

Insurance Women of Toledo
General Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2003

President Lisa Hochradel called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM at the Grape Leaf Restaurant, Holland, Ohio. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members, and the Collect was read by Cameron Dorton.

Guests were introduced as follows:

- Marla Wholf of Hylant Group introduced Carol Smith
- Nancy Homan of Meister Insurance Agency introduced Kristy Strobel

Ms. Hochradel announced that there were eleven new members present and that Deb Gaffir was back from her illness. Roseann Koperski, speaking for Jenny Bruns, requested that member complete the sign-up sheets for the Great Lakes Shopping Trip. She added that there are forty seats available and that members planning to go will meet at the Westfield/Franklin Park Mall on October 25th at 8:00 AM. The bus will leave Great Lakes at 5 PM, arriving back in Toledo approximately 6:30 PM. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes on the ride up.

Subsequent to Ms. Koperski's announcement, the meal commenced.

At 6:15 PM the program began. Amy Miller introduced the evening's speaker, Chief Wamba of the Maumee Fire Department. Chief Wamba reported that October is Fire Prevention Month and provided Home Fire Safety Check Lists to all members. After an informative and entertaining presentation, Chief Wamba offered a question and answer period. He stated that the most important points he wanted to send home with listeners were 1) Use smoke detectors, 2) Know two ways out of your house or place of work in the event of fire and 3) Practice getting out regularly. At 7:00 PM, Toledo fire sirens began sounding in honor of Fire Prevention Month. With the end of the presentation, Chief Wamba left the meeting and Ms. Hochradel again took the floor.

Ms. Hochradel stated that Traci Shook would proceed with the IWOT honoring of Past Presidents which takes place every October. All attending past presidents were called to the front as follows:

- Kathy Bartlett
- Lynn Boden
- Nancy Homan
- Becky Stewart
- Kay Vahey
- Donna Wymer

Ms. Shook stated that the duties of the IWOT President are to function as guide, provide leadership and represent the organization at all State, Regional and National functions. She thanked the Past Presidents for their service, and presented each with a ceramic pumpkin candle holder to commemorate the event. Members gave a round of applause for the former leaders and Sue Derian took photos.

Ms. Hochradel then proceeded with "Getting to Know You." Bev Smith was asked to the front where Ms. Hochradel asked questions to which Ms. Smith responded. Some of the things members learned about Ms. Smith were that she has a Chow dog; likes to garden; travels a lot to the Caribbean; is from Pittsburgh, PA; has worked at Hylant for ten years and has been a member of IWOT for nine years, and likes football. Ms. Smith was then introduced to Towi - the IWOT male rock member - and encouraged him, as a new member, to become involved in a committee as the best way to get to know other members and have fun. A gift was then presented to Ms. Smith in thanks for her cooperation.

Becky Stewart continued by reading aloud a piece called, *Done Her Time in Hell*. The story tells of a woman at the gates of Heaven who is concerned about past indiscretions, until it comes to light that she worked in the insurance industry during the course of her lifetime. Upon that revelation she was escorted into Heaven, it being noted that she had already “done her time in hell.”

I. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved to stand as printed.

II. Correspondence

- The Girl Scouts sent information regarding Awards buttons.
- IWOT received the State Directors Award from Sue Shaw for having the most number of new members for the 2003-2004 year.

III. Treasurer' Report

Treasurer Nancy Homan handed out a Register Report detailing the IWOT bank account and Smith Barney Portfolio value. IWOT is currently in a solid financial condition.

IV. Committee Reports

Programs

President Elect Traci Shook reported that the registration form for Industry Night was on each table. The theme for this year is “Insurance in the Real World.” Industry Night is to be held at the Navy Bistro with a DJ/Karaoke after dinner. An invitation was extended to Cheryl Blair Lee and confirmed that she will attend. Ms. Shook made a motion to place a \$250.00 deposit with Navy Bistro to reserve Wednesday, November 12, 2003. The motion was seconded by Sandy Fintel and carried unanimously.

Education

Vice President Marla Wholf stated that CPIW Awards will be presented on Industry Night. Awardees include Sandy Dobbins, Linda Heilman and Sue Jergens. Also, she is looking for volunteers for Education Night.

By-Laws

Chairman Becky Stewart thanked the following people for volunteering for her committee:

- Sandi Mominee
- Nancy Homan
- Roseanne Koperski
- Bev Smith

The By-Laws Committee is required to consist of at least three (3) past presidents and two (2) members.

Membership

Chairman Sandy Dobbins stated that to date there are 75 IWOT members with new members as follows:

- Robin Mower, Brooks Insurance
- Denyce Baker, Sky Insurance
- Sue Rozak, Sky Insurance
- Cynthia Hodge, Sky Insurance
- Latonya Williams, Hylant Group
- Jan Roberts, Hylant Group

New members were presented IWOT handbooks. Nancy Homan snapped photos and members applauded a welcoming hand for the incoming women.

Finance & Budget

Chairman Susan Derian handed out the IWOT Budget for 2003-2004 to all members. A motion was made to adopt the budget as presented. Budget was calculated by Committee and therefore requires no second. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Derian went on to provide members with information regarding current fundraising projects:

1. Subway Cards

Members were given ten cards each to sell at \$10.00 each. IWOT will receive \$5.00 for each card sold. Unsold cards should be returned at Industry Night.

2. Current Catalogs

Please see Sue for a copy of the Current Stationary catalog. To place orders see Melissa Hodge at Hylant.

3. More help is needed for making the Soup Jars for Christmas. Sample jars will be displayed at all agencies and orders taken. A Saturday Beer & Pizza party will be held for putting the ingredients together for delivery.

Bulletin & Website

Chairman Sheets and Chairman Jurgens reported that the website is up and running. They reminded members that the website remains a work in progress and anyone with suggestions is welcome to become part of the committee(s). Ms. Hochradel informed members that the IWOT Roster is completed and each member should pick up their copy before leaving the meeting.

Ms. Hochradel added that the Books for Literacy should be donated prior to November 7th. Members were also asked to give magazines to anyone at Brooks for donation to Mariner Nursing Center.

Reservations

Dorothy Schober and Nancy Comeau handled the reservations and Ha-Ha. There was a total of \$37.00 in the pot and Ha-Ha came to \$18.50. Roberta Malone's name was drawn, but she was not present. HA-HA!

Unfinished Business

The form for registering for the State Regional Conference is on the IWOT website for those interested.

New Business

No new business.

Ms. Hochradel then asked members to complete and return the surveys setting on the tables. She added that members should sign up to receive updates on the National website.

Announcements

- The IWOT Calendar of Events is now complete and available on the IWOT website.
- Euchre will be held on October 21st.
- The next Board Meeting will be on October 22nd at Roemer's.
- Sadly, Mary Maynhart's son has passed away, as well as Debby Gomez's mother-in-law. Bev Hammond will send out sympathy cards to both.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hofferle
IWOT Secretary