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President's Message by Jenny Daughetee, WLN President



Jenny Daughetee

A few months ago, my sister and her husband vacationed in Hawaii to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. It was a trip they had both wanted to take for years and splurged to celebrate this very special occasion. After their return, she filled me in

on all of the details of the trip. After hearing how much they enjoyed their time together, she said to me, "After we retire next year, we're going to go back to Hawaii for a year, get part-time jobs, and we'll just kick back and enjoy ourselves."

Immediately, all kinds of obstacles that would stand in the way of her plans flashed through my mind – everything that I believed to be "good reasons" for not doing this. Silently, in my head, my first reaction to her plans was, "are you crazy?"

Once I had finished processing all kinds of reasons through my mind, I started reflecting again on how much she had enjoyed this special trip. I thought about all of the years that they have both worked hard, saving for retirement. And suddenly, I started asking myself if it really was a crazy plan. Were these reasons flashing through my mind really good reasons not to go, or were they merely excuses - obstacles to overcome to make the dream possible? Suddenly, I realized that she had a plan to make this work, and these "good reasons" I had thought of were just minor bumps in the road for her.

How many of us have what some may think are lofty goals? Do we consider any of these goals attainable, or do we write them off immediately, thinking of all of the obstacles in our path and how difficult they will be to overcome? Do others' opinions discourage us, or have we laid out a plan as to how

we'll handle each of the obstacles and still achieve our goals?

After speaking with my sister, I thought about how long I had talked about taking my family to Disney World. (Part of my daily therapy for dealing with stress during tax seasons includes planning future dream vacations on the Internet.) I had put this plan on the back burner, having thought of all of the excuses not to go (too expensive, bad economy, were my girls too young?). Suddenly, it took me all of ten minutes to realize that I had already taken the steps to save the money for the trip, the bad economy could really only help us get better deals on our trip, and what little girls wouldn't love to see Mickey Mouse up close – at any age?

When I saw my husband later that day, I sprung the news on him - we were going to Disney World! He couldn't have been any more agreeable. In August, we spent a week there together, just the four of us and made great memories that will last a lifetime. All of those obstacles were just minor bumps in the road for me. What is standing in the way of your goals and how are you going to overcome these obstacles to finally make them happen?

Upcoming Event

October Luncheon

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Best Western Midway Hotel
Presenter: Pam Hillary

Topic: Difficult Conversations
RSVP at www.dubuquewln.org

Meet A Member

Deb Lockhart

1. Tell us about your family. Where did you grow up?

I was born in England, moved to Jesup, Iowa when I was 11 after my Dad retired from the Air Force, and then moved to Dubuque in 2000. My husband Eric and I have four children: Kelli, Ryan, Luke and Anna, and we are in the process of adopting our fifth child, Joseph, from Ethiopia. We should be traveling to Ethiopia in September to pick him up.



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

I work with my husband, Eric, who is a

Domino's Pizza franchisee in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. I am the chief financial officer with the company.

3. What do you enjoy most about the WLN events?

The thing I look forward to most at the WLN events is the opportunity to meet with other professional women and make friends as well as learn more about what our community has to offer from a female perspective.

4. Why did you join WLN?

My office is in our home so I joined WLN to get out of the house and meet other women.

5. Who do you admire?

My husband is the best example of what I believe a leader should be like. He leads by example as a hard-working, caring man who wants what is best for his family, his business, his employees and his community. Most of the positions with Domino's are entry level and so people come to work for us as a first job or as a second job. I can't even count the number of employees who have left and then came back later to reapply. One employee said, "Eric always treated me right and I respect him." I think that sums him up.

Welcome New Members!

Angie Kronlage

Working Solutions

Beth Takes

Diamond Jo Casino

Jodi Schuster

Chiropractic Rehab & Neurology Center

Donna Ludovissy

Friedman Financial Services

Hillary Friedmann

Kintzinger Law Firm PLC

Lynn Gallagher

NICC

Stacey May

Honkamp Krueger & Co

Robin Markus

A Deserved Massage.Com

Sue Moran

Grand River Center

Barbara L. Myers

Dubuque Mercy Health Foundation

Congratulations!

Nicole (WLN Communications Director) & Eric Gantz are the proud parents of a baby boy!

Matthew James Gantz

7 lbs 6 oz

18-1/2 inches

2:59 PM

Friday, August 28, 2009
Mercy Hospital



Congratulations to Viva Betzner (WLN Programming Manager) on her new position as Home Health Coordinator with ABCM Corporation!

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

- Albert Camus

August Luncheon Recap

Time Management

The WLN August luncheon was held on Tuesday, August 25th at the Best Western Midway Hotel. Those in attendance were treated to a presentation by Dan Paulson of InVision Business Development. After new member introductions and announcements, Mr. Paulson spoke about time management and how to take control of your time. He started by having everyone write down what they had done in the last 24 hours. There was no surprise with most women having full sheets of paper. Dan took an approach of how many people approach their time management with hopelessness and let others

control their time. He then showed the group how they could turn things around and gain control of their time. It was a great message, in a great atmosphere, with great food. Thanks to Dan and the Best Western Midway Hotel for a spectacular event!



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

- Barack Obama

Shalom's Annual Evening for Peace: Wisdom...Then (1930s) to Now

Tuesday, Sept. 29
6:30 – 9:00pm



Features a great-tasting meal and a program of music and word that connects one to wisdom gleaned from the people of the great depression era about coping, thriving and supporting one another.

Offering: \$20. Register/prepay by Sept. 25.



PROGRAM & MUSIC DIRECTOR:
Carol Hemesath OSF
NARRATORS: Steve & Julie Hill
MUSICIANS from the tri-state area

TO REGISTER: call 563.582.3592.

Announcement

To help control our costs, WLN is now emailing your invoices and statements when possible. In order to remain a member in good standing, we request that you please pay your outstanding WLN invoices immediately upon receipt, no later than 90 days from the invoice date. Monthly luncheons can be now be paid online using Pay Pal when you RSVP for the lunch. Thank you for your cooperation.