

Insurance Women of Toledo

December 2011



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~ HOLIDAY PARTY ~
Dec. 14th @ Claddagh's Irish Pub
RSVP to Angela Clagg by Monday Dec. 12th

Are you ready for Christmas?
Please join us at the December meeting for a
Cookie Walk & "Crazy Socks" gift exchange.

Here's how the cookie walk works. You bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie to be put on display. You are then entitled to walk the line of everyone's treats and pick out an assortment of 3 dozen from all the other cookies to take home. It's a great way to get the taste of favorites without having to bake them all yourself. It's also nice to get new ideas for Christmas goodies. Our gift exchange this year will be some kind of crazy socks; holiday, silly, wild, cute, whatever you want. Hope to see you all at Claddagh Irish Pub at Westfield Franklin Park Mall.

Industry Night

Industry Night was a success thanks to my great committee. We had 6 local professionals who spoke of their path to the insurance industry and why they've remained in the business. Special thanks to Carl Richardson, Bob Hawker, John Herr, Ben Goff, Gary Wymer, & Joe Seay for sharing their stories with us. The Silent Auction was also a huge success thanks to Marla & Suzanne and all of our wonderful donors. AND thank you Julie Burke for those fantastic desserts.

Congratulations

Sandy Dobbins ~ IWOT Professional of the Year
Sara Skirvin ~ Rookie of the Year

New CPIW designees

Holly Carver, Pam Allen, Carol Feller, Katie Hamman,
& Cynthia Matus

Sincerely,
Sandi Mominee, CPIW, AIS, CIC

President's Message

November was packed full of activities for insurance women. IWOT hosted the Ohio Council meeting held on the 4th and 5th at Levis Commons Hilton Garden Inn. Nancy Homan and her committee did an awesome job. They made it all so seamless and put together. Be sure to thank her and her committee when you get a chance. As part of the Ohio Council meeting, we had a speaker come in from The Toledo Zoo and gave a slide show presentation and little bit of the history and current happenings at the zoo. We also had the CWC speak-off where yours truly competed and happened to win. I will go on to compete at the Region IV conference in South Bend IN next year and would love to have you come out to support me. With the business meeting, one main point that was voted on was whether to eliminate the spring education meeting.

At the board meeting in October, it was voted that I vote to keep that as it is another way to network and educational opportunity. Needless to say, there were more votes to eliminate it rather than keep so starting in 2013 there will no longer be a spring Ohio Council Education meeting. Anything that was discussed or awarded at the spring meeting will now be done at our Legislation meeting November 2012. New officers were also installed for next year and to name a few include Penny Duer of Buckeye Insurance Women as our Ohio Council Director and Nancy Homan as Public Relations chairperson.

Industry Night was an enjoyable evening. This is always a good time for co-workers and bosses to join in together. This was held at Tamaron Country Club and included various speakers from our local insurance agencies about how they came into the business and their experiences. We also had our annual awards and silent auction. Thank you to Sandi Mominee and her committee for an excellent job well done.

Congratulations go out to the many award winners and designations earned. For those that earned their CPIW designations – Holly Carver, Pam Allen, Carol Feller, Katie Hamman, and Cynthia Matus. Congrats also to our 3rd scholarship winner, Christopher Schmidt son of Cynthia Matus. Special congratulations go out to Sara Skirvin for winning Rookie of the Year and Sandy Dobbins for Insurance Professional of the Year. These two will move forward to compete with others at our IAIP Region IV conference in 2012.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at Claddagh's Irish Pub on December 14th. Sandi Mominee has plenty of good cheer and activities for us to enjoy the night. I hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.

As you are hustling and bustling this Christmas, it is not about the "stuff". My hope is that you remember the true meaning of Christmas and to take time to spend with loved ones, friends and family. May each of you have a blessed Christmas and be blessed in all you do this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Fintel, CISR, CPIW
IWOT President 2011-2012

Community Service Report

We were able to contribute 4 complete Thanksgiving boxes to the Cherry Street Mission. Thank you to all who contributed and the Cherry Street Mission was very appreciative.

MetLife donated a case of individually wrapped Snoopy baseball dolls which we will be donating to the Ronald McDonald House just in time for Christmas. We also have a large inventory of pop tabs that will be donated as well.

