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**20/20 Vision**

Save the date for this  
2015 WОВI Event:

**December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Party at Olive  
Garden on Belt Line  
Road**

### Chairman of the Board, Pauline Shirley writes....

Dear (Contact First Name),

From the Chairman of the Board: Pauline Shirley  
Hello to the wonderful women of WОВI.

I reached into the kitchen drawer to get a pair of scissors. There are so many things that can only be opened with scissors or a knife now. I prefer scissors.

As I did that, my mind flashed back to my childhood remembering the one pair of scissors we had back then. They stayed with the sewing machine among other sewing and repair necessities. If you used them, you had to put them back or else... Today, I have scissors all over the house, in the kitchen, my office, the utility room, the master bathroom, even in the guest room where I often wrap presents, and even in the console of my car. Scissors are something that are not just useful, but a necessity.

That made me think of WОВI and the many different ways WОВI is useful, beneficial and a necessity.

In WОВI you learn at every meeting, the Annual Conference and the Leadership Summit. You gain support and encouragement during the MentoRing exercise at every meeting. Your mentor encourages and/or holds you accountable if that is what you need and want. Your mentor introduces you to new and different things. There is no end to the possibilities of what you gain with your mentor.

So in its broad use and possibilities,  
WОВI is like a pair of scissors,  
useful and a necessity.

Warm WОВI regards,  
Pauline Shirley  
Co-founder and Chairman



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### News from new Council President, Mary Mukhtarian



A message from the President:

Women of Visionary Influence (WОВI) was honored with Presidential pins on October 16, 2015 for empowering women to mentor and lead.



### Presidential Honors for WOVI Founders



Founder and Chairman,  
Pauline Shirley receives  
Presidential Pin from Nina  
Vaca for Outstanding  
Leadership in founding WOVI



Mary Boyd, Founding Director  
of WOVI receives Presidential  
Pin for encouraging and  
giving Nina her first  
opportunity to grow her  
company.

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The occasion presented itself at the WOVI annual Mentor Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Richardson, when many community members came together to honor outstanding women who have made a difference in others' lives through their mentoring.

Nina G. Vaca, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Pinnacle Group, a Dallas-based IT staffing company generating \$650 million in annual revenues was the keynote speaker. She detailed the difficulties entrepreneurs faced in starting businesses and lauded the efforts of all women who encouraged and mentored other women to pursue their passion in life.

Ms. Vaca singled out two WOVI women to honor: Founder and Chairman Pauline Shirley for her outstanding leadership in founding WOVI, among other accomplishments, and WOVI Founding Director Mary Boyd for giving her the first opportunity to grow her company back in 2000. Then Ms Vaca, as the Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship (PAGE) presented the Presidential pin to both Pauline Shirley and Mary Boyd to the utter delight of all WOVI members and guests.

The Presidential Ambassadors for Global Entrepreneurship (PAGE) was initiated in April 2014 by President Obama and is chaired by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. The PAGE initiative is a first-of-its-kind collaboration among celebrated American entrepreneurs, the White House, the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development and Small Business Administration partners. The initiative is organized around three pillars: Providing opportunities and pathways to access capital; access talent and education; and access hope and inspiration. In its first year, PAGE members have actively delivered results in several states and also introduced the initiative to other countries around the world.

WOVI is the first women's organization dedicated to mentoring. WOVI encourages, empowers, and supports a multicultural group of women to do extraordinary things and create a permanent confidence in all aspects of their personal and professional lives. All women seeking to maximize their influence are invited to join and participate in this membership organization to gain and enhance leadership and mentoring skills. WOVI helps you find your path and stay on it.



Warm WOVI regards,  
Mary Mukhtarian  
President, WOVI Management Council

## Mentor Luncheon, Leadership Summit & Awards

### Mentor of the Year!

## Linda Valdez Thompson Receives 2015 Mentor of the Year Recognition

by Mary Boyd & Lynda Rhodes

Congratulations to Linda Valdez Thompson, Executive Vice President of Administration and Diversity, The DFW International Airport, as our WOVI Mentor of the Year for 2015. We welcome her to our "hall of fame for mentoring." Linda has years of exemplary service at DFW International Airport and in the community creating leadership opportunities for a diverse group of women. She has worked to create programs that reach



Linda Valdez Thompson 2015  
Mentor of the Year with  
nominator Debra Sanford

across a broad spectrum of women at all levels. She is a great role model and mentors both formally and informally. We celebrate Linda's achievement and know she will continue to enrich the lives of others.

