

## IWIL CALENDAR 2005

### SEPTEMBER

**Date:** Thursday, September 15  
**Time:** Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
**Location:** Sangamo Club  
**Program:** "Soaring to New Heights and Ending Up with Cotton Candy, Greased Pig Races, and Carnival Rides" with Amy Bliefnick, Illinois State Fair Manager

### 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 prevention

## IWIL MEMBERS ONLY PASSWORD, USER ID SENT TO ALL MEMBERS AUG. 15

If you did not receive a letter with your password for the secure section of the IWIL Web site, please send an email to [info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz) or call Val Yazell, 546-3860. Please be sure to check out your personal information in the database and email us with any changes.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *"Soaring to New Heights – The Servant Leader"* Val Yazell, IWIL President

Remember it's "Sunrise at Sangamo" for our membership meeting this month on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I have been considering for a time what it means to be a part of Illinois Women in Leadership. I believe that one of our charges is to develop and support leadership skills for our membership. Being a part of a committee or a Special Interest Group guides you and offers you examples of different leadership styles. As you observe other members' styles, you will learn and find your own style and what feels right for you. I personally believe in "servant leadership." Robert Greenleaf, who coined the phrase, describes it this way: "The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. He or she is sharply different from the person who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions." Everyone has her own unique style. Do you know yours?

I would like to extend thanks to Ann Londrigan for her hard work on this newsletter and to Stephanie Sapetti for continually improving the Web site and offerings for our membership.

Together we can create something greater and more beautiful than each of us could manage alone.

### *Proposed Bylaw Change*

#### **Vote at Next Meeting**

*Proposal:* Change the name of the office of President Elect to Vice President. This would impact Article V, Section 2, Article VI, Section 4, and Article VIII, Section 2 of the IWIL bylaws.

*Why?* The name of the office of President Elect is confusing. According to IWIL bylaws, it refers to the individual in line for the presidency of IWIL. However, according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, it is defined as the person who has been elected president but has not yet been inducted into office. By changing the name of the office to Vice President the role is clearer and can be defined as the officer ranking next below the President. This will not impact any of the duties of this office.

*Action needed:* A vote, by a show of hands, will be taken at the next general meeting on Sept. 15. If you will be unable to attend that meeting and would like to be included in the vote, please email Val Yazell, [valerayazell@hotmail.com](mailto:valerayazell@hotmail.com) with the words "vote yes to change name to VP" or "vote no to change name to VP" in the subject line by end of day September 15, 2005.

## 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

### 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)

\*\*The IWIL Hiking SIG will hike Weldon Springs State Park on September 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact **Viv Bennett** (622-8976).

## AUGUST PROGRAM RECAP

### *"Soaring to New Heights and Doing the Talking in Springfield!"*

**Pamela Furr of Hot Talk 970 WMAV**

A recent transplant from Nashville, Tenn., Pamela Furr told IWIL members at the August meeting: "We've been told that size doesn't matter but that simply is not true. I believe our worth is directly related to size. The size of our dreams."

Said Furr: "In my 20-year career in radio I've been called the next best thing, a has-been, a trend-setter, champion, bitch. I've had doors open and doors slammed shut. I do two times the work of a man and get half the recognition." But with all that she has remained a big dreamer and dreaming big is what made her dream to have her own daily radio talk show come true.

Furr said that "finding [her] voice in the world" was not easy. Throughout the journey she felt she was searching for something, but there was a missing link, something nameless and faceless that was holding her back from achieving her goal.

"I think I discovered what it is that holds us back," said Furr. "Vulnerability. We can be strong business women and sensitive and compassionate. When we lose that soft edge of who we are as women, then we lose our transparency with others."

"Our ability to be vulnerable will get us over mediocrity and over that hump in our careers. My greatest fear is to be irrelevant. If we share our fears, I can be an ally. We can learn to build ourselves as sisters, friends and coworkers to be a support system of other women dreamers." Furr's program "Talkback with Pamela Furr NOW" can be heard from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays on WMAV 970, [www.pamelafurr.com](http://www.pamelafurr.com).

