

## ***A Message from the President***



It's hard to believe we are already planning for the holidays, but here we are. This month brought exciting things for EWI of Wichita, including our BizLink member firm trade show night on Wednesday, November 19. This night gave our member firms, executives and representatives a chance to mingle, network and really get to know each other in a fun, relaxed setting. We wanted to make sure everyone attending got the appropriate time with each member firm, so we decided to remove some of the structure of a sit-down meal and make it a more fluid appetizer and cocktail event. We're hoping this allowed

everyone a chance to meet all of our participating member firms. We are interested to hear feedback after the event, so please let me, Tami Barker or the board know what you thought.

November also brought our first traditional board meeting, on Friday, November 14. During this meeting we set our key objectives for the year to come, and really dug in to making this a year of growth. In addition, the first meeting of the Standing Rules Committee, charged with rewriting the chapter's Standing Rules, to incorporate recent changes to bylaws, occurred in November.

December will bring some opportunities for community service, as noted in Jessica Emrick's report, as well as a chance for EWI of Wichita, as a group, to give back to our Reading Rally school, Colvin Elementary. In previous years we have done ornament exchanges, wine exchanges, etc., but when we attended Reading Rally this year, the principal, Karen Whittle, explained to us Colvin lost the church that sponsors their food boxes. Their food box program is a unique, but much needed program, offering boxes of food to the families of students during the holiday break. Families that might otherwise not be able to feed their children, who typically get fed at school, because of their very low income. They were in desperate need of some organizations to step up, and we all felt this would be a much better way for us to serve EWI, the community and each other, by giving back to those who so desperately need it. Tami has explained what we're requesting for the holiday party in her report, so please review it carefully and really think about participating.

### **2014-2015 Officers & Directors**

#### **President**

Kim Weprin  
Associated Integrated  
Marketing, Inc.

#### **Vice President**

Tracy Lucas  
High Touch Technologies

#### **Secretary**

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#### **Treasurer**

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Wichita State University  
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#### **Membership Director**

Wendy Glick  
Catholic Charities

#### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Davna Gould  
Center for Health & Wellness

#### **Program Director**

Tami Barker  
The Hyatt Regency, Wichita

#### **Dir. At Large (Foundation)**

Dawn Truman  
J P Weigand & Sons

#### **Communications Director**

Debbie Pfingsten  
Meritrust Credit Union

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**President's Message (cont.)**

We are still searching for someone to take over the Connect for 2014/2015. This position requires someone to arrange provided content into the pre-designed template and organize to format properly. Currently, in addition to all of her other responsibilities as Communications Director, Debbie Pfingsten is working on this (with much help from Teresa Arthur in October). Debbie really needs someone to step up and take this position. Please consider volunteering.

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

We couldn't help but share some of the thank-you notes received from the Colvin Elementary students after the latest Reading Rally. Watch for more of them in upcoming issues of the Connect. Our Colvin kids are the best!



Dear, Cara Thankyou for coming  
and read to me. You are AWESOME!  
I love you Thank you for coming. And  
Thank you for coming WU  
Hack. I hope you can come  
back soon.

LOVE, Jacqueline



Dear ewi, thank you for coming  
to colvin and Pizza, T-shirts, cookies, juice,  
and school supplies. Also for every-  
thing. (Including Washack.)

Sincerely, Sebastian

## From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

### Charlene Dreiling – Treasurer



*The October Treasurer's report includes these pertinent figures:*

<b>Commerce Checking</b>	\$968.59
<b>Meritrust Savings</b>	\$26,178.81
<b>B/C/DP:</b>	
<b>Commerce Checking</b>	\$1,506.58
<b>TCK Trust</b>	\$51,798.30
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$80,452.28</u>

### Tracy Lucas Vice President/President Elect



As we enter this holiday of giving thanks, I'd like to take this moment to say thank you to all member firm representatives that are serving in a leadership role as a chair of a committee or on the Board of Directors. I'd also like to

take this time to thank those working on tasks within their committee to help our EWI Chapter continue to succeed.

