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IWIL CALENDAR 2009-2010

OCTOBER

Date: Thursday, October 15
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Speaker: Nichole DuPont
Program: "Success Through Social Networking"

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 19
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Inn at 835
Speaker: Michelle Tjelmeland
Program: "Listen to the Bell I Hear"
 How I got Bill Gates to catapult my story to the world.

DECEMBER

Date: Thursday, December 3
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Panther Creek
Program: Holiday Social

JANUARY

Date: Thursday, January 21
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Speaker: Rich Solomon
Program: "Taking Color Around The World"

Mark you calendars!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Strong Relationships, Positive Results"

Sheryl Daugherty, IWIL President

Wow! I can't believe it's already October. Time to dig out the sweaters, jackets and boots and transition into my favorite season.

September has been a busy month for many IWIL members. Emily Rabin and Andria Sapp and their Hospitality Committee are planning our December Holiday Social and Silent Auction. JoDeen Roley and the Festival of Trees SIG members are busy finalizing our tree decorations (and hoping to take first place this year). And many of you attended our September 17th membership meeting - 71 to be exact! Also, Sharon Thornton Knop won the challenge of bringing the most guests and took home a beautiful autumn table centerpiece. Congratulations Sharon!

Thanks to all who brought guests. Hopefully everyone enjoyed Butch Elzea's presentation as much as I did. His remarkable insights into relationships were genuine, deeply personal and heartwarming. I overheard one member tell Butch, "I'll never again have anything but a great or good day" - my sentiments exactly. So thank you to everyone who attended. And if you did bring guests, please be sure to invite them to join Illinois Women In Leadership. Sometimes we forget to actually ask the question!

Next month's meeting will feature Bunn-o-Matic's Nichole DuPont telling us all about "Success Through Social Networking". Should be fun and informative! Please join us Thursday, October 15th at the Sangamon Club at 11:30 a.m. See you soon!

Sheryl Daugherty
IWIL President

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IWIL NEWS

September Program Recap

“Positive Relationships Can Help Dream Come True”

Butch Elzea has won numerous awards for his humanitarian work both locally and nationally but what he is most proud of are his relationships he has built along the way. Butch spoke about two of the most meaningful relationships that have taught him a lot along the way and those are of his daughter, Erin and his good friend Jim Brahler. To build positive relationships in your life you need to be willing to make an investment, offer amazing courage, have a positive mental attitude, have no fear and don't let your pride interfere. When Butch spoke of a positive mental attitude he referred to his daughter, Erin, and said she always had two options for the day. It was either a “great” day or a “good” day. Butch said, “We would all have more friends if we all had the innocence of a child.”

To learn more about Southwind Park, visit www.southwindpark.org.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The IWIL holiday social is in the works! The menu is planned and will include a pasta station, prime rib, roast turkey breast, and many other warm, filling goodies. It will be a December 3rd, remember. Drinks will be available at a cash bar, and the desserts will be fabulous! The event will be based around a silent auction, as in years past. So, please be considering what you would like to donate. All monies raised will go towards the scholarship fund. Any donations ready to be dropped off can be delivered to Andria Sapp's house at 3116 Panther Creek Drive. Feel free to call to arrange a drop-off time. She can be reached at (217) 454-3443. We look forward to seeing all of you there! More details will follow as the time nears!

October Pay To Says

The **Holiday Carlisle Collection**, a designer line of clothes out of New York, will be available to see and shop beginning October 20 through October 27. For more information please contact Jan Parr at 652-3001 or janparr@aol.com.

October is **Ovarian Cancer Awareness** month. The Simmons-Cooper Cancer Institute can provide you with brochures on the risk factors, symptoms, and prevention of this deadly disease that claims over 15,000 women annually.

“**Sylvia**” is coming to a theater near you! November 6th at the Hoogland Center for the Arts will be a gala and fundraiser to benefit the Animal Protective League. Tickets are \$65 per person or two for \$120, includes hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and a very funny show! “Sylvia” is a story of a couple who adopt a female dog who talks and the adjustments the family has to go through!

Springfield Right to Life announces their annual benefit dinner Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a silent auction, dinner by Nelson's, piano styling and vocals by Christian trio and the evening speaker, Steven Ertelt. Event will be held at Sangamon Prairie Reception Center, Chatham. Cost \$40. Send reservations to 316 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62701.



IWIL NEWS

Give Thanks for our Friends in Nonprofit!

Have you ever been in partnership with a non-profit organization that you adore? I'll bet all of you can immediately name your "Top 10" favorite charitable organizations in Springfield and beyond, I know I can.

