



**June 2008**

**Message from the President  
Mary Sheahen**

In the last week, I had the opportunity to meet a new group of women in a planned networking dinner in Chicago. A long time colleague invited me to join them. I had a bit of trepidation because there were only two names on this list of women that I recognized. But I decided that I should practice what I preach: meeting new women is an awesome opportunity because you can learn so much and many times walk away with the start of a new friendship. So I ventured into the city during rush hour traffic, to a neighborhood that was unfamiliar and walked into a group that I did not really know. And lo and behold, it was a great evening!!!

It reminded me a lot of our PWI meetings. We are women welcoming other women, listening to what each has to say and searching for the connection that may happen. Sometimes it might be easier to stay home or at work and bypass the opportunity; once you are there, it feels good to have made the necessary effort to attend and engage.



And next month we have a fun opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, laugh a lot at our golfing abilities (unless golf is not funny -- since you are pretty good!!!) and make a donation for one of those awesome caddies. Maybe it is hard since golf is not one of your hobbies. But

if golf were a metaphor for life, it would have to be that "maybe the next hole will be better" or "that was a great shot, think I will keep playing" or "I am here for the camaraderie and I will do my best and have fun doing it."

Whatever it is for you, check your calendar for June 11<sup>th</sup>; I guarantee that it will be an afternoon well spent!!! Who knows: you may sink a putt and decide maybe it is your new hobby 😊

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## PWI's 2008 Scholarship Recipients Honored

At the May 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon, PWI's scholarship recipients, along with family members and school officials, each were formally awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. PWI received applications from outstanding high school seniors from Galena High School and Tri-State Christian School. The students selected were based on their outstanding academic achievement, their extra-curricular activities and their service to the school and to the community. The PWI membership is thrilled with the caliber and accomplishments of these three young women:

**Chloe Brennan**, a senior at Galena High School, will be attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in the fall. Chloe plans to pursue a career in law. Her undergraduate work will be in history and English, with a Pre-law focus. She would like to join an East Coast law firm upon passing the bar after Law School.

**Jordan Furlong-Scharpf** plans to attend Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque. A senior at Tri-State Christian School, she will study to become a registered nurse while earning a bachelor's degree in Bible. She plans to combine her nursing skills with her Biblical knowledge and someday work as a missionary nurse.

**Kate Heitkamp**, also a senior at Galena High School, plans to attend Knox College in the fall. Kate has always wanted to be a doctor, and has already worked as a CAN and completed an internship at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford. Her goal is to specialize in primary care in a rural area as a family physician.

*PWI will continue to support deserving female seniors and help them further their education. Please join on us June 11<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing and Social. For information check our Events link. All proceeds from the outing will fund next year's scholarship program.*



**PWI 2008 Scholarship Recipients**  
*Kate Heitkamp, Jordan Furlong Scharpf, Chloe Brennan*

## Community Connection - 2008

The Professional Women's Initiative of Galena is pleased to support local philanthropic organizations. Members are asked to bring their items to designated luncheons throughout the year. To find out the schedule for supporting each organization, check the monthly newsletter or the events calendar. If you aren't able to bring your items to a luncheon, you can contact each organization directly to make a donation. Betsy Eaton is the board member to contact if you have an organization you would like PWI to support.



## Member Connection

Member Connection is a place for members to make announcements, employment opportunities, large sale items or large items someone may need.

**Great Dogs and Cats are Waiting for Loving Homes at Safe Haven Humane Society.** Currently PWI member Sue Nicolini is fostering a great dog for Safe Haven at Moon Valley Pet Lodge by the name of Zack. Zack is a young male dog with great body confirmation. He has the markings of a shepherd but is the size of a Sheltie. Zack is full of love and would make a great friend for a person that understands dogs and wants to get out and walk, play, swim and have fun. Zack is a very smart dog and

is a quick learner and eager to please. Zack obeys commands well on leash or inside, but off lead outside he thinks he's a hunting dog and follows his nose. He loves to hunt birds, but he would hunt anything that moves. Because he is a hunter and does not come when he's in hunting mode, Zack should go through obedience training with his new owner. Zack has had a "nipping" problem with some people but not with everyone. He just needs to be told what is acceptable behavior. Zack may be a challenge in a home with children or other dogs. He tends to play rough, and most of the dogs he has come into contact with aren't willing to play his game. If ignored by other dogs, Zack finds something else to do. Zack is always happy and therefore he would always make his owner happy. Please contact Moon Valley Pet Lodge at 815-845-2379 or [moonvalley@jcwifi.com](mailto:moonvalley@jcwifi.com) if you would like more information on Zack.

