

September 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm sure it sounds trite, but I can't believe I'm writing my last president's message. At Executives' Night, visiting EWI National President Lisa Stokes concluded her remarks by urging us to **"tell our EWI stories."** My story as your Chapter President has been evident in my previous messages. Ever since I accepted the nomination for President Elect in March, 2011, I've searched my heart for how to lead this Chapter. I tried to define more clearly what EWI has meant to me since I joined in 2000, and what it needs to offer now to the representatives, their executives, and their firms. I realized that, at my age and stage of my career, I'm not able to easily discern the needs of our younger and our newer reps. So I've tried

instead to give you a sense of the foundations of our organization, so that those who will continue the Chapter's leadership have that point of reference on which to build relevant and functional activities while remaining grounded in EWI's mission and goals.

We can be proud that we have our original engraved gavel and framed Charter, passed from president to president (Lisa Stokes was impressed). Yet we also have one of the more sophisticated Chapter websites. We have a charter representative, Gaile Garner, who has actively shaped and guided EWI of Wichita from its beginning, and who continues to work for the Chapter's future. At our most recent event, Executives' Night, Gaile sought out our newest replacement representative, attending her very first EWI meeting, to greet and welcome her. We have an amazing mix of novice and seasoned Officers and Board members who will soon be installed for 2012-2013! I'm excited for the Chapter, and it will be fun to sit in on their Board meetings.

American writer Maya Angelou has said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." You all have made me feel encouraged and supported every day of this year. The admiration and affection that I, in turn, feel for each of you have increased as we've worked more closely in various ways.

Secret Sisters – a reminder that the "reveal" has been scheduled for our October 17, 2012, Chapter meeting.

Immediate Past President Candace Parry recently shared **her EWI story** on her firm's website. Her feature in the Kansas Heart Hospital's "Employees Out and About" section is reproduced in this newsletter. Thank you Candace for spreading the word and giving us a great example!

And yes, Connie, I have had fun this year!

Take good care,
Helen Nicoli

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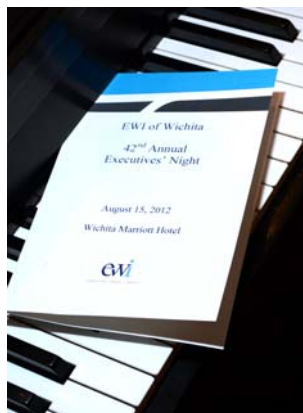
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**EWI of Wichita
42nd Executives Night
August 15, 2012
Wichita Marriott Hotel**



Hospitality!!!



Lisa Stokes, EWI Corporate President and Connie Velghe, Westar Energy



Mary Merklein-Smith and Pat Campbell, WSU



Diana McLeod, Life Member and Chris Brubaker



Various members and guests prepare for a special evening!

**EWI of Wichita
42nd Executives Night
August 15, 2012
Wichita Marriott Hotel**



A wonderful evening, with great friends, great food, fabulous speakers, and a very lovely musical finale!!!



**2011-2012 EWI Wichita Board
of Directors**



Lisa Stokes, EWI Corporate President



**Joe Johnson, Executive
Schaefer Johnson, Cox, Frey Architecture**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2012 Membership Orientation - August 23, 2012

Philanthropy - August 9, 2012



The following representatives were able to assist. Thank you to the following ladies:

Jeanetta Bolen
Theresa Hogan
Lynne Smith

Gaile Garner
Martha Linsner
Angela Telford

Pam Fullinwider
De Nelson

On Friday, August 24, 2012, representatives from the Wichita Chapter participated in the very first meeting of the Wild West Forum.

The Wild West Forum is made up of EWI Chapters – Colorado Springs, Denver, Kansas City, Omaha and Wichita. The first meeting of this group was at LCAM 2011. A get to know each other meeting was hosted by then Corporate President, Sharon Bennett. The first conference call of the group was February 9, 2012, during the call the consensus of the group was that an online/conference meeting would be held in 2012. All Wild West Chapters felt their budgets were too tight to add additional travel or fees associated with hosting a meeting. Several conference calls and emails followed leading to the Forum featured on the next page.

Regional Forums have a long history in EWI. The benefits seen from these meetings between the local regional chapters originally inspired Corporate Leaders to look at the



development of additional Forums. 8 Regional forums were either identified for addition or were already meeting to reap the benefits. These identified forums represent over 45 Chapters. Typically forums consist of a 1 ½ to 2 days conference. Several begin on a Friday noon and wrap-up Saturday afternoon. Agenda topics and length vary by Region and are normally drafted at the last session of the current Forum. Open discussions are almost always included and the hosting Chapter makes any additions or deletions from the agenda as the year progresses. Chapters budget the fees to travel, registration fee (which normally covers most meals) and hotel expenses.

Participants from the Wichita Chapter were: Helen Nicoli, De Nelson, Tammy Voth, Pam Fullinwider, Tracy Lucas, Tami Barker, Teresa Arthur and Angela Telford. Congratulations to the Wichita Chapter for your participation in this groundbreaking opportunity for networking with regional Chapters.

The agenda for the August 24 Forum is included below.

