

# Delaware IWIRC Quarterly Newsletter

## Delaware Network Wins Ryan Award

The Delaware Network was the recipient of the 2013 Ryan Award for outstanding network. According to an IWIRC announcement, “[t]he Delaware Network exemplifies the mission of IWIRC—commitment to the connection, promotion and success of women in the insolvency and restructuring professions worldwide—through its unique programming and community outreach. Through event collaboration with other networks, creation of a Community Service Initiative Program and its push to increase membership, the Delaware Network is a model of success for other local networks.”

The successes achieved by the Delaware



Members of the Delaware Network accept the Ryan Award

Network is due to our members. We want to thank everyone for their continued support of IWIRC and their dedication and commitment to mentoring and advancing women insolvency professionals.

The Delaware Network was honored on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at IWIRC’s Annual Spring Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland. Thank you to all Delaware IWIRC members who were able to attend to help accept the Ryan Award.

### Special points of interest:

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## IWIRC at the Shore - Save the Date—February 27-28, 2014

The IWIRC at the Shore conference, the first regional IWIRC conference, was held at the Borgata Hotel, Casino and Spa in Atlantic City, New Jersey on February 7th & 8th, 2013. In attendance were IWIRC members from the six target chapters of New York, New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia, Delaware, Greater Maryland and Washington D.C., as well as IWIRC members

from across the country. The conference was sold out. Social events together with CLE/CPE opportunities made this event well worth attending.

The Delaware Network helped sponsor the conference and has agreed to do so again in 2014. Additionally, members of our Network were instru-

mental with making IWIRC at the Shore a success, including: Evelyn Meltzer (Chair of the conference) and Brya Keilson and Leigh-Anne Raport who both served on the planning committee.

**Save the date for next year’s IWIRC at the Shore conference, which will be held on Feb. 27-28, 2014.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT: Delaware Mentoring Program

Donna Harris and Katie Good have restructured the mentoring program for the Delaware Network. The new program is meant to benefit senior professionals as well as their newer counterparts, and would be more structured so that meetings occur on a consistent basis. The newly designed program is less about simply "being available" to mentor younger women, and more about providing a structured,

but informal arena to compare notes and hash out ideas regarding our lives as female professionals. Depending on the number of women who are interested, participants will be placed in groups of 4 to 6 women to meet every other month for lunch, breakfast or happy hour. Each group will choose their preference as to time and day of week. A coordinator will help ensure

meetings are conducted regularly and suggest at least one discussion point for each meeting. Thus, the group would not be solely social, but structured around a mentoring topic.

**Please contact Donna Harris at [DHarris@phw-law.com](mailto:DHarris@phw-law.com) on or before July 31, 2013, if you are interested in joining the mentoring program.**

## IWIRC Delaware Network Book Club

The inaugural meeting of the IWIRC DE Network book club will be held on August 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. (location TBD). At the first meeting, the club will consider and discuss Sheryl Sandberg's bestseller *Lean In*. In *Lean In*, Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook and one of *Fortune's* 50 Most Powerful Women in Business, digs deep into the issue of why there are still disproportionately low numbers of women in leadership positions in government and industry through research, data and personal anecdotes. Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* praised *Lean In*: "A land-

mark manifesto . . . Fifty years after *The Feminine Mystique* . . . Sandberg addresses 21st-century issues that never entered Betty Friedan's wildest dreams . . . *Lean In* will be an influential book. It will open the eyes of women who grew up thinking that feminism was ancient history, who recoil at the word but walk heedlessly through the doors it opened. And it will encourage those women to persevere in their professional lives." We hope that you will enjoy *Lean In* as part of your summer reading and join the book club for discussion on Thursday, August 1.

The club will meet every other month for discussion of new and classic nonfiction and fiction books relating to a variety of women's and legal issues. Recommendations for future reading selections are always welcome.

