



**IWIL CALENDAR
2006**

MARCH

Date: Thursday, March 16
Time: 5:15 – 6:55 p.m.
Location: Inn at 835
Program: **“Soaring to New Heights by Dancing the Sister Twist”** with Ann Leach, co-author of *Goal Sisters: Live the Life You Want with a Little Help from Your Friends!* Hors d’oeuvres will be served.

APRIL

Date: Thursday, April 20
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: **Scholarship and GEM Awards**

MAY

Date: Thursday, May 18
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: TBA
Program: **IWIL Annual Meeting Evening Social**

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*

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Nothing Stays the Same – Not Even You!

Val Yazell, IWIL President

This month is an evening meeting at the Inn at 835 from 5:15-6:55 p.m. Please note the unusual time. Karen Conn has been gracious to allow us this time but has asked that we wrap up before 7:00 p.m. so that their regularly scheduled “Jazz Night” can proceed on time. Please feel free to stay and enjoy the music afterward.

Please give special attention to the ballots for the slate of officers for 2006-2007 in this issue on page 3.

There are a few new things on the horizon for Illinois Women in Leadership. Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, the Communications Committee will be asking several members their opinions/insights on management and leadership. Our membership is rich in expertise and experience and we want to know what you know. The Committee has also undertaken the job of creating a brochure and programs template that will reflect the design of the Website. Both projects will be completed sometime this spring.

I am especially excited as I look forward to the interviews for the high school scholarships and for our newly developed Chrysalis Award. I hope you will all be able to join us in April as we honor the deserving recipients.

This month I would like to say THANKS to **JoDeen Roley**, our secretary. Can you begin to imagine the job she has keeping up with all of us? We truly appreciate your time and energy.

I won’t be able to make the membership meeting this month due to a family commitment but I am confident that you will enjoy the inspiration and enthusiasm that Ann Leach will bring to her presentation.

As spring approaches, take a minute and reflect on the beauty and splendor of yet another change and remember that nothing stays the same, not even you! Embrace each moment, even if it doesn’t look pretty, and know spring is always around the corner.

RUBIES, EMERALDS AND SAPPHIRES

GEM Award Submissions Are Due March 15

If you have received a nomination form for the GEM Awards, we hope you’ll take time to fill out the awards form and send it in by the deadline of March 15, 2006.

WELCOME NEW IWIL MEMBERS!

FROM FEBRUARY 2006

Malinda Aiello

Director of Adult Programs
Springfield College of Illinois

Tiffany Beane

Owner
Tiffany Beane Fine Art & Portrait
Studio

Leslie Dobrinsky

Branch Manager
Hickory Point Bank and Trust

Donna Rowland

Director
Dyslexia Institutes

Mary Ann Smith

Manager
Oak Terrace Active Retirement
Community

Mindy Wilson

RN, Research Coordinator
Prairie Education & Research
Cooperative

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."

IWIL NEWS

If you could pick a mentor—live or fictional, in the present or past—who would it be and why?

IWIL Members Talk It Up

Faye Fullerton

VP Student Services
Lincoln Land Community College

"This is a cliché here in Springfield, but it truly would be Abraham Lincoln. He surrounded himself with the best people possible, even those who had been political foes, because his true mission was to save the republic, not his own image or legacy. What strength that took!"

Michelle Green

Director of Marketing
University of Illinois at Springfield

"My pick would Atticus Finch, the fictional attorney *from To Kill A Mockingbird*. I'd love to learn how to achieve his moral clarity and, more importantly, how to stand for justice in the day to day situations in which we find ourselves, even when it's uncomfortable. What a tremendous gift to our children."

Sarah Dellert

Branch Sales Manager
Regions Bank

"For many reasons, Abraham Lincoln would be a great mentor. Even though he was not especially popular or as educated as those around him, he was able to make a difference and leave a lasting legacy. In the face of adversity in his professional life, and sorrow in his home life, he was a true leader."

Dream the Dream Takes Shape

IWIL Mentoring Event is May 3 at Southeast High School

IWIL's "Dream the Dream" is held for sophomore women (and family members) who seek information and guidance about potential careers. MAKE YOUR CAREER ONE OF THEM!

The IWIL Mentoring SIG is coordinating the event and has room for up to 30 tables representing different careers which the young women will visit at the end of the school day. Find out more from event coordinator **Nora Sansone Hoover**, 782-6536.

IWIL Scholarships Review Underway

High School Deadline Was Feb. 15; Chrysalis, March 1

The IWIL Scholarship Committee meets this month to select recipients of the 2006 IWIL Scholarships for area high school senior women and the new Chrysalis Scholarship for a woman endeavoring to begin or continue her college education for her first baccalaureate degree at a college or university. Learn more about the IWIL Scholarships at www.iwil.biz, Resource Center.

