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IWIL CALENDAR 2008

SEPTEMBER

Date: Thursday, September 18
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: **In the Shadow of a Leader – Leading by Example**, Marianne Jackson, Town & Country Bank

OCTOBER

Date: Thursday, October 16
Time: Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)
Location: Inn at 835
Program: **Leading Multiple Generations** – Diane Newell, Bunn-o-matic

NOVEMBER

Date: Thursday, November 20
Time: Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
Location: Sangamo Club
Program: **Ultimate Life Leadership – aka The Bucket List**, Evelyn Brandt Thomas and Noreen Davlin

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."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Leadership – One Step at a Time
Annette Piper, IWIL President

My hat is off to Darlene Weaver and her program committee for putting together our first luncheon meeting this year with Amy Hagan as the speaker. Talk about a great second step of the year filled with lots of enthusiasm! We had excellent attendance with several new members and guests joining us to hear Amy's presentation about the "Top Seven Financial Mistakes Women Should Not Make". Financial security is a very powerful tool!

More energy is flowing in this country right now as Senator John McCain announced Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate last week. It doesn't really matter if you are for red or blue, the excitement lies in the fact that she is a woman, a leader and a hard working mother of five children. Gov. Palin brings a new dimension to this election and embodies what we are trying to achieve through IWIL. We are here to support each other as we go above and beyond – beyond what we have learned, beyond what we can do to support others and beyond limitations!

Along those lines of supporting each other, special mention must be made of Val Yazell, IWIL Mentoring Chair, for showing initiative in communicating with IWIL members. Val a/ka/ "The Prophet" or "The Guru" is a natural born leader, teacher and mentor who has touched many lives. Val has implemented a detailed action plan that includes the following:

- Re-instatement of New Member Table at the monthly meetings
- Contacting existing members about their renewals
- Coordinating new members with their mentors
- Touching base with members if they miss more than 2 meetings in a row

Val is looking for members to join her committee to assist her with some of these projects. The time commitment for this committee is flexible. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Val as well as other members of IWIL. I highly recommend contacting Val and becoming involved with her committee.

Supporting each of you as you take the next step,

Annette



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PAY TO SAY

Friendly Reminders on the Ever Popular Pay to Say:

Limited to 50 words

Cost - \$2

The first 10 submissions will be read at the monthly meeting

No more than 2 submissions per person per month

The communications chair must read all of the submissions at the meeting.

- The artwork currently on display in the foyer of the Sangamo Club is by Tracey Maras. The pieces will be on display until the end of August.
- If you are interested in assisting UIS students at their "Speed Networking Experience" on Tuesday, September 30 from 5 – 7 p.m., please contact Mary Caroline Mitchell. This highly interactive event includes tips from business trainer Marion Richter and the chance to meet a large number of people while building your database of contacts. Bring lots of business cards to share.
- Annie's Project is a farm management program for women. We are coordinating a Grain Marketing Workshop, September 3, 5:30 pm. Kathleen Hainline, Ag Risk Advisor with Advance Trading Group, will discuss marketing considerations, Ms. Hainline, will focus on marketing grain, "should you store or should you sell?" The workshop will be held at the Extension office on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Cost of the program is \$10 which includes a light supper. To register contact the Extension office by August 29 at 217-782-4617.
- Myra Hoffman's 11 year old son Evan has been battling the rare form of cancer rhabdomyosarcoma for the past six weeks. She is the owner of HIP Advertising. One of Evan's friends came up with the idea of selling "live strong" type bracelets to purchase items for Evan while he is in the hospital. If your business would consider taking 50 bracelets to offer for a donation (suggested donation is \$1), please contact Julie Zara at 899-6314 or julie@zarascollision.com.
- Girl Scouts and Denney Jewelers are proud to present the 2nd Annual Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend Celebration on September 18, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Denney Jewelers. The event will honor Sue Clark and include a drawing for a \$2,500 diamond necklace. For details call 523-8159.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Want to network more with other Illinois Women in Leadership 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 SIG, contact **Sheryl Daugherty** at sheryldaugherty@comcast.net.

Book Club

Marianne Jackson, 725-0414
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We meet the second Saturday of the Month at Moxie Café, Downtown Springfield. September 13th we will be discussing "The Glass Castle"

Festival of Trees 2008

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IWIL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEXT IWIL PROGRAM

When: 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 18

Where: Sangamo Club

Topic: "In the Shadow of a Leader – Leading by Example"

Speaker: **Marriane Jackson, Town & Country Bank**

\$17 members and guests, \$22 walk-ins

Registration deadline – must be received by 5:00 p.m. September 12

Reservation forms can be found on the IWIL Website, www.iwil.biz, Calendar & Activities.

ATHENA AWARD

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipient of the 2008 Athena Award at a reception on Wednesday, September 17 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Inn at 835. Nominees are: Kristin Allen, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Central Illinois; Susan Helm, Marketing Director, Dept. of Surgery SIU School of Medicine; Bethany Miller, Retired, Morgan Stanley; Lisa Pierce, President, Alpha & Omega Couriers & Delivery, Inc.; Karen Schainker, Executive Director, Senior Services of Central Illinois; Teresa Rutherford, Vice-President of Administration, Premiere Physical Therapy; Dr. Sherry Simmons, Medical Director/Owner, Body Perfect™ LLC; Darlene H. Weaver, President/Owner, Distinctive Designs for Kitchens and Baths; and Sara Wojcicki, Deputy Communications Director, IL State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas

GET A NEW HEADSHOT TAKEN!

