

## *A Message from the President*



Growth. You will hear/see this word a lot during the next twelve months. As I stepped in to my role as 2014/2015 chapter president, I had a couple goals in mind. The first was to continue the momentum from last year. The second was to grow upon that momentum. We, as a chapter, have made great strides in the past twelve months. We became a Chapter of Excellence, as defined by corporate. We have realigned our committees and director positions to better serve the chapter. And, we have stepped outside our comfort zone and taken chances, like opening a chapter website store. Now is the time to grow upon these changes.

This year I will be challenging everyone to step outside her comfort zone in some way. Reach out to a connection and invite them to a meeting, sign up to chair a committee or even reach out to serve on the board in a position that is new to you. Make the most of your membership in EWI, and grow as a person, as a rep and as an employee.

The 2014/2015 chapter board is a strong group of women that I am excited to be working with and learning from this year. We had our first board meeting on October 14 and tackled many topics, including how to attract millennials, how to grow our membership, succession planning, the website store and professional development to name a few. Please remember, if you ever have suggestions for the board, we're here to serve the chapter and we welcome thoughts and ideas from the membership at-large.

The board will establish the goals for this fiscal year and I will present them in the next Connect, so that we, as a chapter, can work together to accomplish them. We are never more strong than when we work together towards our goals.

Please take a moment to consider serving the chapter this year in a committee chair role. We are still in need of a few key positions, and we need to work together to make sure this chapter continues to flourish. Please reach out to me if you would like to know which positions are still available, or to offer your service.

I look forward to another great year with EWI of Wichita and would like to thank all of our member firms for their continued support and the representatives for all of the work they put in to make us a Chapter of Excellence!

### 2013-2014 Officers & Directors

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## ***EWI LCAM Reports***

### **Kim Weprin – President - Chapter Leadership: Making Great Things Happen**

In her final year of speaking at LCAM, Lori Giovannoni (Lori G) spoke at Leadership Caucus on the topic of leadership skills that are beneficial to leading a chapter. Years ago, it was believed that you were either born with leadership skills or you weren't. It is now known that this is not true. Leadership can and must be taught. Everyone possesses leadership potential.

Promoting chapter growth these days requires leaders who are willing to think outside the box and explore non-traditional paths to embrace new ways and wisdoms. To do this a chapter leader must be willing to be inspirational, break some rules, practice fluid leadership and fluid authority.

What are "fluid leadership" and "fluid authority"? These concepts relate to democracy and not needing to be dependent on titles or rules, but skill sets to determine who does what.

We learned about creating a chapter vision, and how the board can work together to create one vision that can then be what is presented throughout the chapter. We also worked on what our personal message, as chapter leaders, would be for the year. What is the purpose of our year of service? This helps us plan for the next twelve months, and gives us goals to accomplish.

And lastly, we learned about communication skills, and their importance in a leader. Presentation skills are required throughout service as a leader, whether that be in EWI, at your job or at home. Presence is key. If you appear checked in, confronting issues head-on, people will see you as a leader. You need to be aware. Know what the issues are, so you can begin to address them. And understanding, knowing the confrontational issues, getting both sides and then bringing them up and addressing them. If you are able to do these three things, you should be successful in leadership.

### **Tracy Lucas – Vice President/President Elect**

The two career tracks I attended at LCAM were for the purpose of building upon personal and Chapter skills. The first session was regarding social media: 'What the Social Media Revolution Means to You.' My objective for attending this course was to gain some tricks and techniques for messaging strategies and keeping social media ideas fresh. The session instead was a simple overview of social media and was geared more for chapters that had little understanding of social media. The exchange of information was addressed for the chapters just beginning their social media initiatives. The Wichita Chapter is fortunate to have leadership that has placed an interest in using social media as a tool to recruit and share information about our Chapter member firms and representatives. The second career track session I attended was 'Maximizing Your Verbal Assets: Impactful Communications.' My objective in this session was to find techniques that would help provide some comfort when speaking in front of groups. A few highlights from this session included the three core universal principles. The audience rules and drive the message! It is the presenters role to keep the audience engaged by making it about the "the audience" - not the presenter. Too much information is a killer! The key is to separate the message from the information. Your message is the value and meaning of what you are presenting while the information is the data and supporting background information. The Value of the Message Rocks! Audiences do not want to think about what you are trying to present so keep your message simple and to the point. People make up their mind about the presenter in 8 seconds and can only process about 18 minutes worth of content in a presentation.

