

Women in Leadership

Central Illinois

August 2007

A Note from Your President

Dear WIL Members,

If you did not attend the Luau & Pool Party on July 12, you missed a great time. The food, drinks and just a wonderful time sitting by the pool with great people!

I hope your summer is not going as fast as mine. I'm trying very hard to stop and smell the roses occasionally. Some organizations take breaks in the summer, but not WIL. On August 9, at the Country Club of Peoria we will have a network luncheon. We wanted everyone to stay in the habit of meeting and having lunch on the second Thursday of each month.

Have you heard of speed dating? What about speed networking? Send your reservation in today, so you can learn more about speed

networking and how this works at WIL!

The board is having a planning retreat in August. As soon as all the details are finalized, we will let you know the great events planned for this coming year.

Some things to look forward:

- Amy Pearson is formulating ideas for special events
- Julie Morales and Beth Kolowski are planning the membership drive
- Debbie Sippel is planning with the Country Club of our entrees and great desserts
- Brenda Coats is planning the speakers and

programs for the monthly luncheons

- Shawna Knapp is reviewing and updating the awards program
- Betsy Yarcho is lining up the network luncheon leaders
- Allison Vershaw is continuing to make the newsletter and all correspondence work for all members

AND just continuing the network opportunities!

Stay tuned for a year full of great opportunities with the Central Illinois Women in Leadership!

**Your President,
Donna Cimino**

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Next Meeting: **August 9** (country club of Peoria)

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, August 9 at the Country Club of Peoria.

Meal: Chicken Salad

Fruit

Strawberry Shortcake

We are really excited about our August 9th meeting at the Country Club of Peoria. Instead of a speaker we will be "speed networking"! This is a great chance for you to meet numerous women in 30 minutes!!!

Some of us are more

comfortable sitting with the friends who introduced us to WIL or those who we met at a meeting or social event...but with 114 women in our group, we'd like to help you meet more professional women and they to meet you!

Here's how: we will all start out at a table, then periodically...everyone will move to another table. It'll be more organized than that...but you get the idea. It will be quite fun, so please bring plenty of business cards with you to distribute throughout the luncheon. This will be a really fun luncheon and we

hope that you will join us for your chance to meet professional women like yourself!

The RSVP deadline for our upcoming meeting is Friday, *August 3*. As a reminder, you are required to email your reservation form to Kathy Schaeffer at kls@ssinet.com.

We look forward to seeing each of you on August 9 at the Country Club of Peoria.

Special Reminders:

- Be sure to send in your membership (new or renewal) by July 31 to qualify for \$10 off your membership dues.
- Bring lots of business cards with you to the August 9 luncheon meeting for the special "speed networking" event.
- Submit ideas to Amy Pearson for fun WIL events
- Send office description to Julie Morales.

Welcome New Members and Member Renewals

60+ members have sent in their renewal/application for the 2007-08 year...are you included?

WIL Leader Luncheon Schedule

The following network luncheons have been scheduled for August. We invite you to attend any of the luncheons as a way to network and get to know other members better. As a reminder to our membership, feel free to "group hop" if a date, time, or location works better for

them than your original group's. Also, if you have not been invited to a group yet, please contact Betsy at byarcho@heiserinsurance.com or call 266-2117.

Beth Kolowski – Friday,
August 24th @ noon at
Tavern on the Water

Cathy Thomatis – Tuesday,
August 21st @ 11:45 at
Chilis (Peoria)

Shawna Knapp – Friday,
August 3rd @ noon at Five
Senses Day Spa
(reservations required)

Membership

Renewal Time...

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Wait until you hear what you Board has planned for the 2007-2008 season...you won't want to miss it!!!

Be sure to send in your renewal soon. *And...if it is postmarked by July 31 you will save \$10 off the \$75 membership fee.*

Many of our members have said "Yes, I'll be back!!" Will you be joining us too?

Be sure to carefully look at the renewal form insuring that all the information is correct. We'll be contacting you soon for a short description about your company so that it can be added to the directory.

WILCI Scholarship Fund

The Women in Leadership of Central Illinois Scholarship is targeted at assisting women in the Tri-County area who are pursuing college/university, post graduate, or accreditation/certification for business management/professional or entrepreneurial education. The award is intended to defer tuition, fees, books, and other academic expenses. The amount of the award is not to exceed **\$1,000** per academic year and may vary from year to year. Scholarships may be renewed pending re-application and approval from the Board of Directors of Women in Leadership of Central Illinois.

Eligibility: The scholarship will be available to qualified women who are residents of the Illinois Tri-County area as well as being a graduate of a high school or a recipient of GED. The applicant should have motivation to accomplish a career and leadership goals. Financial need will be considered only when other factors are equal among applications. The applicant should also be a non-traditional student...in the workforce a minimum of three years.

If you or any woman you know fits the criteria, please urge her to complete the application. Applications must be received no later than **March 15** of each year. Simply visit www.communityfoundationci.org to review additional criteria and download the application for the WILCI Scholarship Fund.

WIL Website

Have you taken a moment to look at our Women In Leadership website? If you haven't, please take a few moments to review the website and think about things you would like to see on there. Maybe it's pictures from an event, calendar of upcoming events and speakers, reservation forms....or something that we haven't thought of. This website will be an excellent marketing tool to recruit new members. And, it's worked! So far, we have received feedback from guests who after hearing about us online, decided to join us for a luncheon. And we've acquired new members just by reviewing the website!

