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Save the date for these 2015 WOVI Events:

**October 16th
Mentor Recognition**

Dear Deb,

A message from the President:

Three Annual Events Coming in October!



Fall is in the air, and so are special WOVI events. Coming soon in October are three of WOVI's special annual events: the Mentor Recognition Luncheon on Friday, October 16; and the Leadership Summit and Awards Luncheon, both on Saturday, October 17. All of you are encouraged to attend these events. While the Leadership Summit is a command performance for all newly elected chapter leaders, it is open to everyone - members and guests alike.

The Awards Luncheon is when we recognize the outstanding leaders and members from all chapters. We are now accepting nominations in all categories. Nomination forms were sent to all Chapter Presidents. You may also nominate online as well as download forms from the WOVI website. Plan on attending so you can cheer and clap when members from your chapter are honored. It is a time full of excitement as well as another opportunity to connect with other WOVI women.

Speaking of excitement, at the Mentor Recognition Luncheon, there is another kind of excitement when we honor women in the community who are known for and have excelled at mentoring. Hearing what the nominators have written about the honorees is amazing and heart warming. Then hearing what the honorees have to say about being nominated and receiving the award literally stops the heart.

For your convenience, all three events will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas /Richardson, 1001 West President George Bush Turnpike, Richardson, TX 75080. Registration is available online at www.wovi.com.

Another special event this time of the year is the election of the new Leaders in each chapter. If you

Luncheon
&
October 17th
Leadership Summit
&
Leadership Awards
Luncheon

The Hilton Garden Inn
Richardson, TX



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have accepted the nomination for a leadership position, congratulations! If you did not, ask to serve on a committee. It is when you serve and are truly involved, that you get the most out of your membership.

It is with deep appreciation that I thank all of you who have served your chapters this year. Take a minute and think of all you have gained because you also served, share that at your chapter's next WOVI Moments portion of the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 16th and/or 17th of October!

My love to all of you!

Pauline Shirley, Founder
Chairman of the Board and
President of the Management Council

Vision: "Changing the world one person at a time."

Summertime event highlights

Highlights from the July LeadersRing!

LeadersRing - July 18th at On the Border

by Mary Mukhtarian



WOVI members and guests were treated to an informative and entertaining LeadersRing on July 18, 2015 at the On the Border restaurant. LeadersRing is one of the advantages of membership in WOVI where everyone learns the leadership skills needed to take part in the Chapter's Leadership Team, or the Management Council or even the Board. LeadersRing is an opportunity to impart knowledge, training and a connection to members and guests. The free function is always popular

because it allows all to learn new skills, get their questions addressed and meet members of the other chapters. There are currently four existing Chapters: Addison, Flower Mound, McKinney and North Dallas with several planned elsewhere.

Many WOVI friends came together joyfully greeting each other and catching up. Many new introductions were made and old friends formed new friendships. There was a casual atmosphere filled with the expectation of good things to come. The LeadersRing was divided into three parts: The WOVI Board Panel Discussion; a question and answer period; and breakout sessions for leadership roles.

Chairman and President Pauline Shirley invited Board members Mary Boyd, Janet Wilemon and Martha Campbell to begin the Panel Discussion, and then asked Peggy Campagna to join in. The purpose of the Panel Discussion was how leadership skills were practiced so they could help within WOVI as well as with other leadership roles.

Each Board member identified the specific way in which WOVI made a difference in their lives, including Mary Boyd's realization that she had an opportunity to use her life experience to help other professional women although she considered herself to be a quiet and reserved individual; Janet Wilemon's discovery that she had a conduit to her creative leadership in molding the paths of other women. She related that she discovered uplifting messages sewn in pants she had purchased, indicating that positive behavior can be communicated in many ways; and Martha Campbell identified WOVI as the organization that gave her the confidence to own her technical knowledge and create a life direction for her and others.

There was a poignant moment when Pauline explained how much WOVI made a difference in her life, and everybody expressed the same sentiment. She shared her "10 Brief Leadership Tips" at the LeadersRing, and you can read them elsewhere in

this newsletter.