Overall the LCAM experience was positive and I would encourage the Wichita Chapter reps to attend next year in Tulsa. My favorite class was 'Poised for Leadership;' the reason this class was so impactful was that it demonstrated to me the one key takeaway from the leadership conference - women attending this event are confident and poised. I have no doubt that EWI has a return on your investment from the perspective of personal growth.

## ***EWI LCAM Reports (cont.)***

### **Candace Parry**

#### Wisdom for Today from Leaders of the Past (Antigoni Ladd)

Ms. Ladd presented 3 leaders and their leadership behaviors and how it affected what they did.

Winston Churchill: He had a vision of success and used clear, simple language. He used one word... VICTORY, with the "V" hand sign wherever he went and with the people he came across.

He used visual pictures and stories..."we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds,..." He was open and honest and shared the good and bad news. He gave direction in what everyone's part was in achieving the mission.

Eleanor Roosevelt: She was a good listener. She wanted to create opportunities for those who needed a voice. For example, Marion Anderson, an African-American contralto (classical female Alto singer) who was refused permission by the Daughters of the American Revolution to sing in the Constitution Hall. Eleanor heard about it and terminated her membership. With Eleanor's help, Marion performed before 75,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday 1939.

She took risks. She was always under the scrutiny of the media. She brought attention to poor working conditions. She was for the people.

Mahatma Gandhi: He was a leader by example, by influence. He survived by finding courage in his convictions and encouraged others to do the same. He suggested that you align your actions with your values, that you are in control of your own life.

All three leaders had strength, determination, compassion, confidence, optimism, team spirit, adaptability and pride in everything they did. These were the tools they used along with their body language.

The lessons learned from the session:

- \*Focus on a vision of success
- \*Find creative ways to reach out to others
- \*Become a role model for your values.



### **Pat Campbell - Literacy Luncheon Report**

EWI supporting literacy and the Reading Rally in the city of the conference is a major initiative taken during each annual LCAM.

This year it was celebrated with a luncheon where the event was filmed from the previous day and shared with conference attendees. The LCAM 2014 Reading Rally luncheon was great and very meaningful. As you entered the ballroom you couldn't help but notice the tubs of school supplies tied with a ribbon as each table's centerpiece, identifying the luncheon as LCAM's ever popular literacy event.

The luncheon began with invocation and a beautifully prepared meal of salmon and baked chicken, steamed vegetables, wonderful breads and a fabulous dessert. As lunch wrapped up we were entertained with a video taken during the rally the day before. The children received books, school supplies and lunch while being entertained with readings and other activities. They had the biggest smiles and were just thrilled with the attention received from the many EWI volunteers.

The D.C. Charles Houston Elementary school was the benefactor of this year's EWI Corporate's generosity. The rally's tag line read, "Transform the world, one eager reader at a time." It is always heartwarming to see the broad smiles of the children, their excitement and happiness. We give, but receive so much more. It is a win, win for everyone.

## ***EWI LCAM Reports (cont.)***

### **Debbie Pfingsten-Keynote Speaker, Thom Singer**

Thom Singer, our keynote speaker, who actually spent most of the weekend with us at LCAM, spoke several times throughout the weekend and even joined us on the dinner cruise down the Potomac (which was beautiful, by the way..) Thom's message was clear – networking is important to you both personally and professionally. You **MUST** learn how to do it and get good at it! When you find a connection with someone, you fast forward to trust and that is HUGE! Remember this formula:

$E = MC^2$  / Human Engagement = Meaningful Connections between 2 or more people. You gather information with your brain but make decisions with your heart or your gut instinct.

