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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Sharing Experience/Assuring Success” Presidential Address, Theresa Boley

What a great program committee we have this year! Desiree Logsdon, as program chair, has put together a very dynamic group of women to lead this effort. The variety of topics, presentation style, excellent speakers, and focus on the theme are making for a memorable year. A special thanks to the five professional women (Diane Rutledge, Julie Davis, Darlene Skeens-Weaver, Karen Hasara, Veronica Robinson) who shared their personal journeys with us at the October meeting. Their presentations provided insight, humor, and strategies for success to be used by all women in the professional and business community.

I recently gave the closing keynote for the annual Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nurses conference in Chicago. I was honored to be asked to speak about being successful. In my own mind I wondered if I was really the person to give this talk. Success is such an elusive thing. We set goals and when we reach them we may be fulfilled for that goal but then success is still an arm's reach away and new goals must be set. I spent months working on this presentation and it was enlightening as I really had to evaluate my own values and priorities. As I studied this topic I came to the conclusion that for myself being successful meant having vision, devotion/passion, high energy/enthusiasm, focus, persistence (a willingness to fail), and concern for others. In future newsletters I'll speak more about these attributes.

A book I would recommend, if you have not yet read it is “Outliers The Story of Success” by Malcolm Gladwell. It is a fascinating book. One of my favorite stories from the book is how the Beatles became successful. I remember hearing the phrase “overnight sensation” to describe the Beatles. In fact the Beatles began as a novice band in 1960. They found a gig in Hamburg, Germany and played there 270 nights. This was not just an hour or two performance. They played 8 hours on each of those 270 nights. By their success in 1964 they had performed 1200 times, which is as much as most performers would do in a lifetime.

In today's world we have GPS that tells us where we are at all times and can guide us where we want to go. But there is no device or algorithm to tell us the most direct path to achieve our career and life goals. It is much easier in retrospect to appreciate how we have gotten to where we are today. Through the shared experiences of our colleagues such as our October program or through a mentor we can develop skills to recognize opportunities for our success.

2011 IWIL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: Leaving a Legacy

DECEMBER

Date: December 2, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Maldaner's
Program: Holiday Social

JANUARY

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: Women in Healthcare

FEBRUARY

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: Pay it Forward

MARCH

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: TBA
Program: New member reception

APRIL

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

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Just a reminder that IWIL members can register online for upcoming events at www.iwil.biz

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IWIL NEWS

October meeting recap

Amazing, inspirational and determined are just a few words I would describe the IWIL members that were interviewed as a part of this month's "School of Hard Knocks" presentation. This video was created by Desi Logsdon and her team and was a fantastic compellation of how five women struggled to make it to the top but when they got there they kept climbing!

Diane Rutledge recalled how hard it was to find a female role model in the 1980's in leadership. She was told she smiled too much but that didn't stop her. She says staying true to yourself is the best advice she could give to any woman today.

Karen Hasara found herself as the only woman on the County Board in the 1970's. She said you have to be willing to accept criticism, not take it personally and move on. She said she always tried to work harder than anyone else and she recognizes that her struggles were worth it to bring a brighter future to the generations to come.

Veronica Robinson stated success is what you make it. She is a black belt, author, advocate and a professional. Her advice is find your passion, believe in it, don't give up and be determined!

Julie Davis said she was her only obstacle to success. She wasn't sure she could do some tasks because she didn't know her own abilities. Yet, it was very obvious that Julie has overcome great obstacles and tragedies to be triumphant in her life. She is looked up to by many in the community and across the nation! Her advice is to, get up each day and try to be a little better than you were the day before.

Darlene Weaver has seen a lot of change over the 40 years of her career. She has paved the way for equal rights for women in many of her positions. She stood her ground in a professional manner and paved the way for the future generations.

Pay To Says...

Tracey Maras has been selected to chair the Exhibit Committee of the **Illinois Prairie Pastel Society**. The next exhibit and sale event is scheduled for Nov. 13th and 14th at the Lincoln Memorial Gardens Holiday Market.

Sara Lieber of **Senior Sidekicks** is announcing they have a new advertisement located in the Springfield's Own magazine on November 1st.

It's **Rotary** citrus time! Please call Gay Davidson, Cindy Davis or Karen Hasara for your fresh Florida oranges or grapefruit.

