

# Women in Leadership

Central Illinois

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## A Note from Your President

Dear WIL Members,

Kick off the Christmas season by participating in our annual ornament exchange at the December Luncheon. Be creative and make or purchase a Christmas ornament to bring with you to the December 13 luncheon. The exchange is open to all guests and members! The ornaments provide an extra touch of holiday cheer to the luncheon. The excitement is catching when you hear everyone talk about their ornament they received.

Plan a "get-away" in the middle of winter by purchasing your ticket to "Wicked" today. Amy Pearson has worked a great deal with the travel agent for the purchase of these tickets. You don't want to miss this great day-away!

Betsy Yarcho has been working with the network luncheon leaders. Please make sure you look at the newsletter listings of all the monthly opportunities to network in the smaller groups and get to know the WIL members.

I wish you a great holiday season, warm wishes, and Merry Christmas.

*Your President,  
Donna Cimino*

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## Next Meeting: **December 13** (at the Country Club of Peoria)

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 13, at the Country Club of Peoria.

Meal: Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Apple Pie

With the holidays in full swing, you are probably starting to feel the stress just a bit. That's why we are excited to have Dr Erin Stubblefield presenting on the topic, "I'm So Stressed Out".

Dr. Stubblefield is originally from Southwest Kansas. She

is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. In 2006, Dr. Stubblefield moved to Peoria, Illinois to begin private practice. She has since joined Health Source: Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab and has been in practice for nearly two years.

In addition to her Doctorate in Chiropractic, Erin also has advanced study in neurology and physiotherapy. Dr. Stubblefield has a love for public speaking and educating. She is also an accomplished vocalist and

avid football fan.

The RSVP deadline is *Friday, December 7*. Be sure to send your reservation form to Kathy Schaeffer ([kls@ssinet.com](mailto:kls@ssinet.com)) to reserve your place! Don't forget this is the last month for the membership drive!

We look forward to seeing you on December 13, at the Country Club of Peoria.

*\*\*Reservations must be made...and remember if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you are still responsible for full payment of lunch.\*\**

### Special Reminders:

- Be sure to arrive at the Country Club at 11:30am for 30 minutes of networking with your peers.
- Bring a guest and join in the excitement for our membership drive!
- Don't forget to start looking for your ornament (\$5-\$10 value) for December's luncheon



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## Welcome New WIL Members:

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the WIL family. We are excited to have each of you!

- Nellie Gould - Nellie Photography
- Barbara Flack - Aquatech Pools & Spas
- Vickie Parry - American Red Cross

## Membership Drive

*Remember...December is the last month of the contest!*

For every guest you bring you get your name put in a drawing for a \$30 gift card to Grand Prairie. Ask our September & October winners, Kathy Schaeffer and Debbie Sippel, it's easy!! Then, if two of your guests join by December 31 you get a \$50 gift card to Grand Prairie. Do you enjoy Women In Leadership? Share what you've found in this vibrant group of women...it's a win-win-win!

## November Birthday Auction

Thank you to the following people who were generous in donating birthday auction items. Also thank you to the people who purchased those items. We raised a total of **\$285.00** to be used for scholarships.

- Gift Box with Chocolate and Liqueur donated by Pat Dempsey, Bradley University *purchased by Amy Pearson, Pere Marquette Hotel for \$45.00*
- Robe, Coffee, cup and Mary Kay Hand Cream donated by Becky Davies, Mary Kay *purchased by Shawna Knapp, FGM Architects for \$50.00*
- Pendant of Sterling Silver & Green Stone donated by Ann Ford, Blue Star *purchased by Joan Vierhout, STS Consultants, LTD for \$40.00*
- Basket of Golf Head Covers, Golf Pin, pink ribbon Candle and pin donated by Kim Le hew, Cullinan Properties *purchased by Jan Ledbetter, Retired for \$50.00*
- Maui Jim Sunglasses donated by Jennifer Weers, Henricksen & Co. *purchased by Nancie Cassidy, Three Sisters Park for \$100.00*