Other finalists nominated for the prestigious award included:

- Dina Sosa, Dean of Enrollment, Management and Retention, Texas A&M University--Mentor of the Year (MOY) University Enrollment Management
- Jana C. Perez, Texas Woman's University--MOY University Visual Arts
- Judy Hoberman, National Director of Training for Core Benefits Group--MOY Corporate Training
- Kathy Seei--MOY Community Visionary
- Linda Flippin, ITS Project Manager, DFW International Airport--MOY Individual Outreach
- Lisa Patterson, Area Branch Manager, Volt Services--MOY Corporate Staffing
- Michelle Lemming, CEO & President, Texoma Health Foundation--MOY Health Foundations.

This is one of WOV's finest events as we honor and celebrate women who might otherwise be overlooked for their tremendous contributions. It is always a heartfelt time for the nominees, their nominators, family and friends.

As part of our Mentor of the Year appreciation, WOV proudly presents all nominees with an annual membership from October 2015 through December 2016, either at-large or to the Chapter of their choice.

Our day was filled with inspiration as Keynote Speaker Nina Vaca, Chairman and CEO of The Pinnacle Group, gave a moving and exemplary presentation on the power of mentoring women. WOV is a major organization "Leading the Wave of Global Change" one woman at a time. Watch for the date of our Mentor Recognition Luncheon next year in October and don't miss it! It's never too early to think about who deserves your nomination for 2016!

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## October Launches New WOV leadership Year! Mentor Recognition Luncheon highlights and Leadership Summit



Guests at the luncheon enjoyed a delicious meal and exciting speaker, Nina Vaca.



The Ice breaker was to explore clues about different women of vision and try to figure out who the famous woman was at each table.



Frances Pelley with Lynda Rhodes and Mary Boyd at the Mentor Recognition Luncheon



Nina Vaca gave an inspiring address regarding the beginnings of her career and how mentors inspired and encouraged her along the way.



WOVI Leaders across several Chapters unite and participate in leadership exercises.



New WOVI marketing statement is released and leaders practice Marketing skills with recruiting exercise:

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Looking forward to the new year!



President Mary Mukhtarian, Chairman of the Board Pauline Shirley and officers of WOVI Chapters gather at the Leadership Summit to learn Leadership skills and gain new tools to build and lead WOVI women for the 2015-2016 Year.

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## WOVI Recognizes Outstanding Chapter Leaders and Members of 2014-2015 at the AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY NOON

By Mary Mukhtarian

Once a year, WOVI has a day-long training session for all newly elected officers at the Leadership Summit. This premier opportunity was recently held on October 17, 2015, with officers from all chapters in attendance. The training facilitator was Janet Wilemon, a founding WOVI member, who along with Martha Campbell had planned the exercises and training for everyone.

The highlight of the Leadership Summit is the Awards Luncheon, a highly anticipated event during which all Outstanding Officers and Chapter are honored by the entire WOVI family. This year the nomination process had been simplified to allow more nominations for outstanding performance during the year.

The Outstanding Chapter award went to Addison, which has continued to set the highest standards for WOVI chapters.



OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR, WOVI ADDISON

Here are the WOVI members honored for exceptional performance in 2014-2015 in the following categories:

Also honored were the Members of the Board as well as the 2014-2015 Management Council:

Outstanding Member - Dr. Angela DeAnda - Addison  
 Outstanding Mentor - Martha Campbell -Addison  
 Outstanding Vice President Programs - Sheila Riddle - Addison  
 Outstanding Vice President Mentoring - Lisa Zahn - North Dallas  
 Outstanding Vice President Administration - Lisa Hill - North Dallas  
 Outstanding Vice President Finance - Rosa Holley - Flower Mound  
 Outstanding Second Vice President - Peggy Campagna - Addison  
 Outstanding First Vice President - Bellann Hyten - North Dallas  
 Outstanding President - Glenda Heil - Addison  
 President's Award - Danni Babik - North Dallas  
 Chairman's Award - Mary Mukhtarian - North Dallas

