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From the Chairman of the Board: Pauline Shirley



Happy New Year!!

I wish all of you the best year ever, and why shouldn't it be? You have all of WOVI supporting, encouraging and wishing you the best. It just doesn't

get much better than that!

At the risk of repeating what I wrote last year, let me encourage you to make the most of having a mentor by sharing with her your resolutions and goals for 2019 and asking her to hold you accountable for staying on target to accomplish them. What a convenience and motivation that is! Make 2019 the year you fulfill those resolutions and meet your goals without a doubt.

Mentoring is all the rage. Just over the last couple of weeks, I read an article in a magazine expressing the importance of having not one but multiple mentors. Then I heard a sports announcer comment on how much a particular football player has improved and giving his mentor credit for those improvements. And here we are in WOVI, where all of us have a mentor!!

Although I don't use this term often, WOVI is also a sisterhood. Not everyone has a sister with whom you share the same parents, but in WOVI we all have a sisterhood. This was



Mark your calendars

for these important WOVI dates:

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April 27 -- Annual Conference
for Women

July 13 -- LeadersRing

Sept. 28 -- Leadership Summit

Oct. 25 -- Mentor Recognition
Luncheon

Dec. 5 -- Holiday Social



obvious at the funeral services for Martha Campbell, former WOVI Board member. The turnout of WOVI sisters was impressive, and everyone who spoke at the services talked about how important WOVI was in Martha's life. While sisterhood isn't part of how we typically describe or promote WOVI, it does exist and makes a difference in the the impact WOVI has on us.

If you haven't yet set goals or made resolutions, it's not too late! Do it now and share that information with your mentor. Let her support and hold you accountable in reaching those goals. Let's make 2019 the best year ever for each of us -- and for WOVI.

With love,

Pauline Shirley
Co-founder and Chairman of the Board

News from the Management Council President



It's a new year. It's a time filled with new possibilities and infinite opportunity. Are you ready to move forward? Are you ready to pursue the things that set your heart on fire?

This year theme is WOVI Lights Your Fire! I hope you've taken the time to determine the goals you hope to accomplish this year. Perhaps you need to go back to school to attain a new degree. An idea for a new business may lie deep inside most of the time but finds its way to the forefront of your thoughts about this time each year. This may be a good time to explore your passions and move into a new phase of life.

Have you shared some hopes and dreams with your mentor? She is there to give you another way of looking at things, a person who can give you her insight as you explore.

Keep the fire burning. Come to Chapter meetings and take part in the MentoRing. The exercises may give you ideas to help you on your quest. Listen to the speakers, they may present an idea that gives you the boost you need to move forward.

I look forward to talking to you about the new things you did this year.

Yours in service,
Charlene

Charlene Burroughs
Management Council President

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A Sad Farewell

December brought devastating news for WOVI. We learned of the passing of two members of our WOVI family. In her column in this issue our co-founder Pauline Shirley spoke of our WOVI sisterhood. Never do we feel this more strongly than when we support each other in times of loss. We cherish the memories of our two WOVI sisters.

Martha Chinn Campbell
December 30, 1964 - December 19, 2018

Martha Campbell became a member of WOVI Addison on June 1, 2009. She wasn't one to shy away from challenges, and on the day she joined the WOVI she volunteered for the Addison Chapter Leadership team. She was asked to join the WOVI, Inc. Board in 2013 and that same year became the President of the Management Council. She was recognized by WOVI with several awards as well as a Chairman's Award.

Martha was the epitome of the spirit of a WOVI woman and took great pride in sharing WOVI with others. She made friends easily and was always smiling, listening and finding out how she could help. Martha loved mentoring, and many times she took on several mentees at once. She loved many things, but she was proudest of being a U.S. soldier. Martha worked to help female veterans and became a spokesperson for several female veterans' organizations in the DFW area. Her next love was Malcolm, her cat of more than 10 years. She will be missed but leaves a legacy of compassion for people and especially for women.

