

WICHITA EDITION

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A Message from the President



This is my final letter to you as President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank EWI of Wichita for the opportunity to serve this year. As promised, my year has been one of change, renewal, affirmation and renovation. It has truly been an honor to work with such formidable and change-oriented representatives in key leadership roles. Many of the changes resulted from true commitment to enhancing the lasting legacy of EWI of Wichita.

I started my year with several identified opportunities that I hoped to focus on this year.

- Membership growth and retention
- 2. Creating a Marketing Strategy for EWI
- 3. Balance Budget with Reestablished Savings
- 4. Creating Fundraising Opportunities that Will Attract Income from Varied Sources
- 5. Realign Tasks and Committee Structure to Eliminate Waste and Redundancy
- 6. Establish a Professional Development Committee to Begin Educational Focus and Fulfillment of Mission

It is truly gratifying to realize that progress has been made on all of the new initiatives undertaken this year. I am proud of EWI of Wichita...its varied representatives honor the past, yet embrace the vitality and dreams of the younger members. This blend of meaningful traditions and beneficial change has allowed our chapter to excel and prosper. I hope that the changes will serve as the foundation for solid growth and will add to the longevity of the chapter for many years to come.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of EWI this year. I am confident that the change in leadership will be smooth. I look forward to my year of advisory, and also to chairing other EWI committees. I would love to serve in leadership again sometime soon.

September 2014

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<u>Jenny Stephens</u> Star Lumber & Supply Company, Inc.

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EWI LCAM Recap

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

Vince Lombardi, American Football Player 1913-1970

Reported by Jenny Stephens

At LCAM 2014 Opening Gala, the announcement was made that two chapters in the EWI organization have now fulfilled the strategic priorities necessary to be named as EWI Chapters of Excellence. Those of us who represented EWI of Wichita at this year's meeting were ECSTATIC to be called forward to accept on behalf of EWI of Wichita. This achievement was a goal of the current year board and so many representatives stepped up to chair exciting new committees, fulfill new leadership roles and make this a reality for us. We are so honored to be named in the inaugural class of awardees! This clearly validates the changes that took place to prime the pump moving forward.

The EWI Standards of Excellence is the strategic plan instituted by EWI corporate in 2012 that created benchmarks in a variety of strategic areas that once achieved and maintained are thought to allow the chapter's to reach momentum necessary to propel forward more easily. Like a pump that needs primed to be able to maintain its own momentum, it is thought that once begun, program sustainability is more easily achieved. As you know, momentum needs to be constantly moving forward and that cannot be achieved without continued input from the chapter. There are lots of opportunities for everyone to be active in EWI.

You can help to keep this momentum moving forward....

- ✓ Be active in the chapter activities.
- Be involved in the committees that you are assigned to.
- Speak up...Your opinions ARE important. This is YOUR chapter.
- Share the EWI experience in your firm! Encourage a second or third representative from your firm.
- ✓ Be a mentor.



EWI LCAM Recap (cont.)

Reported by Jenny Stephens

Kim Weprin and I represented the EWI of Wichita chapter at the annual meeting, September 13, 2014. Although there were items of disagreement, when votes occur, decisions are made to take action or not. Here is a quick recap of the major topics of discussion:

Individual Membership – Initiative Passed. EWI of Wichita voted to approve. While it is true that individual membership changes the essence of the historical EWI model, some chapters are desperate to retain members in transition and grow membership. Since chapters can govern through their standing rules, Kim and I voted to afford the struggling chapters the opportunity to sustain.

Proposed Budget – Passed. EWI of Wichita voted to approve. Even though several points of contention arose that we clearly felt had validity and provided cause to vote against, it was clear that amendment of the proposed budget was not possible due to RONR provisions. Additionally, failure to pass the budget would lead to the adoption of the prior year's budget which was projected based on what was then, and is now false projections of income. Several of the chapters with concerns have decided to review more closely the quarterly financials and raise written concerns to corporate.

Plan of Merger – Passed. EWI of Wichita voted to approve. While there was mild argument from one chapter, the adoption of this would clearly reduce expenses at the corporate level, and was important for the organization to do to move forward.

Corporate Bylaws Revision – Passed. EWI of Wichita voted to approve. There was little opposition to the revision as a whole. Most dissention was derived with semantic concerns over the inclusion and timing of the Individual Membership Initiative that had passed prior to the introduction of this topic. The dissent was from the same chapters that were clearly opposed to the adoption in the first place.

