



WOVI Inc. The Vision Newsletter-Jan 2017

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New beginnings! Happy New Year! Celebrate with WOVI!

15 Years of Empowering Women to Lead and Mentor with Strength and Grace

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From the Chairman of the Board: Pauline Shirley

Greetings! And Happy New Year!!

It's 2017! Can you believe it?

The holidays are over and here we are thinking about our New Year's Resolutions and plans for 2017. What resolutions did you make? What are your plans? Have you written them down? If you have not, it's not too late. Do so as soon as you finish reading this newsletter. Once that is done, think about how WOVI can help you fulfill your resolutions. To begin with, share them with your mentor, ask her to hold you accountable and to encourage you as you check off your resolutions list. Then share them with other WOVI members. When we share our goals and plans verbally with others, we feel more responsible to ourselves to complete and reach them. With the help of WOVI, make 2017 the first year you have ever fulfilled your resolutions in your life! Wouldn't that be absolutely amazing! Think of how you will feel as that happens.

As this new year unfolds, ask yourself, "What has my membership in WOVI done for me? When I ask WOVI women what WOVI has done for them, I get a multitude of answers from, "It has changed my life," to "I now have the confidence to do what I've always wanted to do," to "having a mentor has introduced me to experiences and skills, I never imagined I could have." Some say, "At every meeting I learn from the speaker and gain great insight from the MentoRing exercise. It has been awesome!" And on and on. It is amazing what the difference WOVI makes in women's lives.



Feb 18th - **WOVI 15th Anniversary** [LeadersRing and Open House!](#)

April 22 - Annual Conference

June 1 - WOVI 15 year Reunion

July 15th LeadersRing

Sept 30 - Leadership Summit

Oct 20 - Mentor Recognition Luncheon

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How has WOVI changed you? Make a list so you realize the changes you have experienced. They are there! Think about it! Write them down! Internalize the difference between what you were like before WOVI and how you are now! Often we experience changes that are so gradual we give little thought to them quickly forgetting how we were before.

Please read through this entire newsletter for information about what WOVI is offering you in the way of upcoming events. Make the most of every opportunity. You never know what you will gain by participating.

Pauline Shirley,
Co-founder and Chairman of the Board



With warm regards,
Pauline Shirley

Co-founder and Chairman



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News from the Management Council President-Elect, Debra Sanford

Hello my dear WOVI friends,



Happy New Year! We have so many exciting things happening in 2017 for Women of Visionary Influence.

To start, the February LeadersRing is also an OPEN HOUSE! Open to members and the public to come check us out! Celebrate with us.

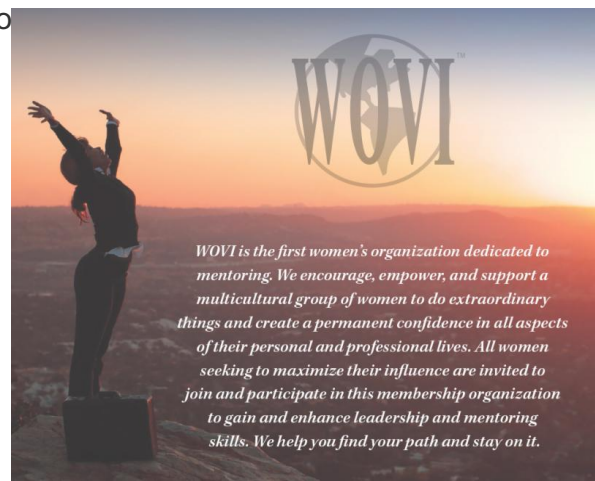
We are going to celebrate WOVI's 15 years, explore modern women of influence, grow our leadership skills in a workshop and do some *speed mentoring!* WOW! All in two hours of time! Do set aside time on your calendar for February 18th and bring a friend. Details are below so keep reading!

We are looking for volunteers to work on the Annual Women's Conference for April. This is our signature event and always SO MUCH FUN! Send me an email [Debra Sanford](#), and let me know if you can join the Conference Committee and be a part of the ACTION! This is your opportunity to let your **voice** be heard, your **visionary influence** be known, and your talents **SHINE!**

As we celebrate our 15th year, let us look forward to a bright future for Women of Visionary Influence. Let's make the next 15 years the best WOVI years ever!

Heartily,
Debra Sanford
President-Elect
WOVI Management Council

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WOVI is the first women's organization dedicated to mentoring. We encourage, empower, and support 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. We help you find your path and stay on it.

Christmas Mix n Mingle - Photo Story

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling! Ring ting tingling too! Look and see what fun we had as WOVI women gathered around the table for the annual Holiday Party Dec 1st at The Olive Garden in Addison. The room was filled with happy smiles and joyous wishes for all!



One of the highlights of the WOVI Holiday Party was the Silent Auction. Many of us did some early Christmas shopping with the fine selection of donated items.



One of the special moments was hearing the hilarious tale of Queen Amen from the Addison Chapter. Queen is deathly afraid of flying, and she used this as the topic for her award-winning speech. She shared with us her hair-raising tale, which she used to win first place in the District 50 Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest this fall. Congratulations Queen!