Mr. Singer also encouraged us to keep up on our LinkedIn profiles and pay attention to personal branding. Branding is an execution on a promise, the brand called YOU. This statement is so true for us in our personal lives, our careers and as a chapter. It's not really that hard but we should look at it as a marathon – something that we constantly work on. Compounded generosity and community service was also a common rule of thumb.

There were so many great things about LCAM this year but it seemed to be particularly important that we remember to network in our communities and grow our chapters the best we can. So....who will join us for LCAM next year?

### **Davna Gould - Opening Celebration**

Represent You! Groups of women decked out in matching gear began to gather, introduce themselves and reconnect with longtime friends. The Hawaii chapter stood out with their colorful leis, the Colorado chapter promoted safety first with their bike helmets firmly in place, and finally the cuddly EWI Collegiate Chapter from Missouri State University donned their fuzzy tiger ears. Many thanks to Wichita State University's President, Dr. John W. Bardo, for providing T-shirts, beads, and pins for our Wichita chapter to represent Kansas in WSU-themed gear. The highlight of the night was the presentation of the **Chapters of Excellence**: EWI Wichita and EWI Des Moines! The energy spilled over and the dancing began... It was the perfect start to the 2014 Leadership Conference, held in Washington D.C.



### **Congratulations to EWI Wichita Chapter of Excellence**

Corporate recognized their first chapters to achieve the Standards of Excellence and award them Chapter of Excellence status. Congratulations to EWI of Des Moines and **EWI of Wichita** on this achievement! We always knew we were an excellent chapter but now it's official!! This award goes to ALL our representatives and firms who make this chapter great!





## EWI LCAM Reports (cont.)

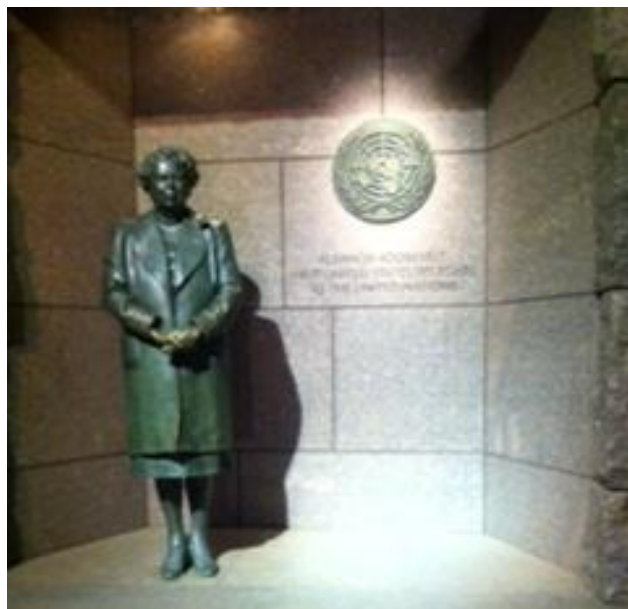
**Angela Telford** - Friday, September 12, 2014 - Alumni Experience, Afternoon Session

This session challenged all attendees to “Utilize Wisdom for Today from Leaders of the Past”

The three role models for the session were: Winston Churchill, Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi. My thoughts focused on Eleanor Roosevelt throughout the session. I had just returned from touring the museum that recognizes the Roosevelt's in Washington.

Eleanor's approach was to create opportunities for those who need a voice, take risks, bring attention to work conditions and try new media. She challenged herself and everyone around her to make a difference in this world by doing one thing every day that scares you! Imagine if we just took the time to learn new media opportunities, like Eleanor did with live radio and then TV. Talk about intimidating, she hosted the very first “First Lady's” radio show.

At least, we have a delete or undo key for new media challenges!



Saturday, September 13, 2014 – Closing Gala

Bobby McKeys Dueling Pianos & Installation of Officers

The closing event captured the excitement of the week.