I happen to work for a non-profit organization, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) that helps over 72,000 people throughout the state of Illinois. It's a wonderful feeling to be a part of an organization that supports so many children, seniors, prisoners and families in their times of need.

However, my own family has also been the recipient of services surrounding our son's Autism diagnosis. The Autism Program (TAP) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) have been right there for our son and our whole family, through thick and thin. It's meant more to us than words could ever express.

My husband and I find that there are few ways that we can show these fine organizations our appreciation beyond a simple "thank you". Recently, I decided to invite some of the program directors from TAP and UCP who have helped us, to some of the IWIL meetings. It's a great way to invite our friends to lunch and again express our thanks, and it defrays the cost to the organization that you appreciate!

As the end of the calendar year approaches, I invite you to join me in considering a Holiday Gift of an annual IWIL membership (\$60) and an "annual lunch pay" (\$204) for your favorite non-profit organization(s). ***Your gift of \$264 will express a simple gesture of appreciation that the non-profit can share among their employees year-round and a it's great way for us to increase our membership and get to know our non-profit community better through IWIL!***

Becky Moore

Registration Reminders

Please mail in your meeting registration form and payment early, early, early! If Kathy Maslouski, our Registration Chair, receives it after 5 pm the Friday before the meeting, you will owe \$22.00 instead of the regular \$17.00. If your check arrives too late, you will be asked to pay the additional \$5.00 when checking in at the meeting.

If you are on the annual prepay plan, you must e-mail Kathy at kmaz10@sbcglobal.net before 5pm the Friday before the meeting to let her know if you will be attending. It's important that she gets an accurate head count for lunch! If you are on the annual prepay plan and are unable to attend a meeting, you may not send someone else in your place. Kathy has a tough job and we want to be as accommodating as possible! Thanks for your cooperation!

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...

Mary Schaefer	Oct 3 rd
Rene Brethorst	Oct 4 th
Sharon Thornton Knop	Oct 7 th
Kathy Maslouski	Oct 27 th
Marilyn Raney	Oct 29 th
Kathryn Rem	Oct 29 th

IWIL Festival of Trees

**This Holiday Season—
Don't Miss the 20th Annual Festival of Trees Celebration**

What better way to get in the festive mood for the holidays than by visiting the annual Memorial Medical Center Foundation's 20th Annual Festival of Trees exhibit. The event will be held November 21-29 in the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Enjoy a winter wonderland of spectacular and unusual Christmas trees and wreaths and a showcase of incredible gingerbread houses. For the second year in a row, Illinois Women in Leadership will be sponsoring a seven foot tree, decorated by the IWIL Festival of Trees committee as chaired by JoDeen Roley. Committee members of this year's Festival of Trees committee includes: Susan Fulks, Rachel Broughton, Denise Rice, Mary Schaefer, Theresa Boley, Sara Wilcox and Eileen Kluckman

This year's theme, "Tinsel, Trees and Memories" will have something enjoyable for the young and old. This IWIL Committee is hard at work preparing the decorations for this year's tree. Come out to see the IWIL tree and delight in the works of hundreds of talented local designers and volunteers who transform the Orr Building in Springfield each season into a holiday showcase of exquisitely decorated showcases, trees, centerpieces and wreaths.

What would the annual Festival of Tree's celebration be like without the Gingerbread Village which features a grand display of over 50 brilliantly decorated gingerbread structures, each one entirely made from edible ingredients. A model train also winds through the impressive exhibit of gingerbread homes, shops and buildings. All of the gingerbread houses are available for purchase at the Festival of Trees through silent bidding. Also to get in the holiday spirit, more than 2,000 local amateur and professional performers provide entertainment during the Festival of Trees.

Memorial's Festival of Trees would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors in the community. Sponsors get to select one or more of the beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces on display during the Festival. Sponsors make their tree/wreath/centerpiece selections during the Festival of Trees Gala. To learn more about how your business/organization can be a sponsor for this year's celebration go to www.memorialmedicalfoundation.com/festivaloftrees.

With annual attendance of approximately 30,000, the Festival offers a fun-filled kaleidoscope of holiday sights, sounds and scents you won't forget. There are unique volunteer opportunities awaiting you at the Festival of Trees as well.

For more information, please contact the Festival of Trees at (217) 788-4301. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 3-12. Children 2 and under are free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, November 21-29, ending at 5:00 p.m. on the 29th. Watch for more details coming soon!

**Make sure when going out to this year's Festival of Trees Exhibit
that you vote for our special IWIL Tree for the people's choice award!
See you there!**



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