



May 2009

Message from the President Jackie Richardson

Christian the Lion has taken YouTube by Storm!

If you have not seen this video I encourage you to take a look. The story unfolds as two friends Ace and John purchase a lion cub from Harrods department store in London. The lonely and afraid creature quickly takes to the pair and adopts them as his parents.

As the lion cub grows, even the local vicar gets involved and lets the enclosed parish grounds be used as an exercise and play lot for the cub. Thriving on love, Christian continues to develop getting bigger and stronger every day. It quickly becomes evident that city life will no longer be practical for a maturing lion so friends, movie stars and animal conservationist enter the picture to find Christian a new home in Africa.

Christian is released onto a nature preserve where he will live among his kind. Ace and John travel

back to Africa in hopes of being reunited with their friend and to check on his well being. Will Christian be O.k.? Will he remember them?

Once Christian spots his human parents the question is answered as he runs to "hug" them. The reunion is heartwarming and if you choose the YouTube version where Whitney Houston sings, "I will Always Love You" it will take your breath away.

When asked why the story of Christian the Lion seemed to be so popular Ace and John proclaimed, "Because it is a story of unconditional love."

In the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day. Acknowledge Unconditional Love!

Video address:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjWtRYaxmWM>

**The May meeting is at Country Inn & Suites.
Bring a guest at member pricing. PWI guests should park in the back of Country
Inn & Suites and enter through the lower level.**

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**Krista Kruger -
New Membership Director**

I am excited to have accepted a role on the PWI Board of Directors as the Membership Director. I am currently a self employed

Real Estate Appraiser and owner of Kruger Appraisals. I began my appraisal studies in August 2006. Prior to starting my appraisal business, I worked at U.S. Bank in Galena, Illinois for two years as a Personal Banker. Prior to my banking experience at U.S. Bank, I attended University of Wisconsin - Platteville where I earned my Bachelor's Degree. I also attended Northeast Iowa Community College where I earned an Associate's Degree. Prior to college, I attended and graduated from Scales Mound High School in Scales Mound, Illinois where I lived for my entire childhood.

My husband, Don, and three daughters, Abigail (3 years), Julia (20 months) and Natalie (2 months) and I live in Cuba City, Wisconsin where we have lived for the past four years. Don and I were married in Elizabeth, Illinois in August 2003. In our free time, we enjoy alpine skiing, boating, camping, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

I have been a member of PWI since October 2006 and am looking forward to serving on the board for the 2009 year.



**Nikki Frank -
New Community
Connections Director**

My name is Nikki Frank; I was born and raised in Galena.

I attended Northern Illinois University and have a bachelor's degree in Political Science. I am currently a Loan Officer with First Community Bank of Galena and have been employed with them for 4 years. I live in Galena, with my husband Jason and our 10 month old daughter Jayme. In my free time "ha, ha" I like to read and spend time with my family.



May 13, 2009

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

RSVP by May 8th to Betsy Eaton:

Director@galena.org

Country Inn & Suites - Galena

“Humor in the Workplace” Presented by Jim Jelinske

“Bring a Friend Luncheon”

Friends Dine at Member Price of \$12.00

Jim believes that in order to improve morale, motivate employees, spark creativity, build trust, and improve productivity in the workplace, our sense of humor is the most essential human resource we have to do so.



Last year Jim was voted one of the top ten speakers..... in his family!

“He’s the greatest speaker on the planet!”

Written by: Jim’s Mom.



**3rd Annual 5K/10K Run/Walk
"Put Your Foot Down Against Violence"**

In honor of *Crime Victims' Rights Week* (April 26-May 2, 2009), Riverview Center, Inc. and Choices will be teaming up once again to host our 3rd annual 5K/10K Run/Walk!

This year's event is set to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Registration for the race will begin at 7am and there will be a shot-gun start at 8am. All participants will begin at Recreation Park on Stagecoach Trail in Galena, IL. There will be a registration fee of \$15, which includes a tee-shirt for all participating.

Pre-Registration can be done online at www.riverviewcenter.org or by calling 888-707-8155.

Please contact Liz at 888-707-8155 with any questions or for further information.

Choices and Riverview Center thank you for all of your support in our mission to end violence!

Sincerely,

Liz Recker/Development Director
Riverview Center, Inc.



Owners/Operators:

Sue Nicolini & Larry Carmichael

Many of you may have heard of our house fire on April 9th. Just wanted everyone to know the kennel operation was not affected by the fire and that it's business as usual at Moon Valley Pet Lodge!

“Members Toot Your Horn”



Just a reminder....

Please submit all articles for Member Toot Your Horn and Community Connections by the 15th of every month. We don't want PWI members to miss out on the important news and events that your organizations have to offer. One of the ways we network is through these monthly channels, so please let us hear from you.

We are sorry, but we are unable to send separate e-blasts to our members regarding your organization or event. We hope that you will take advantage of the monthly communications to our members and get your message out there through our newsletter and website.

If you have any articles or questions, please email them to Nancy Peterson, at peteronnancy@mac.com. Thank you!

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2009 PWI Dates to Remember

May 13	Monthly Luncheon	Jim Jelinske
June 10	Monthly Luncheon	B'Ann Dittmar
July 8	Monthly Luncheon	Matt Booth
August 12	Monthly Luncheon	Jane Holland
September 9	Monthly Luncheon	Larry Eggers
October 14	Monthly Luncheon	Jan Powers
November 11	Monthly Luncheon	
December 9	Holiday Party	

Portrait of a Lady

Tina Hyde

Where are you from? I grew up a little West of Dubuque, so I am an Iowa girl.

What did you do before? Well, I started my career after college at a smaller firm in South Carolina where my husband and I were part owners in a golf course. I was an auditor there as well. Before that I worked in retail and as a bartender.

What brought you to your current position? I figured out early on that math and accounting was what I was good at, so I went with it. But my hard work and determination over the past 5 years at McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, including passing the CPA exam is really what got me to my position currently.

What has been the most interesting aspect of your work? I would say the most interesting thing about my work is that it is never the same. Every audit is different and every client is different, so I am constantly learning new things every day.

What has been your biggest challenge? My biggest challenge has been by far learning to manage a work-life balance. The most important thing in my life is my family.

Tell me about your family. I have been married to my husband Jeff for almost 10 years. I have a son, Kane, who is 9 and a daughter, Paeton, who is 3.

Any pets? We have a yellow lab named Sammy who will be 2 in July.

Who are you inspired by? Two things: my kids' energy and youth inspire me and also I have inner competition that keeps me striving for success.

What is your favorite book? I haven't had a lot of time to read in the past few years because I was always studying for the CPA exam, so I will have to say "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne. This book is a very positive and motivational book.

Favorite movie? My favorite movie is 27 Dresses. I could watch that movie over and over and not get sick of it. The key is that I laugh every time I watch it.

What is in your refrigerator? I have kids, so lots of stuff, but I am never out of chocolate milk.



If you could invite anyone to a dinner party dead or alive, who would you invite? I think I would invite everyone in my life now. I am living for today and the future and I love the people in my life right now!

What is your favorite vacation spot? Considering I haven't been to a lot of places, I would have to say Lake Texoma in Texas. I got engaged there.

Your favorite pastime is. . . Spending time outdoors with my kids, golfing and just being with friends.

What has been your largest personal challenge? Finally passing the CPA exam after 18 month of trying to find the time to study!

What are you most proud of? My family, Master's Degree in Accounting and passing the CPA exam.

Are you living your dream? I would say I am still in my growth stages, but I think I am over half way there.