## November Door Prizes

Emma Vandever - South Side Bank – Candy Kisses

Kathy Schaeffer - Stellar Systems – 2 Stainless Steel Coffee Mugs

Jeanne Buysee - American Family – Atlas

Erikka Brookhart – Cyrus Gifts & Home Accents – 2 Terra Cotta Pumpkins

Amy Pearson – Morgan Dane Designs – Fall Leaf Candle

Diane Davis - Traders Realty - Mum

## WILCI Jackets

It's not too late to place your order for the suede jackets from Art's Ads. Art Remsik has generously agreed to donate \$10.00 from each sale of the jackets. For more information and an order form contact Kathy Schaeffer at 309.657.9691 or [kls@ssinet.com](mailto:kls@ssinet.com)

## WILCI Scholarship Fund

Do you know of a woman who will be entering college, applying for a certification/accreditation? Encourage her to go the Community Foundation's website ([www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org)) and apply for the WILCI Scholarship.

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](http://www.communityfoundationci.org) to review additional criteria and download the application for the WILCI Scholarship Fund.

## WILCI Website

Looking for luncheon dates/speakers, special events, member information . . . visit [www.peoriawomeninleadership.com](http://www.peoriawomeninleadership.com) for answers to all your questions.



## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

Date: Thursday, December 13  
 Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
 Location: Country Club of Peoria  
 Speaker: Dr. Erin Stubblefield  
 Topic: "I'm So Stressed Out"  
 Special Event: Ornament Exchange  
 (\$5-\$10 value)

### JANUARY

Date: Thursday, January 10  
 Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
 Location: Country Club of Peoria  
 Speaker: Becky Cobb  
 Topic: "Relief Through Your Feet"

### FEBRUARY

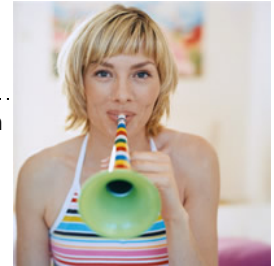
Date: Thursday, February 14  
 Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
 Location: **\*\* WEAVER RIDGE\*\***  
 Speaker: Dina Emser  
 Topic: "Leadership, Top 3 Skills Required"

Date: Saturday, February 23  
 Time: 9:00 (departure)  
 Location: Oriental Theatre—Chicago, IL  
 Event: "Wicked"  
 Contact: Amy Pearson for more details!

### MARCH

Date: Thursday, February 14  
 Time: Luncheon (11:30am)  
 Location: Country Club of Peoria  
 Speaker: Pam Schubach, YWCA  
 Topic: "Empowering Women, Strengthening Our Community"

# Pay to “Toot Your Horn”



The guidelines for Pay to “Toot Your Horn” state these announcements are for member recognition or upcoming events; not business advertisement. This will take the place of our “30 Second Celebration.”

Just provide your written information on the space provided below to our Awards Chair, Shawna Knapp, along with \$2 per announcement and she will share your news at the next WILCI meeting. Would you like to “toot” someone else’s horn who may be shy? Same rules apply. Proceeds will go towards the Scholarship Fund.

### Pay to “Toot Your Horn” Guidelines:

- Announcements should be limited to 50 words.
- The first 10 submissions will be read at the meeting; all others will be included in the following month’s newsletter. You may email your announcement to our Awards Chair, Shawna Knapp ([Shawna.knapp@fgm-inc.com](mailto:Shawna.knapp@fgm-inc.com)) one week prior to each meeting.
- The Cost per each Announcement will be \$2.
- No more than (2) Announcements per month.
- The Awards Committee shall have final say.
- Submissions shall be made each month – no repeats.

Thank you and we look forward to sharing your Great Achievements!

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## WIL Awards

We are always looking for ways to make WIL bigger and better than ever! So we have come up with a new process to receive applicants for the WIL awards presented every May.

We are providing each WIL member a way to cast their personal vote in the form of nominations. the nominee form will be passed out during the December meeting.

