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## President's Message

I thought I would take a moment and thank all the various members at PIW that have done so much to make sure the PIW experience is a good one for each of us.

A big thanks to the Program Committee for all their work on the meeting content. The 2016/2017 schedule has been such a treat to attend each meeting.

The Executive Committee members have been super busy. Lori Sapp has worked to transition our banking services over to a new banking relationship and continues the diligent work on balancing the books. Sam Millner has done a wonderful job on the newsletter that we all enjoy each month.

Gerri Olson and the May Committee meeting members, including Jane Ditzler, are close to putting the finishing touches on the meeting. The topic of Cyber Security is very timely, the panel members are well respected in the insurance industry, and Travelers will be hosting the event. So, lots of good work going on there.

The rest of the committees continue their part and quietly go about their business. Hats off to each of you.

Volunteering is hard to do as it may feel like it is taking away from something else, but actually volunteering enhances your life quality. Our member spot light this month does a lot of volunteering in her free time and enjoys it very much. Ask Donna about her experiences and she will fill you in.

We do have an upcoming opportunity to volunteer as a group, so mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 19th at Second Harvest Heartland.

Sincerely submitted (and grateful),

*Rose Rothecker*

## March Meeting Recap



32 current and prospective members, as well as four guests attended our March open meeting at Great River Energy headquarters in Maple Grove.

Guest speakers Eve Simpson, from GRE and Dawn Hinton, Mrs. Minnesota USA provided us with tips to create and give successful presentations with confidence – without losing the audience, as well as techniques for impromptu speaking events. It was an enjoyable, lively meeting full of useful information.

Thank you to Becky Dobbs and Great River Energy for hosting our March meeting.

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## Upcoming Meeting

Our next **CLOSED** meeting is **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**.

Join Lisa Berg, Travel Consultant, Suitcase Therapy, as she shares her story of how she left a demanding job in the insurance industry and turned her passion for travel into a career. Lisa will also provide us with information about her new venture, Suitcase Therapy, and how she helps enhance travel experiences for her clients.

**Reminder:** bring your business cards for a business card exchange at the end of the meeting.

Head over to the [PIW website](#) for **more details** and to pay the meeting fee via PayPal by **April 13, 2017**.

*In an effort to reduce email traffic, a separate RSVP email **isn't** required if you use PayPal to pay for the meeting.*

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## PIW Gives Back

Save the date! On **Wednesday, July 19**, members of PIW will have the opportunity to give back. We will be volunteering at Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley from **1:00 – 3:30PM**.




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## PIW Welcomes New Member: Laura Iten

Laura has been in the insurance industry for 15 years and is an Account Executive with Travelers Insurance. She has her CIC and CRM and is working on her CPCU.

She is a wife and mother (two boys – 9 months and 7 years old). She enjoys walking, biking around the trails and parks by her house, culinary exploration (visiting restaurants and cooking), going on vacation, and spending time with friends and family. She volunteers for Junior Achievement, Best Prep, and Habitat for Humanity.

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## Save the Date

The 2017 PIW Golf and Summer Outing Committee have secured the date for the upcoming 2017 PIW Outing.

The date will be **Thursday, August 3** at Crystal Lake Golf Course.

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## Membership Spotlight

**If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?** I want to see more of Europe. I love history and am fascinated by the beauty and history of so many historic sites throughout the world. My life story has not yet allowed for much European travel and adventure so it's high on my bucket list.

**Do you have any kids (2 legged or 4 legged-furry)?** I am blessed with two adult sons and my husband David. Oldest son Brent is an MD in Podiatric medicine and half way through a 3 year residency in Staten Island, NY. My son Justin is living at home and in his last year at Dunwoody in Radiologic Technology program. I am a lifelong cat lover and have one cat Samantha.

**What is your favorite restaurant?** My favorite restaurant is McCormick's in Wayzata. I live in that area and find this to be a great dining experience.

**Any upcoming vacations planned?** Our next vacation will be a week in Phoenix/Mesa where we have some family snow birds enjoying the winter. I also plan another weekend trip soon to take advantage of NY while my son is there.

**What is your best childhood memory?** Family gatherings in rural Minnesota with extended family and lots of 4 legged friends around the family farm.

*Donna Larson*

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## 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.



## 16-17 PIW Meeting Schedule

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

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

DATE	TIME	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 <b>(2 CE Credits)</b>	2:00 – 4:00PM <i>(meeting)</i> 4:00 – 6:00 PM <i>(happy hour)</i>	The Manufacturing Transformation – an Era of Disruptive Complexity	Mark Locke Chubb Insurance <b>Meeting hosted at Aon</b>
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 <b>Meeting hosted at GRE</b>
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	You have a Cyber Liability Claim – Now What?	<b>Meeting hosted at Travelers</b>
Wednesday, June 21	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Topic TBD Hosted by Membership Committee	
Wednesday, July 19	1:00 – 3:30PM	Charity Event	Second Harvest Heartland <b>Golden Valley</b>
Thursday, August 3	Afternoon/Evening	Annual Golf Outing	
Wednesday, September 20	Closed Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00AM	Annual Business Meeting	