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## President's Message by Jenny Daughetee, WLN President Elect



Jenny Daughetee

We're finishing up another amazing year of the Women's Leadership Network! I'm really excited to begin my role as president of WLN on July 1st. We have an incredible board of directors who work

hard to bring you meaningful monthly meetings. These women have a lot of talent, and I'm really lucky to be part of their team!

First, I want to share a little bit about me. A lifelong Dubuque resident, I'm married to my high school sweetheart, Andy, and we have two energetic daughters, Erin (8) & Emma (5). After graduating from Loras College over 15 years ago, I launched my accounting career with Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C., and consult with many local business owners to help them more effectively manage their business. I specialize in the areas of internal accounting systems, financial statement preparation and income tax planning and preparation.

Several years ago, I joined WLN hoping to get to know more women in the tri-state area and to establish some great connections for my career. Believe it or not, it generally takes a little while for me to get comfortable with a new group of people, but I didn't find this to be the case with WLN. A couple of board members introduced themselves to me at some of my early meetings, and these women quickly became my role models. Making meaningful connections within the group seemed so easy for them – I began searching them out at meetings, trying to deter-

mine if this was just a gift they possessed, or if there was something hidden within me that I could start to develop. I quickly realized that although I was attending the monthly meetings, I kept talking to the same group of people and waiting for others to approach me! These women encouraged me to start reaching outside my comfort zone and to get more involved in the organization.

I began with the planning committee for the fall conference. I was absolutely amazed at the talented members who planned a great day of professional and personal development. Once I began reaching outside my comfort zone at the monthly meetings, I met so many more interesting women, each as eager to meet someone new as I was. When the treasurer position opened, it was the perfect opportunity to really get involved and share my accounting talent with the group. After serving two years as treasurer of WLN, I served a year as president-elect before beginning my one year term as your president.

Those that know me well, know how passionate I am about projects that I am involved in, and WLN has been no exception. Being part of WLN affords each of us a great opportunity to learn from each other about the qualities inherent in a good leader. Great opportunities are available to each of us, and I welcome you to take advantage of what WLN has to offer. I am open to new ideas and want to hear from you! My hope for this coming year is that I can encourage each of you to step outside of your comfort zone and discover a passion inside of you, making many lasting connections in the process.



# June Event

## Women's Leadership Network Annual Golf Social 2009

*Join us for a fun filled afternoon with golf, food & prizes!*

Monday, June 22, 2009

Lacoma Golf Course, East Dubuque, IL  
Arrive by 12:30 p.m. for 1 p.m. shotgun start  
9-hole, best shot event

*"If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a I-iron. Not even God can hit a I-iron."*

*- Lee Trevino*

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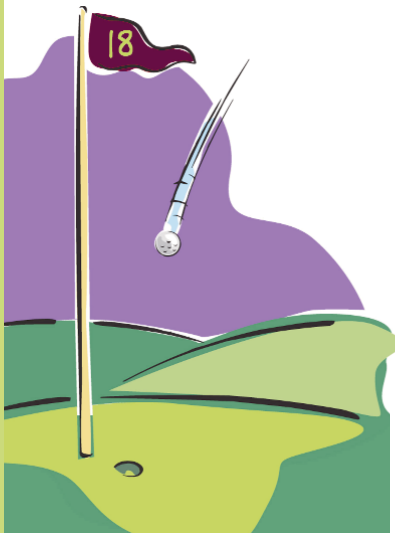
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Golf reservations: Golf, cart & dinner = \$40

Golf & cart only = \$25

Dinner only at 4:30 p.m. = \$20

**Checks payable to: WLN**

**Mail registration form to:**

**WLN Golf Outing**

**c/o Kristie Fens**

**198 Locust**

**Dubuque, IA 52001**

**Or fax this form to 563-556-2530**

**Or e-mail this information to: [kristief@bbmins.net](mailto:kristief@bbmins.net)**

# Member News

## Meet A Member

*Kelly Cooper*

**1. Tell us about your family and social life.**

I'm originally from Dubuque and left for college and didn't return for about eight years. I'm married to my wonderful husband, Mark, and we have two children. Katrina is six years old, and Brady is two years old. They keep us very busy. On the weekends, I enjoy spending time with my family and working outside on my landscaping. In any of my spare time, I am a co-chair of the professional development committee for Young Professionals of Dubuque, and I coordinate the Kids Expo for Dubuque County Empowerment and Every Child Every Promise. I believe that giving back to our community is what makes it a great place to live.