President - Pauline Shirley  
 President-Elect - Mary Mukhtarian  
 Vice President Administration - Lisa Hill  
 Vice President Chapter Services - Mary Mukhtarian  
 Vice President Communication - Debra Sanford  
 Vice President Finance - Heather McCamey  
 Vice President Membership - Celia Naples  
 Vice President Mentoring - Alli Woodford  
 Vice President Technology - Danni Babik



The Presidents Award:  
Danni Babik



The Chairman's Award:  
Mary Mukhtarian

### OUTSTANDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF 2014-2015



Chapter President  
Glenda Heil  
WOVI Addison



1st Vice President  
Bellann Hyten  
WOVI North Dallas



2nd Vice President  
Peggy Compagna  
WOVI Addison



Vice President of Finance  
Rosa Holley  
WOVI Flower Mound-  
Grapevine



VP Administration  
Lisa Hill  
WOVI North Dallas



VP Mentoring  
Lisa Zahn  
WOVI North Dallas



VP Programs Sheila Riddle  
WOVI Addison



Member of the Year  
Angela DeAnda WOVI  
Addison.



Member Mentor of the  
Year Martha Campbell  
WOVI Addison

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year, and WOVI members are ready to surpass previous achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. WE WISH TO THANK ALL  
OUR VISIONARY OFFICERS OF WOVI  
IN EACH OF OUR CHAPTERS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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## The WOVI Inc. December Holiday Party is coming up! Save the date and don't miss this exciting event

WOVI Holiday Party: Join us and Catch! That! Talent!

Dec 10, 2015

by Janet Wilemon

### WOVI Members and Guests: Catch! That! Talent! You are cordially invited to the Annual WOVI Holiday Party!

When: Thursday, December 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: Olive Garden on Belt Line at Midway  
4240 Belt Line Rd, Addison, TX 75001

Yes, the annual WOVI-wide Holiday Party is just around the corner! This year the agenda will include YOU as we Catch! That! Talent! Yes, talent! We are asking you to be a part of the entertainment portion of the evening. Your Chapter president will be asking, prodding, reminding, and encouraging YOU to help her provide about 15 minutes of entertainment from the Chapter members or even guests! It can be just about anything! Poetry?? Skits?? Musical instruments?? Dance routines?? Videos?? Group activity?? The sky is the limit!

We will have a karaoke machine available, but other forms of talent or entertainment are welcome! If you have a specific karaoke song, please bring your own track. Please let us know if you are interested in performing either by letting Presidents Martha, Rosa, Frances, or Mary know and/or copying Mary Boyd or Janet Wilemon. We want this to be fun, low-pressure, creative, and, well, a little competitive. "Big WOVI" will decide a best talent winner for the evening!

Other activities will round out the evening, set for 5:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, December 10, at the Olive Garden on Belt Line at Midway in Addison (home of the WOVI Addison chapter!) Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided by WOVI, Inc. We'll all sing a little, be entertained by the best stars of all, indulge in a Silent Auction, and have a gift exchange (up to \$10 value). We will Catch! That! Holiday! Spirit! and get everyone relaxed and having fun just prior to the final push for the holiday season!

So, here is what you need to do now:

1. Mark your calendar for December 10

2. Invite your friends (Make a list and check it twice!)
3. Decide on how you want to entertain us and let your president know (Showcase YOUR talents!)
4. Donate to the Silent Auction (Details and contact info to follow)
5. Purchase a gift for the gift exchange (optional) with a value of up to \$10
6. RSVP now to [HolidayParty@wovi.com](mailto:HolidayParty@wovi.com)

See you there!

Mary Boyd & Janet Wilemon

PS: Questions? Email [HolidayParty@wovi.com](mailto:HolidayParty@wovi.com).

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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

**CATCH! THAT! DREAM!**

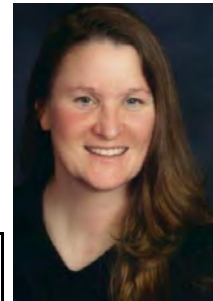
**InterestRings! Spark your imagination and creative flow!**  
Look at these opportunities to stretch yourself and learn something new!

