

# Wichita EWI Connect



2023-2024 President

Ashley Goodman  
IMA Financial Group

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Hello EWI!

Within the month of February, is the celebration of valentine's day. A day of love and togetherness. I wanted to take a moment to share my love for EWI, for what we do, and for each of the representatives in our organization. From the first meeting I had at EWI, I have felt included and felt the kindness that EWI members exemplify. If I am having a bad day and not really feeling like being around others, as soon as I am at our meeting, I feel uplifted and leave much better than I came. I am grateful to each and every one of our members, representatives, and executives and what we accomplish each year together. Between what we do for Colvin Elementary School and our scholarships, this quote rings true to me: *There's no such things as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.* – Scott Adams. I had no clue before our December meeting, what an impact we have on Colvin, between the students, faculty, and families. We have created something so special within the school that spans more than just what we see. We also get to hear each year from our scholarship winners and how the funds are impacting their lives, but that continues throughout their life and then goes on to impact others and so on. We cannot possibly see the impacts that our kindness and dedication to others makes! It takes the dedication and kindness of each of us to carry this on and I wanted to say thank you for making an impact with EWI Wichita.

Another impact we have is the collaboration and continued support of our member firms! I can't wait to see everyone on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wichita Marriott as we get to know more about each other and how we can utilize each other's firms personally and professionally. In March, we will be holding our membership drive! If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining EWI, please bring them along! April, we will be holding our annual firesides, **are you interested in hosting a fireside?** If so, please contact me or Leesa Griffin, and we will coordinate with you and your firm to hold a fireside! If you are unsure of what it means to host a fireside, give me a call or shoot me an email!

Last but not least, we are still needing applications for our ASSIST scholarship! Please send the scholarship information to anyone you believe could benefit from the program.

Thank you everyone for all that you do!

Ashley

# Director Messages

Treasurer's Report  
Emma Hahn, Treasurer  
Stoutheart Financial Group

**Commerce Operating Account:**

01/01/24 Opening Balance: \$13,411.35  
01/31/24 Reconciled Balance: \$15,345.93

**Deposits:**

1. Regular Meeting Dues: \$830.00
2. Annual Firm Chapter Dues: \$1,580.00
3. QuickBooks Reimbursement: \$90.32

**Expenses:**

1. Professional Development (Speaker Expense): \$250.00
2. Operating Expense: \$14.00
3. Website Fees: \$131.74
4. Software Fees: \$120.00
5. Chapter Dues Reimbursement for Overcharge: \$30.00



**Commerce BCDP Account:**

01/01/24 Opening Balance: \$638.71  
01/31/24 Reconciled Balance: \$638.71

**Deposits:**

1. N/A

**Expenses:**

2. N/A

**Meritrust Savings Account:**

01/01/24 Opening Balance: \$23,691.24  
01/31/24 Reconciled Balance: \$23,692.24

**Deposits:**

1. Interest: \$1.00

**Expenses:** N/A

**Ameriprise BCDP Account (Korol Financial):**

*(Statement not yet available for December)*

Please send payments to:

Emma Hahn

Stoutheart Financial Group

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Wichita, KS 67206

# Director Messages



Hello EWI,

February is already half over and March is quickly approaching. I am proud of the work the board is doing and look forward to seeing you at one of our monthly chapter events. We would love to see you out there at the next one.



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

REMINDER! Please help us spread the word about the ASIST Scholarship!! The ASIST scholarship is open to adult students pursuing their education. If you or your company know anyone who may be a good candidate, please direct them to our website where they will find the link to apply. Applications are due in mid-March.

**Allison Walden, Advisor/Director-At-Large**  
**Downing & Lahey Mortuaries**





# SAVE THE DATE

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

September 18–21, 2024

## TUCSON, AZ

Casino Del Sol, Tucson, AZ



## Future Meeting Dates

- ◆ February Chapter Meeting: February 21 at Wichita Marriott; Business to Business Speed Dating
- ◆ March Board Meeting—March 6 at IMA Financial Group
- ◆ March Chapter Meeting—March 20, 5:30-7:30pm, Tanganyika Wildlife Park (Manyara Room)
- ◆ April Board Meeting—April 3 at IMA Financial Group
- ◆ April Fireside Gatherings (To Be Announced)

# SAVE THE DATE

## March to Membership Meeting!!

Date: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Where: Tanganyika Wildlife Park-Manyara Room

1000 S Hawkins Ln, Goddard, KS 67052

**Now is your chance to bring someone to the March Meeting to promote membership and learn more about EWI!**

**Bringing someone to an EWI meeting is an easy way to showcase EWI and maybe gain a new firm and representative. I'm sure you know of at least one person that could really use EWI to grow their career and broaden their connections. This is such a great organization that does great things, and we need to tout it!**

**EWI is a great opportunity for someone to develop business relationships and valuable community connections, to grow personally and professionally, 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. Several of the prospects we are working on right now have been a referral from an EWI rep that just happened to bring up the subject of EWI in their normal interactions and found there was interest. I am inviting a lot of potential members, come see if you know them and help to promote our chapter! If you aren't comfortable recruiting someone, just send me your prospect names and I will take it from there.**



**In order for our chapter to SURVIVE and THRIVE, Everyone has to promote EWI! See you in March!**

**Jessica Emrick Davies - [jessica.emrick@wichitamariott.com](mailto:jessica.emrick@wichitamariott.com) or 316-462-3164**



# YOU ARE INVITED

To Host a Fireside Lunch or Dinner in *April*

## What

Fireside lunch/dinners offer members the opportunity to make connections & develop lasting Relationships both personally and professionally while showcasing your firm.

## Why

The Fireside Gatherings are one of EWI Wichita Chapter's Fundraiser Events for the year

## Where

The hosting firm will determine the location, time, and menu for their Fireside Gathering, in the month of April. In addition, the hosting firm will be responsible for the cost associated with the meal.

## Contact

If your firm would like to host a Fireside Gathering,  
Please contact Ashley Goodman  
[Ashley.Goodman@imacorp.com](mailto:Ashley.Goodman@imacorp.com) or  
Leesa Griffin [Lgriffin@berrycompaniesinc.com](mailto:Lgriffin@berrycompaniesinc.com)





## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

February 14—Donna Jestmore, Alumni Member

February 28 —Hayley Hobbs, Butler Community College Foundation



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Instagram: [@ewiofwichita](#)

## Contact us!

Below you'll find information to contact your  
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