## PHOTO OP AT NEXT MEETING

### IWIL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT DEAL!

Photographer Ed Clark will be taking business portraits at the September IWIL meeting at the Sangamo Club for the new IWIL directory. If you cannot make this date, you can set up an appointment at Ed Clark Studios in Sherman. The fee for the directory photo is \$12 (no sitting fee) payable at time of sitting. You will also be able to order additional business portraits at a discounted price. Remember, these are business portraits so wear solid colors, no fancy colored scarves or prints. If you already have a business portrait you like in digital format, please email it to IWIL Directory Chair Mary Kay Allison, [mka4131@yahoo.com](mailto:mka4131@yahoo.com). This is an excellent opportunity at a good price!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### IWIL HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT ILLINI DEC. 8

The IWIL Holiday Social will be held at the Illini Country Club on December 8, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. Our theme is "Soaring to New Heights: Preparing the Next Generation." We will have a silent auction to raise money for the IWIL Scholarship Fund. Please be thinking about creative donations for the auction so we will be able to raise lots of money for our scholarship winners! And please be expecting an upcoming phone call from the Hospitality Committee members looking for donations. Thank you!

— Annette Piper, IWIL Hospitality Chair

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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

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*Sharon Hewitt, Hewitt Graphic Design*



*"Soaring to New Heights"*

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## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

### Announcements & IWIL Member News

Congratulations to **Marianne Jackson**, account executive with **RBS Lynk**, who was awarded the Chairman's Roundtable Award for 2005-2006 for outstanding sales performance. She ranked 35 out of 425 national sales executives and earned a trip award to the Chateau Elan in Atlanta, Georgia, along with the Key Award (a handblown glass sculpture).

Best wishes to **Mary Kay Allison** who starts a new job on Sept. 1 as Executive Assistant to Pat Earl, Vice President of Drug Distribution for **H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Company** at the corporate office in Springfield.

**Barbara Wall**, president/owner of **Halcyon Transitions** will offer her Active Relationship Services weekend workshops for couples starting with "Active Communication" in September, "Active Money Personalities" in October and "Active Romance and Intimacy" in November. Please contact Barbara at 622-7722 for details. There are courses even men enjoy!

**Linda Castor** and **Nancy Wisleder** have revised copies of their book, *Freedom from Weight Worries Forever: The Weight Plan for Life*. It's on sale now for \$20. Visit [www.weightplanforlife.com](http://www.weightplanforlife.com).

**WSEC-TV PBS Springfield** is looking for volunteers to answer the phones during its Fall Membership Drive in September. Training and a meal will be provided. If a group of people from the same organization is working together, that group will be recognized on-air. Contact **Carol Watson**, WSEC-TV Director of Development, 483-7887, ext. 242. (And best wishes to Carol in her new job!)

**Cheryl Snyder** invites you to join the **Illinois Symphony Orchestra** for a free patriotic pops concert on Saturday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m., at Douglas Park. Anyone wishing to support the symphony as a volunteer or to donate cases of water should contact Cheryl at 522-2838. The ISO will kick off the 2005-2006 season on Sept. 17 with Masterworks I featuring pianist Enrique Graf. For tickets, call 206-2160. See you at the symphony!

**Pay to Say forms can be found on the IWIL Web site, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Resource Center.** The cost is \$1 with a limit of two per IWIL meeting. Or email your Pay to Say to [info@iwil.biz](mailto:info@iwil.biz). Please stick to the basics and keep it brief!

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**Where:** Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams, Springfield

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

**Speaker:** **Amy Bliefnik**, 2005 Illinois State Fair Manager

IWIL's September speaker most likely will find talking with us an easy task by comparison to the State Fair week she experienced! Amy should be given a group hug by each table for all she endured to make the Illinois State Fair incomparable in spite of the rain, humidity, heat, and bomb scare. Welcome her and show your support by attending the September IWIL meeting! Learn how Bliefnik's major career change allowed her to stay in the central Illinois area and how she has had to learn all there is to know about managing a very public part of our government. **Cost:** \$14 Members, \$15 Guests, \$20 at the door **Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Web site, [www.iwil.biz](http://www.iwil.biz), Calendar & Activities.** A link to the form was included in this newsletter e-mail.