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IWIL CALENDAR 2009

JUNE

Date: June 18, 2009
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Inn at 835
Program: **Developing Vital Friendships** – Julie Davis

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"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

We have taken our last step together this year and I have enjoyed every moment of serving as your president. I believe that we have achieved several of our goals this last year with one of the most important being to get involved in the organization and support one another as we all grow to the next level.

Thanks to all of the board members for their boundless energy and enthusiasm. We started out the summer with Connie Dicenso and Carlissa Pucket and their hospitality committee having the **Summer Social** at the Island Bay Yacht Club. Then, Darlene Weaver and her program committee took over the reigns the following month with a lunch meeting at the Inn and a program about the **"Seven Financial Mistakes Women Should Not Make"**.

Both of these committees worked hard and followed up with several excellent programs. A highlight in December was the **Holiday Social** which is our only fundraiser of the year and raised a record \$6700 for our scholarship fund. Then, Linda Nickerson and her committee had the popular **New Member Reception** this spring. The whole year was capped off with the **Annual Meeting** in May – The Kentucky Derby – where Sheryl Daugherty, incoming president, announced her new board and theme "Strong Relationships, Positive Results."

Ending my year and starting on Sheryl's new theme, the June meeting will be both informative and entertaining as Julie Davis presents, **"Developing Vital Friendships"**. Please join us at the Inn at 835 for lunch on June 18, 2009 at 11:30 to hear this program.

My best to all of you and please remember if you need anything, please call me. I am there for you as we all take the next step,

Annette



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IWIL NEWS

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM – ANNUAL MEETING

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IWIL BIRTHDAYS:

Andrea R. Quinn	June 07
Brigitte Cutler	June 08
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Amy Sherwood	June 11
Ruth Slottag	June 12
Karen Westbrook	June 13
Annette Piper	June 16
Jan Smith	June 17
Sarah Beuning	June 18
Shirley Caldwell Smith	June 18
Diane Newell	June 19
Rebecca Moore	June 21
Mary Furrie	June 22
Beverly Lenhart	June 26
Pat Sanchez	June 26
Jackie Newman	June 28
Christine Carrels	June 30

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

IWIL SCHOLARSHIPS AND CRYSALIS AWARD

By Jill Leka

Illinois Women In Leadership ("IWIL"), again this year, awarded scholarships to three extraordinary high school seniors and one remarkable woman who has returned to college after being away from school, IWIL's Crystals recipient. The high school seniors awarded the scholarships are Amelia Bursi, Southeast High School; Ellyn Gates from Springfield High School and Stephanie Schroeder of New Berlin. Roslyn Williams is this year's Crystals recipient. Each of these women will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Illinois Women in Leadership.

The three high school seniors were selected from the following eight semi-finalists: Hannah Pierce, Ellyn Gates, Stephanie Schroeder, Sarah Jacobs, Amelia Bursi, Katherine Rolf, Jessica Sestak and Erin Burneson.

The three semi-finalists interviewed for the Crystals award were: Roslyn Williams, Debbie Edwards and Erica Vancil.

All of the applicants, as well as the semi-finalists, are already accomplished young women and should be very proud of themselves. The decision was not an easy one. The scholarship recipients were, however, outstanding and each stood out in her own, unique way.

Amelia is a senior at Southeast High School where she is ranked 13th in her class. She is President of the Student Council and French Club. Amelia serves as Captain of the Scholastic Bowl and Academic Editor of the yearbook. Amelia has had three leads in the Independent Student Theatre. She has received numerous awards/honors including the Good Citizenship Award and Outstanding Service Award. She is an Illinois State Scholar, Student of the Month and member of the National Honor Society. Amelia is also active in the community. She has volunteered for the Special Olympics and at a group home for the mentally disabled as well as been an organizer for the blood drive, freshman orientation, a holiday party for needy families and Southeast's Homecoming Dance. Amelia somehow also finds time to work at Green Dodge. Teresa Watkins, Amelia's Academy Assistant Principal, notes that "in every high school there are always a few students who can be depended upon to lead the rest of the class. For the 2009 class at Southeast, that student is Amelia." Amelia will be attending Truman State University where she will study foreign language. Amelia plans to pursue a career as a foreign diplomat with the state department. Amelia Bursi is the daughter of Lee Bursi and Sue Hopenstahl.

