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President's Message

By Myriah Fillenwarth

Thankful...I know, it's not Thanksgiving (thank goodness it's spring!), but we should still take the opportunity to realize how lucky and thankful we are for what we have. The people in Japan are suffering huge losses. These images show the before and after satellite views of the damage (slide the blue middle bar to left and right): <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/03/13/world/asia/satellite-photos-japan-before-and-after-tsunami.html>. Thank you WBC members for donating blankets to be sent to Japan. Staci Wahls said that Wolfram was sending around 60 blankets to Japan (see picture—Queen of the Blankets). They were collected from WBC, Rotary, and Wolfram. The Japanese Club at Parkland is making and selling paper cranes to collect donations to send to Japan. I made 7 for them and it was much better to spend a lunch hour doing that than homework!



We should also be thankful for the jobs we have, even if we do not enjoy them. When I hear people complain about their job, I think of all the people I see at the job expos I attend that are looking for work. Most of them would be grateful just to have any job! I'm not at these expos to talk about Parkland jobs, I am there to assist anyone that wants to return to school. I see their dismal faces when they find out Parkland isn't hiring and hear the sad stories about how they already have their degree, cannot find work, or afford to go to school. Would it be odd to say I am grateful for my student loans so that I could attend college?!

I was not able to help with our service project at Wesley Food Pantry, but I have had a Parkland information table there several times. It made me realize that we also need to be thankful for being able to provide food for our families. Kristie Hayes shared at the luncheon how rewarding it was to help out at the food pantry and how they really appreciated our donation last year towards feminine products.

I am thankful to belong to a great women's organization that takes the time to help out globally as well as locally! Thank you everyone!

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**March Luncheon: Thursday, April 28 @ 11:30 a.m.
RSVP Deadline: Friday, April 22**



Delegating:
What is it? Why is it important to success in business?
**Speaker: Cindy Guthrie, Owner,
Three Degrees of Change**

**Thursday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m.
Hawthorne Suites**

Do you often work longer hours than others in your organization that do the same kind of work as you? Do you often spend time on routine work that others could do or learn to do? Do you often feel overwhelmed by the amount of work you have to do? If you answered two of these three questions affirmatively, better delegation techniques might be the solution. Cindy Guthrie is a consultant, trainer, and coach and will be presenting a mini-workshop on how to improve your skills in delegating. At the end of this program, participants will be able to appreciate the power of delegation, recognize the difference between delegating and assigning tasks, describe a 3-step process for delegating, and distinguish the two types of readiness of the person to whom you are delegating.

Cindy Guthrie is the owner of Three Degrees of Change. She has been a Senior Professional In Human Resources for 10 years and has a Master's Degree in Training and Development from Eastern Illinois University.

Menu: Taco Salad bar w/ Seasoned Chicken w/ onions & peppers, Spicy ground beef, Taco bowls, Spanish rice, Shredded lettuce, Shredded cheese, Diced tomatoes, Black olives, Diced onions, Jalapeños, Salsa & Sour cream, Desert, Iced tea, Water & Coffee

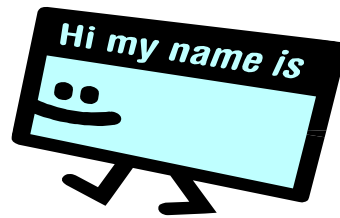
Please RSVP by paying **\$12 via PayPal** at www.wbccc.org by **Friday, April 22**. We need to have an accurate attendance count for seating and food. Late PayPal RSVPs will need to pay an **additional \$8 at the door**, RSVPs not made via PayPal will be **\$20 cash at the door**.

NOTE: it is ok to RSVP and pay for the current month's luncheon even if the website has not been updated and still shows the prior month, we will credit you accordingly.

