

Wichita EWI Connect



2023-2024 President

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IMA Financial Group**

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Thank you to each of our sponsors purchased food boxes for Colvin Elementary families to enjoy over the winter break. At our December meeting, Stacey Hall - Principal at Colvin, shared an important message with us that I want to reiterate in this Connect.

Stacey reminded us of the heart of what we do. Colvin Elementary School is one of the most needing schools in our area with over 90% of students on the free lunch program. The parents of the students do everything they can to ensure they are getting a great education and care so much for their children and appreciate what we do here at EWI. Most students receive breakfast and lunch at school every single day. Over the winter break, parents have to choose between providing those extra meals every day for two weeks, providing a Christmas, and the additional costs for utilities over winter. The boxes of food we donate are not just nice for these families, they are freeing to these families. They have more wiggle room to be able to provide a Christmas when other costs are so high. Some families even, Stacey shared, ration the box of food out to last longer than the two weeks of winter break. With boxing up the food and sending them off, we don't see the exchange from the school to the families and we don't get to feel the impact. But there are tears, many thanks, and a lot of gratitude from anyone who gets to receive a box.

Our reading rally is also very special to the school. We were told that students get so excited to finally be 3rd graders and get to attend the rally! They look forward to this, it is engrained in the school with us providing the rally for at least 25 years. It's easy to look at the rally and think, oh they are excited for pizza and cookies and to get out of class. But it means so much more than that, Stacey told us that we couldn't imagine how deep it truly goes. The school supplies and bags they receive are so special to them. Not only do they feel excited for these items, but they feel special and like someone cares. The students look forward to the book they are going to get, to continue working on their reading goals and inspiration on what the book is about. We also provide books in Spanish to the New-comer class (a group of students who have only been in the United States for a year or less). The kids felt so special getting a book that they can actually take home and read with their parents, as they often do not speak English. Students take their books home and share them with their family, getting to bond more with their parents and reading the books to their younger siblings. Some of the time, this is the first book that the students own for themselves. The t-shirts that we bring are so fun for us, but even those mean so much more to the students and parents. Colvin is a uniform school and the EWI shirt is incorporated into their uniforms so the students now have an additional outfit they can wear to school. Parents have a hard time clothing their students for school and this is a big help in that.

I had no clue just how deep our impact goes; it was extremely impactful to hear from Stacey.

What we do matters, please don't forget that.

A Goodman

Director Messages

Treasurer's Report
Emma Hahn, Treasurer
Stoutheart Financial Group

Commerce Operating Account:

11/1/23 Opening Balance: \$16,458.56

11/30/23 Reconciled Balance: \$18,352.41

Deposits:

1. Regular Meeting Dues: \$620.00
2. Firm Dues: \$740.00
3. Colvin Food Drive Donations: \$1,300.00

Expenses:

1. Regular Meeting Expense: \$225.34
2. Hospitality: \$137.07
3. Operating Fees: \$14.00
4. Website Fees: \$129.74
5. Software Fees: \$260.00

Commerce BCDP Account:

11/1/23 Opening Balance: \$1,198.85

11/30/23 Reconciled Balance: \$1,198.85

Deposits:

1. N/A

Expenses:

2. N/A

Meritrust Savings Account:

11/1/23 Opening Balance: \$23,689.23

11/30/23 Reconciled Balance: \$23,690.23

Deposits:

1. Interest: \$0.97

Expenses: N/A



Please send payments to:

Emma Hahn

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Director Messages



Happy December!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the upcoming holiday and New Year. Thank you to everyone who has donated toward our Colvin Food Drive. We appreciate your organization's generosity this time of year. We look forward to a fun 2024 at EWI.

*Jessica Buettgenbach, Vice President/President Elect,
Visit Wichita*

Happy Holidays! As we begin the scholarship process, we are looking for ways to attract more students to our ASIST Scholarship. If you have any ideas, please reach out to me at waldena@dlwichita.com

Allison Walden, Advisor/Director-At-Large
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SAVE THE DATE

January Chapter Meeting

Join us for the first meeting of 2024!

EWI - Wichita January Meeting

Guest Speaker Jill Miller - author,
entrepreneur, and headmistress of
The Finishing School for Modern Women

Jan. 17 | 12 PM
Larkspur Bistro
904 E. Douglas
Wichita, KS 67202

RSVP via Squad Up by Jan. 10, 2024

Squad Up Link:

<https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita---january-lunch-meeting>

MEETING RECAP

November Chapter Meeting



These lovely ladies had a wonderful evening on November 15th at Board & Brush in Wichita creating their very own special projects!

MEETING RECAP

December 2023 Board Meeting

- ◆ Meeting held at Stoutheart Financial Group on December 5, 2023
- ◆ Board members filled a total of 19 boxes of food for Colvin Elementary
- ◆ Wichita Mounted Police will assist in loading/unloading on December 12, 2023

MEETING RECAP

December 2023 Chapter Meeting



- ◆ Held at the Wichita Marriott on December 6, 2023
- ◆ Guest Speaker, Stacy Hall, Colvin Elementary Principal
- ◆ Sock Exchange mixed in with a bit of sneaky stealing!



SAVE THE DATE

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

September 18-21, 2024

TUCSON, AZ

Casino Del Sol, Tucson, AZ



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

News From the EWI Corporate Development Committee:

This year, the corporate board has decided to hold the Leadership Calls every other month, on the first Friday of the month. The first call was on November 3. The next Leadership Call is scheduled for Friday, January 5... these are listed under the “EWI Events Calendar” .. following is the link... <https://ewiconnect.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1796010>. On the other months, we will have our professional development webinars, on the first Friday of the month. All scheduled webinars are listed on the website under “EWI Events Calendar”.

Spread the Word



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Future Meeting Dates

- ◆ January Chapter Meeting: Lunch Meeting at Larkspur; Special Guest Jill Miller with the Finishing School for Modern Women.
- ◆ February Chapter Meeting: Business to Business Speed Dating at the Wichita Marriott.
- ◆ You can view all of our upcoming meeting dates on our website via the [Chapter Calendar](#)

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Contact us!

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