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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2011-12 IWIL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: "Keep Calm and Carry On"

DECEMBER

Date: December 8, 2011

See attached flyer for details on the
 Holiday Event/Silent Auction!

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 IWIL newsletter ?

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Dear Amazing Amigos,

What a delightful time we had at the End of Summer Social. Kudos to Farah Salim and her Hospitality Committee for such a creative theme and so well implemented from food, decorations and game. Thanks to all who attended and participated with the White theme by donning their summer whites.

Farah is leaving us for Chicago and we bid her God's speed for her next adventure in life's journey. We also welcome Terri Noel who is stepping into her shoes as Hospitality chair. She is already well into the planning of our Holiday Social (see attached flyer for details). If you would like to get more involved with IWIL the Hospitality Committee is a great place to start, and you would be most welcome. Just step up and make your wishes known.

Many of our members chose to bring new people to the End of Summer social, and I was so impressed with how many of the guests were new to Springfield. What a wonderful way to reach out to someone with few contacts in our community and to so generously expose them to our amazing group! Yes, it takes time to include someone else. Yes, it means, with someone else in tow, you might not be able to socialize as much as you might like with your IWIL BFFs. But that's what we do. Our mission challenges us to reach out to others, to mentor them, and introduce them to others that might prove to be helpful to them.

Every day we have the opportunity to touch the lives of others and lift them up. Sometimes it might be a well planned out sacrifice, but more often it is a small act of kindness. Lives have been changed with just the right word of encouragement delivered at just the right moment. Many times the donor never even knows the impact they have. But it matters. Everything you do matters. If each of us made a special point of thanking or encouraging just one other person every day, think of the positive changes we could affect at our office, in our community, even within our families. Together we are an amazing army with the power to change our corner of the world.

Charge,
 Julie

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said,
 People will forget what you did, But people
 will never forget how you made them feel."*

Maya Angelou

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Sarah Mackey – Athena Award 2011 Winner

Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, in Springfield was named the 2011 Athena Award recipient during a reception held Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield. The award honors community leadership in encouraging women to develop their potential.

Mackey was recognized for her volunteer and community service activities. She is a Meals on Wheels driver, Girl Scouts troop leader and serves as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region. In addition, she was a founding member of the Young Springfield Professionals Network.

The caliber of nominees was excellent. The other nominees included: **Theresa Boley**, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; **Julie Davis**, The Real Estate Group; Lisa Ellis, Illinois National Bank; Zileide Giddings, Embroidea Custom Embroidery; Shelly Heideman, Faith Coalition for the Common Good; Mary Beth Ray and Lynn Whalen of Lincoln Land Community College and Amy Schmidt of Brown, Hay & Stephens.

Congratulations, Sarah!!

***Theresa Boley, Julie Davis and Sarah Mackey are all IWIL members!**

Appointments & Promotions

Brad & Julie Zara, owners of Zara's Collision Center received the "Pride Award" at an industry conference in Minneapolis, Minn. The "Pride Award" is given to those businesses who demonstrate positive community involvement, improving the image of the collision repair industry and demonstrated excellence in attracting, developing and retaining employees."

Melina Tomaras-Collins was appointed as Human Resources Director for the City of Springfield on August 1. She represents Mayor Houston's only female appointment and will oversee the entire HR function to include recruiting, hiring, compensation, labor and employee relations, employment law compliance, performance and staffing management as well as benefits and leave administration. While she has over 20 years of HR experience, this is her first foray into municipal government.

In August 2011, **Marianne Jackson** was named MVP on her sales team for Elavon – USBANK – this monthly award has eluded Jackson for almost two years! She celebrated her two-year anniversary with the company on Sept. 22.

Evelyn Thomas will be honored by the Abraham Lincoln Council of Boy Scouts of America on November 4th at the "Trailblazer Award Dinner and Auction."

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM PREVIEW

You'll want to register for the November program, "**Keep Calm and Carry On**" to be held Thursday, November 17, 2011, 11:30 a.m., Sangamo Club.

Speaker: Carla Knox, Compliance Manager, BUNN
Sharon Megginson, Sales Operations Analyst, BUNN

Description: We all have experienced times when life challenges us beyond what we believe we are capable of handling. Two women who have been dealt difficult situations will share their stories, and the tools, beliefs and values that they used to not only cope, but from where they draw their strength.

Facilitator(s): Sharon Riechers, Darlene Weaver, Diane Newell

Watch for registration details or go to www.iwil.biz to register today!

