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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Sharing Experience/Assuring Success: Pay It Forward”

Thanks to Karen Paisley for a stimulating program in February. She shared some wonderful ideas encouraging us to “Pay it Forward.” And how ironic that a program we planned several months ago just happened to fall within “Pay it Forward” week and on “Pay if Forward” day! This morning as I drove through to pick up my morning coffee I had to wonder if it was an IWIL member in front of me who paid for my order. If it was “Thank You.”

We tend to think of paying it forward as those times in our personal lives when we help someone. This may be someone we do or don't know. I would also encourage you to think about paying it forward in your career. Perhaps some other terms for paying it forward in the work environment would be mentoring or empowering. Keep in mind as you work with your colleagues that by *sharing your experiences* you can *assure their success*. When we help our colleagues, particularly those who are starting their careers we are developing a legacy. Those we mentor or empower will learn from shared experiences. This will undoubtedly have a positive effect on their lives and the lives of those they serve in a business or profession.

Thanks to Sarah Beuning for organizing and board members for participating in the New Member Orientation in February. This is another example of mentoring and empowering our colleagues so that they can achieve the maximum benefit from their IWIL membership. We will see you March 24th at the New Member Orientation. This is a great opportunity for all members to socialize and get to know the new members of our organization.

Theresa Boley
President

2011 IWIL CALENDAR

MARCH

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Theresa Boley's Home
Program: New member reception

APRIL

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: Scholarship and GEM Awards

MAY

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: Emily Post is dead...now what?

JUNE

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: TBA

MENTOR TODAY!

Be a Mentor! Volunteer to meet a new member for lunch or coffee to talk about IWIL. For more information contact Sarah Beuning at sbeuning@tomlange.com

Monthly Meeting Recap

February is Random Acts of Kindness month and Karen Paisley helped us to kick it off right! She reminded us all that giving little tokens of appreciation to others goes a long way. Whether it is buying a stranger a lottery ticket, feeding a meter that you see is expired, buying Christmas gifts for a needy family or writing thank you cards, it is all makes another person feel important and special. Check out www.randomactsofkindness.org for more ideas or how to share your story!

Pay To Says...

Premier Designs Jewelry sale and show! March 8th at It's All About Wine, 1305 Wabash Ave, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 15% off any one item and 50% off discounted jewelry. Come and enjoy wine and cheese and great friends!

You are invited to join us for **Sparc's 21st annual Sugar and Spice**. It will be Saturday, March 12th at Noon at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Event includes bake sale, silent auction, and lots of food and drink. Come down for the St. Pat's Parade and then come over for chili and support individuals with developmental disabilities.

Please join **Lance Brooks, 2012 Olympian hopeful** and New Berlin High School graduate, on Wednesday, March 23rd at Springfield High School from 6 - 8:00 p.m. for the "Win with Integrity Program." Lance is currently ranked fourth in the U.S. and 24th in the world in the discus throw. He is raising funds to help offset the cost of training and expenses for the program. For more information, please contact Julie Zara.

Delano Law Offices owned by Sarah Delano Pavlik was named the best law firm in Springfield by the State Journal Register for the 4th year in a row!

Come to the Market Like a Pro conference at the Inn at 835 on March 9th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Barbara Mencer and the cost is \$22. Reservations can be sent to reservations@we-ci.org.

March is **Women's History Month!** The Library of Congress has a great website dedicated to "Writing Women Back into History." Check it out at www.womenshistorymonth.gov.

Oak Terrace HealthCare Center was named Best in Class for their Laundry Service and Response to Problems! They were placed in a category with similar care providers from across the country.

Join IWIL on Facebook



IWIL is now on facebook! Be sure to search and like Illinois Women in Leadership to join the discussion and stay up to date on IWIL information and activities.

