

Woodstock Professional & Business Women

January 2015

“ Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.”

Groucho Marx

NEXT MEETING:

January 19, 6:00 pm

Home State Bank

on the Woodstock Square

Cost: \$20

You must RSVP to E-vite or to Katie Parkhurst (Katnap34@owc.net or 815-474-7046) by noon Friday, January 16, *whether you are coming or not*

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Newsletter

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appy New Year!

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. I know Dale and I had a great time with other WPBW members at our December meeting at the Public House's new space in the Old Courthouse. Thank you Donna, Katie and Shelly for a very pleasant evening!

So far January has been very busy tying up the end of 2014 and getting a jump on 2015. So I suggest you get away from the goal-setting and planning and spend an evening with us at Home State Bank and hear what is happening in Woodstock in the next year. Cort Carlson will be our guest speaker and he has set some time for questions.

And it is time to begin thinking about Lynn's team for next year. She will need a Vice President, Secretary, and Committee Chairs for the next year. Over the next couple of months we will be asking you to help. We need you to take on one of the Leadership roles. It is a great time to learn more about our organization and help shape it; and to build on your skills at the same time.

Be thinking about where you believe we should be heading over the next five to ten years—and how you can make it happen!



Looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Cary Sue

WPBW Programs

January 19:

What's Going on in Woodstock?

Cort Carlson, Community and Economic Development Director for the City of Woodstock, has been involved with the ongoing renovation and restoration efforts of the Old Courthouse building and many of the other projects now underway around town. He will talk about them as well as the proposed Enterprise Zone, the property maintenance code and what that means for keeping Woodstock a quality place to live and work.



Before coming to Woodstock, Cort spent seven years as the Executive Director of the McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau, developing the County's first tourism marketing campaign that included the launch of visitmchenrycounty.com. He also developed its first visitor guide and achieved certification by the Illinois Office of Tourism, which enabled the CVB to greatly increase its marketing reach through state tourism grant dollars.

Here's your opportunity to get an inside look at plans for the future of Woodstock. Cort will be happy to answer your questions after his presentation, so bring plenty of them.



Thank you to these members who have volunteered to bring the following:

Meeting

January 19
February 16
March 16
May 18
June 15

Wine

Lynn Fiala
Sandy Pierce
Sherry Thurow
Doreen Paluch
Lesley Smith

Raffle Item

Phyllis Close
Donna Besler
Glenda Miller
Sherry Thurow
Chrissy Blair



WPBW Minutes

Meeting of November 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Cary Sue Lavan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introduction of members and guests.

Minutes The October minutes were approved by the membership upon a motion by Sandra Pierce and second by Maria Childers.

Treasurer's Report Phyllis will take a check for Christmas Clearing House when she goes to the meeting on Friday. Ellen Kalinowski made the motion to approve the report. Second was made by Noel Thelander and the report was approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

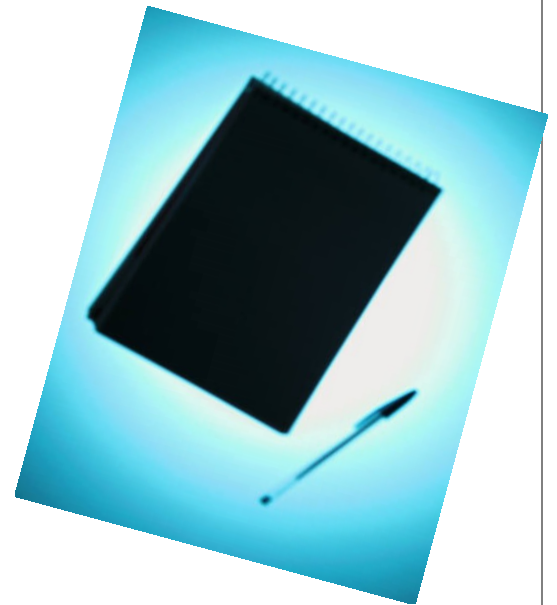
Woman of the Year – Dorene Paluch is chairing again, and asked for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact her (dtplaw@sbcglobal.net).

Scholarship — In Tina Hill's absence, Cary Sue spoke about the work of the scholarship committee and asked for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Tina (Tinarenee78@gmail.com) or Cary Sue (carysuelavan@yahoo.com).

Garden Walk — Will not take place this year.

Discussions & Announcements: Lynn Fiala reminded everybody about Christmas Clearing House and Tag Days, and ran over the schedule of times and dates.

Program: Guest speaker Leslie from Expressly Leslie spoke about her entrepreneurship in launching her restaurant on the Woodstock Square. Expressly Leslie was voted best vegetarian restaurant in McHenry County for 2014. This past October marked her five-year anniversary.



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**A non-profit,
non-sectarian and
non-partisan
organization
dedicated to active
community service
and the elevation
of standards for
women in business
and the professions**

MEMBERSHIP

Open to employed or retired women who support the objectives of WPBW and desire to serve the Woodstock community

ANNUAL DUES

\$40, payable in September

Women

*Promote education and
the community*

*Build friendships and
become better business
and professional women*

Winners

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