For more information to if you have any questions about the WIL awards, please contact Shawna Knapp via email: ([shawnak@fgmarchitects.com](mailto:shawnak@fgmarchitects.com)).

## Upcoming WIL Events



### Thursday, December 13, 2007

Don't forget we are having an ornament exchange at our December 13 luncheon. Keep this in mind as you shop at the various holiday bazaars throughout the community. What a great way to help us all have something special on our tree. Please keep ornaments within a **\$5-\$10** price range.

Call your girlfriends or your WIL friends and join us!!!

### “Wicked”, Oriental Theatre, Chicago

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Trip Code: 33005

“Wicked”, the Broadway blockbuster of the season, has won 14 major awards, including three Tony Awards. Long before Dorothy drops in, two other girls meet in the Land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two grow to become the wicked witch and the good witch makes for the most spellbinding musical in years.

Depart: **7:00 AM** Return: **9:00 PM** Fee: **\$144**

Hurry up and reserve your spot for a fantastic trip to see the Broadway blockbuster “Wicked”. At this time we have only 20 tickets and will only be held on a first come first serve basis. Payments will need to be mailed within a week of your reservation in order for your spot to be held. Please mail your payment to Amy Pearson, Hotel Pere Marquette, 501 Main Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

*The fee of \$144 includes:* roundtrip transportation from Peoria to the show in Chicago and your ticket to see “Wicked”. There will be a little time before the show to grab a bite to eat and do some shopping!

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

*Amy Pearson*



# Happy December Birthday



- Stacy Frederking  
December 7
- Carolynsue Wolf  
December 9
- Carrie Soderstrom  
December 15
- Carol Leach  
December 20
- Julie Morales  
December 20
- Donna Cimino  
December 22
- Nancie Cassidy  
December 22
- PJ Hagerdorn  
December 27
- Richole Madison  
December 29

A special thank you to Emma Vandever, of South Side Bank, and Pat Dempsey, of Bradley University, for greeting our members and guests at the November luncheon.

## Network Luncheon Schedules

The lunch groups have been formed and the schedules are being set for the year. We encourage you to attend the luncheon for your group or the luncheon for another group – just get involved! I guarantee you will enjoy it and make new friends.

If you have any questions about these groups, please contact Betsy Yarcho: [byarcho@envisionins.com](mailto:byarcho@envisionins.com)

The following schedules are set for our small groups:

### Shawna Knapp (lunches at 12:00 noon)

- December 7: Po Boys**
- January 4: Cyd's Sensations in Junction City
- February 1: Kelleher's
- March 7: Jalapeño's in the Metro Center
- April 4: Rizzi's Downtown
- May 2: Eamon Patrick's (downtown by Jim's Steakhouse)
- June 6: Rhythm Kitchen (my birthday! no presents please - just dessert! haha...)
- July 2: Carnegie's in the Pere Marquette (This is a Wednesday since July 4 is the First Friday)
- August 1: 401 Café

### Cathy Thomatis & Kathy Schaeffer (CKathy's Squared)

- November 27: Eamon Patrick's Public House**
- January 22: Peppers Cafe
- February 26: Rhythm Kitchen

### Stacy Frederking

- December 19: Kobe Steak House**
- January 23: Jonah's Seafood
- February 20: Olive Garden
- March 19: Eamon Patrick's
- April 23: Cyd's
- May 21: Kelleher's
- June 18: Flat Top Grill
- July 23: Riverstation
- August 20: Copperworks
- September 17: Ponte Vecchio

### Linda Martin

- December 14: Rhythm Kitchen**
  - Jan 18
  - Feb 22
  - March 21
  - April 18
  - May 16
  - June 20
  - July 18
  - August 15
  - Sept 19
- Location to be determined

### Beth Kolowski (lunches at 12:00 noon)

- December 21: Granite City** (just over the Bob Michael Bridge in East Peoria)
- January 25: New Avantis on North Knoxville