PAY TO SAY

Don't forget to get your "Pay to Say" with \$2, to Lisa Rigoni for the October meeting. A couple of reminders:

- Keep them brief, 50 words or less
- Pay to Says are for event promotions (like fundraisers, golf outings, community/civic events, etc.) and for member recognition.
- If you have a business "commercial," job opening, etc., while we don't promote them at our meetings, we are happy to run them in the newsletter. Simply get them to Lisa in writing with your \$2.

Please print or type your Pay to Say information so that it can be easily read at the meeting! We look forward to hearing from you!

BOOK CLUB

Contact Val Yazell at valerayazell@hotmail.com for more information and the website for specific dates!

IWIL Members take note:

Do you enjoy reading about fellow IWIL members and learning more about them, personally and professionally?

It's mutual ... so, if you haven't had a **Member Spotlight** about you appear in an IWIL newsletter, we would like to receive your information so that you could be featured in an upcoming issue!

Your fellow IWIL friends and colleagues want to know more about you!

Please see attached interview sheet, complete and e-mail to Lisa Rigoni at: LRigoni@prwithpurpose.net or send to info@iwil.biz.

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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...

OCTOBER

- 3 Mary Schaefer
- 4 Rene Brethorst
- 5 Sommer Rivera
- 7 Sharon Thornton Knop
- 12 Jill Bohm
Danyelle Felchner
- 17 Sharon Hewitt
- 22 Michelle Green
- 27 Kathy Maslouski
- 29 Marilyn Raney
Kathryn Rem
- 31 Jeri Waldeck

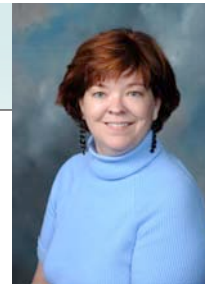
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- 1 Theresa Boley,
- 5 Linda Shaefer
Kathy Wolters
- 7 Mallorie Teubner
- 9 Tracey Sims
- 16 Viv Bennett
- 18 Sherry Feagans
- 21 Andrea Fry
Jane Mosey-Nicoletta
- 22 Sheila Feipel
Desiree Logsdon
- 23 Joyce Fikri
- 26 Darlene Dietrich
- 27 Sharon Theison

SEPTEMBER After-Summer White Party – fun time had by all!



Member Spotlight



Name: Janetta Clemons **Age:** Well, I started going backwards at 50, so I'm 47.

Profession and how you got started. I'm currently a legislative assistant for the Illinois Bankers Association, but got here through a very circuitous route. Frankly, I was unemployed and answered an ad in the paper.

Education: I currently have an associate degree in accounting, and one in management. And I'm finally finishing up that Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration that has taken me 25 years.

Tell us about your family. I'm divorced with two grown boys who are still single at 31 and 27. So if you're a single woman, I can hook you up!

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. Other than IWIL, I belong to the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the IWIL SIG for reading.

List your hobbies: I love to read and can't thank the book club enough for making me read things I ordinarily wouldn't. I also like genealogy and quilting when I have the time.

Favorite quote: "If you obey all the rules, you'll miss all the fun" by Katherine Hepburn

Favorite food: I love all kinds of seafood cooked anyway, but also a juicy steak.

Favorite book: Recently, it was "Before I Go To Sleep" by S.J. Watson. The story of a woman with amnesia. I just can't imagine not having memories. And it was one of our book club selections.

List three adjectives that describe you. Happy, healthy, and "goofy" as a close friend calls me.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A happy, healthy, goofy grandma

What are your favorite subjects in school? Probably English and history.

Name two characteristics you look for in a leader. Honesty and accountability. Not much of that around, it seems.

What do you value most in other people? Sincerity. I think there's too much fakeness in our world today.

Who served as a role model to you? My mother and grandmother. They were both strong woman who believed in their abilities and instilled independence in me.

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? I'd love to sail around the world. My sailing has been limited, but I'd love the time, money and experience of seeing other cultures at a leisurely pace.

What is the best advice you've ever given and/or received? My father told me as a child not to rely on my looks, but my brains.

What would you like to teach others about? Genealogy. Everyone needs to know who their ancestors were and what they endured to get you here.

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? The ability to go forever without sleep. It seems there are never enough hours in a day to do everything I want to do.

If you could have a room full of any one thing, what would it be? Probably books, or quilting supplies, or both.

When you have an hour of free time, what do you like to do? Read, hands down.

What famous person would you like to meet? I think it would be Jesus. I have a few questions to ask him.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be? England, Sweden and Ireland. That's where my ancestors are from. Then, maybe Africa for a safari vacation.