The very talented pianists played while guests enjoyed dinner. Requests were accepted on slips of paper and once dinner was complete, they began addressing the requests which represented EWI cities with an assortment of songs. The entire audience joined in by clapping or dancing to “Walking in Memphis” “Living on Tulsa Time” “Houston (means that I’m one day closer to you)”, etc.



Last but most certainly not least was the installation of the EWI 2014-2015 Corporate Board.

Darlene Banogon of EWI San Diego was honored with many gifts from her Chapter and home town!

## ***EWI Wichita Information***

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

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

***November 19, 2014***

***EWI Wichita Member Firm Trade  
Show***

***Location: Wichita Marriott***

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***December 17, 2014***

***Holiday Celebration***

***Location: Hyatt Regency Wichita***

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

***November 14, 2014***

***Location: Associated Integrated  
Marketing***

***December 12, 2014***

***Location: CNH Industrial America,  
LLC***

### ***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.**

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



Our very own De Nelson was honored at the Kansas League of Municipalities luncheon as Administrative Assistant of the Year!!

This comes as no surprise to us, since we all know how amazing De is, but it's nice to know others recognize her talents as well.

Congratulations De!! You deserve it!!

### **Loft at 420 renovates!**

Many of our EWI members attended a grand opening celebration for The Loft at 420's renovation and expansion project on Oct. 16 at 420 S. Commerce. Tucked away in Wichita's downtown brick-lined art district, the boutique venue promises to provide a warm and inviting atmosphere for any get together. Congratulations to Pat Peppard on continued success with the Loft at 420!



### ***EWI Wichita New Representative***

Laura Manning joined Wichita State University in April of 2006 and is the Executive Assistant to the Provost and Senior Vice President. Prior to coming to WSU, Laura spent 20 years as a legal assistant in the area of civil litigation; her expertise was medical malpractice defense. In her position, Laura assists the Provost in the daily activities of the Office of Academic Affairs and the administration of his staff.

Laura has enjoyed her time in academia and the opportunity to work with such a diverse group of people with the same goal of providing a high quality education for the students of Wichita State University.

In her spare time, Laura enjoys working out, reading and spending time with her husband and three children.



## 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

### October Birthdays...

THERESA HOGAN - 2<sup>ND</sup>  
 MARCY RAY - 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 JULIE ROBERTS - 12<sup>TH</sup>  
 JEAN HEDSTROM - 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 MARILYN RICHWINE - 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 KAREN SMITH - 21<sup>ST</sup>  
 RHONDA FULLERTON - 22<sup>ND</sup>  
 SANDRA RICHARDSON - 22<sup>ND</sup>  
 GAILE GARNER - 23<sup>RD</sup>

### 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>





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**Jennifer Stephens**

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The Salon at Happiness Plaza

## ***EWI Wichita Reading Rally*** ***October 1, 2014***



October 1, 2014

The Wichita EWI annual Reading Rally took place on October 1, 2014 at Colvin Elementary School. As the third grade students entered the multi-purpose room for the Reading Rally, they were greeted with high fives and hugs from Wu, the beloved mascot of Wichita State University. Joining Wu were WSU track and field athletes who were the guest readers of the book *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Mellon*. This book was selected for the wonderful moral that encourages children to have a positive self-concept and be who they are without fearing what other people think. We were proud to share such a positive message with the students.

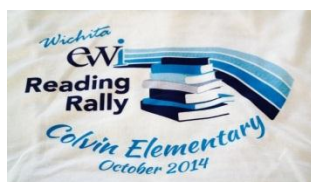
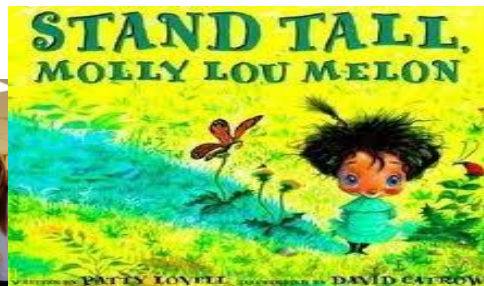
After a few more Wu hugs, the children sat in small groups with an athlete for story time then they all moved to the tables to write their own book. The athletes had the opportunity to further engage with the students and encourage them to be creative and write and draw their stories. Mentoring came natural for the athletes and the third grade students responded by excitedly writing and illustrating their books until it was time for group pictures with Wu.