Some of the additional highlights of the LeadersRing included how WOVI and the WOVI women impressed two outstanding individuals who felt it would be beneficial to start new WOVI chapters to help more women achieve their highest potential. The first was Jeanette DeAnda, Angela's daughter who came to us from New Mexico. Jeanette so loved WOVI that she began gathering information to start a new chapter in New Mexico .

The other was Brenda Sterling Meyers of Sterling Tea in Rockwall who felt that WOVI leadership skills could help other women in business. She plans on pursuing a new WOVI chapter.

The breakout sessions concentrated on practical aspects of chapter leadership. There was so much discussion that everyone was still there after the sessions were over. Door prizes pleased an already delighted audience. There was one more surprise for everybody: A birthday cake which elicited an impromptu singing of Happy Birthday for Pauline and Janet whose birthdays are in July. Happy Birthday Pauline and Janet! Everyone left energized, well informed and motivated to go for what they really wanted to accomplish in their lives.

The next LeadersRing is planned for early 2016.

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Spotlight on LEADERSHIP at the LeadersRing!



Pauline shared the blessings she has found through WOVI. Pauline you are a blessing to all of US! Happy Birthday.



Where does Janet get her inspiration? From her pants?! Sewn in the inseam...



Door Prizes! We love those WOVI door prizes!



Leadership Panel of experts shared their experiences on the Board. Mary Boyd, Janet Wilemon, Martha Campbell, Pauline Shirley and Peggy Campagna joined in later.



Ten Brief Leadership Tips (shared by Pauline Shirley)

1. Complain Up!
2. No gossiping & stop it when you hear it.
3. Include everyone in everything.
4. Leadership is not about you.
5. Listen more than you talk
6. Lavishly praise genuine good work and efforts.
 7. Be Enthusiastic!
 8. Be optimistic and positive!
 9. Mentor! Mentor! Mentor!
10. Look for opportunities to express appreciation!



And for everyone...You know more about WOVI than the first time guest.



Want to build your Leadership skills?
Join other women of vision at the Leadership Summit in October.
After that the next LeadersRing will be held early in 2016.

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October Happenings



October marks the beginning of a new WOVl leadership year! Calling all Leaders and Mentors!

***Three events in one Amazing Weekend!
October 16-17, 2015***

***Friday noon Luncheon:
"Leading the Wave of Global Change"***

***Mentor Recognition Luncheon
Friday, October 16, 2015
11:30 am - 1:30 pm***

Keynote Speaker



Nina G. Vaca

Nina is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Pinnacle Technical Resources, a Dallas-based IT staffing company that provides IT Staff Augmentation Services, Professional Staffing, and Payroll services for Fortune 500 companies. Ms. Vaca serves as the Chairman of Provade, Inc. She is a Director at Cinemark Holdings, Kohl's Corporation and Comerica, Inc. and is a founding member of the Startup America Partnership. She is a former Chairman of the Board of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Vaca also serves as a Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship (PAGE) by the White House and works alongside the Department of Commerce

Secretary Penny Pritzker to inspire entrepreneurship worldwide.

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***Saturday all day:
Leadership Summit
Saturday, October 17, 2015
8:00 - 4:00 pm***

Among the exciting and important upcoming events is the Annual Leadership Summit. Held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson.

This fun-filled day of learning provides training for the newly elected Chapter Leaders. Open to all members, it is important for you to know that this prepares you to serve in the leadership position you were elected to hold by the members of your chapter. General leadership skills for the benefit of members and guests who attend as well as the chapter leaders are also an important part of this day. If you have not attended one, ask any of the current Leadership Team members in your chapter what they thought about last year's.

It promises to be a day of fun, excitement, team building and growth.

***Saturday noon:
Annual Awards Luncheon***

Recognize Your Outstanding Members by Pauline Shirley

Success, diligence, and especially hard work deserve to be recognized and honored. On Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson, WOVI does just that at the annual Awards Luncheon. Plan on participating and supporting the honorees from your chapter. Open to all members as well as guests, this exciting event allows all to see and hear about the exemplary accomplishments and contributions of WOVI members. The Outstanding Chapter will also be recognized!