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
e-mail jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com

Golf

Rachel Broughton, 793-0262

Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, 483-2774

Hiking

Viv Bennett, 622-8976
e-mail 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
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Watercolor Painting

Shirley Caldwell Smith, 529-6959
e-mail caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net

IWIL NEWS AND RESOURCES

Vote for Your IWIL Officers 2006-2007

Mail or Email Your Vote by March 31

It is time to vote for our Illinois Women in Leadership slate of officers for 2006–2007. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Kathleen Stevens, Val Yazell, Rachel Broughton, Cyndi Deitrick, Carlissa Puckett and Patricia Hughes, recommends the following:

President: **Rachel Broughton**
Immediate Past President: **Val Yazell**
Vice President: **Karen Westbrook**
Secretary: **Ann Londrigan**
Treasurer: **Annette Piper**

You have two ways to vote. You may cut out this ballot and snail mail to the IWIL Nominating Committee, P. O. Box 5612, Springfield, IL 62705-5612 OR email info@iwil.biz, type "VOTE" in the subject heading and in the message say "I accept (OR do not accept) the 2006-2007 Slate of Officers printed in the March IWIL newsletter." Whichever method you chose to respond, your reply needs to be received by March 31 in order to be counted. The results of the vote will be announced at the May Annual Meeting.

Exercise your right as a member and vote today!

_____ I accept the 2006-2007 Slate of Officers.

_____ I do not accept the 2006-2007 Slate of Officers.

February Meeting Recap

Gary Plummer, President/CEO of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

In the chamber leadership field for the past 26 years, Gary Plummer humorously calls himself "Johnny Chamberseed." On the job in Springfield since January 2005, he previously led the Modesto Calif. Chamber of Commerce as well as chambers in Waterloo, Iowa, Jefferson City, Mo., and Cheyenne, Wyo. A native of Iowa, he earned a B.A. degree in Political Science and Journalism from Northwest Missouri State University.

Plummer said that chamber CEOs are largely "relationship managers" in a community. He credits the success of the Springfield Chamber to his board and staff for their good relationships and talents—many are IWIL members including Desiree Logsdon, Chair-Elect of the Chamber.

"These are exiting times for Springfield and the Chamber," said Plummer. "Our economic development program is aggressive." As examples, he mentioned the Illinois Medical District and Simplex signing a letter of intent to occupy the Phoenix building. Another growth area is the Small Business Development Center, administered by Lincoln Land Community College, which is now housed at the Chamber's location at 3 South Old State Capitol Plaza.

He added: "We are at the highest membership level at 1,400." Learn more about the Chamber at www.gscc.org.

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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"

Send your **IWIL news** to
info@iwil.biz!

If you wish to opt-out of future e-mail communications, 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

The **Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's** annual Business Connections is set for March 30, at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center. More than 100 booths will display services and products. Good Morning Springfield, sponsored by Express Personnel Services, will kick off the trade show and the Small Business Council will again present Hot Topics, which will feature several key community issues discussed in a roundtable setting. Business After Hours will end the show from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., sponsored by Sikich LLP.

The Greater Springfield Job and Career Fair will be held Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to noon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway. Prospective employees will be coming from all over Sangamon County and Central Illinois. High school students, college students, professionals seeking a change and newcomers to the area will be in attendance. The cost to reserve your booth space is \$100 for members of the Chamber and \$125 for nonmembers. To participate, contact **Sharon Theison**, 525-1173.

The next **Small Business Person of the Year Awards Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, June 29, 11:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. More than 400 people will be in attendance! Committee members are currently seeking sponsors for this event. For sponsorship information, contact **Sharon Theison**, 525-1173, or visit www.gscc.org.

Life coach Jill Kennedy-Broughton specializes in coming along side women to help them not only envision their dreams but to also reach them. Jill is ready to partner with you and help you get to where you're wanting to go. If you're not sure what this coaching thing is all about, call Jill soon to schedule your complimentary coaching session and you'll see what a difference even one session can make! Or visit www.itsallaboutchange.com.

www.Springfieldmoms.org is a free family resource for the Springfield area. Started by **Kim Little**, an IWIL scholarship winner, the Website provides parents with valuable information and is participating in Bergner's Community Days (on March 4). Contact **Karen Westbrook**, 546-9366, to purchase a \$5 coupon book. Your \$5 contribution is donated entirely to the organization.

Pay to Say forms can be found on the IWIL Website Resource Center. The cost is \$1 with a limit of two per IWIL meeting. Or email your Pay to Say to info@iwil.biz.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006

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

Topic: "Soaring to New Heights – Springfield at 20,000 Feet"

Speaker: "**Soaring to New Heights by Dancing the Sister Twist**" with **Ann Leach**, co-author of *Goal Sisters: Live the Life You Want with a Little Help from Your Friends!* Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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

Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Website, www.iwil.biz, Calendar & Activities.