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NWIIWA WINTER NEWSLETTER

## NWIIWA NEWS

### THE NWIIWA MENTORSHIP COHORT PROGRAM IS LAUNCHING THIS YEAR!

For years, NWIIWA members have expressed a strong desire for a dedicated mentorship program, and we're thrilled to announce that the groundwork has been laid! The inaugural NWIIWA Mentorship Cohort Program is set to launch this year, offering an invaluable opportunity for members to connect, grow, and thrive through meaningful mentor-mentee relationships.



**AIDA ABUELIZAM**  
Chair of the Mentorship Committee  
and Vice Chair of NWIIWA

"Mentorship is one of the most powerful tools for growth," said Aida Abuelizam, Chair of the Mentorship Committee and Vice Chair of NWIIWA. "This program will not only foster personal and professional development but will also strengthen the community of incredible women who make NWIIWA what it is. We're building a space where women can learn from one another, share insights, and grow together."

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This program is a testament to NWIIWA's commitment to its mission: empowering women across all industries and building a legacy of collaboration and inspiration. Designed with members in mind, the mentorship program will address the challenges and opportunities women face while providing the tools to overcome barriers and elevate careers.

If you are passionate about empowering others and shaping the future of this program, consider joining the Mentorship Committee. Together, we can create lasting connections and drive meaningful change. Interested in joining the committee?

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## COMMITTEE & MEMBER NEWS

### NEW COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Our committee leaders are hard at work planning impactful programs and events. Join a committee today to contribute and make a difference!

#### Education & Networking Co-Chairs

Ari Baiz | Lerner and Rowe  
Shvonne Barber | Horizon Bank

#### Networking Subcommittee

Tamera Lienhart | BP Whiting Refinery  
Sonia Georgeff | Diamond Residential Mortgage Corporation

#### Purse Bingo Subcommittee

Deanna Chase | Horizon Bank  
Kathy Trebiani | Arcelor Global R&D

#### Mentorship Committee

Aida Abuelizam | NiSource

### NEW PARTNERSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS

#### New Premier Corporate Membership

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#### New Professional Memberships

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Debra Bolanos  
Dionne Maniotes Hulsey  
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## UPCOMING NWIIWA EVENTS

### DESIGNER PURSE & SUNGLASS BINGO: BIGGER AND BETTER PRIZES THAN EVER!

Get ready to experience Designer Purse & Sunglass Bingo like never before! This year, we've pulled out all the stops to bring you some of the most exciting prizes yet—including an exclusive raffle prize of a Louis Vuitton Neverfull Bandouliere Inside Out Bag!



Can't make it to the event but still want to support NWIIWA? You can join in on the fun by purchasing raffle tickets for our FOUR incredible raffle prizes—and if you win and are not local, we'll ship your prize directly to you! Raffle Tickets can be purchased today.

#### Raffle Prizes Include:

- 1ST PLACE:** Louis Vuitton Neverfull Bandouliere Inside Out Bag – \$2,300 value
- 2ND PLACE:** Michael Kors Bag – \$450 value
- 3RD PLACE:** Kate Spade Bag – \$430 value
- 4TH PLACE:** Coach Sunglasses – \$195 value

That's not all! For attendees, the excitement continues with plenty of purses and sunglasses you can win through our BINGO games.



With every game, you'll have the chance to take home fabulous designer items.

March 5, 2025 | 4:30pm to 8pm  
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church | Merrillville, IN

Arrive early to grab your lucky seat, scope out the prizes, and enjoy an evening filled with fun, networking, and unforgettable wins. Purchase your raffle ticket before they sell out! Every ticket and raffle entry supports NWIIWA's mission to empower and uplift women across Northwest Indiana.

Get Your Tickets &  
Raffle Entries Today

## NETWORK & CHILL HOSTED BY VEIN AND LASER INSTITUTE



Join fellow NWIIWA members for an evening of networking and self-care on February 11, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Vein and Laser Institute in Valparaiso, IN. Embrace the beautiful you this Valentine's season!



Check out All  
of Our Events

## SAVE THE DATES

### Influential Women Banquet

Celebrate the achievements of remarkable women at this prestigious annual event: Thursday, September 25, 2025  
Avalon Manor | Merrillville, IN

### Professional Women's Conference

Join us for an inspiring day of keynotes, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities: Wednesday, November 12  
Blue Chip Casino | Michigan City, IN

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## MEMBER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

### WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITH US

If your company hasn't added [Info@NWIWA.org](mailto:Info@NWIWA.org) to your list yet, you're missing out on great coverage opportunities. We are always proud to share good news about our members in our newsletters, social platforms, and more. When you share your news with NWIWA, it'll be seen by hundreds of business leaders throughout the Northwest Indiana community. It's one of the highest-value media offerings you'll find, and it's at your disposal.

Submit Your  
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## NWIWA IN THE NEWS DID YOU READ IT?!

The Nov/Dec issue of Building Indiana Business tackled the uphill climb women faced in leadership. Our very own Aida Abuelizam, and other leading ladies shared their experiences and demanded change. From breaking down biases to fostering inclusive workplaces, this issue was essential for anyone championing women's success. Plus, the issue also featured a six-page spread on the 2024 Influential Women Awards Banquet, complete with stunning photos and a list of all the inspiring winners who were making a difference across Northwest Indiana. You can read these amazing articles and many others on their website!

To Read it all Visit  
[BuildingIndiana.com](http://BuildingIndiana.com)



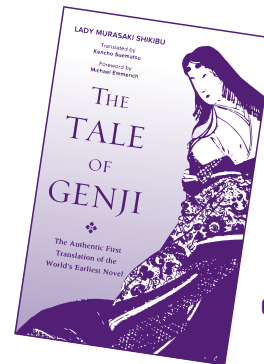
## DID YOU KNOW?

Here are some fun and empowering facts about women to inspire you!

Women-owned businesses are thriving:

**Over the past 20 years**, the number of women-owned businesses in the U.S. has **increased by 114%**, far outpacing the overall national business growth rate.

Women control spending:  
**Women drive 70-80%** of all consumer purchasing decisions worldwide.



The first novel ever written was by a woman: **Murasaki Shikibu**, a Japanese noblewoman, wrote *The Tale of Genji* over 1,000 years ago.

Dr. Sally Ride became the **first American woman in space** in 1983, and NASA's Artemis program is preparing the first woman to **walk on the Moon**.



Women continue to lead, innovate, and inspire across every field—just like you!

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