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From Our President

Happy December!

We had a great November and December. We collected funds for our annual food drive and at this month's meeting we heard from several non-profit organizations about how we can work them and their stories.

Our December meeting was a lot fun and a shoutout to Mia for leading the coordinating efforts. We were at [Viva La Olive](#), which is located in Old Town. If you are looking for gift ideas, I highly recommend stopping by and checking them out. Jan and her staff are very knowledgeable and happy to assist you.

Reminder that EWI Wichita will no longer be charging a fee if you forget to RSVP "No". You also no longer need to worry about RSVPing "No". If you could just decline the calendar invitation that would be helpful. Charges still do apply to anyone attending the meetings to help cover our meeting expenses. If you would like to host a meeting this year, please let me know and we will find a month.

Continue to follow our pages on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay up on all EWI Wichita news and be sure to like and share with colleagues and friends. We would like to encourage our firms to spread the word about EWI and reach out with referrals. We need your help to make sure our chapter grows.

As always, feel free to reach out with questions, comments or concerns. I hope you enjoy the upcoming holidays with your loved one.

Thank you,

Jessica Buettgenbach, EWI Wichita President & Program
Chair



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From Our President-Elect

Happy December!

Here is a heartwarming Christmas story for you: while shopping for the 2024 Colvin Food Drive, a man stopped me at Walmart. I told him that we were buying food for a food drive and no other details. He reached into his billfold and gave me \$100, which is exactly the amount we requested for each box!

Through fundraising, we were able to sponsor 14 boxes this year.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our 2024 Colvin Food Drive:

- [Stoutheart Wealth](#)
- [Butler County Community College Foundation](#)
- [Wichita Marriott](#)
- [Lee Media Group](#)
- [Downing & Lahey Mortuaries & Crematory](#)
- [Textron Aviation](#)
- [Textron eAviation](#)
- Our friend from Walmart!

I'd also like to again thank the [Wichita Police Foundation](#) for helping transport boxes of food to Colvin Elementary School.

Merry Christmas,

Emma



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From Our Fundraising Director

Hello from Fundraising!

Last call for volunteer firms to host a Fireside in March!
Reach out to me if you'd like to host EWI members and
share about your business. I'll start recruiting if I don't
get volunteers...! ;)

Please reach out with any questions! My email is
hhobbs@butlercc.edu and my cell phone is 785.210.5970.
Let's make this year a great one!

Hayley Hobbs



Membership Director Jessica Emrick Davies

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Membership Corner

EWI is a great opportunity for someone to develop business relationships and valuable community connections, to develop leadership experiences, to have a forum to share ideas and promote your firm, and to participate in philanthropic initiatives that make a big difference in the lives of many people in our city.

I challenge you to:

- Attend one more meeting than last year.
- Let us know how we can engage you further.
- Talk up EWI and seek out new member prospects. I stand ready to help engage new member prospects.
- Invite guests to join you at a meeting, even if you don't think they are a prospective member. You never know who might be looking for a networking group like ours, with a larger purpose (Philanthropic, Literacy and Scholarships).

The March to Membership meeting will be here before we know it! Be thinking of a candidate that might be looking to build stronger networks and share knowledge and opportunities. She may want to take advantage of leadership training! Let's celebrate the strength we find in unity and the incredible achievements we can accomplish when women support women! Bonus: YOU get to spend one more night a month with that person socializing and growing!



Samantha Verheeke of WaterWalk Extended Stay by Wyndham came to the December meeting with her General Manager, to see if EWI will be a good fit for her to grow personally and professionally. See the memorandum for a new member firm sent via email with a January 7 deadline.



Secretary Kathya Hernandez

Kathya Hernandez is a 2nd representative for HealthCore Clinic, Inc. and is serving as Secretary to the EWI of Wichita Board of Directors.



Communications Director Mia Lee
Lee Media Group

Communications Message

We are trying to grow our social media and would love for you to follow EWI, interact and share our posts!

[Facebook - currently 345 followers](#)

[LinkedIn - currently 148 followers](#)

[Instagram - currently 121 followers](#)



Treasurer Randi Gooding

Supervisor, Commercial Banking
Sales Support, Commerce Bank

Treasurer's Report

- Tuesday November 19th, was the virtual EWI Scholarship Training.
- The training was very informative and established some upcoming timelines.
- The three judges will need to be confirmed and submit their names along with their email addresses submitted to Corporate Office Scholarship by Monday, March 4th.
- The Scholarship Application Websites Open Monday, January 6th, 2025, with a submission deadline of Monday, March 31st. School counselors will be emailed after the first of the year. Please reach out with any contact suggestions you have for the ASIST scholarship.

Commerce Operating Account:

10/01/24 Opening Balance: \$12,100.51
10/30/24 Reconciled Balance: \$12,054.40

Deposits:

1. Regular Meeting Dues: \$258.84
2. Annual Firm Chapter Dues: N/A

Expenses:

1. LCAM Flights and Registration: N/A
2. Regular Meeting Expense: \$200.00
3. Software Fees: \$19.95
4. Website Fees: \$130.00

Commerce BCDP Account:

11/01/2024 Opening Balance: \$638.71
11/30/2024 Reconciled Balance: \$638.71

Deposits: N/A

Expenses: N/A

Meritrust Savings Account:

10/30/24 Opening Balance: \$23,701.09
11/30/24 Reconciled Balance: \$23,702.06

Deposits:

1. Interest: \$0.97

Expenses: N/A

Ameriprise BCDP Account (Korol Financial):

11/01/2024 Starting Value: \$80,715.20

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Gooding

Treasurer 2024-2026

MEETING RECAP

- 🌿 What a festive and fabulous meeting we had at [Viva La Olive!](#) Jan and the Viva ladies answered all of our questions as we explored and sampled from over 75 incredible flavors of olive oils and vinegars. The oil and vinaigrette marinade for those cucumbers and tomatoes was to die for.

In the spirit of giving, we also heard from several nonprofits we proudly support, including the [Wichita Children's Home](#), [HealthCore Clinic](#), [Butler Community College Foundation](#), [United Way of the Plains](#) and others. ❤️

Thank you to everyone who made this gathering so special! [#SeasonOfGiving](#)
[#CommunitySupport](#) [#VivaLaOlive](#) [#ewiwichita](#)



SAVE THE DATE

- January 8 Board Meeting

All events can be found at ewiwichita.org

Contact us!

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