Jill Joiner Roberts
June 27, 1958 - December 29, 2018

Jill Joiner Roberts of Sherman touched many lives through her passionate faith and genuine love for others. Jill had a heart for being active in and serving the community. At the age of 11, she began her days of serving at the Easter Seal Society during her summers off from school. Jill went on to serve as a Brownie leader, Bible teacher, school volunteer and PTA member for her daughter's school. She originally was a member of WOVI Red River, then became a dynamic part of WOVI McKinney.

Words cannot adequately express the depth to which Jill will be missed. In the words of her sister Jennie, "Few people on the planet have as many people who cherish and respect them as did Jill. The only thing bigger than the Jill-sized hole she leaves behind is the huge legacy of love, commitment, encouragement and wisdom she has poured into the lives of others."

Rest in peace, Martha and Jill. Your spirit and commitment will be sorely missed.

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Debra Sanford Named DFW Cares Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Immediate Past Management Council President Debra Sanford for being recognized as the DFW CARES Volunteer of the Year for 2018. Debra logged more than 500 hours of volunteer service with the following organizations:

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Toastmasters International
- Boy Scouts of America, Circle Ten Council
- Women of Visionary Influence
- DFW Airport WIN
- The Gatehouse



Sean Donohue honors Debra Sanford as DFW CARES' Volunteer of the Year.

InterestRings! Spark your imagination and creative flow! Look at these opportunities to stretch yourself.

WOVI's EmpoweRing -- the First and Still Making a Difference



The first of WOVI's Rings, the EmpoweRing, has made a huge difference in the lives of many WOVI women over the years. You can be the next! The new year is a good time to check out the EmpoweRing and see what it can do for you as well as what and how you can support others.

What is the EmpoweRing, you wonder? Simply put, it's group mentoring with a healthy dose of accountability on the side. It meets once a month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Panera Bread at the southeast quadrant of Central Expressway and Campbell in Richardson.

What do you want to accomplish in 2019? The EmpoweRing will help you meet your goals, live up to your New Year's Resolutions and truly make a difference.

Send an email to woviex@wovi.com expressing your interest and to be included in the reminder emails that go out prior to the meeting each month.

Start by putting the second Wednesday of each month on your calendar. You'll be glad you did!

*Pauline Shirley,
EmpoweRing Facilitator*

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WritersRing Dallas

Each New Year begins with a series of serious questions. Here are a few for you to ponder:

- Will 2019 bring the perfect new you?
- What's your Word of the Year?
- What sort of goals will you set?
- Are you planning a Vision Board?
- Which pesky resolution do you plan to ignore first?
- Is writing part of your 2019 goals?

The above questions are wonderful when planning our individual success. How do these successes fit into WritersRing-Dallas? Our writing topic for the January meeting is: "It's a New Year". Please bring your monthly writing topic and samples of your writing to share with the group. Encouragement and education is provided to each member. We look forward to sharing our writing goals and plans on Monday, January 28, 2019. Please mark your calendar to be a part of the first step to a successful 2019.

Please join us on the fourth Monday of the month (except December) at the Panera Bread, 730 E Campbell Rd. Suite 300, Richardson, TX from 7 to 9 pm.

Please [contact](#) me for more information about WritersRing Dallas, RSVP on MeetUp or visit us at a monthly meeting.

*Lisa Hill
WritersRing Facilitator*

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

See what other Visionary Women are doing in their worlds. Have some time? Get out and visit another Chapter!

WOVI Addison Celebrates Winter and Members' Success

WOVI Addison Chapter members and guests had a great holiday party in December, and we have pictures to show for it! Gretchen Marten was our elf for the day and made us all laugh as she led our gift exchange with a left right...right left. When the final left right ended, we each opened our gifts and showed what we had received. Then Mother Winter appeared all in white to let us know what to expect in the coming months. Valery Guignon was a sheer delight as she shared the tales of winter and how Mother Winter came to be.

In the traditional spirit of giving, our members wanted to donate to the North Texas Food Bank. Members and guests donated \$260, and the Friends of Sammons Enterprises and Beaumont Foundation of American matched the donation for a total gift of \$520. It only took \$1 to provide six holiday meals this Christmas because of the matching opportunity. Thanks WOVI Addison members!