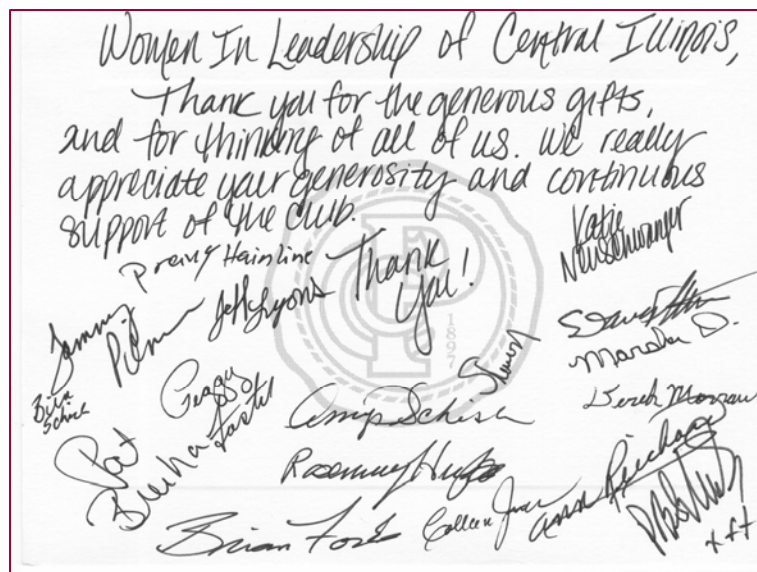
If you need the log in information please contact Kathy Schaeffer (kls@ssinet.com) or Allison Vershaw (avershaw@premierhealthcare.biz) and they will be able to provide you with the username and password. It will only take a few moments to look everything over and provide your input. We would certainly appreciate your help!

As a reminder, here is the link: www.peoriawomeninleadership.com Please submit your ideas to Kathy Schaeffer at kls@ssinet.com.

A note of thanks:

You may recall, in June we presented our friends at the Country Club of Peoria with gift certificates as a token of our appreciation for all of their hard work and service throughout the year.

Listed to the right you will find a copy of the "thank you" note they sent to us!



Coming Soon....Member "Spotlight"

This September, we will begin "spotlighting" our members.

Names will be drawn at random and a questionnaire (with 6 questions) will be emailed out. We hope that you will participate and send it back so you can be in the "spot light" for your month!

organization get to know you better! If you wish not to participate when your name is drawn, please let us know so we can pick someone else.

We are all very excited to offer this opportunity and look forward to learning so much more about each of you!

This will help our entire

If you are looking to sell, purchase, or even give away an item once treasured, please be sure to submit your item to Allison (avershaw@premierhealthcare.biz) to be placed in the monthly newsletter.

- **Fisher Price Geotrax Train Starter Set** with lots of accessories, like new. For ages 2-1/2 and up. \$40.00 contact Debbie Sippel 495-4288 or 688-2745
- Miscellaneous **Longenberger** Baskets. I'm downsizing my collection. Will sell at 1/2 of the value. Please contact Debbie Sippel at 495-4288 or 688-2745 for a list of baskets and prices.
- Miscellaneous **Anna Lee's** for sale. Adorable cloth figurines. Please contact Debbie Sippel at 495-4288 or 688-2745 for a list.
- **Bernina Aurora 440 QE Sewing/Quilting Machine** – asking \$3,500...Contact Kim LeHew at klehew@cullprop.com or 360-7214 phone.
- **Black Silvertone Electric Guitar with Fender Bag**, green strap and tuner. Please call Cynthia at 256-4175.
- **Fiestaware (NEW)** . . . Service for twelve in cobalt, yellow and orange. Includes dinner plate, cereal/salad bowl, salad plate, cup and saucer . . . sixty total pieces PLUS six custard cups. Like new condition . . . hardly used. PRICE: \$125.00 (Retail Price: \$300.00+). Call Kathy Schaeffer at 309.657.9691 or email at kls@ssinet.com
- **Harvest Table** (6 foot) with six chairs and buffet. Handmade by Green Gables Furniture. Like new condition. PRICE: \$1,000.00 (Retail Price: \$3,300.00). Call Kathy Schaeffer at 309.657.9691 or email at kls@ssinet.com
- **Antique Child's Red Desk and Chair** . . . \$75.00 . . . call Kathy Schaeffer at 309.657.9691 or email at kls@ssinet.com
- **Antique Highchair (Red)** . . . \$50.00 . . . call Kathy Schaeffer at 309.657.9691 or email at kls@ssinet.com
- **Bluegreen Corp. Timeshare** . . . 10,000 Point Timeshare in Branson, MO (can be used anywhere Bluegreen OR RCI is accepted) . . . paid \$12,500 . . . will sell for \$6,800 . . . Maintenance Fees paid through December 2007 and Membership Fees paid through June 2008. Call Kathy Schaeffer (309.657.9691 or caskls@a5.com) for further information.
- **BRAND NEW WIL Polos** ... we have four extra polos for sale...none have been worn. White short sleeve in XL and M (\$ 28 each) ; Pink 3/4 sleeve in M and White 3/4 sleeve in XL (\$32.50 each). If interested, please contact Allison Vershaw via email at avershaw@premierhealthcare.biz.



Happy August Birthday!

Brenda Coates 8-Aug
Susan Gorman 14-Aug
Barb Mischler 17-Aug

If you haven't submitted your birthday to us, please send it today to:
avershaw@premierhealthcare.biz!