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**Illinois women
in leadership**
together we will
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**"LIGHTING THE WAY"
RACHEL BROUGHTON
IWIL PRESIDENT**

IWIL is now completing its third year and it has been my privilege to serve as your president. As I stood before you at the podium each meeting I was the recognizable leader, but it was the former presidents, my board members and each IWIL member who helped in a myriad of ways during 2006-07 to make the organization stronger and more viable.

George Bernard Shaw's quote sums up the way I look at the past year: "Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is sort of a splendid torch which I have a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it over to future generations."

One of the torches lit was the investment of our scholarship resources in the Sangamon County Foundation. This venue not only grows our resources but is a wonderful way to allow the Scholarship Chairman and her committee to better utilize their time.

Another torch was the success of the fundraising for the scholarship program at the December Holiday Social. That achievement of a record amount of monies raised lies with each of you who participated by your auction donations, by your purchases or by your monetary donations.

This next year as Karen Westbrook assumes the presidency, she will take us "To Infinity and Beyond". It promises to be an out-of-this-world experience as we continue to support each other through networking, encouraging and being involved.

Shine on ... "To Infinity and Beyond"

Rachel

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

It's easy to act as if you are a weathervane, always changing your beliefs and words, trying to please everyone around you. But we were born to be lighthouses, not weathervanes. - Robert Cooper

As a lighthouse, where should **YOU** be "Lighting the Way"?

**IWIL CALENDAR
2007**
JUNE

Date: Thursday, June 21st
Time: Lunch (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: "Candlelight Dinners to Twinkies: Food Writing for a Daily Newspaper" with Kathryn Rem

**UPCOMING IWIL
MEETINGS & EVENTS
2007 - 2008**

Get ready to mark your calendars for another great year of meetings and events when the **2007-2008 Illinois Women in Leadership Program Calendar** is revealed in the upcoming July 2007 newsletter.



IWIL WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Rachel Hasenyager-Alt, Account Executive, **WAND TV-17**

Bridgette Cutler, Owner, **Physiotherapy Professionals**

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
- leave a legacy

IWIL TAX STATUS

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



"Lighting the Way"

IWIL ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

IWIL ANNUAL MEETING & "TWILIGHT BALL" - CELEBRATING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The **IWIL Annual Meeting & "Twilight Ball"** was held at the Firefighters Club in Springfield, IL on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

The hall was decked out in black and white balloons and the table decorations were in keeping with the IWIL Hospitality Committee's elegant theme. Party goers also arrived in their festive black and white attire, including their dancing shoes, and enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Bentoh's.

2006-2007 IWIL President Rachel Broughton began the business meeting portion of the evening by celebrating another successful year of "Lighting the Way". Rachel recognized and thanked the Executive Board and Committee Chairs who have served with her over the past year:

President Elect – Karen Westbrook
Immediate Past President – Valera Yazell
Treasurer – Annette Piper
Secretary – Ann Londrigan

Communications - Eileen Kluckman
Hospitality – Sheryl Daugherty & Carla Mayernick
Membership – Cheryl Western
Membership Director – Gay Davidson & JoDeen Roley
Mentoring – Connie Anderson DiCenso
Programs – Theresa Boley & Jackie Newman
Public Relations – Linda Waldron
Registration – Sally Sevener
Scholarship – Sharon Thornton Knop
Website – Mallorie Wamsley Teubner

2007-2008 IWIL President Karen Westbrook then took the stage to reveal her theme "To Infinity and Beyond" and introduced the membership to her "mission control" for the upcoming year:

President Elect – Annette Piper
Immediate Past President – Rachel Broughton
Treasurer – Sheryl Daugherty
Secretary – Sharon Thornton Knop

Communications – Ann Londrigan
Hospitality – Carlissa Puckett
Membership – Linda Nickerson
Membership Director – Brenda Shutz
Mentoring – Janice Hahn
Programs – Kathleen Stevens
Public Relations – Eileen Kluckman
Registration – Aissa Bell
Scholarship – Jill Leka
Website – Theresa Boley

The business meeting was followed by ballroom dance lessons with J.B. and Jo Campbell who led the attendees to the dance floor for a great time as they learned to cha-cha, salsa and other moves.

It truly was an evening of fun filled festivities and "Dancing with the IWIL Stars".



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 **Karen Westbrook** at (217) 787-1059.

Book Club

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962
See the [IWIL online calendar](#) for schedule and current reading selection.

Gardening

JoAnn Abrams, (217) 546-2249
e-mail jabrams@rmc-bigcnc.com

Golf

Sharon Thornton Knop,
(217) 496-3050 or
Mallorie Teubner, (217) 496-3119

Gourmet

Susan Fulks, (217) 483-2774

Hiking

Viv Bennett, (217) 622-8976
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Scrapbooking

Viv Bennett, (217) 622-8976
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Support Group for Members with Aging Parents - LOVE

Marianne Jackson, (217) 498-8962

The Underwires

Mary Mann, (217) 525-3000
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<http://www.iwil.biz/JoinIWIL.htm>

IWIL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: Thursday, June 21, 2007 - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Inn at 835
835 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois
Topic: "Candlelight Dinners to Twinkies: Writing for a Daily Newspaper"
Speaker: Kathryn Rem
Cost: \$15 Members; \$16 Guests; \$20 at the door

IWIL MEETING PRE-PAYMENT OPTION IWIL OFFERS MEETING DISCOUNT

IWIL is offering its members the opportunity to receive a discount by pre-paying for the eight (8) breakfast and lunch meetings. The pre-pay cost will be \$15 per meeting or \$120. The regular meeting cost will be \$17 with an additional \$5 fee for walk-ins. You can pre-pay by sending a check for \$120 when registering for the July Summer Social or August regular meeting.