**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
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, November 23, 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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Pauline Shirley [ps@PaulineShirley.com](mailto:ps@PaulineShirley.com)

Lisa Hill [lisaghill@verizon.net](mailto:lisaghill@verizon.net)

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ArtistRing has a busy month of October. They attend Art exhibit in honor of Ann DeRulle. Then early in month, present Dream Catcher to Pauline at Leadership Summit

by Angie De Anda

WOVI ArtistRing enjoyed an evening of art at the "Yours Mine & Ours" exhibit, where Ann DeRulle displayed her art, along with the work of Aaron Baird. The focal point of the exhibit was a magnificent and moving triptych (shown in the background) entitled "The Soul's Journey". The piece



was a collaborative work, which clearly expressed an exceptional spiritual connection between these two gifted artists. It was clear that the crowd was deeply moved by the work, and an excellent presentation by the two artists only heightened the impact. Congratulations Ann, on an incredible endeavor.

## ARTISTRING PRESENTS PAULINE A BEAUTIFUL DREAM CATCHER AT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



ArtistRing with Ann DeRulle at Art exhibit



Angela DeAnda surprised Pauline with a handmade Dream Catcher signed by all the conference attendees. It was a special and sentimental memento for Pauline.

## 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 receives Outstanding Chapter the the Year Award for 2014-2015!



Addison Chapter was recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday at the Leadership Summit for Outstanding Chapter of the Year! Addison meets at noon on Wednesdays and has a very active membership and large numbers. Congratulations Addison! But do note: Addison challenged all the other chapters to best them next year! The challenge is on ladies!

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## WOVI Flower Mound - Grapevine Re-opens with a new beginning

by Debra Sanford

WOVI Flower Mound - Grapevine moved to a new venue, at the Stacy's Furniture, third floor Community room. We have a beautiful conference room and plenty of room to grow.

October we rocked with speaker Joanne Marceau, and in November Anne Barab addressed us with "The Sooner you Laugh, the sooner you Heal". Focusing on facing life vicissitudes with humor and joy gives you a great perspective and softens the ride.

Our new caterer from Urban Flair, Chef Bruno, brings creative French Cuisine to every meeting.

Big changes, exciting new speakers and great opportunities allow us to reach more Visionary Women of the Southern Denton and North Eastern Tarrant County areas. Next meeting we are looking forward to a holiday fun event with a warm Christmas meal, crafts and music. Join us on December 8th, 5:30 to 7:30 at Stacy's Furniture in Grapevine.

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## WOVI McKinney gives thanks and welcomes Judge Angela Tucker on Nov 17th

[WOVI McKinney](#) - by Frances Pelley:

McKinney WOVI on November 17th welcomed Sherman native and the first African American District Judge in Collin County's history. Judge Angela Tucker of the 199th District Court is making history after starting life at under three pounds and given little chance of survival. At an early age she observed the effects of divorce and learned that knowledge of the law was power--determining to become an attorney in third grade. She attended law school at Southern Methodist University, served as Assistant District Attorney and now makes decisions on family law cases.



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## WOVI North Dallas Hot Streak of Speakers, Silent Auction and Awards

[WOVI North Dallas](#) - by Mary Mukhtarian:



The North Dallas Chapter had a smashing success with the Silent Auction in October, chaired by Barbara DeBord and Lisa Zahn, following Ana Hernando's speech "It's all in your head: How to achieve personal success through the art of self-talk and the science of neuroplasticity." In November, a genuine beauty queen, Tara Hooper, guided us through the intricacies of being fashion savvy.

At the Awards Luncheon during the Leadership Summit in October, several North Dallasites were recognized as outstanding officers including: Lisa Hill, VP Administration; Lisa Zahn, VP Mentoring; Bellann Hyten, First Vice President; Danni Babik, President's Award; and Mary Mukhtarian, Chairman's Award. Now North Dallas has set its sights on pursuing the outstanding chapter award. Watch out Addison!

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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 January 1, 2016.



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