



Institute for
Innovative Leadership

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Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events...

Now-April 11th

**Quality of Life Exhibit
Law Enforcement-Partnership
with the Community**
Indiana Welcome Center
7700 Corinne Dr.
Hammond, IN

Friday, March 26, 2004

**Metro Luncheon on Regional
Issues**
Steven Mosher, Director,
Port of Indiana
Radisson @ Star Plaza
RSVP to Latrice Neely @
219-981-4402
11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. \$20
with RSVP \$25 at the door.

Friday, March 26, 2004

**"Ethics in NW Indiana-
6 Months Later"**
NWI Local Gov't Academy
The Center @ Purdue Calumet
2300- 173rd Ave.
Hammond, IN
1:00- 4:00 p.m.
No RSVP needed

Friday, April 16th

**Institute's Miniature Golf
Fundraiser**
Avalon Banquet Center
Merrillville, IN
6-10 p.m.

INSTITUTE INSTANT INFO

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New Staff at Institute

Denise Williams of Gary has been added to the Institute staff to help facilitate small group discussions and to serve as a coach for Institute students. She joins George Miga and Keith Kirkpatrick.

Denise, or DEW as she prefers, is President of DEW Consulting Group, Inc., a marketing, training, personal coaching services firm. She is currently working with the Gary-Chicago International Airport in marketing the airport and the new carrier service with Southeast Airlines.

DEW has a BA in Economics from Spelman College in Atlanta, and a MBA from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. She serves on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Gary, and Links, Inc. Northern Indiana Chapter, an international social service organization comprised of primarily African American women devoted to improving the quality of life for children, women and families.

DEW also has served regional initiatives including Gary, East Chicago Hammond Empowerment Zone, City of Gary Miss USA Pageant, and Women's Power Summit.

Welcome, DEW!

Institute Welcomes New Students

At the first session of the Spring Semester, the Institute welcomed 18 new students to the program. They join the 18 other second semester students making this another exciting class full of incredibly talented people.

Watch for more about this exceptional group of students:

Bobbie Atzhorn Sandra Bowie Alice Carter
Gail Coleman Kysha Egungbemi Bonnie Emole
Larry Hayden Crystal Jelks Brandi Lewis
Melissa Murdock Willy Okwara Damian Perkins
Daresia Pruitt-Johnson Mary Louise Rieger Cora Robinson
Jennifer Stewart Gabriela Tirado Reginald Williams

Keith's Corner

After an absence of several months, the Institute newsletter has been resurrected, revised somewhat, and will be published every month for the benefit of our students, members and sponsors.

Thanks to the offer by Kathleen Berda, Executive Director for Leadership NW Indiana, to edit the newsletter, we are confident the information provided is news you can use. We hope to periodically feature guest commentaries, success stories of our students and members along with the usual columns including dates, events, and student/member news.

If you have information you would like to share with our readers, forward it by fax to 219/981-5635 or directly to Kathleen by e-mail to DirectorLNI@aol.com.

Your participation in spreading the word about a job opportunity, new job, community service, engagement, marriage, new baby, etc. through the newsletter is an important tool in networking, so we encourage you to use it to your benefit!

Upcoming Workshops Become a Stronger Leader!!!

Maximum Board Participation

Wednesday, March 31st, 1—6 pm

Dan Lowery, PhD, Executive Director

Center for Sustainable Regional Vitality

Leadership Through Creativity

Tues., April 13th, 8 am—12 pm

Keith Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, Institute for Innovative Leadership

Motivating and Leading Others

Friday, April 30th, 8 am—12 pm

Keith Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, Institute for Innovative Leadership

Effective Public Speaking

Tuesday, May 11th, 5—9 pm

Denise Williams, President, DEW Consulting Group, Inc.

Art and Science of Persuasion

Wednesday, May 19th, 8 am—12 pm

George Miga, Owner, GPM Consulting, Inc.

Did You Hear What I Said Or Did I Say What You Heard?

Thursday, June 10th, 5—9pm

Denise Williams, President, DEW Consulting Group, Inc.

Strategic Thinking

Tuesday, June 22nd, 8 am—12 pm

Keith Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, Institute for Innovative Leadership

Crisis Leadership

Thursday, July 15th, 8 am—12 pm

George Miga, Owner, GPM Consulting Inc.

Embracing Change

Tuesday, July 27th, 8 am—12 pm

Keith Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, Institute for Innovative Leadership

Achieving Excellence Through Quality

Thursday, August 12th, 8am—12 pm

Dan Lowery, PhD, Executive Director

Center for Sustainable Regional Vitality

Opportunities to Serve

Habitat for Humanity is still in need of volunteers to finish the house located at 39th and Georgia. Work includes exterior work, painting and finishing. Call the Institute office to volunteer.

Power Circles, organized by Bryann Gibson and Tina Rongers, meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at IUN in Room 110 of the Library Conference Center. Open discussions focus on issues in our region. More information at the office.

Matt Johnson is looking for volunteers to serve on the board for the Lupus Foundation of America, NWI Chapter. If anyone is interested in serving, contact Matt at 219-921-6150 or email mej9899@yahoo.com.

New Members Inducted

On Friday, February 6th, several Institute students crossed the bridge and were welcomed into the membership. New members include Connie Bales, Suzanne Bunch, Regina Demeter, Bryann Gibson, John Gunn, Matt Johnson, Brenda Joshua, Ralph McCullers, Nicole Ochoa, Nate Remaly, Tina Rongers, Jill Rzepka, Jennifer Schulte, Marc Smith, Deanna Soper, Jim Soper, Linda Stevens, and LeVon Whittaker. Congratulations!

Institute Sessions

Members are always welcome to attend any of the Institute Sessions. Just call to let us know you are coming!

- **March 23rd** Lou Martinez
President, Lake Area United
Way
- **April 6th** Jim Fleming
President, Aero Metals
- **April 13th** Women of Success Panel

Member News

Congratulations to **Scott Besedick** on the October birth of daughter, Grace. Scott is fortunate to work from home as district manager with Fiske Bros. Refining.

Dave Shafer is chairing the search committee for the new NIRPC Executive Director.

Nate Remaly and family have moved to California. His company asked him to take on a new challenge for a couple of years.

Audra Vaz is the senior associate for the Community Investment Division for United Way of Broward County, Florida.

Mike Jorden has been named the Information Officer for the City of Hammond Police Dept.

Kim McGowin had been transferred to the Warsaw office of Waste Management.

Paulina Johnson was featured as an inspirational person who beat the odds and won in an article of the December 28, 2003 edition of the Post Tribune. Copies are in the office.