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NWIIWA SPRING NEWSLETTER

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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Our Mentorship Program is officially launching—and we couldn't be more excited! This initiative was created to foster meaningful, one-on-one connections between experienced professionals and those looking to grow.

Mentees will gain access to guidance, encouragement, and support from mentors who are eager to share their knowledge and experiences. Mentors will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact while growing through service and connec-

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COMMITTEE & MEMBER NEWS

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

We're excited to announce that Teri Wallace is now serving as Treasurer for NWIIWA! Teri brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the role, and we're grateful for her leadership on the board. Please join us in congratulating her!



NEW PARTNERSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS

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WORK WITH PURPOSE: STRATEGIES FOR REAL GROWTH.

FEATURING: SECRETARY JENNIFER-RUTH GREEN

Friday, July 18th | 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority

Discover What It Really Takes to Elevate Your Impact

Join us for an empowering morning with Jennifer-Ruth Green as she shares practical, transformative strategies to help professionals lead with clarity, confidence, and purpose. Whether you're managing a team, launching a business, or navigating the next step in your career, this session will help you unlock your full potential—not by doing more, but by doing what truly moves you forward.

Key Takeaways

- Align your strengths with your responsibilities
- Cut through distractions to stay focused on what truly matters
- Embrace mentorship—both giving and receiving—to strengthen professional pipelines
- Set expectations and communicate clearly to foster trust, adaptability, and growth

Why Attend?

- Practical Tools.
- Purposeful Growth.
- Powerful Results.

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NWIIWA NEWS

THE TABLE IS SET—AND THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU

There is a unique kind of strength that emerges when women come together—not to compete, but to uplift, empower, and grow alongside one another.

At NWIIWA, we see it every day. We see it in the conversations that spark confidence, the collaborations that open doors, and the quiet moments of encouragement that remind us we're never walking this path alone.

With over 500 nominations submitted this year for the Influential Women's Awards, we know just how powerful this community truly is. Over the years we have had over 10,000 people come together for our Influential Women's Awards Banquet. Every nomination represents courage, growth, leadership—and above all, a woman that's shaping the future of Northwest Indiana.

At our recent Nominee Mixer, we witnessed that power in real time. Women from all walks of life gathered—not just to celebrate, but to connect, to learn, and to stand beside one another. It was a reminder that no matter your title or background, there is always a seat at the table.

This network exists for you. But more importantly—it exists because of you. And your involvement is what continues to make NWIIWA a place where careers evolve, friendships flourish, and futures grow.



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MEMBER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

BRIAR RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB CELEBRATES FOUR EVANS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We're thrilled to share a proud moment from NWIIWA members Briar Ridge Country Club. This year, four of their outstanding caddies have been awarded the prestigious Evans Scholarship—a full housing and tuition college grant. The recipients, all young women, earned the award following interviews at the Evans Scholarship selection meeting in Fort Wayne on January 23.

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THE 5-MINUTE RULE FOR CONFIDENCE

Before your next big meeting, take five quiet minutes to:

1. Stand tall (yes, posture matters!)
2. Remind yourself of one recent success
3. Visualize the outcome you want
Confidence isn't about perfection—it's about preparation and presence. You've got this.

DID YOU KNOW?

Women who participate in professional associations are 68% more likely to say they feel confident stepping into leadership roles.

That's the power of connection. Keep showing up—you're shaping the future of our region's industries.



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WHY YOUR PRESENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SPACES MATTERS MORE THAN YOU THINK

You don't need a corner office to be a leader—and you don't need a title to make an impact. Sometimes, the most strategic career move you can make is simply showing up.

In a fast-paced world filled with deadlines, meetings, and responsibilities, it's easy to push aside professional development opportunities. But the women who prioritize connection, learning, and visibility are often the ones who see long-term growth—not just in their titles, but in their confidence, their networks, and their influence.

Here's why showing up matters:

Visibility Leads to Opportunity.

Whether you're attending a breakfast panel or speaking up at a committee meeting, being in the room increases your chances of being considered for projects, promotions, and leadership roles.

You Build Relational Capital

We often hear "it's not what you know, it's who you know"—but really, it's who knows you and trusts your work. Professional events allow you to build genuine relationships that lead to future collaborations, referrals, or mentorship.

You Gain Insights Outside Your Daily Bubble

Exposure to different industries, perspectives, and leadership styles expands how you think and lead. It's fuel for your growth—and often, your next big idea.

It Helps You Define Your Voice

The more you surround yourself with conversations about leadership, innovation, and growth, the more confident you'll become in articulating your own ideas and goals.

Remember: influence isn't something you wait for—it's something you build, step by step, with each meaningful connection you make. And the best way to begin? Show up.

UPCOMING NWIIWA EVENTS

Speed Networking

June 24 | 4pm to 6pm | Crown Point Library

Fast-paced and high-energy, this event is perfect for professionals looking to grow their contact list, share ideas, and explore new opportunities. Come ready to make meaningful connections in a short amount of time.

Network & Chill: Hosted by Lerner and Rowe

August 16 | 4pm to 6pm | Phil's Friends

Connection meets compassion in this unique networking event. We'll volunteer together to create care packages for individuals facing cancer and get a sneak peek at a brand-new NWIIWA initiative launching in 2026 focused on giving back. This is networking with heart.

2025 Influential Women Awards Banquet

September 25 | 5pm to 9pm

The signature celebration of the year! This event honors women who lead, innovate, and uplift across Northwest Indiana. With over 12 industry categories represented, it's a night of inspiration, recognition, and unforgettable connections.

Professional Women's Conference

Nov 12 | 8am to 3:45pm | Blue Chip Casino

A powerful day of leadership, learning, and networking designed to uplift and empower professionals across our region. 2 Keynotes, 9 Breakout Sessions.



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