

## Interview with Liz Wright, Dayton Racquet Club

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**WiBN:** What is your position at **Dayton Racquet Club**?  
*Membership Director*

**WiBN:** *What is the one thing that you want our readers to know about **Dayton Racquet Club**?* The Dayton Racquet Club has been the premier location for business and social networking for 40 years. We are proud to offer our Members unique opportunities for personal and professional enrichment, including extensive traveling privileges in the ClubCorp network.

Specifically pertaining to WiBN: The Club is very equally gender-balanced, and we are very proud of that fact!

**WiBN:** *What are some of your personal skills that have helped you become who you are today?* I'm extremely outgoing, and I'm very tuned in to people's personalities. This trait has helped me make many friends in the local business community. I look beyond the formal aspect of doing business to cultivate relationships.

**WiBN:** *At any time during your life have you had a mentor?* Absolutely...my parents are the greatest examples of 'mentors' I could ever ask for. They are a 'power team' of professionals; two community activists who always want to find a way to help make the world a better place. I am thankful for their good genes and their strong example.

**WiBN:** *How can, or how does, networking benefit women in business?*

The old saying, 'it's not just WHAT you know, but WHO you know' is true in so many ways. Everyone is 'selling' something, whether it is their business, their knowledge, or simply themselves. We need to get out there and get noticed, and align ourselves with others who can help us grow and succeed (and who WE can help in return).

**WiBN:** *What has been your biggest challenge in your position at **Dayton Racquet Club**?*

My job is fantastic and I'm very fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful people. So I'd have to look at my own personality as my biggest challenge. While being a 'go-getter' is a great thing, I tend to be hard on myself and get stressed if I'm not consistently achieving 100%. But through experience I'm learning not to sweat the small stuff.

**WiBN:** *Can you think of any mistakes that you have made that you wouldn't want to make again?*

Is this a trick question? :) I'm just going to say 'sure'.

**WiBN:** *Are there any fears that you have had to overcome?*

The fear of failure is one I've had to overcome, and I don't think I'll ever lose that fear completely. But time and experience has taught me that I'm a human being; I'm going to make mistakes. I've grown by learning from my mistakes and accepting the fact that life goes on, and tomorrow is a new day.

**WiBN:** *How do you get inspired?*

**WiBN:** *Share with us how you balance your work life and family life?*

I enjoy my down time. I don't over-commit myself, and I never take my work home with me. And I laugh with my husband a lot.

**WiBN:** *What is your favorite thing to do in "taking care of you" ?*

Honestly, I love to sleep. If I deprive myself of sleep I'm a complete bear and/or incompetent.

**WiBN:** *What leadership skills do you have that you feel contributes to the success of your position with **Dayton Racquet Club**?*

I've worked the hospitality field for fifteen years, and I feel like I have a real mastery of the private club industry in particular. I try to lead by example by keeping both employees and members motivated and happy.

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