Valery Guignon delighted as Mother Winter

As most of the women in the Chapter are business owners, their focus this past year has been twofold: business and personal. Cynthia Duke-Birowski quadrupled her sales on Etsy and hopes to do even better in 2019! Cathy Ostmeyer was able to check off her bucket list her trip to Israel and Jordan. It was a life-changing event for her. Dana Call, our Medicare expert, saw her business almost triple with 95% of her business coming from referrals. Kelsel Thompson, VP Administration, is happy to have joined WOVI Addison and committed to full participation in the organization. We love it!



Sheila Riddle, VP Finance, showed what it really means to be a mentor to a family member in need. She was able to connect with a niece who needed her and because of her time was able to truly show what mentoring really looks like to a woman who will never forget that mentoring with love. Mary Lozano, VP of Communication is proud as she took steps towards fulfilling her goal of creating opportunities through her healing practice to

help others reach their highest potential. Our newest member, Donna Valentino, invited WOVI members from across all Chapters to join her on her podcast to talk about your New Year resolutions. She is also doing a monthly segment on "From the Heart" if anyone would like to join her. You can reach out to Donna at tennisace12@gmail.com.

As the president of the WOVI Addison Chapter, I'm blessed to be in the company of such magnificent women who consistently give back to others and their communities, not because they "have to" but because they want to. To me this is mentoring at its finest! 2018 was an incredible year for many in the WOVI Addison Chapter -- not just in business but personally as well! We welcome 2019!

*Mary Boyd
President
WOVI Addison*

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WOVI AMC Celebrates the Holidays with Art

Ho, ho, ho and mistletoe! WOVl Arlington Mid Cities took a break for the holidays and celebrated with an ArtistRing activity for the Chapter. Meeting a week early on December 17th, members and guests showed off their artistic talents by painting holiday designs on stemware. Giggles and sighs were abounding as each member showed off their masterpiece. Each took their homemade custom stemware home for the holiday.

This January, Arlington Mid Cities will be back on the last Monday of the month, January 28th, with our exciting speaker, Miste Anders Clemons, speaking on "Having a Purposeful 2019".

Miste is a Master Certified Life Coach; she mentors women, families and companies with tips, tools and techniques to assist in stress reduction, and to enhance performance, productivity and living purposefully. Intrigued? Join us on January 29th at Los Jimadores Restaurant, 3314 Harwood, Euless, TX.



One of the spectacular creations of WOVl AMC members



Deb Sanford
President
WOVl Arlington Mid-Cities

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Welcome WOVl Garland/Mesquite!

A new WOVl Chapter is taking off! Known as WOVl Garland/Mesquite, the newest Chapter in WOVl meets the second Tuesday of each month at IHOP on Interstate 30 in Mesquite. Three meetings have taken place and, besides current members and leaders, the Chapter already has four Charter Members! It's growing quickly, the meetings have been exciting and the speakers well-received.

A debt of gratitude is due Charlene Burroughs, Monnica Rose and Kathie Clark for jumping in and making this happen! They found a location, asked co-founder Pauline Shirley to speak on this year's theme at the launch meeting, and started inviting friends and gathering leaders. Truly inspirational! Attendees from other Chapters have been very supportive and encouraging to the newly-appointed leadership team. Even with WOVl, it "takes a village"!

The Chapter has almost filled the roster of Leadership team members and is well on its way to achieving official launch status. We encourage you to visit us the second Tuesday of each month. Start time is 6:30 pm at IHOP in Mesquite, (701 Interstate 30-westbound service road at Greenbelt Parkway). Come early to register and order food. Cost to attend is just \$5 for members (of any WOVl Chapter) and \$15 for guests. Visit and join as soon as you can and be a Charter Member! You will be glad you did!

Upcoming dates:

February 12, 2019: Nancy Little, PhD, Unity Spirit of Aloha

March 12, 2019: Peggy Edge, Owner, Edge Consultants

See you there!



