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A LETTER FROM THE WLN PRESIDENT

What is your leadership presence?

This past week I attended a Live2Lead Conference hosted by my mentor John Maxwell. It was a day dedicated to exploring the idea of leadership, identifying the qualities of outstanding influencers, exploring the idea of adversity and responding during times of difficulty.

According to Maxwell's experiences working with Fortune 100 Leaders, he believes the number one quality all great leaders share is having a picture of the future that brings passion today. Top leaders are able to see more than others see and they have the ability to see it before others. When a leader has a clear vision it ignites with fuel and takes action. Their leadership presence includes creativity and flexibility. The most inspirational leaders are creative and believe there is always an answer, they do what it takes to find those answers. Leaders are also flexible and believe there is always more than one answer to every situation.

Do you exhibit leadership presence? What is your vision that causes passion, is it helping others? The mission of WLN is to develop, connect and recognize female professionals, leaders and entrepreneurs in the Dubuque community. Our purpose is to assist women in the advancement of their professional and personal goals. Does your leadership align with these values? If so, you may want to consider using your talents and skills as a member of the WLN Board. Joining the board allows you to join the ranks of outstanding women who have continued to grow and develop this network. Please consider applying for one of our open positions. Talk to a current or past board member to hear their experiences. If you believe your leadership would directly impact the success of other women in the area consider submitting an application.

Please join us at our October luncheon, when B'Ann Dittmar, teaches the elements of leadership presence. With extensive experience in the financial industry as well as the educational arena, B'Ann will give the how to's in understanding leadership presence and the impact it has on others.

Keep Shining!

Lisa Schaefer
President, Dubuque Women's Leadership Network



OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

The following board positions are available beginning in 2018:

Member at Large, Secretary and Director of Programming

If you are interested [click here](#) to apply by November 10, 2017. New board members will be announced at the November members only luncheon.



wln REMINDERS & RECAP

Meet our October Speaker, B'Ann Dittmar



What does "leadership presence" mean? Do I have it? What does it mean for me personally, as well as for my organization? These questions and more will be answered as B'Ann Dittmar, Business Management Instructor at Clarke University explains leadership presence. Leadership presence can be underestimated but its effects are powerful. This presentation will examine how to be an effective leader, how to build your personal brand, how to make the transition to being a true leader, and how to effectively use your leadership presence to influence others, as well as your organization.

B'Ann Dittmar began a 19-year career in banking, starting as a teller, while she was attending college. After graduating from college, she was hired at a bank that would eventually become U.S. Bank. She was with U.S. Bank and its predecessors for 17 years. She worked her way up through a variety of departments, including; retail banking, mortgage lending, and commercial lending. Prior to leaving the banking industry, she served as the President of the Dubuque and Galena U.S. Bank markets for 9 years. While working for the bank she obtained her MBA degree and taught as an adjunct faculty member at University of Wisconsin-Platteville and at Columbia College, where she discovered her love of teaching.

B'Ann now has the privilege to work in her second "dream job" at Clarke University. She has been with Clarke University for 6 years and loves it! She is a faculty member in the business department and teaches management and leadership courses to graduate and undergraduate students. She lives in Galena with her husband, her 10 year-old daughter and 13 year old son, and their Great Dane, Zoe.

REGISTER NOW: OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Date: October 24, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Topic Title: Leadership Presence

Presenter: B'Ann Dittmar

Location: Grand River Center

Menu: Traditional lasagna, green bean amandine, garlic bread and cookies

Cost: \$15 Members, \$20 Guests

RSVP: Noon, Friday, October 20, 2017

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Topic Title: You're Jumping on My Last Nerve, Dealing With Difficult People on a Daily Basis

Presenter: Celina Peerman

Location: Hotel Julien

Cost: \$15 Members, \$20 Guests

RSVP: Noon, Friday, October 20, 2017

SEPTEMBER RECAP:

WLN Conference



On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, the Women's Leadership Network of Dubuque hosted the 15th annual Women's Leadership Conference, "Empowered Women Empower Women." The morning started off with keynote speaker, Holly Hoffman. Holly was the last remaining member of the Espada Tribe on Season 21 of CBS' hit reality show "Survivor Nicaragua." Holly inspired us by sharing her message of positivity, determination and confidence. After the morning keynote attendees chose between a political panel made up of powerful local women in politics or Permission to Say Yes. In the afternoon, ladies got to choose between an Overcoming Adversity Panel, that featured local business women and a Legal Perspective on Social Media with Davin Curtiss. We ended the day with Holly Hoffman focusing on modeling behavior, connecting, and involving others.

Women's Leadership Network was happy to host a networking and trivia event at Hotel Julien following the conference. WLN sends a gracious "thank you" to all of our sponsors:

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Welcome New Members:

Rhonda Paulsen

Brooke Dittmer

Marie Ware

Kimberly Howard



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Showcase your business or volunteer opportunities at a monthly luncheon. Open dates are available! There will be a max of 2 booths per luncheon and are on a first call first served basis.

Please send your booth request to Katie Kenne at: kkenne@DubuqueFightingSaints.com

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