## Future Luncheon Dates

Reserve your lunch one week prior to date by contacting Jackie Richardson at 815-776-5041 or [jrichardson@eagleridge.com](mailto:jrichardson@eagleridge.com)

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Leadership Conference

**October 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Party (evening)

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon**

Safe Haven



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PWI Golf Outing & Social

Plan to join us June 11<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa for PWI's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing & Social.

Registration opens at 11:00 am. At 11:30 am a delicious grill buffet will be served. While we are enjoying lunch we will begin the caddie auction. We will then play a round of golf on the East Course starting at 1:00 pm. The competition will be to play the best ball of a team. We will have a stroke or drive.

**Sign up now!** Friends and family members are welcome and encouraged to join this fun event. So, create a team of PWI members or invite a friend. You may also sign up individually and we will assign you to a team.

### Never played golf before?

Here is your chance. This fun event is for all levels of players.

### Caddie auction (back by popular demand)

Local male "celebrities" have once again been called on and will be available for auction as your personal caddie for the day. Each caddie comes with a customized prize package assembled just for this outing. Caddie bidding will begin promptly at 11:45, during lunch. You may pool your money and bid on the caddie as a team or as an individual. Last year we were able to raise \$3,000 for PWI's Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from this year's golf event will also be put into the scholarship fund to further the education of a high school senior.

### Event Prizes

To make this event even more fun there will be several opportunities to win flag events. We encourage you to donate an item to be awarded as one of the flag prizes. Your generosity will be recognized in PWI publications.

Ladies,

After two years of a sold out June Golf Outing & Social, this year we have not had the participation needed to hold our event.

Proceeds from last year's outing funded the PWI scholastic scholarships, which we awarded last month to three very bright and deserving young ladies. The Board feels strongly about continuing to award monies to further education. With this in mind, we discussed the fundraising options below:

1. Postpone the golf outing until the Fall.
2. The scholarships are given on behalf of the members of PWI. We would like to make this truly a membership fundraiser. Members will be asked to participate by donating an item. Items will then be grouped together by theme and auctioned off at an upcoming PWI luncheon
3. The board is open to, and welcomes members' comments and suggestions

We encourage you to respond to the email sent by Jackie Richardson relating this information.

Please send your comments to [jrichardson@eagleridge.com](mailto:jrichardson@eagleridge.com).



## Portrait of a Lady

By Lisa McCarthy



### Mary Connors

**Where are you from?** *Born in Aurora, IL. Lived in Naperville for over 30 years.*

**What did you do before?** *I have been in the travel business for the past 20 years.*

**What brought you to your current position?** *After my husband's retirement a few years ago, we decided to move to Galena. I still book vacations from home.*

**What has been the most interesting aspect of your work?** *Have the opportunity to travel to places I thought I would never see.*

**What has been your biggest challenge?** *Like any mother, I suppose having a career and raising a family.*

**Tell me about your family.** *I've been married for 35 years and have a daughter, Michelle, who lives near Chicago and a son, Jim, living in New York City.*

**Any pets?** *No*

**Who are you inspired by?** *People who give time for others. Since moving here, I have started volunteering more and enjoy it.*

**Favorite Movie?** *Dirty Harry*

**What is in your refrigerator?** *Fruit, vegetables, milk and the normal condiments, nothing exciting.*

**If you could invite anyone to a dinner party dead or alive, who would you invite?** *Clint Eastwood*

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** *I like traveling to Europe and think Ireland would be my favorite.*

**Your favorite pastime is . . .** *gardening. I enjoy being outside and can't wait for warmer weather.*

**What has been your largest personal challenge?** *Caring for both of my parents.*

**What are you most proud of?** *Knowing that both of my children are independent, doing great and they seem happy.*

**Are you living your dream?** *I believe I am.*