Ellyn Gates is the daughter of Gordon and Kristine Gates. Ellyn attends Springfield High School and is ranked 7th in her class. Ellyn is the Captain of her volleyball team, Co-Captain of the softball team, Secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the Math, French and Spirit Clubs. Ellyn is an Illinois State Scholar, National Merit Commended Student and Student of the Week. Ellyn is on the Straight A Honor Roll; has received the Leadership Award; and been 4 years Academic All Conference. She is a youth usher at her church, worked on political campaigns, been a volleyball coach and a swim team timer. She has also had numerous jobs including, most recently, working at her father's law firm. Ellyn will attend the University of Michigan where she will study civil engineering.

Stephanie is a senior at New Berlin High School where she ranks 2nd her class. Stephanie is President of the Student Council and plays basketball, volleyball and softball. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Art Club, the FFA and the Future Community Career Leaders of America. Stephanie is an Illinois State Scholar and Student of the Month. She has received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, 1st in WYSE Competition, Sportsmanship Award and Society of Academic Achievement Award. Stephanie has completed over one hundred hours of community service by organizing a can food drive, working at a community blood drive, tutoring students, baking cookies for the soldiers and recycling in the community. Stephanie also competes on the rodeo circuit. Stephanie will attend Baylor University where she will study biology to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon. Stephanie is the daughter of Deborah and Stephen Schroeder.

The IWIL Crystals award is designed for a woman who is returning to college in either a full or part-time capacity after being away from school. Roslyn Williams has returned to college at Robert Morris to pursue a

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IWIL Scholarships Continued

degree in business after being away for multiple years. Roslyn has endured a number of challenges in the course of her life but has been successful in turning her life around and is on track to obtain her business degree.

The awards are well-deserved. Everyone involved in the screening process (the Screening Committee – Ann Londrigan, Emily Rabin, Janetta Clemons, Roberta Hendee, Sarah Delano Pavlik, Theresa Boley, Eileen Kluckman, Sharon Theisen and Debbie Ringer – and Interview Committee – Annette Piper, Sheryl Daughtery and Jill Leka) agreed that the selection process was one of the most difficult yet one of the most awe-inspiring experiences of their lives.

Thank you to the Screening and Interview Committees for all their hard work and the IWIL members for their continued generosity which allows IWIL to continue to award scholarships to deserving young women.

IWIL Spotlight: Iva Bergeron

By Lisa Rigoni

A Louisiana transplant, Iva Bergeron, 50, is Assistant to the President for Planning and Institutional Improvement at Lincoln Land Community College. She is married, has two adult children and three dogs – two Chihuahuas and a mutt.

Iva joined IWIL in December 2008. She holds a master's of education in Higher Education Administration from the University of New Orleans. Her professional affiliations include membership in the Association of Institutional Research, the Illinois Association of Institutional Research and the Higher Learning Commission

Honesty and authenticity are two characteristics Iva sees as important in a leader, and she considers being fair and honest in all activities something everyone should strive to uphold.

Her taste in reading material is eclectic. She says you are likely to find The Chronicle of Higher Education, the Springfield Business Journal, People, Midwest Living, REAL and Oprah in the mix.

US educator, Booker T. Washington is the author of her favorite quote: "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

If given the opportunity, however, to have a day without obstacles, including time and financial constraints, Iva said she would "spend a day at the beach in Florida with absolutely nothing but the sun, a beach umbrella and maybe a cocktail with an umbrella in it!"