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## WOVI Inc. The Vision Newsletter-2016

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WELCOME WOMEN OF VISION TO 2016!

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**WOVI 2015-16 Theme  
is: CATCH! THAT!  
DREAM!**



Chairman of the Board, Pauline Shirley writes...Hello to the wonderful women of WOVI. Time to "Catch! That! Dream!"

From the Chairman of the Board: Pauline Shirley  
Happy New Year to you and all the wonderful women of WOVI!

Here are my New Year's predictions for you!

You will have a phenomenal year - your best ever! Because you are a member of WOVI and have a mentor! You gain confidence as you mentor someone! You will accomplish and exceed your goals to your extreme astonishment while you support someone in reaching and surpassing her dreams and goals!

I also predict that you will have a letter in your mailbox soon reminding you that it is time for you to make an investment in yourself as you renew your membership in WOVI. When you do that, remember you are also renewing your loyalty along with your commitment to WOVI. Those of you whose dues are paid through June, you don't have to renew your dues at this time, but please renew your loyalty and commitment: Your commitment to participate, to appreciate your mentor and to value the Leaders of your Chapter as you enjoy all the many benefits WOVI has to offer.

More predictions:

WOVI will generate eight new Certified Mentors this year! Will you be one?

The Annual Conference for Women in April will be the best ever. You'll be there!

The Mentor Recognition Luncheon in October will surpass previous successes in honoring fabulous women for their mentoring! You'll enjoy this event!

Take a moment to consider what you gained, learned or enjoyed during 2015. It is with confidence and pleasure that I share with you the breakthrough I experienced in 2015. I evolved to the point of being comfortable in telling the women in my life, that I love them! I'm curious as to what 2016 will bring. Let's be prepared to Catch! That! Dream!

Warm WOVI regards,  
Pauline Shirley  
Co-founder and Chairman

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News from the Management Council President, Mary Mukhtarian

Hello Fabulous WOVI Women:

## 20/20 Vision

Mark your calendars for these important WOVI dates:

February 20 - LeadersRing

April 23 - Annual Conference

September 24 - Leadership Summit

October 14 - Mentor Recognition Luncheon

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What an exciting new year this is turning out to be! We are still enjoying the aftereffects of our holiday activities, and feel empowered with a great new theme: Catch! That! Dream!

Plans are underway for a successful new year, full of opportunities to bring out our inner best. There is always something in WOVI women that comes out whenever an opportunity presents itself, like we see in the InterestRings that bring out the creativity of members, and leadership opportunities as practiced at chapters and WOVI wide.

For this year, let's bring out our wish list of where we see ourselves in the future, and make each wish a reality. We already have writers blossoming, artists spreading and leaders sprouting everywhere. Let the WOVI initiative guide us to create a reality for ourselves based on our dreams. While there is no guarantee that the WOVI experience will find you your life mate or your ideal job, you can be sure that you will be a more confident, accomplished and appreciated person this year more than ever before.



To ensure success, let us all share ourselves with the WOVI women who treasure us most. Let our dreams become the dreams of those who do not dare dream, and let our achievements become the achievements of those who do not feel that they get it. Trust WOVI's mentoring model to bring the best support to all those who may need it, but mostly want it, and then sit back and enjoy the magic of Catch! That! Dream!

Warm WOVI regards,  
Mary Mukhtarian  
President, WOVI Management Council

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## WOVI Holiday Party Lights up the December Night!



By Janet Wilemon and Mary Boyd

### Did you Catch! That! Talent!?

If you missed the WOVI 2015 Holiday Party and Talent Show, you missed the "best ever!" And we missed you too. It's always a great chance to get together, mingle, shop, mingle, exchange gifts, mingle and, oh yes, sing and dance. Yes, oh what fun we had. We got RAVE reviews on our first ever talent show.

We want to thank WOVI Addison for hosting us at the fabulous Olive Garden in Addison. Their hospitality, along with the OG's fabulous waiter, Mike, kept us comfortable, fed, and



WOVI Flower Mound-Grapevine sang, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas!" With dream catchers falling around! Here are Lynda Foley, Heidi Giddan, Deb Sanford and Rosa Holley



North Dallas Chapter performed a hilarious original Holiday Skit on how to plan a holiday party without Parliamentary procedures. Here are the actresses: Pauline Shirley, Janet Wilemon, Mary Mukhtarian, Bellann Hyten, Lisa Hill, Barbara Debord and Laura Burford.