The Evening Entertainment Continued as Chapters performed in the now traditional Talent Show. WOVI Addison stole the show with a humorous rendition of *The Night Before Christmas*.



'Twas the night before Christmas... Ma was in her cap....she was awake from her nap...



With a twinkling of her eye and a tug of her nose, up the chimney she rose.



With hilarious costumes and a tongue-in-cheek performance, WOVl Addison moused their way into our hearts!

WOVl North Dallas performed a skit about how we have all been "Paulinized" by Pauline's great mentoring.

WOVl Flower Mound performed a WOVl Bell Rock song.

The evening concluded with a fun gift exchange game. As we passed right and left, until right up to the end of the story, we each had just one gift left we could keep! It was a lovely, fun way to start the holiday season with our WOVl Friends!

Happy Holidays and Joyous New Year!

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What's Coming Up Next!

Here are some important news for you to use!

Come Celebrate 15 years! LEADERSRING & OPEN HOUSE

WOVl 15 YEARS of EMPOWERING WOMEN to MENTOR and LEAD with STRENGTH and GRACE!



WHO? WOVl Chapter Leaders, Members and Guests
WHEN? Saturday February 18th 1pm - 3pm
WHERE? On the Border on Belt Line at Midway
 4240 Belt Line Rd, Addison, TX 75001
WHY? We are celebrating 15 years and YOU need to be there.
 This is a no host lunch. Appetizers will be provided. BYOL

Women of Vision, come celebrate 15 Years of WOVl and building women leaders the WOVl Way! Become part of the next 15 years. Join us on Feb 18th for the LeadersRing and Open House. This session will focus on learning on how to "Get the Best from Yourself and Others" by:

- Meeting and greeting WOVl women leaders from all across the metroplex: Chapter leaders, Management Council and Board members.
- Developing your leadership skills with a workshop on building WOVl teams.
- Participating in our speed mentoring exercise!

Don't delay! Register today! Be with us to celebrate our anniversary & join in the LeadersRing. RVSP TODAY!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

The LeadersRing is led by the Management Council. It serves as a time for Chapter leadership team members to meet and share best practices with other Chapters. Members in leadership positions, or anyone wanting to know more about leadership skills are encouraged to attend.

NOTE: Chapter Presidents, please attend the PresidentsRing at 12:15-12:45 pm. This is a great opportunity to have one-on-one with Pauline Shirley.

See you in February!

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Blog..blog..blog..blog.. BLOG! WOVl Announces New Blogging Opportunity for Us!



Announcing: WOVl's brand new Blog. WOVl is Looking for new blog posts from our members. Do you ever just write because you just have to get something down on paper? Have you been looking for an opportunity to be published?

WOVl now has a blog and is seeking contributions. To see what has been posted already, visit <https://woviblog.wordpress.com>.

Submit your short entry to the blog to wovix@wovi.com. The Blog Committee will review your entry and let you know when it will be posted. Our plans include gathering enough entries in order to post a new one frequently - once or twice a month or more. Consider writing about something that relates to WOVl's purpose and values. Or it could be a tribute to your mentor or to what you have learned/gained because you are a member of WOVl. Most of all it should be something of interest to all women.

To further recognize and appreciate you, please include with your blog a short bio about yourself - 20 to 40 words, so our readers get a more personal feel of your article. You get the credit and you can say you've been published in a blog!

Submit a WOVl blog and you will be sharing your thoughts and ideas with the women of WOVl and with women around the world!

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

The WritersRing Dallas .. was mystery writer night.



By Lisa Hill

Happy New Year from WritersRing-Dallas!

The first meeting for the year was Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Panera Bread, 730 E Campbell Rd Suite 300, Richardson, TX 75081 from 7 PM to 9 PM. The January writing topic was "Success Stories 2016" and was led by Pauline Shirley. Our guest speaker was Mystery Writer, Joyce Ancell.

Plan to join us next month in February on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Use your pen and imagination to create your new vision of the future.

Please contact me at lisaghill@verizon.net for more information about WritersRing-Dallas or visit us at a monthly meeting.

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The WritersRing McKinney!! Yes we have two WritersRings!

with Judy Womack

WOVI McKinney now has their own WritersRing. If you are interested in writing and live in the north eastern metroplex or McKinney area, come join the WOVI McKinney WritersRing every third Tuesday of each month. Contact Judy Womack for more information.

WOVI Writers Ring:

(third Tuesday of each month)

Reba's Ranch House

5036 Reba Drive

Denison, Texas 75020

5:30 P.M.

judy@judywomack.com



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WOVI's EmpoweRing is BACK!

by Pauline Shirley

Remember the EmpoweRing? Those wonderful supportive sessions where WOVI women shared their ideas and plans, got great feedback, and were even held accountable for their shared plans and goals?

It made a difference in the lives and successes of many women. It's back! And in full force!

There will be two sessions each month of this wonderful benefit of your membership - two sessions to meet the differing needs of you, the wonderful WOVI member. You may come to one or come to both, you decide.