We welcomed the 2014/2015 Corporate Board Officers and Directors:

- ➤ Darlene Banogon EWI of San Diego President
- ➤ Dianne Luckett EWI of Jackson Vice President
- ➤ Cheryl Hawkins EWI of Washington DC Secretary/Treasurer
- ➤ Diane Barber EWI of Harrisburg
- ➤ Cortney Ihde EWI of Milwaukee
- ➤ Jill Gaffney EWI of Spokane



EWI Wichita Information

<u>EWI Wichita</u> <u>Calendar of Events At-A-Glance</u>

Chapter Meetings:

September 17, 2014

EWI Wichita Installation of Officers Location: Oeno Champagne Room

October 15, 2014

EWI Wichita Prof Dev & Committee Mtgs

Location: Larkspur

November 19, 2014

EWI Wichita Member Firm Trade Show

Location: Wichita Marriott

Final 2013-2014 Board Meeting:
Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

September 22, 2014 Location: Larkspur

<u>Return on Investment – EWI</u>

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

September Meeting Menu

Mixed Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Creamy Dressing

Chicken Al-A-Malic

Beef Medallions with Wild Mushroom Demi

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable Medley – Sautéed Squash, Zucchini & Asparagus

Dinner Rolls with Butter

Mini Assorted Cheesecakes & Crème Puffs



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.

EWI Wichita Member Firm / Executive / Representative News





National Philanthropy Day®

The AFP Greater Wichita Chapter recently announced their National Philanthropy Day 2014 awardees. An Award Luncheon will be held on November 12, 2014. Congratulations to the EWI-affiliated awardees!



Wendy Glick, Catholic Charities **Outstanding Fundraising Executive**

Spirit AeroSystems Good Neighbor Fund **Outstanding Foundation**





Richard & Debra Campbell, Stoutheart Financial Group Distinctive Community Service Award

Congratulations to EWI Wichita Member Firm Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C. (AGH), which has been recognized as one of the best 100 CPA Firms in the US to work for – an honor AGH has now earned for the third time since 2011. AGH is the only Kansas-based firm to make the list.

"What makes this award most meaningful is that it's primarily based on the results of an employee survey," says chief executive Paul Allen. "AGH's people are what allow the firm to be successful in helping our clients grow, and it is AGH's people that make the firm a great place to work."



EWI Wichita Member Firms & Their People





- ✓ Todd Anciaux, Commerce Bank
- ✓ Ryan Bond, Sasnak Management
- ✓ Cherrie Brubaker, Westar Energy
- ✓ Amie Emerson, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.
- ✓ Justin Graham, Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey
 Architecture
- ✓ Dorothy Harpool, WSU, W. Frank Barton School of Business
- **✓** Marc Milleson, AGH Wealth Management
- ✓ Jason Mock, High Touch Technologies
- ✓ Gavin Seiler, City of Wichita / Wichita Police Department
- **✓** Michelle Stroot, City of Wichita





Sharon Dickgrafe, City of Wichita

Marjorie Engle, Allen Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.

Debbie Kennedy, Wichita Children's Home

Kaye Monk-Morgan, Wichita State University

Sherrie Williams, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.

Did You Read the September Connect?

If so, you could be eligible to be entered into a drawing at our September meeting!

Here's how it works:

- 1. Print this page
- 2. Enter your name here:
- 3. Bring with you to the September meeting to be entered into a prize drawing.

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

Cessna Aircraft Company

CNH Industrial America LLC

Commerce Bank

High Touch Technologies

Hyatt Regency Wichita

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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.....

Life Members...

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**

September Birthdays...

Laurie O'Leary 9/1

Ann Brady 9/5

De Nelson 9/16

Christy Suarez 9/16

Carolyn Sayre 9/22



Thank You to Our EWI Wichita Sponsors!



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Kimberly Weprin

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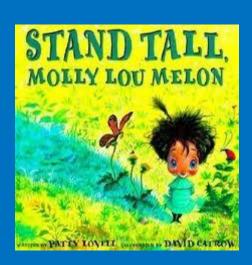
Jennifer Stephens

Bronze Level Sponsors

Commerce Bank Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture United Way of the Plains Wichita State University The Salon at Happiness Plaza

EWI Wichita Reading Rally 2014 Volunteer Opportunity





Please join us as a volunteer for the 2014 EWI Wichita Reading Rally!

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Time: 1:30-4:00 p.m. (*Prep Time – 1:30 p.m.*; *Reading Rally begins at 2:30 p.m.*)

Location: Colvin Elementary School, 2820 S. Roosevelt, Multi-Purpose Room/Cafeteria

Volunteers needed to help in the following areas:

- ✓ Food Service- organize food distribution (set up, distribute food, clean up)
- **✓** T-Shirt Distribution and helping students into shirts
- **✓** Assist with Reading Group Assignments
- ✓ Set out writing books/crayons/pencils
- **✓** Help students with writing story
- **✓** Distribute school supplies
- ✓ Clean up multi-purpose room

To volunteer, please contact Pam Fullinwider, Reading Rally Committee Chair @ Pam.Fullinwider@wichita.edu

EWI Wichita Chapter Community Outreach

Together We Can Make a Difference!