WOVI board sits back and relaxes during Holiday Party, Mary Boyd, Linda Mercier, Mary Mukhtarian, Martha Campbell, and Pauline Shirley and that is our waiter Mike in the foreground.

even entertained. And, kudos to Barbara DeBord, Angela de Anda, Lynda Foley and Debra Sanford who gathered wares from around the Metroplex to seduce us into purchases to satisfy our needs...and wants. Almost \$800 went to WOVI, Inc. for further funding and events for 2016. Now we can all Catch! That! Dream!

What ensued next at this event was a WOVI first-a talent show! WOVI Addison had 2 groups that sang and danced to some fun holiday songs-some in chipmunk voices and one in Spanish! But the dancing was unsurpassed. It could have been the music...or the wine...but arms were flailing and hips were swaying. A beautiful sight indeed! The WOVI North Dallas Chapter entertained the group with a skit on how to prepare for a holiday party-without ANY parliamentary procedure-and with a giant gavel!



Addison Chipmunks (Rosie Champion, Cindy Watson, Angie DeAnda and Rachele Maniago) look around after giving a rousing rendition of Feliz Navidad and the Chipmunk Christmas Song of Cheer!

The final planned event was our gift exchange. But what happened next was both unexpected and unpredicted. WOVI women and our fabulous guests hung around and kept up the mingling.

No one wanted to leave! The party was definitely a great respite during the busy holiday season.

Lots of WOVl events are being planned for 2016 and we hope you can attend as many as possible. Make use of your membership and join in the chances to mentor and lead! But at the top of your list and every meeting agenda, start planning for next year's talent show. We need more!!!

Happy New Year-make it the best ever!!



#### A Word of Thanks from WOVl By Mary Mukhtarian

Our sincerest gratitude goes to Mary Boyd and Janet Wilemon for organizing this outstanding party.

Additional thanks go to Barbara DeBord who led a marvelous team in spearheading the annual Silent Auction which had the dual purpose of raising funds for WOVl and giving all a jump start on holiday shopping. Thank you to all the generous members who donated one-of-a-kind items that filled several tables and took a while to peruse. There were desirable hotel stays, holiday ornaments, handmade jewelry, unique clothing items, sought-after service offerings, expensive wine and household items which Barbara and her team collected and displayed meticulously.

Get ready for the next one. Just 11 months away!

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## What's Coming UP NEXT! Here are some important news for you to use!

**WOVl Mentor Certification Program starts January 23rd REGISTER NOW!**

To WOVl'S wise and wonderful members!

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2016  
MENTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM! HALF PRICE (this time only) SPECIAL!**

**REGISTRATION LIMITED TO THE FIRST EIGHT MEMBERS.**

**Start 2016 strong! Catch! That! Dream! Become a Certified Mentor!  
Join the select group of talented WOVl leaders who are  
Certified Mentors**

**Program begins January 23, 2016.**

**For WOVl Members Only.  
Due to the special reduced rate this program is for WOVl members only.**

**Half price special only \$475.00. Regular fee is \$950.00. Option to pay in four payments.  
First payment \$175.00. Three remaining payments of \$100 each due prior to monthly**

session.

Space is limited to 8 participants.

Register now. First registered. First accepted.

Register online at [www.wovi.com](http://www.wovi.com) via PayPal or download form and mail.

Location: RICHARDSON, TEXAS. Exact address to be supplied upon registration.

There will be no make up sessions. All sessions are live and in person.



Important requirement: You must find your own mentee outside of WOVl for this experiential learning program.

#### Schedule

All dates are second Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (except for first session, January 23, 2016 -(this date is different from what was previously promoted) and certification ceremony during the Annual Women's Conference in April 23, 2016)

Bring a brown bag lunch to all sessions

Sessions to be conducted on the following dates

Four - four-hour sessions

January 23, 10 AM - 2PM Brown bag lunch

February 13-10 AM - 2PM Brown Bag Lunch

March 12 - 10 AM - 2PM Brown Bag Lunch

April 9 - 10 AM - 2PM Brown Bag Lunch

Questions? Or want a registration form emailed to you so you can pay with check by mail? Send message to [woviex@wovi.com](mailto:woviex@wovi.com)

Click here to [Register](#)

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January is Dues renewal time... time to invest in yourself for another year of amazing growth!



