office. General Assignments: Responsible for providing and carrying out a process marketing program, enhancing Hanson's brand through Nationwide pro-active publicity program for both popular press and trade publications. Qualifications: Position requires a bachelor's degree in journalism, marketing, business or communications with a minimum of 5 to 7 years experience. Interested and qualified applicants should submit their letter of interest and resume with references and three published writing samples to Hanson Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Human Resources 287, 1525 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703 or fax to (217) 747-9412.

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.

It's been a great year and a pleasure working with you throughout 2004-2005.

Eileen Kluckman, Communications Chair