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## IWIL CALENDAR 2006

### JUNE

**Date:** Thursday, June 15  
**Time:** Lunch (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights While Your Wings Are Being Tested" with Jan Wright Vergon, publisher of *Peoria Women* and *Intercity Business Issues*

## IWIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

### EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

You can find program registration forms and information about IWIL monthly meetings online in Calendar & Events, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz).

## 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

### *Continue to Soar and Follow the Light to New Adventures*

#### Val Yazell, IWIL President

It hardly seems possible that this is the last letter I will be writing as your president. First, let me say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve this organization during this past year. I have never in all my years of serving on boards had a more enjoyable and rewarding experience. I believe it is true what is said about surrounding yourself with competent people. Your board this year really did make my job easier and hopefully it showed.

Although I understand that I missed one heck of an Annual Meeting, I am not the least bit surprised. The Hospitality committee this year went above and beyond...someone mentioned something about "soaring to new heights."

One of the final projects of this year was spearheaded by the Communications Committee. Ann Londrigan and her committee with the skills of Sharon Hewitt have created a template for marketing brochures and a template for a bookmark to list the programs for each year. Thank you all for your work on this.

Karen Westbrook and her committee, under the direction of Nora Sansone Hoover, hosted another Dream the Dream event at Southeast High School. Thank you to the committee and all the members of IWIL who sponsored tables at the event.

Stepping down from a position is always bittersweet but I am excited to see what Rachel Broughton and her board have in store for the organization.

My cup is overflowing with gratitude and appreciation to all of you women who make this such a wonderful organization. As we continue to soar, we will follow the light to new adventures.

### *Renewal Time!*

#### **Renew your IWIL membership by June 30**

Membership renewal forms were sent out the first part of May. If for some reason you did not receive your form, please contact Val Yazell at [valerayazell@hotmail.com](mailto:valerayazell@hotmail.com). Forms should be returned with a check for \$60 made payable to IWIL at P.O. Box 5612, Springfield, IL 62705-5612 by June 30, 2006. This will ensure uninterrupted delivery of all correspondence from the organization.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!  
IWIL ANNUAL MEETING  
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- Rachel Broughton

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**IWIL NEWS**

***IWIL Annual Meeting Recap—"A Look Back...See How You've Soared"***

**Many thanks to our many sponsors for our very own IWIL High School Reunion**

"A Look Back... See How You've Soared" was the theme for the IWIL Annual meeting. The High School Reunion was held on May 18, 2005, at The Secret Recipes Inc. Reception Center in Springfield.

The evening began with a networking hour and as the members arrived at the Reception Center they were greeted by a committee dressed to the hilt in their high school outfits. The banquet room was decorated with various high school memorabilia, festive balloons and the very popular Hollywood cut-outs of hot men actors from throughout the years. The ladies were seated at tables according to the decade from which they graduated. CDs for each decade were placed on the tables as take-home gifts along with a customized "What Was Happening the Year You Graduated" diploma.

Everyone was instructed to vote for various "Best of Decade" categories (e.g., Best Dressed for Decade, Best Hair for Decade). A DJ was playing music in the background. A delicious dinner was served and the reunion festivities were well underway. I took the stage and thanked my wonderful committee for all their hard work in putting together the meeting/reunion. I was also quite appreciative of having the IWIL treasury pay for the dinner for everyone. Then, Carla Mayernick assisted me in thanking and announcing the sponsors listed at left and on page 3.

My committee and I announced the winners of the voting categories and gave away prizes along with many additional door prizes throughout the evening. Then, Rachel Broughton, incoming president for IWIL, announced the incoming board. After the meeting was adjourned, Travis from Secret Recipes had the chocolate fountain ready and it became the next "thing to do".

The party was kicked up a notch and the dancing began. The majority of the ladies showed off their fancy footwork on the dance floor and everyone seemed to have a great time. As the reunion was wrapping up, the ladies left with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts as they remembered all the crazy things they used to do in high school and thought about all they had accomplished throughout the years.

On one final note, in an organization full of serious women leaders, it was quite inspiring to see the fun side of each other and recognize that life is too short not to experience the joy in our lives. It was empowering for each of us to see others in a different light and embrace the celebration.

Thank you for letting me serve as your hospitality chair, for being able to create new relationships and for deepening existing relationships with you. Thanks to Val Yazell for being an inspiring president and to my truly fabulous committee for all your hard work.

Best wishes to next year's co-hospitality chairs: Sheryl Daugherty and Carla Mayernick!

— Annette Piper, IWIL Hospitality Committee Chair

## 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 IWIL online calendar for schedule and current reading selection.

### **Gardening**

JoAnn Abrams, 546-2249  
[jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com](mailto:jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com)

### **Golf**

Pam Seppelt, 899-4992, or Kate Weidner, 309-826-1555,  
[kate.weidner@ironmountain.com](mailto:kate.weidner@ironmountain.com)

### **Gourmet**

Susan Wilcockson, 483-2774

### **Hiking & Fitness**

Viv Bennett, 622-8976  
e-mail [viv@springnet1.com](mailto: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](mailto:hein535@springnet1.com)

### **Watercolor Painting**

Shirley Caldwell Smith, 529-6959  
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## IWIL NEWS

### *What was your best career move?*

#### **IWIL Members Talk It Up**

#### **Leslie Dobrinsky**

#### **Branch Manager, Wabash Hickory Point Bank & Trust**

"Learning the art of networking would probably be one of the best career moves or 'catalysts' that I have acquired over the past few years. The opportunities that have opened to me once realizing the importance of networking have been tremendous."

