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Indiana Commission for Women

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Moving Women Forward

Welcome to our first e-newsletter! It marks an exciting next step in our journey to be the voice of women to the State of Indiana. It is the first in what we hope will be a series of conversations between the [Indiana Commission for Women](#) and our constituents. Here are just a few other activities we have completed:

- Updated our agency brochure which you can download at: http://www.in.gov/icw/files/ICW_brochure.pdf
- Launched an easy way to sign up from our website to receive email and wireless updates so that you can stay informed on issues of most interest
- Updated our website to provide the latest news, resources and events affecting women and girls around the state

It is our hope that we can keep *moving women forward* by encouraging them to retrain and become more educated, to connect better to their communities and to the services the State of Indiana provides, to build their own awareness of the opportunities and resources available to them, to start a business or to step forward as leaders in their industries and in their communities so that they can achieve economic stability and prosperity.

The Indiana Commission for Women exists to voice women's needs, concerns, challenges and viewpoints. We encourage you to join us in the conversation for the future of women and girls in Indiana so that we can shape the vision of what our society can look like when women have an integral role in resolving the challenges they face. You can help us to build collaboration and partnerships

- Patzetta Trice (Indianapolis)

between organizations and government agencies with missions dedicated to serving women.

About the Indiana Commission for Women

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is committed to understanding the needs of Indiana women and their families, and working strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions. We work to remove the barriers that hinder women's participation by raising awareness of the status of women and the issues they face; recognizing and promoting the contributions that Hoosier women make to the State of Indiana and providing balanced analysis of public policy that impacts women in Indiana.

Together, we can *move women forward!*

Sincerely,
Kristin Svyantek Garvey
Executive Director

ICW focuses on *Working Women in Transition*

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) will present *Working Women in Transition* to provide education, outreach and training as well as information, resources and networking for women as they face transition in their professional lives. *Working Women in Transition* will be held in South Bend in October and Indianapolis in November. *Working Women in Transition* gives women the forum to discover resources and options that can transform their lives as they prepare for their next career. Noted author, Linda Rendleman, will present real strategies for women who find themselves at a crossroads in their lives. Bringing her own story of transition – as a single mother, cancer survivor and business owner, she brings perspective to the many roles and challenges of today's woman and relates personally to each participant's unique journey. Each participant will receive her book, *Women Like Us: Real Stories and Strategies for Living Your Best Life*. At the end of the day, local women will be brought together to share their own success stories of how they made a career change.

PLEASE NOTE: The program in Evansville has been postponed. As soon as a new date can be scheduled for that area, ICW will send out a new announcement.

Dates and Locations:

South Bend

Friday, October 16, 2009
St. Mary's College
Student Center
South Bend, IN 46556

Indianapolis

Friday, November 6, 2009
Wynne Courtroom-Inlow Hall
IU School of Law-Indianapolis
530 W. New York Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

To register for a workshop, go to www.in.gov/icw/2372.htm. There is a charge of \$20 per registrant. Registration for each forum will begin at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Kristin Garvey, Executive Director at 317-233-6303 or icw@dwd.in.gov.

ICW thanks outgoing members for their service...

As we begin our new fiscal year, the Indiana Commission for Women would like to wish *Senator Vi Simpson* (Bloomington), *Rep. Suzanne Crouch* (Evansville), *Janie Craig Chenault* (Bedford), and *Melissa Martin* (Indianapolis) the very best as they depart our Board of Commissioners. We thank them for their many years of service to the ICW. Both Sen. Simpson and Melissa Martin have been instrumental in the establishment of the Commission and have been active on our Board since 1996. [Read more](#) about their reflections on their tenure as a ICW board member.

And we welcome our new board members...

The following individuals have been named to the Indiana Commission for Women

- Betsy Corridan (Zionsville), ICW Chair
- Sen. Jean Breaux (Indianapolis)
- Rep. Jacque Clements (Frankfort)
- Erin Houchin (Salem)

Ms. Corridan will chair the fourteen member board charged with understanding the needs of Indiana women and their families and working strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions. She begins her duties as Chairwoman immediately.

Nomination forms for the 2010 Torchbearer Awards now available at www.in.gov/icw

Do you know someone who is a true Torchbearer? Someone who has stepped forward to carry the light for women? Someone who has been a pioneer? Someone who has broken down barriers to women's full participation? If so, ICW needs your help to find this deserving woman. Nomination forms for the 2010 Torchbearer Awards are now available on our website at www.in.gov/icw/2334.htm.

POWER Scholarship Available for Non-Traditional Female Students

Non-traditional female students seeking financial aid are encouraged to apply for a scholarship program sponsored by the women legislators of the Indiana General Assembly. The General Assembly's Political Organization for Women's Education and Representation (POWER) has created a scholarship fund specifically for women 25 and older who are looking to enhance their lives through higher education. The intent of the POWER scholarship is to help women interested in gaining the skills necessary to earn a degree and advance their careers. Its primary goal has always been to make a positive impact on the lives of Indiana women as they strive to make a better future for themselves and the state. To further that goal, the women of the House and Senate have banded together to raise money for the POWER scholarship program, helping a few extraordinary Hoosier women achieve their goals. Two POWER Scholarships will be awarded in each of Indiana's nine congressional districts, one in the amount of \$1,000 and another in the amount of \$750. Online applications can be found at www.in.gov/power and are due by Nov. 15. A three person board in each congressional district will select scholarship recipients. Winners will be announced by Dec. 15 For more

information regarding POWER scholarships, please contact:

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Descriptions of additional grant and scholarship opportunities are available on our website at www.in.gov/icw/2413.htm.

Upcoming Events

(For a complete listing visit our website at www.in.gov/icw/2371.htm.)

- Oct 16 - *Working Women in Transition*, South Bend
- Oct 27 - *Life is an Echo*, Hazelett Women in Leadership Forum, Indianapolis
- Oct 31 - Hoosier Women Veterans Conference, Indianapolis
- Nov 6 - *Working Women in Transition*, Indianapolis

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