Ed Clark will be on hand to take your photo at the September 18 Breakfast meeting 30 minutes before the meeting begins.

Do you need a nice business portrait for the directory or to replace the one you've been using? The Membership Directory Chair has arranged for photographer Ed Clark to be at the September meeting to take portraits for just a \$15 sitting fee. You can even order your portrait online! **The last updates for the print directory will be accepted on September 30.**

IWIL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Brenda Shutz – September 6

Sarah Delano Pavlik – September 7

Andria Sapp – September 8

Stacey Bredemeyer – September 8

Debbie Ringer – Septemebr 12

Becky Glazier – September 14

Sally Sevener – September 15

Maureen Williams – September 16

Val Yazell – September 16

Sheryl Daugherty – September 20

Susan Fulks – September 30

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

2008- 2009

Programs & Events

JULY 24

IWIL Summer Social
Evening – Island Bay Yacht Club

AUGUST 21

Luncheon – Amy Hagen
“Top Seven Financial Mistakes
Women Should Not Make”

SEPTEMBER 18

Breakfast – Marianne Jackson
“In the Shadow of a Leader”

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Norene Davlin
“Ultimate Life Leadership – the
Bucket List”

DECEMBER 4

IWIL Holiday Social
Evening – Panther Creek

JANUARY 15

Luncheon – Ann Hart, Marian
Richter, Marilyn Kushak and
Desiree Logsdon
Past Chamber of Commerce Chairs

FEBRUARY 19

Breakfast – Dr. Susan Hengle
“Wellness for Women”

MARCH 19

Evening – New Member Reception

APRIL 16

Breakfast – Scholarships and
Diamond Award

MAY 21

Evening – IWIL Annual Meeting

June 18

Luncheon – Julie Davis
“Developing Vital Friendships”

RECAP OF AUGUST PROGRAM

TOP SEVEN FINANCIAL MISTAKES WOMEN SHOULD NOT MAKE

Amy Hagen of US Bank gave a very interesting and helpful presentation on financial mistakes to avoid, including:

1. Failure to manage spending or live within a budget. Your spending should be in the form of a pyramid. The bottom of the pyramid should represent 60% of your net income and should go towards fixed expenses such as mortgage and car payments and other living expenses. The middle of the pyramid is savings, including retirement, emergency and long term savings. This should be 30% of your net income. The top of the pyramid is 10% of net income and is your fun money to spend on anything you wish. In order to prepare a budget, you first need to know what you spend. Track all of your spending for two or three months so you can properly budget for utilities, gas, groceries, children’s expenses, etc.
2. Failure to have emergency savings. One-third of Americans have no emergency savings. If you are in a two income family, you should have emergency savings of at least three months living expenses. If you are in a one income family, you should have savings of at least six months expenses.
3. Failure to save for retirement. Statistically, married couples fare better in retirement. 28% of single retired women live in poverty, as do 23% of single retired men. If you are both retired and your husband dies, your income will likely go down by 50% but your expenses will only decrease by 20%.
4. Failure to protect your identity and maintain your credit. Keep your own accounts. Credit bureaus will not issue a credit score on an account that has been inactive for six months or more. Check your credit report at least annually. Do not print your social security number or your driver’s license number on your checks. Do not have your social security number printed on your driver’s license or carry your social security card in your wallet. Be financially organized. You should prepare a personal financial statement at least annually.
5. Ignoring your credit score. It affects much more than your ability to borrow money and the interest rate you will pay. It can affect whether or not you can obtain insurance, and if so, at what rate. Employers can also use your score as a reason not to hire you.
6. Paying too much for life insurance. Life insurance rates have gone down significantly in the last few years. You should check rates now to see if you can reduce your premiums, but do not cancel your current policies until the new policies are in place.
7. Failure to plan and execute a legacy. Think about what you want to happen to your property at your death and who you wish to benefit. This can include family, friends and charities. Consult an attorney and have your wishes documented in a will or trust agreement.



Leading by
Example: How to
change your life when
you don't really want
to...

IWIL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

When: Thursday, September 18, 2008
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Where: Sangamo Club

Program: "Leading By Example" how to change your life when you don't really want to---
and how it works.

Cost: \$17 members, \$18 guests and \$22 walk-ins

Have you ever had to reinvent yourself? Marianne Jackson has...three times. Leading by example, she will share stories, tips and inspiration for change, disappointment and challenges, and how to get thru it all still laughing.



Member's Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Guest/Company Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail reservation form and payment to: (NOTE: For accounting purposes, please do not send one check for multiple events. Payment per event is preferred.)

ILLINOIS WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM REGISTRATION
ATTN: **KATHY MASLOUSKI**
3500 GINGER CREEK DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711

REMINDER: All reservations and payments must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2008. No phone reservations are accepted. All late reservations will be invoiced a \$5 late fee.