

OHIO COUNCIL OF NAIW

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Dear Members:

Ohio Council of NAIW Education Day was a great success! This was hosted by the Insurance Women of Cleveland and they did a wonderful job. On Friday evening, they turned the Hospitality room into Senora Frog's. There were many Mexican dishes and Margaritas to drink.

Infinity Car Insurance Company was on hand with their "spin and win" wheel and lots of goodies. Carla Murphy, the representative from Infinity, spent the whole evening in the Hospitality room so that everyone had a chance to win a prize. Several of us won many prizes.

On Saturday, there were two speakers. We had a one hour class in Parliamentary Procedure put on by Registered Parliamentarian Patricia Koch. We learned many valuable procedures. I was sorry that I didn't have the chance to hear her before taking office last July. She was very informative as well as being interesting.

The second speaker was April Goyer who was very upbeat. She gave us tips on staying young and healthy as we near the age of 40 and beyond. (Sorry to say, I needed that a while ago). She was very energetic and asked for lots of feedback from the members in attendance. I would love to know how many of us went out and joined an exercise class after listening to her.

For those of you who had questions on Margaret Wildi's recent newsletter, I am pleased to tell you that she mixed up the National Convention locations. We are still scheduled to go to Puerto Rico in 2007. There were some questions on what documents were needed to enter and leave Puerto Rico and, according to National, a drivers license will be all that is needed. If you have a Passport, it is always a good idea to take that along.

National Convention 2005 is almost here. For those attending, it sounds like there will be plenty to do. If you haven't registered yet, you can sign up on line at www.naiw.org. There are some changes from years past. The Welcome Party this year is on Monday night, not Saturday night before the actual opening of the

Convention as it has been in past years. Also, the Awards Banquet is “Denim and Diamonds”. This will be quite a change from the normal semi-formal attire that we usually wear. Sounds like fun, though. Change is good, as it keeps us all on our toes. I once heard a saying that “an ounce of change is worth a pound of same”. Think about it, it’s good to be different.

As my year closes, I wish incoming officers the best of luck. I know that we are all behind them and are willing to help in whatever way we can. State Director-Elect Jeanne Hlas is a real pro and will do a wonderful job. If you would like to help her by serving on any of the State committees, just send her an e-mail and volunteer. I have found that it’s always more fun when you are involved. NAIW gives us the opportunity to practice our leadership skills without the fear of failure. We are here to support one another, and we will both benefit from the experience.

In Fellowship,

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