For the month of December I will be collecting new men's or women's underwear (any size) and/or personal hygiene items such as shampoos, conditioners, soaps, shaving cream, deodorant, etc. Small sizes are appreciated. These items will be donated to the Cherry Street Mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marla Wholf, CPIW, CIC
Community Service Chair



Long Range Planning

We were very please to award the IWOT Educational Scholarship to Christopher Schmidt in the amount of \$250 at our November Industry Night Celebration. Christopher is an Engineering student at the University of Alabama. He is the son of member Cynthia Matus who is employed by Knight Crockett Miller.

Insurance Women of Toledo hosted the November Ohio Council Meeting. It was held on November 4th & 5th at Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons, Perrysburg, Ohio. Committee: Nancy Homan, Sue Dawley, Sandy Dobbins, Cynthia Matus, Sandi Mominee, Sara Skirvin and Rachel Schneider. Friday evening had many IWOT members helping with Registration & Greeting our guests along with a hospitality room.

Saturday started with Breakfast, credentials, welcome, Flag ceremony by Perrysburg Scout Troup 110, CWC Speak off which Sandy Fintel won, the keynote speaker was Casey Cook from the Marketing Department at The Toledo Zoo who presented a General Presentation, Lunch and then the Ohio Council General Business Meeting. Insurance Women of Toledo did a "Great Job"!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Homan, CISR, CPIW

Public Relations

[Notice of the Dec.14th General Meeting sent to the following papers:](#)

Bedford Press
Perrysburg Messenger
Point Place Journal
Rossford Journal
The Blade
Sylvania Advantage
Sentinel Tribune
The Maumee Mirror
The Press – Millbury
The Toledo Journal
The City Paper

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Feller
Public Relations Chair

[Sympathy Cards](#)

Marty Slain of IN on the death of her husband

[December Birthdays](#)

12/1 – Bev Smith
12/7 – Cynthia Matus
12/10 – Holly Carver
12/23 – Sandy Moninee

[Thinking of You Cards](#)

Tish Scott of IN
Jennifer Baker in regard to her Mother

Employment & Career Opportunity

**For complete details regarding employment opportunities
Please visit the IWOT website.**

Finance & Budget

We are going to wrap up the fun pasta fundraiser this month; if you'd like to place an order before the 16th please let me know. Thank you for your participation.

I will also need a report back from the members on how many coupon books you individually sold. If you still have a book, please either sell or return the book (to me). If you have sold the book then please send me your money.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation in doing what you can with our fundraisers. This is a very important part of the organization; we need to raise money in order to continue our missions.

Sandy Fintel, Bev Hammond and I will be gathering to finalize the budget. We will communicate each committee's budget once we've met and determined the appropriate amounts.

I am in the process of planning the Mardi Gras Euchre fundraiser; I've had people contact me in the past saying they'd be interested in joining my committee. I will be calling on you to help me...and thank you for stepping up! If there are any others that want to help with the event please send me an email or come talk to me.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Skirvin, CIC, ACSR ~ Finance & Budget Chair

**INSURANCE WOMEN OF TOLEDO
DECEMBER 14, 2011
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Where: Claddagh Irish Pub – Westfield Franklin
Park Mall Sylvania Avenue Side

When: 5:30 p.m. registration
5:45 p.m. dinner and business meeting

Cost: \$15.00 payable at the door, plus \$.50
HaHa

Menu Choices

- Galway Salad w/ or w/out Grilled Chicken
- Fish and Chips accompanied by coleslaw
- Sheperd's Pie
- Balsamic Chicken Dinner

Price includes soup or salad, soda, tea, coffee, tax and tip.

*Please email or phone your reservations no later than Monday,
December 14, 2011, to Angela Clagg, Brooks Insurance Agency:
acclagg@brooksinsurance.com or phone 419.254.7479.*

*P.S. Don't forget your holiday/silly/funny socks and your cookies to
exchange.*



IWOT CHECK REQUEST FORM



Date: _____

Issue to: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Purpose: _____

Budget Category: _____

Person
Requesting Check: _____

TREASURER

Date Paid: _____

Check # _____

Comments: _____