All three events will be at

***The Hilton Garden Inn
1001 W President George Bush Turnpike
Richardson, TX 75080***

Come to one, come to two, or come to them all! But Come and Join the Fun at the Mentor Recognition Luncheon on Friday noon, Leadership Summit all day on Saturday or join us at the Leadership luncheon on Saturday noon! Three exciting events in one amazing weekend!

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Nominate and honor a Deserving WOMAN for Mentor of the Year!

**Mentor Recognition Luncheon
October 16, 2015
11:30 - 1:30 pm**

Are there women at your office, church or other organizations you believe are deserving of the WOVI 2015 Mentor of the Year Award! Have you nominated her? It's not too late to complete the Mentor of the Year Award nomination form. We've made it easy to complete.

In our experience, the nominee is very appreciative that you took the time to think of her and went the extra step to make your feelings known about her publicly.

Our finalists and winners are often moved emotionally with this public acknowledgment and recognition of all the good work they've done. And, they serve as role models for attendees at the event. Go to <http://www.wovi.com/mentor-of-year-nomination/> The deadline for submitting your nomination paperwork is **Friday, September 25, 2015**.

The event will be held on **Friday, October 16, 2015** at the Hilton Garden Inn on the George Bush Turnpike in Richardson.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Nina Vaca, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Pinnacle Technical Resources**. Pinnacle is a Dallas-based IT staffing company providing services to Fortune 500 companies. Nina started her business in 1996 and is now the largest woman-owned and Hispanic-owned vendor management software firm in the world.

CALLING ALL LEADERS TO THE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT! OCT 17, 2015

by Janet Wilemon

Two great WOVI events happen in October every year. When we say great, what we really mean is fantastic, exciting, educational, empowering, celebratory, fun, and rewarding! And I NEVER exaggerate!

October is the month for WOVl's annual meeting; so many exciting things taking place. We install the new year's officers. We train and mentor the new leadership teams. We announce our new 2016 theme.

We celebrate (big time!) the outstanding chapter members, mentors and leaders. Fellow officers from each chapter spend time together gathering information, sharing expertise, and gleanng new ideas and methods. Chapter leaders spend time together and focus on goals for the coming year. It's *that* kind of day! Do not miss it.

We start early! 7:30 am is registration and breakfast. We meet, greet, and learn until lunch when the celebrations begin! Awards and standing ovations ensue! (And, yes, tears of joy!) The afternoon offers breakout sessions for individual VP positions, and time for inspiration and creativity.

Where does this prestigious event take place?
The Hilton Garden Inn
1001 W President George Bush Turnpike, Richardson, Texas, 75080
It's located at the southwest corner of the Bush Turnpike and Independence



See you there. Registration forms are coming soon!

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InterestRings! Spark your imagination and creative flow!
Look at these opportunities to stretch yourself and learn something new!

Catch the Fire with the WOVl WritersRing!

By Lisa Hill

Do you have a passion for writing?
The WOVl WritersRing meets once a month on the fourth Monday from 7 PM to 9 PM in Plano at the La Madeleine 520 W 15th St, Plano, TX 75075. We share our writing, provide feedback, discuss writing venues, and exercise. Writing exercises, that is.



WritersRing Schedule:

Date	Facilitator	Writing Topic Homework
September 28	Karla Marie	Crayons/School Daze
October 26	Kathy Garland	Harvest Moon (Poem)
November 23	Lisa Hill	Cornucopia
December 28	Kathy Garland	Santa/Scents of Christmas (No Meeting)
January 25	Karla Marie	New Beginnings

Our writing homework includes different monthly topics that will be discussed at the meeting. The group enjoys various outings outside the monthly meeting.

Future plans include guest speakers while sharing our passion with others. Please consider joining us on Monday, September 28, 2015 from 7 PM to 9 PM in Plano at the La Madeleine 520 W 15th St, Plano, TX 75075 to share, discuss, and flex your writing muscle.

Please contact one of the following members for more information:

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ArtistsRing paints the town! Check it out and explore your creative side!



Walk on the wild side and discover your creative roots. Check out the new ArtistsRing. We are up and running again and we are sure you don't want to miss out on any more fun!

This year the most exciting change is that the ArtistsRing is now open to all forms of art, not just visual! For example, view the adorable cork sculptures created by member Mickey, called Cork Fairies.