Upcoming Luncheon Programs:



Date	Topic	Speaker
May 26	Networking Luncheon	Kristie Hayes & Christina Waugh
June 23	Successful Internet Marketing Strategies	Chris Bacon, RMO Creative
July 28	Larkin's Place	Amy Armstrong, Larkin's Place



WBC Welcomes New Members:

Joni Utnage, Busey Bank

Emily Kizer, Scentsy

Amanda Alleman, Meats Plus

Rose Hudson, C-U Safe Routes for School Project

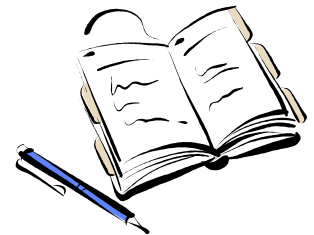
Shana Reed-Harper, Midland States Bank

2011 Membership Directory

The new 2011 membership directory is in the works!



Please complete the WBC Member Profile Form attached to this newsletter and return to Monica Bishop.



Email your professional pictures to monica.bishop@prudential.com for inclusion in the directory.

If you do not have a professional picture Monica will also be taking directory photos at our upcoming luncheons.



Relay for Life 2011

It is time to sign up for our 2011 Relay For Life Team!

2011 Theme: Wish Upon a Cure

Save the Date: June 18, 2011 (starting lap is at 6pm) to June 19, 2011 (closing lap is at 6am)

Location: Centennial High School, Champaign

NEW in 2011: no limit to the # on a team....join our team using the link below:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11IL?
team_id=774638&pg=team&fr_id=30563](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11IL?team_id=774638&pg=team&fr_id=30563)

Honor or remember someone you love by purchasing a luminaria that will be illuminated during the 2011 Relay for Life Luminaria Ceremony. Luminaria can be purchased (and decorated!) in memory of a loved one or to honor a caregiver. **Each luminaria costs only \$10!** Shawna Cremeens will have luminaria available for purchase at the luncheons so that your luminaria purchase counts toward the WBC Relay for Life team fund-raising goal.

If you have any questions or would like to be on the WBC Relay for Life committee please contact our Service Chair, Shawna Cremeens, at:

shawnac@wolfram.com

Save the Date

Saturday, November 12



What : Mrs. Claus' Boutique
Where: 88 Broadway
Why: to benefit Larkin's Place
(www.larkinsplace.com)

Open to all vendors, table space reserved on a first come first served basis!

WBC Members \$25

Non-members \$45

Watch for additional information in upcoming newsletters or contact Kristen Fanning at kristen@gr-arch.com for more details.

MARTINIS ON THE TOWN

Take a night off, unleash your creative side & join us as we hand paint our martini glasses. The glasses will be used for an evening out on the town Friday, May 20th.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Parkland College – Room D244

\$5 a person



RSVP BY APRIL 1, 2011

(payment due at time of registration)

to Kristie Hayes khayes@midlandstatesbank.com



Upcoming Networking Opportunities:

Month/Date	Event
April 28	Decorate Martini Glasses
May 20	Martinis on the Town
June	Japan House & Ko Fusion
July	Family Picnic
August	Shopping Trip

Watch for more information in future newsletters!



Quotes of the Month

“Do all the good you can, and make as little fuss about it as possible.”
~Charles Dickens

“In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and come back to us .”
~Flora Edwards



Do you have donations for luncheon door prizes?

Contact Christina Frye at
christina.frye@yahoo.com if you have an item to donate.

You and/or your organization will be recognized in the newsletter!

March Door Prize

Walking Track Passes

Winners:
Joella Gher
Christy Cook



Donated by: Tiffany DeSpain, Savoy Recreation Center



Want to help your employees return to college for an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree?

Invite the Parkland Adult Re-entry Center to your work site--an employee benefit fair or break room visit--and we'll help them through the process.

Please contact Billie Mitchell or Myriah Fillenwarth at 217-351-2462 or finishyourdegree@parkland.edu.

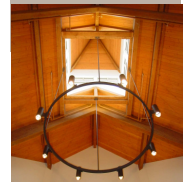


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WBC Member Profile Form

Professional Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization Name: _____

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Personal Information (all fields are optional)

Home Address: _____

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Family: _____

What year did you join WBC? _____

College(s) or University(ies) Attended: _____

Degrees: _____

Memberships & Activities: _____

Special Interests or Hobbies: _____

Return this form to Monica Bishop