

## A Message from the President



Can it really be 2015 already?

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I know many of us took some time off and are trying to get back into the swing of things now. January always feels like a time to reflect on the previous year and plan for the year to come.

As we look back on the first quarter of the current fiscal year we have accomplished quite a bit in the community.

Our representatives have served at The Lord's Diner, volunteered at Botanica and made an amazing donation to Colvin Elementary in the form of food boxes. We, as a chapter, should be very proud. The webinars from corporate have provided us multiple career development opportunities and in the upcoming months we are excited to have some strong speakers for chapter meetings.

Our November BizLink event was a great place to make connections, and while not all firms participated, we did have quite a few. We have received feedback on the event, and the only real change we need to make for the next one would be to keep the food in the same room as the booths. We have also added a 3rd rep from Star Lumber, 2 replacement reps for current firms and posted and approved a new firm/rep. I believe we can all agree this has been a successful quarter!

Looking forward to the rest of this fiscal we will be rewriting our Standing Rules, continuing with the growth and changes on the website, recruiting and working with the executive advisory board to become more visible in the community and continue to thrive as the Chapter of Excellence we are!

We are also celebrating our 45th anniversary as a chapter this month. 45 years! That's impressive. And not only are we still a chapter, we are changing and growing!

Happy Anniversary EWI of Wichita! Here's to 45 more years!

Kim Weprin

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## Get Involved with EWI!

# EWI Volunteer Opportunities

### Individual Volunteer Opportunity

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Time:** 5:45 pm – 7 pm and/or 7 pm – 8:30 pm

**Agency:** Dress for Success Wichita

**Address:** Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. N.

**Project:** Professional Women's Group volunteer – PWG meets monthly to provide ongoing career development to women who are served by Dress for Success. The meetings include tips for those who have entered the workforce and those who are still trying to get their foot in the door. Volunteers help with the service of a buffet dinner until about 7 pm and then assist each woman in "shopping" for a new outfit.

[www.dressforsuccesswichita.org](http://www.dressforsuccesswichita.org)

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

### Group Volunteer Opportunity

**Date:** Sunday, February 22, 2015

**Volunteer Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Agency:** Catholic Charities Cruise Night

**Address:** Hyatt Regency Wichita, 400 West Waterman Street

**Project:** Serve appetizers (butler style), monitor silent auction tables and assist with closing when bidding times end, live auction spotter, and other tasks as needed.

- Number of volunteers needed: 5-8
- Sign-up deadline: February 14, 2015

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

Also, if any of the members or their firms would like to donate now to the Center of Hope's fundraiser hosted on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Newman University, I am taking silent auction items now. This group helps with Rent and Utility Assistance for those in danger of being evicted or having their utilities disconnected, 100% of the money raised goes directly to landlords or utility companies.



## From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

### Charlene Dreiling – Treasurer



Commerce Operating	\$4,942.91
Meritrust Savings	\$24,182.04
BCDP Commerce	\$1,736.58
BCDP TCK Trust	\$52,795.29

*Please consider whether you might like to step up to the Board position of Treasurer. We can use this year as training so the transition is as easy as possible.*

### Tracy Lucas Vice President/President Elect



The EWI 2015 Spring Conference is April 23 – 25 in Milwaukee. Early conference registration for those EWI of Wichita ladies that are interested will be on March 10. For more details before the next Connect go to [www.ewiconnect/?page\\_id=4826](http://www.ewiconnect/?page_id=4826). Hope everyone is staying healthy in the roller coaster ride of winter this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next EWI monthly meeting.