The WOVl ArtistsRing brings visionary women together to exchange artistic ideas and information. As a group, we inspire, nurture, and empower creative expression in each other.

The ArtistsRing met on August 12, 2015 for an exciting and informative start up meeting. The group began at the First United Methodist Church, Plano, for a presentation by sculptor Russ Aikins, and his wife, Sandra. Russ described his labor of love, which spanned a 24 year period, as he moved through different stages in his life, and as he received his spiritual inspiration. Following the presentation, all met at Angie DeAnda's house for the business meeting and a salad lunch. Then the group met on September 9th, at La Madeleine's in Addison. Members received the individually designed and created glass pendants, which were made at Angie's house in August. These will be displayed at the Mentor Recognition luncheon on October 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn. This group is on fire with enthusiasm and creativity. Please note these upcoming events:

October 16-17 - Display (no sales) at the Mentor Recognition Luncheon

October 25 - Open House at Angie's home - ArtistsRing members will display and sell their art at a WOVl and friends exclusive.

November 7 - ArtistsRing will participate in the First United Methodist Church Craft Fair

Note that these are just some of the benefits of being a WOVl member. Your participation is FREE! Guests may attend two ArtistsRing meetings before joining WOVl.

You may contact the group's facilitator, Angie DeAnda at 972-849-2994 to confirm the time and place.

Keep Up with WOVl Chapters with new Social Media Tool on Meet Up!

WOVl is now a MeetUp.com Group By Bellann Hyten

Good news! As of last week, WOVl is now a MeetUp.com group. For almost a year now, Pauline Shirley, the Founder and Chairman of the Board of WOVl has been looking into getting WOVl set up on Meetup.com. It's not that utilizing MeetUp.com was a bad idea - it's a great idea! With over 22 million members, how could it be wrong? But scheduling conflicts and other WOVl events took precedence and time flew by.

What is Meetup.com and how can it help WOVl? MeetUp.com is an online social networking website that allows meeting organizers to be found by people with a common interest. An organizer sets up a meeting with all the pertinent details then MeetUp.com promotes the meeting automatically to members who have expressed a common interest.

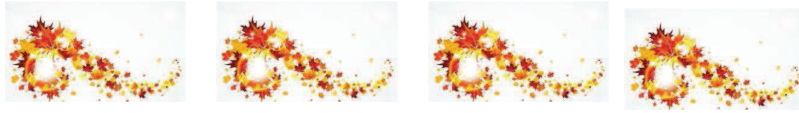
When we set up WOVl's MeetUp, for example, we chose descriptors like: "Women's Empowerment", "Women Mentoring", and "Professional Women" to name a few. Women members who have joined MeetUp.com expressing similar interests will receive an e-mail introducing them to WOVl. So not only will potential members find our chapters, MeetUp.com will point us out to potential members who may be interested in joining us but had never heard of WOVl before. Because of the social media aspect of MeetUp.com, we can grow our membership and expand our WOVl brand locally, nationally, and actually worldwide.

How can members utilize MeetUp.com? The first thing we're asking you to do is to establish a MeetUp.com account. Go to the site: www.Meetup.com then follow the instructions for creating an account. Once you have an account, search for our group: Women of Visionary Influence (NOT WOVl) and you should see the site for our group. Click the "JOIN" button on the upper right and you should receive a Welcome Message from Pauline. A video about meetup.com can be found here: <https://youtu.be/pnBpj9oMDDk>

Even though not all chapters are planning to utilize MeetUp.com, it's important that EVERY WOVI member join MeetUp.com and join the WOVI MeetUp group. This will help prospective members see that we are a large group and worth their time and effort to join. They will be able to see the different chapters and locations and select one that suits their time and location.

It literally only takes about five minutes to create an account and join WOVI's group. We'll soon be sharing more about this savvy social media tool and all it takes is a few minutes from your time to help us out. Many thanks!

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Chapter Corner ... what's happening in your corner?

See what other Women of Vision are doing in their worlds . . . have some time? Get out and visit another chapter!

WOVI Addison getting results and making it happen at noon on Wednesdays in Addison

As taken from Addison Facebook page. (what a fun group of ladies!)