*Janet Wilemon
President
WOVI Garland/Mesquite*

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WOVI McKinney Rejoices with New Opportunities

During the holiday season WOVl McKinney members had a fabulous opportunity to connect at one of our leaders' home in Van Alstne, TX! Our celebration kicked off with appetizers each member brought to share. We then moved on to general catching up and, of course, some wine to get us going. Our 2018-2019 Leadership team was present and ready to encourage thoughtful processes for the New Year.

We moved into song and celebration with a guitarist leading us through holiday songs and fellowship. Live instruments from each member gently joined in as we sang. This was such a wonderful opportunity to connect with our fellow WOVl members and gave us an opportunity to rejoice on what our New Year has to bring!

Join us Tuesday, January 29th as we bring in the New Year at our next WOVl McKinney Chapter Meeting. We are so looking forward to having you with us!



*Michel Morales
President
WOVI McKinney*

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WOVI North Dallas -- a Home Away from Home

Happy New Year from WOVl North Dallas! Our New Year's Resolutions are Personal Growth and Don't Give Up!

We ended 2018 with a bang! Our Christmas party was a huge success. We gave our friends at Vogel Alcove a generous donation to continue doing their good work for homeless children. We now have a birdhouse hanging in the hallway at Vogel Alcove as a token of our donation.



Pauline Shirley shows off the birdhouse now hanging at Vogel Alcove.

In 2019, we're excited to see our line up include speakers for personal growth in all fields. We're also excited to see our membership grow and current members making ripples in the world by starting new WOVl Chapters!

We encourage all women to continue not only improving themselves but also each other. Often our support systems change as life spreads us farther away in time and distance. WOVl is your local support system! North

Dallas is a home away from home. We encourage you to find your WOVl home.

Please make plans to visit us on the third Thursday of each month at:

On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina
4855 Belt Line Rd.
Dallas, TX 75254

Plan to arrive around 6:00 pm for social time and to place your food order. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

There is a meeting fee of \$5 for members and \$15 for guests. Food is available for purchase from the menu. Need more information? Please visit the WOV North Dallas page on the WOV [website](#). Follow us via the WOV North Dallas [Facebook page](#) and [Meetup](#). Feel free to use #WOV #empoweringwomen when checking in!

We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting!



*Dawndi Tomlinson
President
WOV North Dallas*

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Create your Vision with WOV Sherman

The WOV Sherman Chapter is thrilled to start the year with three brilliant speakers for January, February and March -- a Judge, Rita Noel; an entrepreneur with multiple businesses, Sheila Kluss; and a businesswoman close to our hearts, Deb Boring. Each woman has a great story to tell of how they got where they are today. As with all WOV speakers, I'm sure each listener will find a takeaway nugget of wisdom from each one.

Before the Christmas break, we had our annual holiday party. What was really special was that it ended up being a large group of us, spanning a 50-year age range, sitting in a circle and sharing who we are and where we've come from, sharing funny stories and finding commonality. It was a true WOV party with genuine connection and a forum for all!

One of our aims for 2019 is to have growth in our membership numbers, by being a sought-after solution for local women who are looking for greater connection. We are ready to "light your fire", so spread the word to come and join us! Your first time is free!

One of the things that makes WOV SHERMAN different is that we have food sponsors providing yummy finger foods or samples from their menus, and we offer wine, tea and water.

We meet every month on the third Tuesday 5:30-7:30 pm

227 S. Travis
Sherman, TX
Free first time, \$20 Guest, \$10 Member

Find us on Facebook and Instagram @wovisherman

Let us help you create a vision for yourself so that you can have the best year yet. Hope to see you there!

*Tania Tuck
President*



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Did you miss any of these WOVl events? Then you missed out on incredible growth and learning opportunities. And you missed a chance to meet and mingle with our fabulous WOVl women!

WOW! What an Awesome Mentor Recognition Luncheon!

The WOVl Mentor Recognition Luncheon lights up Dallas with heart-warming stories of mentoring and service. Amidst the autumn afternoon, a delicious lunch and an intriguing keynote speaker thrilling the audience, Women of Visionary Influence took pause to recognize amazing women who are making a difference in our communities and the world.