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IWIL NEWS

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."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

JoDeen Roley	March 5th
Vickie Megginson	March 9 th
Susan Srbljan	March 9th
Colleen Moore, MD	March 17 th
Ann Ott	March 20 th
Tayesha Frye	March 23 rd
Jewel Fishburn	March 24 th
Gail Chevalier Zini	March 25 th
Cheryl Roberts	March 29 th
Donna Elmore	March 30 th
Linda Waldron	March 30th

Happy Birthday ladies! Enjoy!

Each monthly meeting there is a table behind the speaker that you are welcome to place promotional materials about your business. This is a great way to advertise for FREE to over 50 women each month! If you want your announcement to be read aloud and printed in the newsletter just do a Pay to Say for \$2! Thanks.

Book Club Special Interest Group

Thanks ladies for a wonderful evening of discussion and laughs. Thank you to Valery for hosting. The following are the details for the Book Club through June:

March 10 - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot at Tina Bennet's home (700 Williams Blvd)

April 14 - Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte at the home of Julie Davis (1400 Woods Farm)

May 12 - The Lace Reader by Brunonia Barry at Sheryl Daugherty's home (1629 Appalachian Trail in Rochester)

June 9 - Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese at Mary Furrrie's home (3515 St. Annes Drive)

If you have any questions contact Val Yazell at valerayzell@hotmail.com.

Please welcome

Jewel Fishburn is the Office Manager for Zara's Collision Center. She is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community and meeting leaders within the community.

Tracey Sims is a Dance Team Coach for Robert Morris University. She volunteers her time at SPARC Starry Night, Special Olympics, and Buddy walk for Downs Syndrome.

Mikal Sutton is the Director of Medical Development for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. She is looking forward to networking with successful women in IWIL. Welcome Mikal!

Dawn Boyer is the Director of Communications for Dominican Sisters of Springfield. She is an award-winning member of Toastmasters International and also volunteers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Connie DiCenso is the Director of Development and Communications for SPARC. She is a former board member of WIM and IWIL and she has always had great experiences with IWIL and is glad to be back. She volunteers with St. John's Breadline and is involved with Panther Creek Woman's Golf Association.

Sommer Rivera is the Project Manager for Executive Strategy at Hospital Sisters for Health Systems. She is responsible for budgeting and data collection within strategic planning. She is pursuing her MBA from Milliken University.

Beth Favero is the Vice President, Human Resources Director for Marine Bank. She volunteers for Brother James Court, BBBS, and the food bank and is looking for new ways to volunteer as well.



Name: Marianne P. Jackson, 53

Education: Degree in Agricultural Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Masters in Public Administration from Troy State University

Profession and how you got started. Regional Sales Executive for Elavon—I am on a team of 50 that partner with over small banks all over the US. I spent 20 years in retail banking and found an opportunity last year to join one of the largest merchant processing providers in the country as a sales rep. I work with local banks in Central IL as a partner—providing credit card services to bank business customers. I travel 3 days a week—and I love Monday’s because it is work in my pajamas day--paperwork day at home! I love what I do because I have a background in community banking, so I can relate to my bankers; I have customer service and frontline experience, so I can relate to the bank business customers; and I get to travel all over—which is great for my “ants in my pants” personality! I love to travel and go “get r’ done” and this profession allows all that and more!

Tell us about your family. I just celebrated 12 years of marriage to Randy Jackson—and we have a wonderful Bassett hound named Emma the Dilemma Hound. We live on 10 acres outside of Rochester by Lake Sangchris and raise 6 head of Angus a year and sell to friends and family. The Lazy J Ranch-Naturally Grown-Locally Owned.

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. I am President of the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association. I adore this group—the FBI values included Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity—who wouldn’t want to a group who displays those values! I also volunteer with my church, Rochester Christian church on the finance committee, teach Dave Ramsey classes and work with the African Christian Missions Team.

List your hobbies: Hobbies include but are not limited to: racewalking, knitting, reading and raising beef cattle!

Favorite quote: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

Favorite food: BEEF! It’s what’s for dinner!

