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## IWIL CALENDAR 2005

### OCTOBER

**Date:** Thursday, October 20  
**Time:** Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Inn at 835  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights – Rising from the Ashes" with Kay Gregg and Project RETURN

### NOVEMBER

**Date:** Thursday, November 17  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights without Giving Away Who You Really Are" with U.S. Postal Inspector Tommy Coke on ID theft

### DECEMBER

**Date:** Thursday, December 8  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Illini Country Club  
**Program:** IWIL Holiday Social "Soaring to New Heights: Preparing the Next Generation"

## BYLAW CHANGE THE NAME CHANGES, JOB REMAINS THE SAME

Changing the name of the office of President Elect to Vice President (impacting Article V, Section 2, Article VI, Section 4, and Article VIII, Section 2 of the IWIL bylaws) was voted on at the general meeting September 15, 2005. By a show of hands, the membership in attendance voted unanimously to make the change. A copy of the revised bylaws will be available on the website.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Join Us for "Meet the Board"* Val Yazell, IWIL President

This month it is "Lunch at the Inn!" The board is trying something new this year. We have started something we are simply calling "Meet the Board." Every other month, in lieu of our regular board meeting, which we conduct via e-mail, the board and the Mentoring Committee and any new members get together for lunch. We wanted to support the Mentoring Committee as they help new members integrate into the organization. The idea is to invite new members to meet several people, not just their mentor, to make walking into the room of so many new faces, a bit easier. I encourage anyone who would like to get to know more people, to join us.

Our next "Meet the Board" will be held at Mariah's Restaurant, upstairs, Monday, October 10, at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to join us, please let me know by October 5th at 546-3860 or at [valerayazell@hotmail.com](mailto:valerayazell@hotmail.com).

This month, I would like to acknowledge Karen Westbrook of the Mentoring Committee and Sally Quinn, our treasurer, for their assistance in working with the Hospitality Committee to develop guidelines for donations. Please be sure to read Karen's article in this newsletter.

Learning to laugh at yourself is the best medicine in the world. There is no action that you could take that can't be viewed as either learning or laughter. Entertain yourself!

### *Last Chance to Update Your Info...*

#### **...for the 2005-2006 IWIL Directory**

Make sure you review your information on the IWIL website database as soon as possible this month. There is a new version posted in the Members Only section. Also, if you want a picture printed in the new directory, you have three options: 1) use the last year's photo, which we already have; 2) send Mary Kay Allison ([mka4131@yahoo.com](mailto:mka4131@yahoo.com)) your digital photo; or 3) stop by Ed Clark Studios in Sherman to have a digital photo taken. Our plan is to have the directory completed and to all members by the beginning of November. Remember, all the information is available to members at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz). Go to "Members Only Home," then click on "Membership Directory." The new directory pages will be hole-punched for your existing three-ring IWIL Directory binder. - Mary Kay Allison, IWIL Directory Chair

## 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."

## BOOKMARK IWIL.BIZ FOR THE IWIL JOB BANK, EVENT CALENDAR, PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORMS & MORE!

If you have not had the opportunity before now, please take time to visit our website at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz). You can find information on just about anything in that one location. You will find a calendar of events, programs and meeting schedules as well as your registration form, a Job and Resume Bank, the Pay to Say form, information on committees and the Special Interest Groups, board information as well as policies and procedures. Most importantly, remember the Members Only section where you can access the IWIL database that is updated once a month.

## PAY TO SAY

Do you have an upcoming event, recognition or something to share with the IWIL membership? You can do so through IWIL's "Pay to Say." Go to [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Resource Center, for the [Pay to Say form](#) and guidelines. Each announcement costs \$1.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP and MORE IWIL NEWS

### *"Soaring to New Heights and Ending Up with Cotton Candy, Greased Pig Races and Carnival Rides!"*

#### **Guest Speaker Amy Bliefnik, Manager of the 2005 Illinois State Fair**

Amy Bliefnik shared her inspirational story about her career shift from a happy to stay-at-home mom to volunteer roles in her local community to manager of the highly successful 2005 Illinois State Fair. Her best management advice is to be up and motivated every day. A positive attitude is contagious and your staff with catch it!

### *Welcome New IWIL MEMBERS!*

- **Marty Chapman**, Party Creations
- **Lin Geotz**, CWLP
- **Terri Hinrichs**, Springfield College in Illinois
- **Janet Joslin**, Marine Bank
- **Christy Nichelson**, Kirlin, Egan & Butler Funeral Home
- **Nancy Richards**, Central Illinois Bank
- **Nancy Sutzer**, Marine Bank
- **Janice Whitt**, Lincoln Land Community College
- **Nichol Wilson**, Sangamon County ETSD

### *IWIL Earns 501(c)3 Status*

#### **Donations to IWIL may be tax deductible**

Illinois Women in Leadership has achieved the Internal Revenue Service status of 501(c)3. This means that donations to the organization may now qualify for a tax deduction. It is important that IWIL comply with the tax code to retain this status. Therefore, the IWIL Board is developing procedures for reporting donations as well as providing donors with proper documentation.

There will be five types of donations identified on the reporting form that will be posted in the Members Only section of the IWIL website. These donation categories are:

- operating supplies such as postage and paper;
- in-kind;
- items of value such as auction items;
- check/cash; and,
- time/skills.