### Sergeant-At-Arms (open Board position)

*The Sergeant-At-Arms report includes these pertinent figures: In the absence of a Board representative, the numbers are in the process of being tallied. We will report for both December and January numbers in the February Connect.*

*If you would like to serve on the Board in this capacity, please contact Kim Weprin. We would love to have you!*

(Numbers previously reported for November /  
reported in December)

<b>Active Member Firms (w/Reps)</b>	45
<b>Active Representatives</b>	52
(includes 7 Additional Reps)	
<b>Life Members</b>	20

### Julie Roberts– Secretary



**Wishing you Peace &  
Joy in the New Year!**

Remember to visit the EWI Chapter  
Store by visiting the website at  
[www.ewiwichita.org](http://www.ewiwichita.org)



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## *From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)*

### **Tami Barker – Program Director**



Looking ahead to our March Program we are honored to have Karen Countryman Roswurm, Ph.D., LMSW Assistant Professor and Director of the Center for Combating Human Trafficking as our featured speaker. The location of our March Program will be the Petroleum Club.

Our February Program will be a fundraising activity to raise awareness for hunger. Please BYOB and a snack to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

### **Debbie Pfingsten – Communications Director**



Wow! I can't believe I am writing this in the year 2015 – where has the time gone? As we continue to sing the praises of our chapter wherever and whenever we can, we certainly need the help of our chapter

representatives to keep us up to date on what is happening at your firms. We want to promote you and we promise to do just that. Give us your events, your upcoming promotions, your new leaders in the community, etc. and we will help you get your message out to the rest of our firms as well as anyone who is lucky enough to be connected to us on social media! We are a fun group but we also are dedicated to the promise of “Connections, Careers, Community”. Keep us in the loop and we will do our best to give you the tools to keep us informed. Happy New Year to each and every one of you!!

**Coming soon.....**

**Watch for the “Did you Know” campaign. We want to promote your firms and simply want to get to know you a little better. Stay tuned.**

[www.ewiwichita.org](http://www.ewiwichita.org)

## ***From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)***



### ***Fundraising News!***

#### **Pam Fullinwider, Fundraising Chair**

As of January 21, we have sold 65 tickets (\$225) for the WSU Baseball Game fundraising package. Mallory Minor is determined to win and she has a fair number of tickets in the jar. But please don't let Mallory's excitement stop you from taking a chance on the drawing! We will draw for the WSU Baseball Game package at the February EWI meeting.

If you don't like baseball, how about hockey?

We are also selling tickets for a chance to enjoy a Wichita Thunder Hockey Game in comfort and style! Thanks to Textron Aviation for generously donating their suite at INTRUST Bank Arena and 16 tickets with a catering package. We will draw for the Wichita Thunder package on March 18.

#### WSU Baseball Game

WSU Shockers vs. Central Michigan

Sunday, March 8, 2015

1 p.m.

Eck Stadium at Tyler Field - WSU President's Skybox

Includes 10 game tickets & BBQ Buffet

Donated by WSU President John Bardo (Value: \$650)

Drawing February 18 (you do not need to be present to win)

#### Wichita Thunder Hockey Game

Wichita Thunder vs. Tulsa Oilers

Friday, April 10, 2015 7:05 p.m.

Textron Aviation Suite at INTRUST Bank Arena

16 tickets and catering package

Donated by Textron Aviation (Value: \$600)

Drawing March 18 (you do not need to be present to win)

Tickets for either fundraising package are \$5 for one or \$10 for three.

The February monthly meeting is one of two EWI fundraising events. We will raise awareness for hunger and forgo the meal at the February meeting. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun, games and fellowship. There is sure to be much excitement and laughter as we play Wii games and board games. Please BYOB and a snack to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Special thanks to Tracy Lucas and High Touch for hosting this meeting.

***EWI Fundraising Event  
Fun, Games and Fellowship  
February 18, 2015  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
High Touch, 110 South Main Street  
BYOB and a snack to share***

Please save the date for our second fundraising event on July 15. Many thanks to De Nelson for the great idea, and to Angela Telford and the Sedgwick County Zoo for hosting this event.

