

Bechen . . . she's 'Organized'

by Bev Wieler

Kathryn Bechen is organized. Just ask her husband Steve.

"I go in a drawer and she is right behind me straightening it up," he said.

Bechen was the guest speaker at the Chamber Ladies Luncheon Monday. She presented a seminar on organizing professional and personal lives to a 120 working women and their bosses.

Bechen and her husband lived in West Point in the mid 1980's for three years. Steve worked at Farm Credit Services.

As a young girl Kathryn Bechen lined up her grandmother's jewelry.

"I knew I was organized," she said. What she didn't know at that time was that she would use those skills as the basis for her business, "Organized with Ease".

Her organizational skills were used while she was in West Point working at the John A. Stahl Library. The library was new and besides getting everything in order, librarian Julie Senden soon asked Bechen to help her organize her personal office at the library.

"I still didn't know that people did organizing for others as a profession," she said.

Bechen attributes her personality trait as one of the factors leading her to her organizational job.

"I've always liked gathering information and I have a trait for being organized," she said. "I've also had the good fortune to have enough jobs to see people with different personalities.

Bechen's career started before



Kathryn Bechen is the owner and founder of the organizational consulting firm Organized with Ease.

she even realized it. Working in a large law library she found herself organizing, and so it was with each job thereafter.

"I was working for a lawyer who was very unorganized," she said. "I finally told him he needed to hire someone to organize his business. He said, 'I don't have to, I already have you.'"

Bechen started giving seminars at Creighton and UNO in the early part of 1991.

"By fall I knew I needed something else," she said. Bechen began

organizing her own business and soon opened "Organized with Ease". Her book "Organizing Tips and Quips" evolved after the formation of the business and was ready for publication by January.

"I've sold 50 copies the first two and a half months without contacting book stores," she said. Working out of her home office she gives seminars to businesses and goes in and personally helps organize. She is currently collecting material for her second book.

Information on ordering her book is available at the Chamber office.