EWI Wichita Group Community Outreach Ticker

Chapter Dollars Invested:

Reading Rally – 10/1/13 \$3,429.03

Volunteer Hours Invested:*

Botanica Illuminations Event – 12/19/13 41 WCH Gift Wrapping Event – 12/23/13 14 United Way GIV Warehouse Event – 3/13/14 23 Ronald McDonald House Event – 4/3/14 15 Wichita Festivals Event – 4/21/14 21 Angelman Walk – 5/17/14 6 MK Mueller Event – 5/21/14 338 Numana Event – 6/2/14 43
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Harbor House Event – 7/15/14
Salvation Army School Supplies Event – 7/31/14 17
Special Olympics Softball Tournament – 8/2-3/14 22

Total Volunteer Hours as of 9/15/14 664

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

EWI Corporate Professional Development

Professional Development Webinar Archives Visit EWIConnect.com for these titles and many more

Leadership: You Can Do It Presenter: Michael O'Neil

Confident Negotiation & Conflict Management

Presenter: Michelle Gladieux

Kick the Fear out of Your Finances Presenter: Jamie L. Fleming, CFP

Goal Setting the S.M.A.R.T. Way Presenter: Dr. Heather Williamson

Executive Corner

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Leadership Challenges – TCK - The Trust Company of KansasTM



Martha L. Linsner President

Firm joined in 2005

About Martha Linsner:

When asked the question.... "What is the biggest challenge facing leaders today?"

Martha responded:

I recently read, at the encouragement of Chamber President Gary Plummer, "The Coming Jobs War" and I'm in complete agreement with the author, Jim Clifton, Chairman & CEO of Gallup that "if every organization in the United States doubled employee engagement, America would once again surprise the world, just like it did during the dot-com boom." Therefore the biggest challenge facing leaders today is the implementation of the right employee motivation (i.e., engagement) program for the organization in which he/she leads. The concept is simple. Clifton wrote, "When you have engaged employees, you get a predictable domino effect: engaged employees create customer engagement, which creates sales growth, which creates profit increase, and finally, that creates stock increase. And then, everybody wins." The shift of the leader's mind set on such a concept can be a difficult challenge. So often, "the boss" just wants the job done and expects his or her employees to just do what they are tasked. The shift requires an action plan, a process of identifying employee's strengths, and a management team that cares about employee development and growth. Employee engagement drives unlimited potential.



Certified Trust & Financial Advisors

Martha Linsner, President, has been with The Trust Company of Kansas (TCK) since May 1994. She came to TCK with seven years of banking experience with an emphasis in the areas of employee benefit operations and tax reporting. Martha holds a Bachelor of Science from Friends University and has successfully completed the American Bankers Association (ABA) National Graduate Trust School, which focuses on developing essential skills needed by today's trust professionals. In 2002, Martha earned the designation of Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA).

Martha's unique role is to be the face of TCK in the community by staying active through various networking opportunities with area professional organizations and referral sources. She also coordinates the marketing efforts related to the company's Supporting the Arts campaign.

Martha is involved with the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, joining the board in 2011 and serves on the Executive Committee and Leadership Council. She's currently active with the YesWichita campaign! Additional board service includes Past President of Wichita Estate Planning Council, Chairman of Junior Achievement of Wichita, Director for Music Theatre of Wichita, Development Chair for The Arts Council in Wichita, Kansas Bankers Association-Trust Division Board Member, and Trustee for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. She is presently serving on the Treasurer's Advisory Council for the State of Kansas' 529 Learning Quest Savings Plan at the invitation of Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes. She is actively involved in the Rotary Club of Wichita, slated as President-Elect of Junior League of Wichita, and is TCK's Executive for the Wichita Chapter of Executive Women International (EWI). Martha serves on the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for the United Way of the Plains and is a member of the Wichita State University Ulrich Museum Salon Circle. She is a 2004 Wichita Business Journal "40 Under 40" recipient, and a 2005 Leadership Wichita graduate.



From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

Kim Weprin -**Vice President/President Elect**



LCAM 2014 was an amazing experience. Tracy Lucas and I arrived on Tuesday afternoon and settled in before Leadership Caucus dinner that night. During dinner we got to know our new corporate board liaison, outgoing corporate president Ronwyn

Anderson. Leadership Caucus was excellent. Lori G provided an inspiring presentation, one of her last, sadly, and we were able to get to know some strong women in leadership throughout the day.