Favorite book: Too many to mention—but my latest is “The Help”—but also loved “Sarah’s Key”—gosh—belong to IWIL book club and I love it because it introduces me to lots of things I would have never read on my own. And all of the books we read stretch me as a reader. If I was on my own I would only read mystery and intrigue type books—there is so much more out there.

List 3 adjectives that describe you. Happy, enthusiastic and a TALKER!

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to figure out how I can afford to be a full time volunteer and really try to offer meaningful assistance to others. I fantasize about being a missionary—but constantly try to determine how I would live without a blow-dryer, computer and air conditioning—not sure I am cut out for it—we shall see!

Name 2 characteristics you look for in a leader. Ability to communicate the mission—and never to ask someone to do something you would not do yourself.

What do you value most in other people? Honesty and loyalty—and doing what you say you are going to do.

Who served as a role model to you? Marion Richter—she was my immediate supervisor in my banking career for 10 years—she is a wonderful leader, good communicator, great enthusiast—she has total class and I would be totally fulfilled if I could offer to others what she has given me—confidence and always wonderful advice. (And good table manners—she is the master of manners!)

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? Start my own business—but find that scary—I always admire and am in awe of the folks who do this.

What would you like to teach others about? MONEY MANAGEMENT

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? FLY—I love to travel—wow it would be great if I could just twitch my nose and VIOLA! I was there.

What famous person would you like to meet? Jesus—that would just clear up a lot of stuff, wouldn’t it?

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be? Send me to Italy for about a month—that would be awesome!

What do you want to be doing in ten years? At 63—formally retired and traveling the USof A and the world.



Name: Lisa Rigoni, 44

Profession and how you got started. I've been in the communications industry for, gulp, 23 years! Had always been on the editorial/public relations side. Currently, my "day job" is Advertising Manager for Illinois Country Living magazine, a publication of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. We serve electric cooperatives and their member-owners statewide. Helped launch the *Springfield Business Journal* in 1995 with Bruce Mackey. I was the managing editor and oversaw the freelance writers/photographers. My background and experience is in public and media relations/communications, having worked for private, corporate, higher education, and not-for-profit entities. I'm owner of PR with Purpose and do freelance writing as well. You might see my work in Springfield Scene.

Education: MacMurray College, Journalism/English

Tell us about your family. Married to Mike Rigoni, teacher and boy's basketball coach. He is also a fitness buff, and inspired me to get in shape and got me addicted to exercising. We have a 19-year-old daughter, Kristian, and I have two step-babies, Zach 25 and Megan, 28, and son-in-law, Brian, 30, two crazy cats and a dog.

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. Chatham Presbyterian church, Association for Women in Communications-Springfield, president; National Agri-Marketing Association, membership chair; Cooperative Communicators Assoc., member; NAWBO, member; Illinois Society of Association Executives, member; IWIL, communications team; National Country Market national board member; Statewide Editor's Association, member

List your hobbies: Sing (praise teams, choir and soloist); Director of the drama ministry. I'm a ham!!

Favorite quote: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined!" Thoreau

Favorite food: pepperoni pizza

Favorite book: anything motivational/inspirational

List 3 adjectives that describe you. Creative. Energetic. Encourager.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Still trying to decide? Actually, full-time author/speaker/personal encourager.

What are your favorite subjects in school? They would have been choir and English.

Name 2 characteristics you look for in a leader. Confidence, humility

What do you value most in other people? Authenticity, honesty

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? Speaking/writing full-time.

What is the best advice you've ever given and/or received? "Be yourself & trust God!"

What would you like to teach others about? The importance of believing in yourself and counting your blessings!

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? Encouraging & healing hurt hearts ... too many people are worn out from being depressed.

When you have an hour of free time, what do you like to do? Quiet time in sauna, reflecting.

What famous person would you like to meet? Beth Moore, Joyce Meyer

If you could spend an ideal day without monetary constraints what would it be?

Somewhere peaceful and serene, warm, but not hot, near water, with a pen/paper, computer, tape recorder and books of all genres.

What do you want to be doing in ten years? Speaker's circuit with my own published books sharing motivational messages with others!