Springfield Ballet Company is hosting Ballet Bowling on November 7th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at King Pin Lanes. Check out www.springfieldballetco.org for more information.

Take time to educate yourselves about the **November 2nd referendum** question on the 1% sales tax increase for school infrastructure. Visit www.abetterwaytofund.com for more information.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are a great way to become more involved in IWIL, meet new friends and build positive relationships. Any IWIL member is more than welcome to join a Special Interest Group of their choice or more than one! Below are a description and a contact person for each group. Become involved today!

Book SIG

The Book Club meets once a month to review a book just read and to choose next month's selection. Meetings are at 5:30 on the 2nd Thursday of the month and include a light supper. The group welcomes all newcomers. The book for November is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. The November meeting will be hosted by Val Yazell on the 11th and she can be contacted at valerayazell@hotmail.com or 622-3860 for more information.

Golf SIG

The Golf Sig plays 9 holes of golf one evening a week at Pasfield Park Golf Course during Golf Season. Interested players should watch the newsletter in the Spring for details on when play will begin or contact Sharon Thornton Knop at 971-2411 or Sharon.T.Knop.HYYZ@StateFarm.com. for more information.

Festival of Trees SIG

This Sig decorates an IWIL tree for the Memorial Hospital's Festival of Trees. Planning occurs in the fall. Then, they meet for work nights prior to the Super Set-Up Weekend which is usually the first Saturday and Sunday in November. In 2009 their entry won second place for Best of Show for 7 foot trees. Contact Jo Deen Roley at 741-4509 or joroley@yahoo.com if you are interesting in helping out the Festival of Trees SIG.

Special Giving/Giving Opportunity SIG

This SIG responds to periodic special needs in our community. They are always looking for ways to give back to the community. This newly formed SIG has recently donated school supplies to Asbury Children's Supper Hour. If you know of a group or organization that is experiencing a temporary, special need, contact Diane Rutledge at 725 3016 or drutledge@ludaschools.org.

Action Adventure SIG

The action adventure SIG plans opportunities for our members to hike, bike, canoe, skate, bowl or any other action activity. A general interest gathering occurs in the fall to plan activities for the year appropriate to the changing seasons. Our members are encouraged to jump in and out of this SIG's activities as the member's interest dictates.

FIRST EVENT: Tuesday Oct. 26th 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meet at the Washington Park Carillon to walk and see a demonstration of "race walking"—Followed by dinner at Ross Isaac Restaurant on McArthur from 6:45-8:00 p.m. RSVP required by 10/22/10 for dinner seating reservations.

SECOND EVENT: Sailing! Sunday Nov. 7th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sailing at Island Bay Yacht Club followed by a casual potluck supper at Lin Vautrain's home at 80 Island Bay Lane. Signup sheets are available today and again on Oct. 26th. RSVP to JoAnn by Friday Oct. 29th.

Contact your Action Adventure Chair, JoAnn Abrams abrams_joann@hotmail.com or 652-2236 and/or Co-Chair, Lin Vautrain linvautrain@gmail.com or 899-3611.



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...

Theresa Boley	Nov 1 st
Linda Shaefer	Nov 5 th
Kathy Wolters	Nov 5 th
Mallorie Teubner	Nov 7 th
Viv Vennett	Nov 16 th
Sherry Feagans	Nov 18 th
Andrea Fry	Nov 21 st
Jane Mosey-Nicoletta	Nov 21 st
Sheila Feipel	Nov 22 nd
Desiree Logsdon	Nov 22 nd
Joyce Fikri	Nov 23 rd
Sharon Theison	Nov 27 th

Committee Opportunity

Looking for a *great* way to get involved with other IWIL members? Join the Hospitality Committee! The Hospitality Committee is responsible for planning four meetings a year, including the End of Summer Social (September), Holiday Social & Silent Auction (December), New Member Reception (March), and the Annual Meeting (June). Currently we are in planning for our Holiday Social & Silent Auction and would love your help. Our next planning meeting will be October 27th at 12:00 noon at Maldaner's. Please contact Co-Chairs Emily Rabin (erabin@uwcil.org) or Andria Sapp (andriaj81@msn.com) to sign up to help or for more information.