The EmpoweRing will also be at two different locations. At the Holiday Party, we gave out forms for you to fill out expressing your preferences for times and locations. The results are as

follows: Starting in January and February:

The fourth Saturday of each month–
January 28
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Corner Bakery on Montfort, north of Belt Line

AND

The second Wednesday of each month–
February 8
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Panera's, southeast corner of Campbell Road and Central Expressway,
Richardson



Come check the one out that fits your schedule. You'll be glad you did.

What happens at the EmpoweRing you might ask? We discuss our plans and goals. We ask for and get feedback that will help us reach our goals and then we ask to be held accountable to accomplish something specific of our own choosing prior to the next EmpoweRing.

The EmpoweRing can be compared to a group mentoring session or a MasterMind group. At the next session we get to share what we have accomplished and get kudos for our efforts and accomplishments. That's it in a nutshell, but come and be a part and see what actually happens. Have a friend you want to invite? Please bring her. Guests are welcome to participate in two sessions without being a member. After that they are excited about joining. It's a great way to introduce someone to the wonders of WOVI!

Pauline Shirley,
EmpoweRings Facilitator

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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 Raises Money for the North Texas Food Bank



By Karla Marie

As part of celebrating and connecting during the December chapter holiday luncheon, WOVI Addison collected \$410 for the North Texas Food Bank. This money has been doubled thanks to a special grant, so in all, WOVI Addison donated \$820! NTFB estimates \$1 feeds 3 children. We were thrilled to celebrate the holidays by helping to feed 2,460 children!

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WOVI Flower Mound - Creating and Practicing Our 30-Second Elevator Speech



Peggy Edge

WOVI Flower Mound - Grapevine welcomed Peggy Edge on Jan 10th. She inspired us to plan and create a 30-second elevator speech and improve our marketing of self to others. It was a great way to jumpstart the New Year with new and improved personal outreach to create a good first impression.

We will be back on February 21st*, with Speaker Veronica Sikes, a certified Conflict Resolution and Zig Ziglar speaker! Her topic will be: "Goals Properly Set Launch Success". Be there with pen and pad in hand to hear how to make those New Year's Resolutions turn into solid successes!

*Note, February only, we will meet on the third Tuesday! We wish every visionary woman, a happy and fun Valentines day on the 14th, then come and see us on the 21st at La Madeleine, in Flower Mound on the corner of 1171 and 2499. See you there!

For more information contact President, [Rosa Holley.](#)

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WOVI McKinney hosts Plumbing Pioneer Keresa Richardson in January

WOVI McKinney



Judy Womack,
President WOVI
McKinney

WOVI Addison Keresa Richardson is the extra-special speaker at WOVI McKinney on January 30th. You don't find too many women in the plumbing industry. Keresa Richardson believes that this trade definitely needs a woman's touch. Keresa and her husband (J.R.) own several companies and are celebrating 33 years in business together. They were among the first "pioneers" of the now nationwide franchise, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing. Keresa supported over 200 franchisees nationwide as the Brand President until she resigned April 2014. In addition to the BFP franchise they own and operate Lawton Group, a conglomerate of entities operating in Texas, Colorado and Minnesota.

Keresa is a passionate about women in business. She believes in the power of quality service, customer satisfaction and the Golden Rule. Keresa is a native Texan a graduate of Texas A&M University and holds two master's degrees.

Keresa and her husband JR have established missions work in South America along with many local charities. Keresa spends much of her time consulting with small business owners, serving in her local church, and is active in various community and political organizations. She recently co-authored a book entitled "Making a Difference" available on Amazon.com. She is the mother of 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 "grand dogs".



Keresa Richardson

Contact Judy Womack (judy@judywomack.com) for more information.

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WOVI North Dallas creates Vision Boards at December meeting

WOVI North Dallas - by Lisa Hill

Happy New Year from WOVl North Dallas!

If you missed our December meeting, you missed a great gift exchange and the creation of vision boards.



We have some terrific meetings planned for 2017! Lauren Midgley visited us at the January meeting to encourage us to "Overcome the Overwhelm." What she taught us is life-changing! In February, Nikki Nanos will encourage us to "R. O. C. K. your Communication." Did I mention the marvelous MentoRing? It is not to be missed!



Please join us the third Thursday of each month at Romano's Macaroni Grill, 4535 Belt Line Road, Addison, TX 75001. Registration and social time begins at 6 PM. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

Please visit the WOVl website for more information. Other ways to follow WOVl North Dallas are via the North Dallas Facebook page and Meetup. Don't forget the Constant Contact emails. You can also email me at lisaghill@verizon.net for more information.

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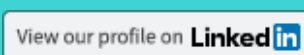
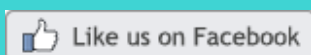
I hope you enjoyed this issue of The Vision. A special thanks to everyone who contributed stories for this Vision. This is the beginning of a year-long celebration of WOVl moments and accomplishments of wonderful WOVl women as we celebrate 15 years of WOVl. Celebrate with us!



Debra Sanford
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President-Elect and
VP Communications,
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Do you have a knack for writing? Would you like to be a contributing writer to the Vision? Share it with us! Let us know what's happening in your corner. Email your interest or stories to: [Vision News editor](#). Next Vision submissions are due by March 1st.



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