I think my favorite part of the week was the opening night celebration. The Wichita chapter was representing our great city all decked out in WSU gear and passing out Wu stickers. But the best part of the night came during the dinner portion, when Ronwyn announced the 2 chapters that, for the first time ever, attained the status of "Chapter of Excellence", and we heard her say "EWI of Des Moines", and the room went wild, cheering, etc, but we didn't hear her say our name...we saw it up on the screen and then we jumped up and started celebrating as we headed to the stage. What an exciting night!

The next morning was our first morning of our chapter's booth at LCAM and even though we had some logistical issues, once we got set up sales were constant! We did so well throughout the conference, and I truly believe this will continue with the website store. All LCAM attendees were extremely helpful in making sure the booth was staffed and we could get to everyone.

Thursday night our whole group went on the dinner cruise touring the monuments. It was a great evening, getting to enjoy friends and making new ones. I had been selected by our conference catalyst as a "spy" to find 1 person who conveyed the message that had been discussed in that days' presentation. So I spent the evening meeting new people and searching for that person. I found her pretty quickly. Her name was May Ward and she is from Tacoma. Some of you will get to meet her at LCAM 2016, which will be hosted in Tacoma!

Friday was a breakout session day, where some of us learned about emotional intelligence from Lori G, others attended an AOL alumni session and the rest went to a session on being poised for leadership. Afterwards, two of our great chapter members, Pat Campbell and Jenny Stephens, graduated from AOL! Way to go ladies!

Friday evening was the chapter dinner at Ruth's Chris, where we spent a lot of time discussing the proposed annual meeting items, getting the census for how Jenny and I should vote the next day. We still managed to fit in some fun though!

Annual meeting was interesting, and the voting went along with how our chapter had agreed to vote, so we felt happy with the results. It also ended in time for Tracy and I to head to the airport and catch our flight home.

Another great LCAM! Hoping many of you will be able to attend in 2015 in Tulsa!

From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

Charlene Dreiling – Treasurer



The September Treasurer's report includes these pertinent figures:

Commerce Checking \$3,495.75 **Meritrust Savings** \$26,177.76

B/C/DP: Commerce Checking TCK Trust

\$1,906.77 \$<u>52,972.25</u>

Total \$84,552.53

Davna Gould – Secretary



Minutes of the July 2014 Board Meeting were submitted for approval at the August 8, 2014 board meeting held at Hyatt Regency Wichita. The Minutes were approved. Minutes of the July Board Meeting were submitted on August 8, 2014 to

corporate and for posting on the chapter website.

De Nelson – Sergeant-At-Arms



The September Sergeant-At-Arms report includes these pertinent figures:

Active Member Firms (w/Reps)	44
(as of August 20, 2014)	
Active Representatives	51
(includes 7 Additional Reps)	
Life Members	20

August Meeting Attendance:

Reps	31
Additional Reps	3
Life Members	_2

Total Attendees: 36

Tami Barker – Program Director



There is a feeling of change of seasons in the air....as well as with EWI.

Our September meeting will be installation of officers for 2014/2015 at the Oeno Champagne Room. We will be treated to a new venue and a

dinner buffet.

October takes us to the Larkspur with Professional Development training on Facebook provided by Associated Advertising.

Looking further ahead into November we will have our event at the Wichita Marriott and our Tradeshow. We are asking that you please RSVP if you will be providing a booth for this event in addition to your typical meal RSVP. You can provide this booth RSVP directly to me at tami.barker@hyatt.com so we can plan accordingly for table requirements and room set up.

We will end 2014 in December with our holiday event at Hyatt Regency Wichita.

From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

Jessica Emrick – Fund Raising Director



The EWI T-Shirts have been distributed. If you didn't order a T-Shirt, it's not too late. I did order a few extra so please let me know if you would like one. The cost is \$40 per shirt in sizes small, medium, large & extra large. 2XL and 3XL are \$45.

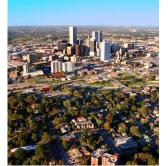
At the August meeting, two **Zoobilee Tickets** for Saturday, September 6th were raffled off.

Congratulations to Mary Farrar who won the pair of tickets!

Remember to bring your \$\$\$ for the 3rd Quarter EWI Fundraiser – It's your last chance to win an overnight stay on a Friday or Saturday at the Marriott Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills to include breakfast for two the following morning. Match Play Coupons at the River Spirit Casino located one mile away will be provided, and a \$50 gas card will be included, as well. The winner will be announced at the September meeting!