### Davna Gould – Sergeant-At-Arms



*The October Sergeant-At-Arms report includes these pertinent figures:*

<b>Active Member Firms (w/Reps)</b>	<b>45</b>
(as of October 15, 2014)	
<b>Active Representatives</b>	<b>52</b>
(includes 7 Additional Reps)	
<b>Life Members</b>	<b>20</b>

### October Meeting Attendance:

Reps	25
Additional Reps	4
Life Members	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Attendees:</b>	<b><u>30</u></b>

### Julie Roberts– Secretary



I look forward to learning and engaging in my new commitment with EWI this year. I sincerely hope all of you are too. EWI has many different opportunities to choose from for us to be successful. Enjoy the journey.



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

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



Where has the year gone? I can't believe I am discussing the end of the year celebrations and meeting details!

We had a great November event, BizLink 2014. The tradeshow was

exciting and networking opportunities to showcase your organizations were focused on. Congratulations to all the firms who participated and to everyone attending this great event!

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



Thank you to everyone on the Communication Team this term! We are all getting used to our new roles and I think everyone is going to enjoy this year of communicating EWI. As always, if you have any information to shout about, please contact one of us. We currently have an open position for the Connect newsletter Chair. If you are interested and would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly.

#### **Communication Team:**

Jeanetta Bolin – Website

Mallory Miner – Facebook

Sherri Smith – Public Relations

Karen Smith – Executive Engagement

Open – Connect Chair

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

### **Pam Fullinwider– Fund Raising Director**



Committee members: De Nelson, Marcy Ray, Tammy Voth, Denise Wickham, Angela Telford, Sharon Thomas

Several members of the EWI Fundraising Committee met recently to begin thinking about activities for the two fundraising events which will be in February and July 2015. We were thinking outside the box and have some great ideas that still need to be developed before we announce the details. So please stay tuned!

We will continue the quarterly prize drawings to benefit the EWI Wichita operating budget. The first quarterly prize is the opportunity to attend a WSU Baseball Game in the President's Skybox, which includes 10 tickets and a BBQ buffet.

Tickets will be sold at each meeting with the first drawing in February, 2015.

Please contact me or one of the committee members if you have any ideas to make our fundraising even better.



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

### **Wendy Glick Membership Director**



I'd like to invite everyone to welcome our newest EWI member – Kelley DeCesaro. Kelley is the 3rd representative from member firm Star Lumber and is a digital brand strategist for the company. Kelley enjoys social media, reading, baking and spending time with family.

Welcome to EWI Kelley!

I'd also like to thank Dawn Truman, Carolyn Sayre, Joan Rapp and Joan Walmsley for talking up EWI to their friends and families. Each has inspired someone they know to check us out. You'll meet their contacts at an EWI meeting in the future and I know you'll make them feel welcome. Remember – some of us are a part of the membership committee, but EVERYONE can share information of the great opportunities that come with being a member EWI. Let's keep our Chapter of Excellence honor through continued growth in membership!

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



We continue to pursue grants that might be available to EWI in order to expand our community reach. We are hoping to make a difference in the communities we serve.

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



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## *Did You Read the November Connect?*

**If so, you could be eligible to be entered into a drawing at our December meeting! Here's how it works:**

**1. Print this page**

**2. Enter your name here:** \_\_\_\_\_


**3. Bring with you to the December meeting to be entered into a prize drawing!**

## Community Outreach Event Volunteer Opportunity



Community Outreach Event

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**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
Event is from 5:15 pm to 8:45 pm  
*Arrive 5:00 pm*

Please consider Volunteering!

**How to Sign-Up:**

- ✓ Send email to [jessica.emrick@wichitamariott.com](mailto:jessica.emrick@wichitamariott.com)
- ✓ Indicate inside or outside station

**Ask a Friend or Family Member to Join in the  
Fun with your EWI Friends!**

Illuminations will place us in one of these positions. If the weather is bad, they move the outdoor stations inside.

<b>Inside Stations:</b> Ticket Sales / Reception Desk Refreshment Sales (lobby) Refreshment Sales (Party Barn) Santa's Helper   Letters to Santa Ticket Sales / Reception Desk Gift Shop   Greenery Sales Performance Greeters   Monitors	<b>Outside Stations:</b> Ticket takers   Line Monitors   Popcorn Sales Smores Pit (Terrace Patio)   Garden Greeters Trains   Chimineas
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 **BOTANICA**  
701 Amidon St | Wichita, KS 67203

## ***EWI Wichita Information***

### ***EWI Wichita Calendar of Events At-A- Glance***

#### ***Chapter Meetings:***

**December 17, 2014**  
**Holiday Celebration**  
**Location: Hyatt Regency Wichita**

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**January 21, 2014**  
**Location: Loft @ 420**  
**Speaker – Susie Santo**

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

**December 12, 2014**  
**Location: CNH Industrial America,  
 LLC**

**January 16, 2015**  
**Location: Hyatt Regency Wichita**

### ***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  
 Cessna Aircraft Company  
 CNH Industrial America LLC  
 Commerce Bank  
 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.....