**If you are interested in participating in the IWIRC DE Network book club, please contact Katie Good, [good@rlf.com](mailto:good@rlf.com)**

## GET INVOLVED: Delaware Network Committees

There are many opportunities to become more involved in the Delaware IWIRC Network. We welcome your involvement in one or more of the following committees. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please contact the committee chair on or before July 31, 2013.

### Social Committee

The Delaware Network is currently seeking members to join the social committee to assist the Chair in planning and implementing the Network's social, education-

al and philanthropic programs.

**Committee Chair: Kim Brown ([brown@lrclaw.com](mailto:brown@lrclaw.com)).**

### Social Media Committee:

The Delaware Network is currently seeking members to join the social media committee to assist the Secretary with the following: (i) updates to the Delaware Network page on the National website; (ii) possible development of LinkedIn, Twitter, and/or Facebook accounts for the Delaware Network; and (iii) implementation of a Social Media

policy for the Delaware Network online communications and messaging.

**Committee Chair: J Cook-Attig ([jhcook@epiqsystems.com](mailto:jhcook@epiqsystems.com)).**

### Community Initiatives Committee:

This committee is focused on providing Delaware IWIRC members meaningful opportunities to provide non-legal volunteer services to our community.

**Committee Chair: Meg Manning ([MManning@klehr.com](mailto:MManning@klehr.com)).**



## INDULGE YOURSELF

### *Wine & Chocolate - Hosted by the DE & MD Networks*

Indulge your love of chocolate and passion for wine while enjoying a delicious networking opportunity with this unique class hosted by the Delaware and Maryland Networks during the ABI Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Experience five different wine varietals paired with five different HERSHEY'S mini desserts all in an entertaining and informative class conducted by Hershey's property beverage manager. Once you discover how to harmoniously combine these two beautiful, complex and captivating tastes, you may never look at chocolate or wine quite the same.

The Delaware and Maryland Networks will be hosting a wine and chocolate tasting experience during the ABI's Mid-Atlantic conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on August 9th from 2:00-3:30. The event will be held in the Blue Mountain Rooms 1 & 2 (above the Harvest Restaurant). This event is free to DE IWIRC Members and only \$20 for non-member guests. Seating is limited, so please register at <http://iwirchershey.eventbrite.com>. to attend this event. If you would like additional information about this event, please contact **Ericka Johnson** at [erjohson@wcsr.com](mailto:erjohson@wcsr.com) or 302-252-4337.

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

- > **July 2013**—TBD—Charitable Event
- > **August 1, 2013**—Book Club Meeting—Katie Good is organizing a Delaware IWIRC Book Club. Please contact Katie at [good@rlf.com](mailto:good@rlf.com) if you are interested in joining the book club.
- > **August 9, 2013**—Wine and Chocolate Class in Hershey, Pennsylvania (see insert for additional information)
- > **August 22, 2013**—Spa Event— The Delaware IWIRC Network will be hosting a spa event where you will be able to indulge in your choice of one of several express spa treatments including manicures, pedicures, facials, massages and makeup artistry. For those of you who may be looking for just an opportunity to catch up with your fellow IWIRC members, please join us at the spa for drink and hors d'oeuvres. More information to come.
- > **September 18, 2013 at 12:30** — Lunch and Learn Series  
Join Brenda Thompson and Pat Stacey of Thompson Stacey LLC ([www.thompsonstacey.com](http://www.thompsonstacey.com)) for an interactive discussion of career planning for lawyers. With decades working in the legal industry, Brenda and Pat will provide you with practical and realistic tips to take your career to the next stage. This event is free to IWIRC Members. More information to come.

**EVERY FRIDAY THIS SUMMER @ 12:30**

Join Leigh-Anne Raport for a walk around Brandywine Park. The walk lasts approximately 40 minutes. Please email Leigh-Anne if planning to join a walk to make sure you are not accidentally left behind at [lraport@ashby-geddes.com](mailto:lraport@ashby-geddes.com).

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