

A LETTER FROM THE WLN PRESIDENT

### Develop, Connect, Recognize

I always loved the month of November. When I was little, November meant my birthday, and Thanksgiving was right around the corner. Well, my birthday is still awesome, but I love that the Thanksgiving holiday brings so many signs of gratitude and generosity.

I went to store the other day and saw mugs, decorative signs, and much more etched with words like thankful, grateful, and blessed. It not only gets your thinking about upcoming holidays, but for me, it's a time to take stock in all that I am thankful for. Of course, my first thoughts go to my family, friends and good health. As I write my final letter of the year, I feel compelled to acknowledge my gratitude for this organization. Women's Leadership Network came into my life at the perfect time. I had just joined a primarily male dominated industry as one of five executive level leaders. It was a culture shock to say the least. A friend asked me why I wasn't a WLN member and told me to attend a luncheon as a quest. I attended my first luncheon and only knew a handful of people, but somehow I felt right at home. I had found the leadership peers I needed so desperately at that time in my career. Nearly eight years later, I am so fortunate and thankful to be President of this outstanding organization.

Thinking back to our wonderful conference this year, Marilyn Sherman helped us find a way to achieve critical items on our bucket list, and the courageous members at our TedX style luncheon presented to a room full of their peers. I feel so fortunate to be apart of these events, and make not just relationships, but lasting friendships with the dynamic women on the WLN Board. I am so grateful for each member of this organization. I may not know you all personally, but I know that because you have committed to being part of WLN, we have come together with same mission – to develop, connect and recognize each other.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and enjoy this season of gratitude.

Jen

President, Dubuque Women's Leadership Network

### **Welcome New Members:**

Stacey Abbitt Gabrielle Waddick **Amy Wright** Jeanne Saunders

Nicole Hutchison Amber Gassman Renae Schueller

Susan Kern Jenny Weiss Jessica McNamara Jackie Bettcher Stacianne Halverson Kathleen Logan

Kimberly Burnett Melissa Even Molly Grover

Justine Paradiso Natalie Boll Robin Hoerner Jessica Rolwes

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT W

# WLN Annual Conference

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, the Women's Leadership Network of Dubuque hosted the 16th Annual Women's Leadership Conference. The morning started off with keynote speaker, Marilyn Sherman. Marilyn offered solutions to patch up holes in your bucket list, so you can achieve more in your personal and professional life. After the morning keynote attendees picked between an Inclusive Dubuque Panel or Locus of Control - Who's in Charge of Your Destiny with Jamie Bishop. We ended the day with Laura Gminder, and learned to put our needs first, and everything else falls into place.

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## Meet our November Speaker, Jessica Reimer Jessica Reimer developed her M-Cubed program to share with fellow coworkers at John Deere Dubuque Works and is now

partnering with Challenge to Change (Molly Anderson Schreiber) to provide the program to the greater community. M-Cubed is a program that provides an opportunity for people to build resiliency through a combination of Mindset, Movement and

Meditation. Positive Mindset themes will be explored and developed; Movement includes Yoga, Qi Gong, and basic stretches that can easily be done in office attire; Meditation is guided and focuses on connecting your mind and breath.

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### MEET THE SPEAKER

-Cubed

Leslie Shalabi is co-founder of Convivium Urban Farmstead, a Dubuque-based nonprofit organization based on the idea of creating community around food. A lifelong lover of food and entertaining, she is dedicated to helping people find ways to connect through the universal languages of food and hospitality.

### **LOCATION**

Convivium Urban Farmstead

#### TIME

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

#### REGISTER

www.dubuguewln.org/events-ctws

Included in membership fee

Non-Members

\$10

### **OPEN BOARD POSITIONS**

featuring Leslie Shalabi

The following board positions are available beginning in 2019:

Member at Large, Secretary and Speical Events Director

If you are interested click here to apply by Nov. 7, 2018. New board members will be announced at the November Members Luncheon.



REMINDERS

**December Breakfast** 

JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY NETWORKING!

**Date:** Dec. 13, 2018 **Time:** 7:30 - 9 a.m.

**Location**: Shalom Retreat Center **Cost:** \$15 Members, \$20 Guests

RSVP: Noon, Friday, Dec. 7, 2018







### 2019 Membership

It is time to register for your 2019 WLN Membership! Membership registration will open November 1st through December 31st. Individual membership pricing is \$80. If you wish to register, please go to <a href="www.dubuquewln.org/join-now">www.dubuquewln.org/join-now</a>. Corporate memberships are also available. Organizations with 5 to 9 members receive a \$10 discount per member (\$70) and organizations with 10+ members receive a \$20 discount per member (\$60). If you are interested in a corporate membership, please contact <a href="Diana Miller">Diana Miller</a>, our Membership Director, for more information.

### CALLING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

If you are looking to be more involved in WLN, consider joining the Programming Committee. In this role you will help with monthly luncheon speakers, locations and meals. For more information, contact <u>Julie Kronlage</u>.

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