### 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

### November Birthdays

MARTHA LINSNER – 5<sup>TH</sup>  
 HELEN NICOLI – 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 TAMMY VOTH – 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 JAMIE HUNT – 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 TERESA ARTHUR – 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 PAT PEPPARD – 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 JENNIFER STEPHENS – 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 DAVNA GOULD – 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 PAMELA WOODSIDE – 28<sup>TH</sup>

### December Birthdays

CANDACE DAVIS – 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 JOAN WAMSLEY – 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 ANGELA TELFORD – 23<sup>RD</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**

**Total Volunteer Hours as of 10/15/14 120**

**\*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**

**Employee Engagement**  
**Presenter: Sylvia Hepler**

**Body Language Confidential**  
**Presenter: Traci Brown**

**Beyond the Conference: What Now?**  
**Presenter: Thom Singer**

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

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

### **Board Report Recap**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Commerce Checking</b>	<b>\$867.12</b>
<b>Meritrust Savings</b>	<b>\$26,178.84</b>

#### **B/C/DP:**

<b>Commerce Checking</b>	<b>\$1506.58</b>
<b>TCK Trust</b>	<b>\$51,798.30</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,350.84</b>
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#### **Sergeant-At-Arms Report:**

There were 25 Representatives, 4 Additional Representatives and 1 Life Member, for a total of 30 present at the October 2014 Chapter meeting. With 30 member Firms represented, we had a 66% attendance record.

#### **Membership Report (as of 9/17/14):**

Member Firms	45
Firm Representatives	45
Additional Representatives	7
Life Members	<u>20</u>

<b>Total Membership</b>	<b><u>72</u></b>
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### ***Lord's Diner Community Service Event***

***Thank you for serving!***



**Get Involved with EWI!**

Jessica Emrick, Teresa Arthur, Barbara Lisenby, Colin Parry, Candace Parry, Jeanetta Bolin & Adrienne Parry



### Wednesday, December 17, 2014

**5:30pm – Social Time with Live Holiday Music**

**6:00pm – Dinner—to be more conducive to our event we will be having a variety of soups and salads as well as some fun holiday treats!**

**6:45pm – Boxing of Food for Colvin Elementary**

**7:30pm – Adjourn**

In lieu of a gift exchange we will be putting our focus on serving the community. We are asking that each member attending give from your heart for the needy families of Colvin Elementary. We will be putting together food boxes.

Items that have been in the food boxes in the past have included some of the following items:

- ☐ Canned goods such as: vegetables, fruits, Vienna sausages, tuna, etc.
- ☐ Boxed goods such as: cereal, instant potatoes, rice, pasta, etc.
- ☐ Bagged items such as: beans, rice, pasta, beef jerky, dried fruits
- ☐ Fresh but durable produce such as: potatoes, oranges, apples and grapefruit
- ☐ Plastic bottled items such as juice

Please visit the website to RSVP. We look forward to showing the families of Colvin the generosity of EWI representatives and firms this holiday season.



## ***EWI Wichita Member Firm / Executive / Representative News***

### ***John Rupp named president of J.P. Weigand; Dawn Truman takes over as commercial division GM***



**John Rupp will become the company's president in January. Dawn Truman is transitioning from her role as president to become senior vice president of the entire company and general manager of its commercial division. She replaces Jerry Gray, who retired earlier this year.**

**Rupp has been with Weigand for 12 years and has worked mostly on the auction side of the business. He was a Wichita Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree in 2012. Truman became Weigand's president in 2011. She has served as Weigand's interim commercial division general manager since Gray retired. With the changes, Weigand's leadership team includes Nestor Weigand as chairman and CEO; Rupp, Truman and Gary Walker, who is the company's vice president and general manager of its residential division.**

**Congratulations to John Rupp and Dawn Truman. We know you will be great in your new roles at J. P. Weigand.**

