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President's Message

I always enjoy our PIW meetings. The women in our group bring so much to the table (literally)! We bring our strengths, our joy, our hopes – not to mention our frustrations! We are all balancing so much in our lives; it is incredible to be a part of this dynamic and supportive group. What a privilege to serve this year.

Looking at the upcoming meetings for the 2016-2017 season – I see all the work our program committee has been doing to get ready – a special thank you to the committee. Also, a special thank you to Jenny Peters for stepping up and agreeing to work on the archive project. This is just the type of volunteering we need to be doing. Jenny will need help, so if you think you can spare some time, please connect with Jenny directly.

My hope for this year is that we all find our work/life balance, and we continue to find joy in all that we do. We all have special talents; some that have been revealed and some still waiting to be revealed. Please jump in and reach out and join a committee if you have not done so yet. If serving on a committee will put your life/balance out of whack, maybe help the organization by bringing a guest to our next meeting. Expanding our membership is something we all can do!

Sincerely submitted,

Rose Rothecker

PIW Mission Statement

Professional Insurance Women is a networking organization whose mission is to promote the professional and personal growth of its members by creating an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and mutual support.

PIW provides a forum for communication among insurance providers, brokers/agents, and buyers; used to enhance the understanding of the insurance profession.

September Meeting Recap

PIW's annual business meeting on September 21 was well attended. There were 31 members present for the meeting.

Committee chairs provided their end of the program year report to the membership, and all members had the opportunity to sign up for committees. It's never too late to get involved! Being actively involved with a committee is an excellent way to meet other PIW members, network, learn more about PIW, be engaged in PIW's mission and serve our colleagues in the insurance industry.

Please contact a Board Member or Committee Chair to participate or find out more about any committee.

16-17 Executive Committee

Rose Rothecker, President
Gerri Olson, President-Elect
Shannon Bros, Vice President
Lori Sapp, Treasurer
Sam Millner, Secretary

16-17 Committee Chairs

Rose Rothecker: January Meeting
Gerri Olson: May Meeting
Cindy Stauffer: Facilities
Marty VonDrasek, Audit
Sue Garaghty: Continuing Ed
Sam Millner: Media/Website
Jennifer Slater: Programs
Shannon Bros: Membership
Cindy Mikolajczyk: Summer Outing
Lori Sapp: Finance and Insurance

Welcome Alicia Marchioni

Alicia is currently a Senior Underwriter at Chubb and has worked there for the last 10 years in various positions. In her spare time, she likes football, fitness training, and charity work. Her latest volunteer work includes being a team captain for the Alzheimer's Association and on the planning committee for the American Lung Association inaugural Oxygen Ball.

Membership Dues

The beginning of the 16-17 PIW year means membership fees are due. Payment is due on or before November 1, 2016. Dues paid between December 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 are subject to a \$10 late fee. If dues are not paid by January 1, 2017, the PIW member will be automatically removed from membership.

Head over to the [PIW website](#) to pay your dues via PayPal.

Members

\$60

Associate Members

\$30

Upcoming Meeting

Our next **open** meeting is **Wednesday, October 19** at the DoubleTree Hotel in St. Louis Park.

The topic is "Raising Financially Aware Kids" and will be presented by Donald Droegemuller, CFP, Peak Financial Consulting.

Head over to the [PIW website](#) for the full details and to pay the meeting fee via PayPal.

Membership Spotlight

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why? I have a bucket list of places I want to visit sometime in the future, the top of the list is Greece. I think the coastal views are breathtaking. I love the historic side of Greece and the relaxation of being at the ocean. Hopefully we'll get there someday!

Do you have any kids (2 legged or 4 legged-furry)? I don't have any children, but I do have a dog, Riggins. He's a 2 year old mini golden doodle and thinks he's a human.

What is your favorite restaurant? My favorite restaurant is 4 Bells. I love southern food and the rooftop patio is really cool.

Any upcoming vacations planned? I don't have any planned vacations, but I will be visiting Rochester, NY in October for a wedding. I'm looking forward to exploring a new city.

What is your best childhood memory? One of my favorite childhood memories is visiting my grandpa in Gruene, TX and learning to Texas 2 Step at the Gruene dance hall.

Katie Boardman, Account Manager, Encore Unlimited

Have You Visited Our Website?

PIW is on the web! Here, you can pay for upcoming meetings and annual membership dues. As a member, please make sure to request to be a part of the website, and create a member profile. This is how we will be tracking our roster going forward.

Visit www.piwmn.com.

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16-17 PIW Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars now. Here is the beginning schedule of our 16-17 PIW year.

You can always view our schedule for additions and changes [online](#).

DATE	TYPE	TOPIC	GUEST SPEAKER
Wednesday, October 19	Open Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Raise Financially Aware Kids	Donald Droegemuller, CFP Peak Financial Consulting
Wednesday, November 16	Open Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	The Ten Minute Leadership Challenge	Margaret Smith, President UXL Consulting
Tuesday, December 6	Open Afternoon 4:00 – 7:00PM	Annual Holiday Reception Rojo Mexican Grill	
Wednesday, January 18	Open Afternoon	Topic TBD Hosted by January Committee	
Wednesday, February 15	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	The Role of Good Nutrition in Health & Wellness	Jena Frizelle Nourishing Nutrition Wisdom
Wednesday, March 15	Open Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Presentation Skills/Impromptu Public Speaking	Eve Simpson Energizers Toastmasters Club
Wednesday, April 19	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Transforming your Passion into a Career	Lisa Berg, Owner Suitcase Therapy
Wednesday, May 17	Open Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Topic TBD Hosted by May Committee	
Wednesday, June 21	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Topic TBD Hosted by Membership Committee	
July	TBD	Charity Event	
August	Afternoon/Evening	Annual Golf Outing	
Wednesday, September 20	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Annual Business Meeting	

What would YOU like to see?

If there is news, or items you would like to share with the membership, please send an email to the Executive Committee. We like to celebrate and highlight our members' accomplishments!

When a member loses an immediate family member, PIW provides a plant and condolence card to the member. We want to continue to support our members in times of need. Please contact a member of the Executive Committee any time we can provide this support.

PIW members are invited to attend an Executive Committee meeting if you have something you would like to present to the Board. Please contact an Executive Committee member to review the request prior to the meeting.

Newsletter comments and/or ideas? Contact [Sam Millner](#).