#### Catch! That! Dream! Invest in Yourself!

How often do you truly invest in yourself? Now is the time to reinvest in yourself as you renew your membership in WOVl. The reminder letter that your dues are due is soon coming to the mailbox of all members who paid for the entire 2015 year. As well as invest in yourself, you can save as you invest, by renewing for the entire year. You save \$20.00 by doing so. This special advantage is only available during January or July and only if you renew for the twelve months. Your other option is to renew for six months and pay \$60.00.

You may renew online at [www.wovi.com](http://www.wovi.com), pay by check by using the form and envelope you receive in the mail, or pay at your next chapter meeting.

Anyone not renewing on or before your February chapter meeting will be required to pay the guest rate.

The benefits of your being a member of WOVl include the following:

- Reduced Member rate at any and all chapter meetings, the Annual Conference and events.
- Reduced Member rate as a vendor at the Annual Conference
- You get an assigned mentor
- You become a mentor to another member
- Participation in any and all of the InterestRings including the ArtistRing, WritersRing and LeadersRing.
- Opportunity to be the Spotlight Speaker at your chapter meeting.
- And a myriad of valuable benefits that are more important than monetary value.

Don't be late, RENEW NOW and get the WHOLE year at the bonus renewal rate of \$100 for the year, or \$60 for Jan - Jun (six month) rate.

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## The WOVI Inc. LeadersRing event is coming this FEBRUARY 20th! Save the date!

WOVI LeadersRing is first event for the New year

By Mary Mukhtarian

WOVI will have the first LeadersRing of 2016 on Saturday the 20th of February, from 1:30-3:30pm at the On the Border in Addison. LeadersRings are free training and educational events that help members, especially officers or those who wish to be officers, to learn more about WOVI activities and to address questions about issues that matter to them.

Would you like to learn how to share WOVI with others? This LeadersRing will focus on the skills of promoting the personal advantages that can be gained from joining WOVI, and the numerous opportunities that WOVI provides for free through its members and InterestRings such as ArtistRing and WritersRing.

Would you like to know how others do it? We'll listen to the experiences of Board and other members who have successfully invited guests who have become members.

In addition, we will have a leisurely MentoRing exercise with individuals who will probably be from other chapters, giving you a chance to have ideas bounced off of new members you do not see every month. WOVI will provide light snacks for your benefit.

Registration information is coming your way soon. Even though the event is free, registration is encouraged to order appropriate numbers of snacks.

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## WOVI DID YOU KNOW? interesting tidbits from the board

### THE NEW WOVI TECHNOLOGY TEAM

By Mary Boyd

Join me in congratulating our new WOVI Technology Team for 2016:

Danni Babik, North Dallas Chapter  
Barbara DeBord, North Dallas Chapter  
Martha Campbell, Addison Chapter, Team Lead & Mentor

This is a powerhouse year for WOVI, and our outstanding Technology Team is poised to improve the electronic image of WOVI by innovative means. They will be managing the WOVI website to ensure information is updated accurately and in a timely manner. They will also be adding new features to our site to improve the representation of the Mission, Vision and Values of WOVI.



The WOVI Board created this dream team to achieve success through combining the individual technical and creative strengths of each of its members. The level of technical expertise they bring to this team hasn't been seen in WOVI for some time. We're grateful for and appreciative of their dedication to making WOVI and all its members successful for this year and the future. So when you see them anywhere, please thank them personally for improving our lives!

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Catch! That! Dream! Our 2015-2016 theme means so much and more!

Catch! That! Dream! by Janet Wilemon

I just wanted to comment and emphasize this year's theme: Catch! That! Dream! Maybe you are wondering what it means and what's with all the exclamation points!

Each word is important and necessary to achieving your dreams and goals and aspirations!

Catch! is an action word, it's vigorous. And catching covers both sides of the coin. When you chase something you are actively running after it so you can catch it or, alternatively, receiving it inwardly-as in catching a ball. So take steps to get up and dash after something you really want this year. Or, get your mitts on and get ready to snag it when it comes your way.



That! The adjective is even important in our theme. Your objective should be very specific AND you should always write it down AND share it with someone! The odds go up significantly if you merely write it down and exponentially if you share it! Remember, it's not just "a" dream, or even "THE" dream, but something YOU want exactly, precisely, completely. Yes, THAT one!

Dream! It's something requiring imagination, more than a goal. It's ambitious and something that will drive you to get up when you fall. By focusing on it daily and concentrating your efforts, you will achieve and celebrate it with the help of your WOVI mentors!

Think of a few dreams and goals right now. Write them down and then tell your mentor about them!