***July Fundraising Event  
State Fair at the Sedgwick County Zoo (The Farm)  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.***

## From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

### Wendy Glick Membership Director



The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus, is credited for saying, "The only thing that is constant is change." That describes 2015 for the EWI Wichita Chapter perfectly! New firms are joining, other firms are leaving, long-time firms are changing their names and still other reps are moving to

new roles in their organizations making way for new reps to experience EWI! So much is changing in membership that I have a hard time keeping up.

One thing is for certain – you won't want to miss a meeting because there is sure to be someone new in the room that you'll want to meet. This month we welcome new rep Tisha Neloms of Center for Health & Wellness, and Teresa McGrath of IFG. We also want to welcome our newest member Chelsea Whitehead of Noah's Event Venue and members who joined last month, Lynne Smith of GO Wichita and Lindsey Speiss of Lindsey Speiss Communications. And did we say welcome to the 3rd rep from STAR Lumber & Supply who joined in November, Kelly DeCesaro? I hope I'm not leaving someone out – and if I did I'll make it up to you next month!! Welcome one and all!

### Dawn Truman Director-At-Large (Foundation)



A special thanks to Lisa Capps and Stacy Guinn for serving as chairs for our ASIST and EWISP scholarships respectively. In January the Foundation committee members are preparing to send letters and/or email

notifications regarding EWI's scholarship applications. The correspondence will be sent to all surrounding high schools and organizations that support women whose goals are improvement through education. We are expanding our footprint to include additional organizations for the ASIST program. In February we will select the judges for our Chapter competition.

### From our friends at Colvin Elementary



To: EWI I love you so much. Thank you for the pictures with the book and the pizza. Thank you for all the things we need for school. My favorite part was when you read with us. Thank you for the corgis and the stick and pencil and the book the book was so funny. I hope you come next year. I was surprised to see the book. I of my friends were scared.



Thank You  
Thank you for coming here with us, and I liked the pizza and I liked the fun fun fun time. I loved everything I liked the book and the shirts I LOVED them.  
Thank you.

Dear EWI,  
Thank you for the reading rally. My favorite part was when we got to listen to you read. It was really nice of you to do that for us. Spending your time doing that was very kind. Was shock was really funny. Thank you for bringing him. I loved the shirts. Thank you for showing us about the sports you practice there. It was cool of you to do that. I hope you come again next year, but if you only do third graders I'll bet they will like it. you guys are funny. Thank you for coming on that day. It was a special day for me and every one else. Maybe especially for all the teachers and substitute teachers too.

Sincerely Jaiara

## ***EWI Wichita Information***

### **EWI Wichita Calendar of Events**

#### **Chapter Meetings:**

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**February 18, 2015**

**Location: High Touch, 110 N. Main  
Fun & Games!**

**We will forgo the meal and gather for  
fun and games! (Wii Games, Board  
Games, Card Games)**

**BYOB, and a snack to share if you  
wish.**

**March 18, 2015**

**Location: Petroleum Club**

**Speaker – Karen Countryman**

**Roswurm, Ph.D. LMSW, Assistant**

**Professor & Director of the Center for  
Combating Human Trafficking**

**Board Meetings: Begin at 11:00 a.m.**

**February 13, 2015**

**Location: AGH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Epic Center**

### **Return on Investment – EWI**

#### ***ROI Connections***

**Network your Business**

**Build Strong Relationships**

**Increase contacts locally & throughout N.  
America**

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

**PR for your firm**

#### ***ROI Careers***

**Monthly programs, chapter meetings,  
webinars**

**Spring Conference and LCAM**

**Academy of Leadership Modules**

**Hands on Learning**

**Board Experience**

**EWI Fellows Scholarship**

#### ***ROI Community***

**Local Philanthropic efforts**

**Focus on Literacy**

**Local and National Scholarship Programs**

**Recognition locally & through Corporate  
Projects**



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### **EWI Mission Statement**

**Executive Women International (EWI)  
brings together key individuals  
from diverse businesses for the purpose of:  
promoting member firms;  
enhancing personal & professional development, and  
encouraging community involvement.**