#### **Nicole Sommer**

#### **Assistant Professor, SIU School of Medicine**

"Since the training for my career took 11 years post-college, my actual career has been comparably short. So far, my best career move was choosing to specialize in plastic surgery, and specifically plastic surgery of the breast. It has given me the opportunity to do what I love every day."

#### **Cindy Womack**

#### **Geriatric Care Manager and President, Encompass Elder Care**

"I would have to say my best career move as a registered nurse was going back to college for master's degree coursework in a different field (gerontology). The knowledge I gained from studying gerontology, statistics and economics gave me the idea to explore and eventually develop a new business of geriatric care management. I am the president of Encompass Elder Care, a private geriatric care management firm. At Encompass Elder Care, we help people care for their aging relatives by assessing individual care needs, developing a plan of care, securing quality care, monitoring the older adult's care needs and serving as an advocate for the older adult and their family when needed."

— Kathryn Rem, IWIL Communications Committee

## **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

### **IWIL ANNUAL MEETING REUNION SPONSORS \$15**

Melanie Lesko, Helen Tolan, Tanya L De Santo, DDS, Susan Dye, Joyce Fikri, Pat Earl, Bunn Capitol Company-Desiree Logsdon, Ann Londrigan, Mary Mann, Kathy Maslouski, Toni Long, Candy Stout, Computer Catalysts/Computer Help!-Gay Davidson, Rosemarie Long-Sangamon County Board Member, Kathleen Stevens, Cynthia Thompson, Mary Mucciante, Jackie Newman, Carlissa Puckett, Resource One-Cindy Davis, Faye Fullerton, Sally Hardwick, Theresa Boley, Amy Sherwood, Sara Wilcox, Encompass Elder Care-Cindy Womack, Marty Chapman, Becky Hendricks, Nora Sansone Hoover, Mallorie Teubner, Halcyon Transitions-Barbara Wall, Pat Hughes, Office of Career Services at Robert Morris College-Sarah Formea, Sally Sevenser, Integrity Relocation-Linda Waldron, Nancy Richards, Ryan Homes & Development-Paula Ryan, Denise Rice, Jean Jachino, Linda Kay Jurgens, Karen Harris, "Bring Up There Down Here" Missions-Kate Hein, Chrysalis Professional Development Service-Sharon Thornton-Knop, Eileen Kluckman Designs-Eileen Kluckman, Marine Bank-Janet Joslin, Judy Huston, Nancy Sutzer, Sharon Theison, Alice Campbell, Midwest Family-Sharon Rudin, Jessica Hoppe, Junell Ransdell, Linda Nickerson, and Carla Mayernick.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** - Val Yazell

**Immediate Past President** -

Kathleen Stevens

**President Elect** - Rachel Broughton

**Secretary** - JoDeen Roley

**Treasurer** - Sally Quinn

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**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

*Newsletter design by IWIL member*  
*Sharon Hewitt, Hewitt Graphic Design*



*"Soaring to New Heights"*

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## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

### *Announcing Your IWIL Officers 2006-2007* Slate unanimously approved

President: **Rachel Broughton**

Immediate Past President: **Val Yazell**

Vice President: **Karen Westbrook**

Secretary: **Ann Londrigan**

Treasurer: **Annette Piper**

— *Kathleen Stephens, Immediate Past President*

### *Dreaming the Dream*

#### What a Success!

Over 30 IWIL members and the Mentoring Committee shared information about their professions with the girls and some of their mothers at Southeast High School on May 3. The "What Not To Wear" fashion show, emceed by News Channel 20's Paris Ervin, featured four Southeast students modeling for their peers. (Did you see the picture in *The State Journal-Register*?)

Thanks to each of the women who donated their time, Bergner's for the clothes, and the numerous members who donated items for the raffle. The school is already talking about next year!

— *Karen Westbrook, IWIL Mentoring Committee Chair*

## IWIL HIKING & FITNESS SIG

**Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. – Biking the Wabash and Chatham Bike Trail** for fitness, fun, & fellowship (brisk speed). Meeting at Parkway Pointe Theater parking lot. If you plan to come, contact Jill Kennedy-Broughton, 698-8505, [CoachJill88@msn.com](mailto:CoachJill88@msn.com).

**Sunday, June 25 — Missouri Botanical Gardens and Supper "On the Hill."** We are combining the Hiking & Fitness, Gardening, and Gourmet SIGs for an adventure of lots of fun, horticulture, hiking, and Italian eating all in just one day. Feel free to invite your friends or family. Admission is \$8 to the Gardens. Wear casual comfy clothes, good walking shoes and a hat, and don't forget your sunscreen. Call JoAnn Abrams, 546-2249, or Mary Schaefer, 529-2600.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2006

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

**Topic:** "Soaring to New Heights While Your Wings are Being Tested"

**Speaker:** **Jan Wright Vergon**

Jan Wright Vergon publishes two long-lasting Peoria magazines: *Peoria Woman* and *Intercity Business Issues*. She shares what it is like to face owning and running a new business that she thought she'd share with her late husband. She took it on and flew solo for years, and has made a difference in Peoria's business community and has made an impact with area women.

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

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