Catch! That! Dream! It's a powerful theme. It requires work, focus, thoughtfulness, introspection, vision, drive, and action! I love it!

Our values statement for WOVI, Inc. reminds us that we CELEBRATE self and others. Be sure to pass along your success stories to your mentor, to your chapter's members and guests during WOVI Moments, and to this Vision newsletter so we can party with you.

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

WritersRing Meeting for January is in a special Location!

by Kathy Garland



On January 25 from 7 - 9 p.m. WritersRing will have a special program to kick off the new year. Our Guest Speaker for January is Rita Bailey, author and owner of Up to Something Partners, who will share with us how to make our writing and publishing journey easier. She will discuss topics such as when to seek a publisher, what publishers are looking for and how to approach a publisher.

We will meet at Rita Bailey's office at 4340 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75244 from 7 - 9 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016. Her office number is 214-402-9198.

Come join us for this important meeting for writers, and kick-off a successful year of writing!

Please register so we know who will be attending. You can email [kathy@kathygarland.com](mailto:kathy@kathygarland.com) with questions or to find out more.

**BIG NEWS! STOP THE PRESS! WOVI WritersRing MEMBER, LISA HILL, GETS PUBLISHED!**

The members of the WritersRing celebrate Lisa Hill's success in signing with a publisher for a children's book she has been writing since she joined the WritersRing. Congratulations, Lisa! We look forward to seeing your book in print! We are all so proud of your accomplishments!

Please contact one of the following members for more information:

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ArtistRing members dropped in at the Plano Art Association Gallery to see Cyndi Watson's beautiful framed quilt entries. This was Cyndi's first gallery participation. GO CYNDI!



Rachelle Maniago, Cyndi Watson, Rosie Champion and Angie De Anda.

## 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 rings in the New Year following receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award



WOVI Addison let their hair down in December for a wild and wonderful Christmas party, where the ladies just relaxed and visited each other, broke bread and had fun.

In January they welcomed speaker Tasha Williams with the presentation: "You are Significant by Design."

The Addison Chapter meets at 11:15 am on the first Wednesday of the month at Olive Garden in Addison.



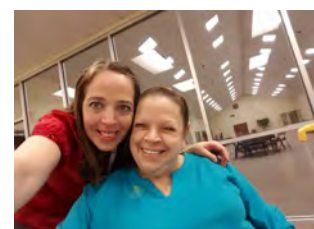
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## WOVI Flower Mound - Grapevine dips into Essential Oils in January

by Debra Sanford



WOVI Flower Mound - Grapevine met on January 12th. Our guest Speaker was Amy Frisbie with Good Health is easy with Essential oils. We explored many natural health remedies and Amy showed us how she makes her own home made homeopathic soaps, bath salts, lip balm, perfume and many other household uses. WOW! What a fun presentation! Thank you Amy for your wonderful presentation.



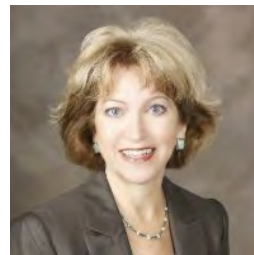


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## WOVI McKinney hosts Mentor Madness Month in January!

WOVI McKinney - by Frances Pelley:

January 26th is the first meeting of the year for WOVI McKinney--and we will welcome a new member--Leigh Ann Kloppers who was interested enough from a casual conversation with our President at a fundraising event to follow up and inquire more...how many of us miss the opportunity for new members because we don't talk about our WOVI buzz often enough?



We will host a Mentor Madness Month and focus on developing a stronger bond and relationship with our mentors--there will be an activity to improve communication and goal setting for our mentor match and a challenge to start the year committed to growing our leadership through mentoring.

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## WOVI North Dallas Gets Organized in January!

WOVI North Dallas - by Mary Mukhtarian:



WOVI North Dallas is inviting everyone to our meeting on Thursday January 21st at the Aberdeen bldg in Dallas with Certified Professional Organizer, Nancy Peham.

In her presentation, Nancy will talk about some of the common roadblocks to getting organized, and how to get around them.

She will share simple steps to keep you moving forward toward your goals, and discuss strategies for maintaining your success.

According to Statistic Brain Research Institute, the 2nd most frequently cited New Year's Resolution for 2015 was to get organized. Although people start the year with optimism, they often find themselves getting stuck or discouraged along the way.

Come join us in North Dallas to learn how to start the year organized and uncluttered.

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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 March 1, 2016.



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