**Member Firms...**

Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, LC  
 Associated Integrated Marketing, Inc.  
 Berry Companies, Inc.  
 Butler Community College Foundation  
 Carolyn Sayre's Fine Jewelry  
 Catholic Charities, Inc. – Diocese of Wichita  
 Center for Health and Wellness  
 Textron Aviation  
 CNH Industrial LLC  
 Commerce Bank  
 Go Wichita  
 High Touch Technologies  
 Hyatt Regency Wichita  
 imageQUEST  
 Integrated Facilities Group  
 J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.  
 Kansas Health Foundation  
 Kansas Strong...The Kansas Oil & Gas Res. Fund  
 Loft at 420  
 Make-A-Wish Kansas  
 Meritrust Credit Union  
 Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.  
 Ponca Products, Inc.  
 Professional Engineering Consultants, PA  
 Professional Mechanical Contractors, Inc.  
 Right at Home  
 Sasnak Management  
 Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture  
 Sedgwick County Zoo  
 Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.  
 Star Lumber & Supply, Inc.  
 Stoutheart Financial Group – Ameriprise Financial  
 Sunflower Travel  
 TCK – The Trust Company of Kansas  
 The Specialists Group  
 Total Printing Solutions  
 United Way of the Plains  
 Wells Fargo Advisors  
 Westar Energy, Inc.  
 Wichita Business Journal  
 Wichita Children's Home  
 Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce  
 Wichita Marriott  
 Wichita State University  
 Wichita State University Foundation  
 Wichita, City of

\*45 Member Firms\*

\*45 Representatives\*

\*7 Additional Representatives\*

\*20 Life Members\*

**Who We Are.....****Chapter Alumni**

Ann Brady  
 Peggy DiStefano  
 Donna Eastwood  
 Gaile Garner  
 Jean Hedstrom  
 Deborah Hobbs  
 Jamie Hunt  
 Donna Jestmore  
 Beverly Jones  
 Susan Leasure  
 Julia Lee  
 Barbara Lisenby  
 Marg McAdams  
 Barbara McCurdy  
 Diana McLeod  
 Marlane Morris  
 Sandra Richardson  
 Marilyn Richwine  
 Vicky Sanders  
 Sharon Thomas  
 Pat Campbell

**January Birthdays**

JOAN RAPP – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 MARCIA MILLER – 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 CONNIE VELGHE – 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 D'ANN DRENNAN – 20<sup>TH</sup>

**February Birthdays**

HOLLY HATTEN – 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 MARY FARRAR – 25<sup>TH</sup>

## ***EWI Wichita Chapter Community Outreach***

***Together We Can Make a Difference!***

### **EWI Wichita Group Community Outreach Ticker**

**Chapter Dollars Invested:**

**Volunteer Hours Invested:\***

**Reading Rally – 10/1/14**

**120**

### **Next Community Service Opportunity**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 we will need volunteers to help Catholic Charities Cruise Night to benefit Harbor House which will be hosted at the Hyatt Regency.**

- • **Volunteer time – 4:30-8:30 p.m.**
- • **Hyatt Regency Wichita**
- • **Tasks – serve appetizers (butler style), monitor silent auction tables and assist with closing when bidding times end, live auction spotter, and other tasks as needed.**
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**More information on how you can help on the night of the event with decoration of the venue, check-out, etc. will come soon.**

**\*EWI Wichita Group Volunteer Hours Annual Goal = 1,000**

## EWI Wichita Member Firm / Executive / Representative News

### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

*May you always have work for your hands to do.*

*May your pockets hold always a coin or two.*

*May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.*

*May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend always be near you.*

*And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

*— Irish Retirement Blessing*



**Connie Velghe,  
Westar Energy and  
Past President, EWI  
Wichita Chapter**

## EWI Corporate Professional Development

Visit EWICConnect.com to access the many archived professional development webinars as well as other useful information on the corporate website.