In order to be eligible for the **IWIL Meeting Pre-Payment Option** and discount, payment must be received before **August 17, 2007**.

IWIL MENTORING COMMITTEE IWIL DREAMS TAKE A NEW DIRECTION by Connie Anderson DiCenso, IWIL Mentoring Chair

For the past two years the IWIL Mentoring Committee has planned and organized the "Dreaming the Dream" event which took place at Southeast High School in 2005 and 2006.

This leads me to the very big change that the IWIL Mentoring Committee has made this year. We are no longer holding the "Dreaming the Dream" event. "Dreaming the Dream" was a very successful, effective tool to reach out to young ladies in our community. However, when the event ended, we were left wondering what the young ladies did with the information we shared. We were unable to make contact when the event was over. This led to a new idea and we decided to implement a new mentoring program with young ladies in our community.

The new IWIL Mentoring Program, which is titled "Pathways", is held monthly at Lanphier High School. We were graciously welcomed to interact with a hand picked group of twelve young ladies. We meet with the same group ever month, and have dealt with topics such as 'how to set goals', 'getting along with your parents', and 'being responsible for yourself', to name a few. We have planned guest speakers from IWIL to speak about themselves, and their careers. This program has proven to be very effective, so much in fact, that the group of young ladies has expressed an interest in continuing to meet over the summer break. We are very excited about our new mentoring program.

If you feel inclined to be a guest speaker, or would like to be involved in any capacity, please contact **Connie Anderson DiCenso** at connie@cocopies.com.



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President: Rachel Broughton
Vice President: Karen Westbrook
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Past President: Val Yazell

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Communications:

Eileen Kluckman

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Gay Davidson &

JoDeen Roley

Hospitality Co-Chairs:

Sheryl Daugherty &

Carla Mayernick

Membership:

Cheryl Western

Mentoring:

Connie Anderson DiCenso

Program Co-Chairs:

Theresa Boley &

Jackie Newman

Public Relations:

Linda Waldron

Registration/Nametags:

Sally Sevenser

Scholarship:

Sharon Thornton Knop

Website:

Mallorie Wamsley Teubner

Send your **IWIL News** to our
Communications Chair,
Eileen Kluckman at info@iwil.biz!

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

IWIL SIGs

UPCOMING SIG EVENTS

- The **IWIL Book Club** will be meeting to discuss *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen on Saturday, June 30th at their new monthly meeting place, Tea Thyme on the Square, located at 111 North 6th Street (across the street from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum) in Springfield, IL from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact **Marianne Jackson** at (217) 498-8962.

- The **IWIL Golf SIG** is looking for anyone interested in hitting the greens this season. Contact **Sharon Thornton Knop** at (217) 496-3050 or **Mallorie Teubner** at (217) 496-3119 for more information.

- The **IWIL Hiking Club** will be hiking Beaver Dam State Park, south of Carlinville, IL on Saturday, June 2nd. Following the hike they will have lunch in Carlinville and take a short drive through the Standard Addition which is the largest collection of Sears Home in the United States.

For more information, **Viv Bennett** via e-mail at viv8976@insightbb.com or call her at (217) 622-8976.

- The **IWIL Scrapbooking SIG** will be meeting at Westside Christian Church on June 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall 3. The only fee to attend is to bring a dish to share and/or a one liter bottle of your favorite drink. Spread the word and invite your friends!

If you are interested in going, contact **Viv Bennett** via e-mail at viv8976@insightbb.com or call her at (217) 622-8976.

IWIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to **Cindy Davis** and **Sarah Delano Pavlik** who were honored at the fourth annual Security Bank's "Women of Influence" recognition program on May 15, 2007. "Women of Influence" honors local women for their contributions to the Springfield area community.

- Congratulations to **Jill Kennedy-Broughton** for taking first place in the 2007 Toastmasters International Speech Contest during the District 8 Annual Spring Conference held in Chesterfield, MO on May 12, 2007. Jill will go on to represent District 8 at the upcoming Toastmasters Region V Conference in Rockford, IL on June 16, 2007.

- Congratulations to **Eileen Kluckman** who was honored for achieving Toastmasters International's Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) Award at the District 8 Annual Spring Conference in Chesterfield, MO on May 12, 2007. Eileen is only 1 of 85 DTM's within District 8 plus she is the first woman to achieve Toastmasters International's highest honor within her Division (which spans from Central to Southern Illinois) for her continuing education, mentoring, leadership, coaching, and communication skills.