Local Attractions include:

- River Spirit Casino
- Oklahoma Aquarium
- River Parks
- Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art
- Philbrook Museum of Art
- Gilcrease Museum



Please feel free to sell tickets at \$10/each or 5 for \$40 to your coworkers, family and friends. Need not be present to win. Funds raised will benefit the EWI Operating Budget. Tickets will be sold at the August and September meetings or contact me directly and I will send some to you. (316-613-9201) or jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com.



Debbie Pfingsten – Communications Director



I wish you could have all been there....LCAM 2014 in Washington, D.C. What a great experience to be in our nation's capital and with a fabulous group of women. I can't leave out the fact that we also had a couple of men in attendance from other chapters so we are branching

out for sure! We will update you on our LCAM experience in a later publication but, rest assured, we had a full week/weekend of great speakers, networking like no other and many memories to bring home with us. Thom Singer and Fawn Germer, two of our speakers, were inspiring us to take risks and always grow our network. Receiving one of two awards for Chapter of Excellence was a huge highlight of the opening celebration where we were donning our Shocker Nation t-shirts. But, we weren't done yet....one of three awards for top Connect newsletters was received on Thursday at the EWI Awards Breakfast. I will post more pictures of our experience to social media in the upcoming days so you all can share some of the experience with us. If you haven't done it already, be sure to like us on Facebook, join our LinkedIn and follow us on Twitter. Thanks to everyone's hard work in the Wichita Chapter, we are definitely one of the best! Congratulations to all firms and representatives for an outstanding year.



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EWI – Wichita

From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

Dawn Truman – Membership Director



We Are Growing – We are delighted to announce a new member firm this month!

Butler Community College Foundation – Stacy Cofer.

Stacy is the representative/executive for Butler Community College

Foundation, and her title at BBC is Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Stacy has been with Butler Community College since 2001. Prior to being with BCC she was the Director of Development at Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School. She is a graduate of Wichita State University.

You can learn more about Butler Community College by visiting them on the web at http://www.butlercc.edu/. Help us welcome this new firm, a great addition to our EWI Wichita Chapter!

EWI Corporate Recruiting Event 400in4 Membership Campaign



Pat Campbell – Director-At-Large (Foundation)



August has been a relatively quiet month with the scholarship work completed. Our literacy project is now revving up with the Reading Rally committee having just met. The book for the Rally has been chosen and the order placed as well

as an order for the t-shirts. The community readers have been chosen and have been asked but have not yet been confirmed. The committee is busy organizing the many additional details.

The Reading Rally is a project many of our representatives look forward to each year. If you have not been able to join us in the past please consider participating in this heart-warming annual EWI –Wichita activity. If any of your companies have a particular fondness for children's learning opportunities and would like to sponsor the Rally in some way, please let me or one of the committee members know.

Some of the state and district statistics will inform as to why we continue to choose Colvin Elementary School for our Reading Rally. It is the largest elementary school in the Wichita district with 845 students and is in a high poverty location with many transient families whose children speak English as a second language. Hispanics comprise 65.4 % of the student population followed by 13.9% white and 9.2% Asian. Over 97% qualify for free or discounted lunches. The 2013 reading score for Colvin was 44% compared to 80% statewide. Kansas ranks the 563 schools in the state and Colvin is in the bottom 25, coming in at 24th.

Thank you to committee chairs, Pam Fullinwider, Lisa Capps and Marcy Ray for your excellent work this past year. Committee members Barb McCurdy, Holly Bellora, Joan Wamsley, Mona Kepley and Sharon Thomas contributed a great deal of support as well. All of you are greatly appreciated. It has been a great EWI year.



From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.) <u>Board Report Recap</u>

Treasurer's Report:

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Sergeant-At-Arms Report:

There were 31 Representatives, 3 Additional Representatives and 2 Life Members, for a total of 36 present at the August 2014 Chapter meeting. With 31 member Firms represented, we had a 67% attendance record.

Membership Report (as of 8/20/14):

Member Firms	44
Firm Representatives	44
Additional Representatives	7
Life Members	20

Total Membership <u>71</u>



EWI Wichita Lunch Bunch LaGalette August 27, 2014

From Left: Mary Farrar, Marilyn Richwine, Karen Smith, Gaile Garner. Jeanetta Bolin, Jenny Stephens, Pam Fullinwider, Paula Lamprecht, Jamie Hunt. Pat Campbell, Barbara Lisenby, Theresa Hogan, Teresa Arthur, Connie Velghe, Tami Barker, Helen Nicoli

EWI Wichita Chapter Annual Meeting – August 20, 2014