Silent Auction Donations

'Tis the season! The Annual IWIL Holiday Social & Silent Auction is just around the corner (5:30 p.m., December 2, 2010 at Maldaner's Restaurant). That means we are looking for items for our Silent Auction. All proceeds from our Silent Auction go to benefit our Scholarship Fund and this is the only fundraiser we hold for our Scholarship Fund. We are asking each member to either donate an item to the auction or ask a friend/coworker/client/vendor/etc. for an item to donate. In the coming weeks, expect a call from a fellow IWIL member asking you to help us in our efforts. Items for the Silent Auction may be brought to the Sangamo Club to Emily Becker's attention to be stored till the event on 12/2. For more information, please contact Emily Rabin (erabin@uwcil.org) or Andria Sapp (andriaj81@msn.com).

Go Team Opportunity

As a mother, you have had the thrill of finding that perfect holiday gift for your child. The hugs that say thank you from your child are something we would like the moms at M.E.R.C.Y Communities to experience also.

Let's help MERCY moms have a great holiday in two ways. At the November IWIL meeting, please bring:

1. A gift card that can be given to a MERCY mom in order that she may shop for her child's holiday gift. The stores of preference are Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's, etc. The amount is your choice.
2. Makeup! We all have vanity drawers full of cute makeup bags of samples from makeup purchases we have made. Please clean out your drawers for the November IWIL meeting and bring new makeup and skin care samples that we can share with moms at MERCY Communities.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Please welcome

Please help us welcome **Lashonda Fitch**. She is employed by Manpower as a Staffing Specialist and World Financial Group as a Financial Consultant. Lashonda is new the area and is looking to learn more about the community. She is looking forward to continuing her passion to helping people. Welcome Lashonda!



Name: Julie Zara, 46

Profession and how you got started. Began my career as an elementary education teacher in the Springfield School District for approximately 10 years and then taught special education at Williamsville High School for 7 years. Even though I've always been co-owner of Zara's Collision Center, I didn't start working for the company until 2003. I am in charge of marketing and advertising for our business. I work from home, which offers a lot of flexibility in my schedule and allows me to be home with the girls before and afterschool.

Education: Graduated from UIS with a BA Degree in Psychology/Teacher Education Preparation. I then took graduate level classes in the field of special education at ISU.

Tell us about your family. Brad and I will be celebrating our 25 wedding anniversary on October 5th. We have 3 amazing daughters; Hannah, Emily and Claire, 2 cats and 1 dog,

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. I have served on both boards and am a current member of NAWBO and IWIL. I am also involved The Young Philanthropist group, which is a part of the "Springfield County Community Foundation." My husband and I are both involved with the "Akzo-Nobel's Benevolence Program." Through this nation wide program, we give away refurbished vehicles to families in need during the Christmas season. I also volunteer at Contact Ministries on a weekly basis.

List your hobbies: I enjoy reading, traveling, cooking, working out and spending time with my family.

Favorite quote: WC Fields "*If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.* Then quit. There's no point in being a damn fool about it."

List 3 adjectives that describe you. Cheerful, outgoing, and fun-loving

What do you want to be when you grow up? I'm doing it now..."Living the Dream!"

What are your favorite subjects in school? Math

Name 2 characteristics you look for in a leader. Authenticity and Consistency

What do you value most in other people? Honesty, trustworthiness, compassionate

Who served as a role model to you? My parents Dan & Ann Vaughn

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? I would love to jump out of an airplane...the rush has to be phenomenal!

What is the best advice you've ever given and/or received? "This too shall pass."

What would you like to teach others about? How to be compassionate towards people that are different than you.

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? I'm a multi-tasker, therefore, have trouble reaching my daily goals or "too do lists." So the super power I would love to have is the ability to clone myself; just to get all of the work done!

If you could have a room full of any one thing, what would it be? Happy, joyful and giving people.

When you have an hour of free time, what do you like to do? Get a massage or go for a walk.

What famous person would you like to meet? Oprah Winfrey...I would to follow her around for one day. I think she's an amazing leader!

If you could spend an ideal day without monetary constraints what would it be? I would treat all of the mothers that live at "Contact Ministries Shelter" a day of beauty at a spa.

What do you want to be doing in ten years? Retired and living in our condo in Marco Island, FL and lying on the beach with a great book in my hand.