Each member will be responsible for completing the form for any donations she solicits or gives herself. The forms will be processed through the chair of the committee involved in the solicitation. The chair will forward the form to the treasurer who will provide a letter of receipt to the donor. The treasurer will not put a dollar amount in the letter unless the donation is check/cash. Look for more information in the next IWIL newsletter. – *Karen Westbrook, Mentoring Chair*

## 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](mailto:jabrams@rmc-bigenc.com)

### Golf

Mary Schaefer, 529-2600

### Gourmet

Susan Wilcockson, 483-2774

### Hiking

Viv Bennett, 622-8976  
e-mail [viv@springnet1.com](mailto: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  
e-mail [hein535@springnet1.com](mailto:hein535@springnet1.com)

### Watercolor Painting

Shirley Caldwell Smith, 529-6959  
e-mail [caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caldwellsmith@sbcglobal.net)

## MORE IWIL NEWS AND RESOURCES

### **"MANGIAMO!" – LET'S EAT!**

#### **AN ITALIAN FEAST – SUNDAY, OCT. 23**

The IWIL Gourmet Special Interest Group is having an Italian Feast at the home of Kathy Rem, 829 Roanoke Drive in Springfield, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23. Contact **Kathy Rem**, [Kathryn.Rem@sj-r.com](mailto:Kathryn.Rem@sj-r.com) or 787-1317.

– Susan Wilcockson, Gourmet SIG



### **FESTIVE FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE IWIL HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT ILLINI DEC. 8**

Don't miss the IWIL Holiday Social at the Illini Country Club on December 8, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. – "Soaring to New Heights: Preparing the Next Generation." We will be having a silent auction to raise money for the IWIL Scholarship Fund. You may receive a phone call soon from Hospitality Committee members looking for donations for the silent auction. Thank you!

– Annette Piper, IWIL Hospitality Chair

### *What's the Good Cause?*

#### **IWIL college scholarships for young women leaders**

IWIL is proud to offer three \$1,000 college scholarships for high school senior women from the Sangamon County area. The purpose of the annual scholarship is to promote the advancement of outstanding young women by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals and maximize their potential. Application materials are at [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz) at the beginning of each calendar year, with applications being due in February. For more information, e-mail [info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz).

### *IWIL Job Bank*

#### **Women helping women climb the ladder**

A job bank is available for any individual or organization to post current job vacancies. You do not have to be a member to post vacancies, but you do have to be a member to view postings. Therefore, the job bank is housed within the Members Only section of [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz). If you have a job vacancy you would like posted, please contact Stephanie Sapetti, IWIL Website Chair.

### *Forgot Your Password?*

All IWIL members were mailed a letter containing the User ID and password required to access the Members Only section of [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz). If you didn't receive the letter or forgot the password contact Stephanie Sapetti, IWIL Website Chair.

**P.O. Box 5612**  
**Springfield, IL 62705-5612**  
[info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz)  
[www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@iwil.biz) and you will be added to the snail mail list.

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

### Announcements & IWIL Member News

**Members of the IWIL board** invite you to join us for "Meet the Board" to find out more about what IWIL has to offer. The next meeting will be Monday, October 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Mariah's Restaurant, upstairs. **Please let Val Yazell know if you plan to attend by October 5.** She may be reached at [valerayazell@hotmail.com](mailto:valerayazell@hotmail.com) or 546-3860.

The **Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce** has three events to promote in October. Contact **Sharon Theison** for details, 525-1173, ext. 212. **#1:** The Greater Springfield Career and Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. **#2:** The Halloween Bash and "Spooktacular" Business After Hours networking event in Springfield attracts more than 250 Chamber ghouls and goblins lurking for the best tricks and treats in town on Oct. 27, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield. Expose your business tricks and treats at the frightfully fun 2005 Business Blast. Call Sharon. **#3:** The Chamber's Leadership Springfield program celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year. Only 34 candidates will be accepted into the program, which starts with an opening day retreat on Oct. 20 & 21.

**Kay Fischer** has a new website for her new business. Check it out at [www.kaycoach.com](http://www.kaycoach.com).

**Barbara Wall** of **Halcyon Transitions** will be conducting seminars from the Active Relationships Mastery Series: Active Money Personalities, Oct. 21, 22, 23; Active Romance & Intimacy, Nov. 17, 18, 19; Active Living, Dec. 10. These are great seminars for longtime partners, newlyweds and engaged couples. Call 622-7722.

**Springfield Right to Life** invites you to our annual dinner on Friday evening, October 21. Contact **Shirley Caldwell-Smith** for tickets (\$30 each), 523-2700.

**Sally Sevenser**, owner of **Sally's Organizing Service** says it's no better time to get organized NOW! She is currently helping an IWIL member settle into her new home and reminds us that is also part of her services. Call Sally at 741-0433.

**Theresa Delvo**, owner of **Midwest Rehabilitation, Inc.**, is proud to announce the opening of a third therapy clinic. The new clinic in Decatur joins the other clinics on West Monroe and in the Medical District in providing Physical and Occupational Therapy services to the central and southern Illinois communities.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

**When:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2005

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

**Topic:** "Soaring to New Heights / Rising from the Ashes"

**Speaker:** **Kay Gregg** of Project Return

We are all blessed because of where we are in our own lives and with whom we surround ourselves. IWIL member Kay Gregg has responsibility for Project Return. Find out what is being done to bring women whose paths are so very different from ours and how they are beginning to find hope as they rise and see there is light at the end of their personal tunnels. There's much to be done and maybe this will be the motivation you need to make a difference in the world.

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

**Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Website, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities.** A link to the form was included in this e-newsletter.