If you could spend an ideal day without monetary constraints what would it be? I'd spend the day island hopping on a catamaran with my boys in the Caribbean. They've never seen the ocean.

What do you want to be doing in 10 years? I would like to write an ancestor book on the porch of a log cabin in the Blackhills of South Dakota. And hopefully later in the evening, tell stories to my grandchildren around a fire. I have family there and want to retire there.

Member Spotlight

Name: Andria Sapp

Age: 30



Profession and how you got started. lia sophia Unit Manager. I started by attending a lia sophia party and falling in love with the product and opportunity. Air National Guard journalist. I joined the Guard in 1998 so that I could have tuition assistance when I was ready for college. For nine years I was an F-16 Avionics Technician, and now that I have recently rejoined I am trying my hand at journalism.

Education: Bachelor in Business Administration

Tell us about your family. Married to Aaron Sapp, step-son Logan Sapp, and Wrigley is our 2 year old Golden Retriever.

Describe any civic/professional groups you belong to. Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce as an Ambassador.

List your hobbies: Watching Logan play sports and shopping.

Favorite quote: Live, Laugh, Love

Favorite food: Chips and Salsa

Favorite book: The Bible

List three adjectives that describe you. Driven, Trustworthy, Compassionate

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be me. Just a better educated, more refined, more successful me.

What are your favorite subjects in school? Math and economics.

Name 2 characteristics you look for in a leader. Confidence and clarity

What do you value most in other people? Integrity

What would you attempt if you knew you could not fail? I would stop all forms of mental and physical abuse.

What is the best advice you've ever given and/or received? Do not be afraid to fail, instead plan for success.

What would you like to teach others about? The importance of self-worth.

What super-power would you most like to have, and why? I would like to be able to see someone's true character, because people's behavior can mislead you as to who they really are.

If you could have a room full of any one thing, what would it be? Time and comfy pillows ... for napping, of course.

When you have an hour of free time, what do you like to do? Walking Wrigley or exercise.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be? Everywhere ... I would love to see it all.

If you could spend an ideal day without monetary constraints what would it be? With my entire family, spoiling them and giving them everything they ever went without.

What do you want to be doing in ten years? Making a difference.

Silent Auction Donations to benefit IWIL Scholarships

The Annual Holiday Dinner, Social & Silent Auction is scheduled for **Thursday, December 8, 2011 on the 29th** floor of **The Hilton Hotel**. The proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Scholarship Fund dispersed each April to four scholarship recipients. The December silent auction serves as the only source of funds for these scholarships and is very important to the mission of IWIL.

If you would like to read about the 2011 recipients' stories, please link to the newsletter that also includes photos of the winners. http://iwil.biz/Documents/May11_News.pdf

We are asking every member to select from the choices listed below as your donation to the auction. Please complete and return the attached form or e-mail your donation information to one of the committee members: Terri Noel, Daneylle Fletcher, Emily Becker, Elmada Meek, Sara Freitag, Jenna Fox, Marsha Shomidie, Sarah Beuming, Sara Lieber and Julie Downs. *You are needed.* The hospitality committee would like to invite all members to participate in the planning and set up of the auction.

More about the Scholarship Fund.

IWIL is proud to offer three (3) college scholarships, of \$1,000.00 each, for area high school senior women from the Sangamon County area. The purpose of the annual student scholarship is to promote the advancement of outstanding young women by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals and maximize their potential.

The IWIL Chrysalis Scholarship For Women offers (1) \$1,000.00 college scholarship for a woman from Sangamon County who is endeavoring to begin or continue her college education for her first baccalaureate degree at a college or university of advanced studies. The purpose of the annual Chrysalis scholarship is to promote the advancement of women by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals.

Please plan to bring your donation to the November meeting, November 17 at the Sangamo Club. Each member is requested to donate a value of \$25 minimum in one or more of the categories listed below.

MEMBER NAME: _____

FRIEND/COLLEAGUE/VENDOR who will donate: _____

YES, I will donate an item from the category chosen below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Décor | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Mom, Sister, Daughter, Girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Dad, Brother, Son |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Sweet tooth | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for those Special People
i.e. babysitter, teacher, salon stylist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Romance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail & Restaurant Gift Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please describe: _____ |

YES, I will donate wine/liquor towards the Raffle Give-away: **Stock the Bar**

I prefer to donate a cash gift towards the purchase of a raffle item that will include travel, meals, and/or hotel accommodations.

YES, I would like to help with the December Holiday Dinner, Social, & Silent Auction committee:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail _____