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President's Message Woman of Achievement Award



**Wendy Wheelock,
MBA**

As of March 4, 2008, 15 women have been nominated! Ladies it is time to celebrate outstanding women in our community! Think for just a minute about the women you know. The women you work with and enjoy being around. The Women's Leadership Network is looking for extraordinary women whose contributions in business and community have improved the quality of life in Greater Dubuque. The Women of Achievement event provides employers and community members the opportunity to recognize outstanding women in their organizations.

An awards ceremony will be held April 22, 2008 at the Grand River Center. 5:30 p.m. cocktails; 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. awards program. This awards dinner will be one that you will not want to miss! Gerarda Lahey-Keppler will be our keynote speaker and she is always motivational and entertaining. Jim Brimeyer will be playing the piano.

The Women of Achievement Awards program is designed to

recognize and honor women who have already or aspire to provide significant contributions in their professional role or the community as evidenced by:

- Contributions to addressing significant issues
- Positive influence in the community
- The application of creativity or innovation on solving problems or overcoming challenges
- Mentoring colleagues or others
- Sustained record of accomplishments in and contributions in her field.

Please consider nominating a deserving woman, or yourself, for this prestigious award. In April 2008, the Women's Leadership Network will host a recognition event at which selected women and participating employers will be recognized. Nominees do not need to be a member of the Women's Leadership Network to be nominated.

The Employee Recognition Committee will review nominations and refer final selection to the Women's Leadership Board of Directors. Awards may be given to one or more women in each of the categories below.

Categories Of Achievement:

Please select one or more categories for your nominee based on the category definitions below.

Achievements in Her Field:

Accomplishments that go beyond a single company or

organization and favorably contribute knowledge or benefit to an industry, profession or field.

Growth and Accomplishments in Personal Life:

Demonstration of accomplishments and or obstacles overcome in that have significantly enhanced honoree's personal life.

Service and Support of Community:

Contributions of time and effort made by the honoree within her place of employment or through personal/volunteer efforts to her community.

Organizational Impact:

Achievements or efforts of the honoree within her place of employment or volunteer environment that have significantly impacted the quality or enhanced the performance of the organization.

Unsung Champion:

A behind the scenes women without whose efforts an enterprise could not have succeeded.

I encourage you to take the time today to complete a nomination form and return to me. The form can be located at www.dubuquewln.org/achievement.html. I also am asking you to send the link to all the fabulous women you know and ask them to nominate other women. All of the nominees will be recognized at the awards ceremony.

Nominate a fabulous woman!

March Meeting Information

Mattitude is everything!

You've heard the old saying that attitude is everything. Have you ever wondered why? In short, your attitude determines your thoughts and your thoughts determine who you are. In this program you will learn that awareness of your attitude creates change and you have the ultimate power to choose your attitude. You'll leave with new communication, leadership, and relationship building ideas and practical take-a-ways that can be implemented immediately. Success begins with the right Mattitude (sorry, attitude).



Matt Booth

Matt Booth is an internationally known speaker and trainer. As an Outstanding Young Iowan and Rising Star Award winner, he entertains people, educates minds, and impacts lives. He has been called the expert who helps individuals, organizations, and communities get Mattitude. To get Mattitude, each day, you must be yourself and improve yourself.

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Time: 11:30 - noon: Registration, Networking and Lunch • Noon - 1:00: Program

Where: Holiday Inn Downtown

Cost: Member price: \$10.00
Non-member/Guest: \$15.00

Menu: **Create you own taco bar**

- House-made chips and salsa
- Spanish rice
- Refried beans
- Dessert
- Coffee, Tea or Milk

RSVP: by Monday, March 24, 2008 at www.dubuquewln.org

PLEASE NOTE: In order to secure the correct amount of lunches for our meetings, please RSVP. Also, please notify us if you need to cancel. Thank you for your cooperation!

"There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers."

- Susan B. Anthony

Upcoming Events

March 25

Speaker: Matt Booth
"Everything is Mattitude"
Holiday Inn Downtown

April 22

Women of Achievement Awards Banquet
Keynote: Gerarda Lahey-Keppler
Grand River Center
5:30 p.m. cocktails
6:00 p.m. dinner
7:30 p.m. awards program

May 20

WLN Annual Meeting

Member News

Kelly Fassbinder, owner and graphic designer of Imagine Design Studio was awarded 4 Addy Citations of Excellence, and an Addy Award at the 2007 Addy Awards for outstanding advertising, presented by *The Advertising Club of Dubuque* on February 29, 2008.

Send us your stuff!

If you have a job change, promotion or any news to share please email Pam Brookens: brookensp@osfdbq.org. We would love to share it with everyone!