Addison had a wonderful September meeting with Diane Consolino where we explored "Getting It Done...Real Results". With action as the key to our success! The program was filled with information and action steps that will give the audience the power to be effective in all areas of our lives! WOVI Addison meets the first Wednesday of the month at Olive Garden on Belt line for lunch. If you are off on Wednesdays (or in the Addison area) come by and partake of the noon time adventures of WOVI Addison!

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WOVI McKinney being fearless in August with Mayor Kathy Seei

WOVI McKinney - by Frances Pelley:

Kathy Seei shares how to "Be Fearless" with full house in McKinney.

Defining "Fearless" as walking through the storm-Kathy shared



her journey through uncharted territory... first woman on Frisco City Council & Mayor, to design-build construction; running for Congress, and running a Colorado B&B after a career in special education. Two new members joined and special guests Pauline Shirley and Mary Mukhtarian were present. Next Meeting: Marketing Panel September 29, 5:30.



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WOVI North Dallas moves to new exciting location!

WOVI North Dallas - by Mary Mukhtarian:



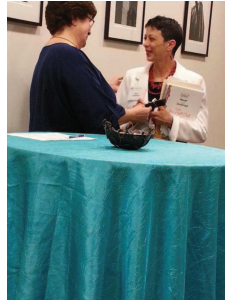
The North Dallas Chapter had its inaugural meeting at the new location in the Aberdeen Building (formerly Pizza Hut building) at 14841 N. Dallas Parkway, Dallas with several guests and a brand new dedicated chef for the dinner selection.

The streak of outstanding speakers at the North Dallas Chapter was unbroken with the recent speakers. In July we had Danielle Girdano, a woman who has transformed her life through fitness and founded a nationwide company to help others. She is currently training to set a new world record biking from Chicago to Santa Barbara, and she was

able to stop in North Dallas to speak to us about "Putting Obstacles In Perspective to Triumph." The August speaker was Dr. Mary Warren, a chiropractor, researcher and business owner, enlightening us with "Simple Steps to be a Wellness Champion."

Everyone is invited to check our new digs and to enjoy the company of awesome women. Our September 17 speaker is Jayne Rios, CEO of Express Yourself eLearning, speaking to us on the topic of: "Turn Your Passion Into a Movement, Monetize Your Life and Work and Have Fun Doing It!"

Come and enjoy our special October meeting because we'll have our annual Silent Auction held on October 15, 2015. We look forward to seeing you with us anytime.



Dr. Mary Warren

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WOVI Flower Mound - gets classy with fashion expert, Chevelle Pridgett by Debra Sanford

WOVI Flower Mound - Flower Mound was delighted to welcome fashion expert, Chevelle Pridgett for the August meeting at La Madeleine in Flower Mound.



Chevelle shared her fashion and personal styling secrets, complete with "how to lesson" on "organizing your closet, shoes and jewelry".

We all got a jump start to jazz up our wardrobes with new and fun fashion ideas. We welcomed new guest, Leoni Michael and returning guest Joy Shehab. Mary Mukhtarian came to present Monica Guyden with her VP Communications badge! It was an exciting night.

September, WOVI Flower Mound meets at the Mellow Mushroom in Flower Mound for delicious Pizza and Natural Health night. (What a combination. Is that an oxymoron? LOL!) We will welcome certified therapist, Laura Cobb. She will take us to the world of Foot Zoning and Reflexology for better health!

After several months of moving around, due to local construction and restaurant (non) availability, we have found a new home! We are going south! Starting in October, WOVI Flower Mound is moving to Grapevine! Second Tuesday of the month at Stacy's Furniture, in the third floor Community Room. Big changes and exciting new speakers and great opportunities to reach more Visionary Women of the Southern Denton and North Eastern Tarrant County areas. Stay tuned for more announcements about our future new home and maybe a new name!

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I hope you enjoyed this issue of The Vision. A special thanks to everyone who contributed stories for this Vision. Do you have any visionary news about the women in your WOVI Chapter? Share it with us! Let us know what's happening in your corner. Submit articles or events to [Vision News editor](#). Next Vision submissions are due by November 1, 2015.



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