Angela Telford, Regional Board Forum Committee, Lead Planner – Wild West Forum,
Wichita Chapter Past President – 2006

Wild West Forum

EWI Chapters: Colorado Springs, Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Wichita

Date: Friday, August 24, 2012

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location(s): Live Web Meeting, at Chapter Host Facility or via conference call – 316-660-9032

Target Audience: Board members from each Chapter are encouraged to participate

Current Boards 2011-2012

* Incoming Boards 2012-2013

Proposed Agenda:

Welcome – Angela Telford, EWI Regional Board Forum Committee, Lead Planner
Janis Cohlma, EWI Leadership Development Committee, Chair

- Philanthropy – Wichita Chapter
- Motivating Participation – Kansas City Chapter
- Fundraising – Denver Chapter
- Speakers – Omaha Chapter
- Membership – Colorado Springs Chapter
- Discussion - All
 - EWI Mission Statement
 - Possible gathering at LCAM in Dallas
 - Host for Wild West Forum in 2012 or 2013



REPRESENTATIVE FEATURE

Kansas Heart HOSPITAL



Employees Out and About

The Kansas Heart Hospital (KHH) encourages volunteerism and many of our employees put forth extra-effort and use their own personal time to “make a difference” in the community. In helping others, giving back and using their talents our employees exemplify the very best in each of us and encourage us to reflect on the less fortunate, the underserved and to value the meaningful contributions made by our employees to our Wichita community.

CANDACE PARRY – Executive Secretary

Candace Parry began her career at KHH in November, 2002, as KHH's Executive Secretary. She states that KHH is different from her prior healthcare position because of “the small size and atmosphere which allows employees to get to know each other.” In 2003, at the request of a representative of the Murfin Drilling Company, KHH was invited to become a member of Executive Women International, EWI for short, and Candace was asked to be the KHH representative. EWI is a non-for-profit service organization with the Wichita Chapter having 44 local firms as well as having chapters throughout the US. Their signature charitable event is the *Reading Rally* which is held locally at Colvin Elementary school to promote literacy to approximately 125 3rd Graders. Supplies and reading materials are supplied by EWI. Additionally, EWI supports the Wichita Children's Home, the local Salvation Army, the United Way and Center for Health & Wellness, to name a few. EWI also offers two scholarship programs. One for a high school senior and the other for an adult learner wanting to transition to another career. Candace has served on the EWI Board of Directors since 2005 and was President of the Wichita Chapter for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

For further information concerning EWI you can visit their local website at www.ewiwichita.org



We would also like to acknowledge our very own Pat Jones, Dress for Success and Judy Worrell, Executive, Berry Companies as two of The Wichita Business Journal's “Women of Distinction” honored this month!!! Congratulations!!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 5, 2012

Location: The Petroleum Club
100 N. Broadway St., Ste. 900
Program: Annual Chapter Business Meeting

Menu: House & Caesar Salad
Vegetable
Rice
Potato
Roast Beef
Chicken
Dinner rolls
Dessert: Fruit Crisp & Chocolate Pudding Cake

READING RALLY REMINDER

Remember it's coming up!! Reading Rally is almost here!!

If you personally or your firm would like to contribute to the Wichita Chapter's 2012 Reading Rally, the following list of items are gladly being accepted.

- School Supplies (130 each: Crayons-24 count regular size Crayola, Crayola Markers, Elmer's Glue-8 ounce size, Watercolors-Crayola #080, Writing Pencil-No. 2, Boxes of Facial Tissue)
- Pizza Hut Gift Cards to purchase pizza for the kids; approximately \$300 total
- Cookies or money to purchase cookies; approximately \$100
- \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Cards distributed as a "thank-you" to the teachers; no limit
- T-Shirt Sponsor (130 t-shirts \$1,300...estimate as purchase details are not yet available)
- Book Sponsor* (130 books)
- New or Gently-used CHILDREN's Books - Please bring them to the September chapter meeting (Martha Linsner will be collecting them).

If you have connections to an endowment or foundation that would be likely to support this amazing project, please contact Martha Linsner with contact information.

mlinsner@TCKansas.com or 491-6101.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ann Brady 9/5
De Nelson 9/16
Carolyn Sayre 9/22
Risa Carter 9/26

Dates to Note

Wine & Dine or Lunch Bunch
To be announced -

Upcoming Meetings

October 17, 2012

Location: Hyatt Regency
Wichita
Program: Committees

November 14, 2012

Location: Wichita Marriott
Program: Ed O'Malley
President & CEO
Kansas Leadership Center

December 12, 2012

Location: Crestview Country
Club

The Architecture of EWI

EWI | PHILANTHROPIC
2012 | COMMITTEE

the Zoo

Adopting a Zoo Pal - Minimum cost for a Zoo Pal is \$25 up to \$250. Animals available for adoption - African Elephant, African Lion, Sumatran Tiger, Reticulated Giraffe, Caribbean Flamingo, Humboldt Penguin, Trumpeter Swan, Aldabra Tortoise, Poison Dart Frog, King Cobra

united way

TIME - In the warehouse to help unpack boxes of baby formula - Perhaps in the spring

ITEMS OF VALUE - Office supplies or office furniture - eventually donated to non-profits.

MONEY - \$25 provides - one pre-school child a book/month for a year.

dress for success

Makeup; New & Used - Purses - Shoes

Dress Coats - Gloves

the wichita childrens home

January - Arts/Crafts & Bead Making Kits

February - Can Openers

March - Underwear for all sizes.

April - Laundry Baskets & Hampers.

May - Preemie sized clothing.

June - Individual First Aid Kits

July - Alarm Clocks for BRIDGES

August - School Supplies.

September - Diapers, Pull-ups, Formula.

October - Individual Snack Items (pop tarts,

Nuts, Cheese & Crackers, Beef Jerky, Corn Nuts,

Fruit Cups, Easy Mac, Chef Boy Ardee, etc.)

November - Socks for all Ages.

December - Stocking Stuffers for Teens.

(gift cards, belts for boys, watches, costume jewelry, make-up,

hair accessories, nail polish, scented lotions, body wash for men, yo yo's)



Wichita
Children's Home



DRESS FOR
SUCCESS



UNITED WAY



Stabilizing families in crisis.
Strengthening families for life.

Wish List:

- Jelly
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Canned Fruit