**2. Where do you work and what is your position?**

I work at the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council as the assistant

director. I am also one of the board members for Dubuque Works. The majority of my time is spent on workforce development initiatives. I also coordinate many events such as Summerfest Dubuque, a golf outing, training programs and an awards banquet.

**3. What did you enjoy most about the May annual luncheon?**

The thing I enjoyed most about the May luncheon is the networking. I also look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new people. The food at the Country Club is also delicious!

**4. How is being a member of WLN valuable to you?**

Being a member of WLN has been valuable to me because I have met so many people from different backgrounds through WLN. There are people that I would never have crossed paths with if I wasn't a member. I have also gained a tremendous amount of knowledge by attending various luncheons and the annual conference.

**5. Who do you think is a great leader and why?**

I don't know who I would say is a great leader; there are too many to name. I do believe that a great leader has the ability to inspire others to become the best they can be.

*"Resolve never to quit, never to give up, no matter what the situation."*

*- Jack Nicklaus*

## Congratulations to our fellow members!

Congratulations to our fellow WLN members who won Women of Achievement Awards on April 28, 2009: **B-Ann Dittmar, Wendy Mihm-Herold and Danielle Gratton!**

- **Laurie Paulsen** has been promoted to director, long-term care/disability insurance at Honkamp Krueger Financial Services, Inc. Congrats Laurie!
- **Joanna Darrah** gave birth to a baby boy. Best wishes to her and her family!
- **Karen Knepper** completed the Lay Formation Program, a theological and spiritual three-year program for laymen and laywomen offered through the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Great job Karen!

## Welcome New Members:

**Elizabeth Burbach**, Grand Harbor Resort • **Michelle Huseman**, ECIA  
**Lori McKinley**, ECIA • **Linda Olsen**, Linda Olsen Jewelry • **Tina Walsh**, Aflac



# May Annual Meeting Recap

WLN held its annual luncheon on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Dubuque Golf and Country Club. Sister Nancy Schreck, president of the Dubuque Franciscan Sisters, presented on women and leadership in today's world. This inspiring presentation discussed the important elements of leadership, the differences between male and female leadership, leadership in a global world, and much more. Thank you, Sister Nancy, for this moving presentation!



Also during this luncheon, votes were counted for two open board positions for July 2009 – June 2010. Jennifer Steines was elected as president-elect, and Carrie Cannon was re-elected as secretary.



In addition, it was announced that Mary Ann Conzett was appointed to the board as our new membership director. Congratulations ladies! See the picture below for the complete list of WLN board members for this year.



Back row from left to right: Jennifer Steines, president-elect; Mary Ann Conzett, membership director; Carrie Cannon, secretary; Viva Betzner, programming director; Sandi Swift, member-at-large

Front row from left to right: Nicole Gantz, communications director; Jenny Daughetee, president; Marcie Rowan, special events director

Not pictured: Pam Hillary, past-president; Crissy Thoms, treasurer

*"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."*

*- Arnold Palmer*

The WLN board would like to give a huge "thank you!" to Wendy Wheelock, our out-going past president (pictured right). Wendy's leadership has had a tremendously positive impact on WLN. She has dedicated endless hours and resources to make our organization a success, and we will miss her on the board. Thank you, Wendy!



## UPCOMING EVENT:

July Luncheon  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Grand River Center's  
River Room  
Topic: Networking Event  
RSVP at [www.dubuquewln.org](http://www.dubuquewln.org)