Kristan Gross, Mentor of the Year

Our 2018 Mentor of the Year was Kristan Gross, Global Executive Director of Vision Impact Institute and Essilor. She leads an all-female team of global direct reports in U.S., India, Europe, South Africa and Singapore. Through her passion for breaking down stigmas around wearing eyeglasses, Kristan impacts the lives of girls and women around the world. Her work is primarily focused on leading discussions with governments, key opinion leaders and change makers about how healthy vision changes the lives of people on a global scale. This is only one aspect of Kristan's life, one filled with passion for helping women. She's also a strong supporter of ending domestic violence and is leading the cause for change in the workplace. Congratulations Kristan!

This year's Mentor Recognition Luncheon was the best ever! The nominees for the award were phenomenal women from across the Dallas and Fort Worth area. The nominees came from corporate, education, nonprofit and the community-at-large. It was amazing to see such accomplished women taking the time to give back by mentoring others. This year it was so clear from each nominee the importance of "paying it forward".

Congratulations to all of our Mentor of the Year Finalists:

- Jatun Dorsey, PhD, US Bank -- Mentor of the Year, Media
- Gail W. Utter, Utter Wealth Management -- Mentor of the Year, Corporate Community Outreach
- Heather Hughes, The Deaf Action Center of Texas -- Mentor of the Year, Nonprofit Advocacy
- Lisa Rose, The Gatehouse -- Mentor of the Year, Nonprofit Women & Children



Honorees and their Nominators, l to r, Patrice Withers-Stephens, Dr. Jatun Dorsey, Judy Womack, Kristan Gross, Marilyn Bice, Gail Utter, Nancy Bateman, Heather Hughes, Jerry Haden, Lisa Rose

Our keynote speaker, Lea Ellermeier, presented "From High School Dropout to CEO...How Mentors Impacted My Life." Lea recounted a courageous and soul-searching ride through her troubled youth. She overcame family troubles and personal addictions with tenacity and courage, and endured and persevered to become successful in her field. Lea recounted how mentors stood beside her. They encouraged her to take steps to restore her health and paved the way for her to successfully return to the business field. She attributed her success to the mentors who made a difference in her life. Even now, she pays it forward with an outstretched hand to other women who need encouragement and resources to start over and make a new life.



Lea Ellermeier presented an emotional, inspiring keynote.

Lea was very touched when our moderator, Frances Pelley, surprised her with a thank-you gift of an old-fashioned record player. The record player represented a time in her youth when Lea sold Christmas cards to earn money to buy a dearly wanted record player. She learned that selling Christmas cards in the summer was really difficult, but when she began to link it to her goal, she was able to realize success. It was a moving conclusion to Lea's presentation.

Yes, WOV had another very successful Mentor Recognition Luncheon, and we all are committed in 2018-2019 to pay it forward!

*Mary Boyd
Board member
President, WOV Addison*

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WOVI Women Know How to Party!

November 29, 2018 was a date that will live in infamy! Okay, maybe not. But it was the date that WOV women came together for food, fun, laughter and

general hijinks at our annual Holiday Party. This year the party was held at the Olive Garden in Addison. The food was wonderful, but it was secondary to the good cheer felt throughout the room. Join us for a photo journey through the evening!



Janet Wilemon can make funny faces and register people at the same time!



Glenda Heil and Peggy Campana enjoy the scrumptious buffet.



WOVI Addison once again took home the prize for best skit with Chipmunks Angie DeAnda, Peggy Campana and Sheila Riddle!



The Chipmunks led us all in singing carols.



Everyone sang!



Event organizers Mary Boyd and Janet Wilemon celebrated the party's success. Job well done ladies!

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Wow, another new year! Do you find yourself asking "Where did 2018 go? Didn't it just start?"


In an exercise at the recent LeadersRing, we were asked "What's your favorite year?" My answer was "this year". I have a saying displayed multiple places in my home -- "The present is the point of power". Yes, every single day, every single moment is your chance to shape your future, to achieve your goals, to set in motion the currents of your life. Be aware of those moments! Don't let them pass you by.

Kathie Clark
Board member
VP Communications, Management Council

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