After the group pictures were complete, pizza, cookies and juice were served to the students, athletes and Colvin staff. Unfortunately, Wu had to get back to Wichita State and was not able to stay for pizza, but he may have put a cookie or two in his pocket as he left!

It was another successful Reading Rally and it was an honor to present each of the 100 third grade students with their very own copy of the book about Molly Lou Mellon. The polite third graders were very appreciative for the t-shirts and school supplies and left with big smiles on their faces.

It was a memorable and meaningful event for everyone involved. Thanks to the wonderful EWI women and the generosity of the member firms for their support of the 2014 EWI Reading Rally.

Pam Fullinwider  
Reading Rally Committee Chair



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

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

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

**Chapter Dollars Invested:**

**Reading Rally – 10/1/14** \$

**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**

**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



## From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

### Charlene Dreiling – Treasurer



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

<b>Commerce Checking</b>	\$867.12
<b>Meritrust Savings</b>	\$26,178.84
<b>B/C/DP:</b>	
<b>Commerce Checking</b>	\$1,506.58
<b>TCK Trust</b>	\$51,798.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,350.84</b>

I am excited to be serving the second year of my term. I enjoy the work as Treasurer, and even more rewarding is to meet and work with the other board members. This year we will be looking for someone who would be willing to serve the next term of Treasurer. If you can balance your own checkbook at home, you could handle the checkbooks of EWI. Our accounts are set up in a basic Quicken program so keeping track of income and expenses is fairly automated.

If you have any interest in this position and would like more information, please talk to me. I am happy to answer any & all questions.

### 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 September 17, 2014)	
<b>Active Representatives</b>	<b>52</b>
(includes 7 Additional Reps)	
<b>Life Members</b>	<b>20</b>

### September Meeting Attendance:

Reps	31
Additional Reps	4
Life Members	<u>1</u>

**Total Attendees:** 36

### Tracy Lucas Vice President/President Elect



As I sit in the VP seat this year and absorb the leadership styles and initiatives of our outgoing President, Jenny Stephens and our President this year, Kim Weprin – I will be working with our chapter representatives to help me develop our theme for the following 2015 2016 year. I look forward to

reaching out to each of you through the course of the year and will be asking for your participation to play a continued role in EWI at the committee and/or board levels. If I have learned anything from EWI, and recently from LCAM, it is that women are powerful and possess a unique set of talents that help others rise to the occasion. I am excited about serving in this leadership role. My offering to you this year is to share – share – share, with me! I would ask all of you to share with me any “shiny penny” ideas, “how ‘bouts for our Chapter”, “what ifs”, or other feedback and concerns you have regarding our chapter. It takes all of us to build upon our current Chapter of Excellence award and the future success of maintaining that excellence! I look forward to learning more about you and your ideas.

### Davna Gould – Secretary (2013-2014)

Minutes of the August Board Meeting were submitted for approval at the September 22, 2014 board meeting held at Star Lumber Wichita. The Minutes were approved. Minutes of the August Board Meeting were submitted on October 6, 2014 to corporate and for posting on the chapter website.



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

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



Hopefully fall is finally here and you are enjoying the cooler temperatures! Our October meeting will take us to Larkspur in the Phyllis Diller room where our reps that attended LCAM will give us professional development

opportunities and share experiences and things learned while attending LCAM. For those of us that have been unable to attend, I am excited to learn what this thing “LCAM” is that everyone speaks so highly of!!

November is our Trade Show at the Wichita Marriott where you can show your fellow EWI reps and their Executives just what you and your Firms do. We are asking for RSVP's if you plan on exhibiting – please email [tami.barker@hyatt.com](mailto:tami.barker@hyatt.com) to reserve your spot! The format for the evening will be a bit different as well with hors d' oeuvres and mingling while enjoying the tradeshow.

December will be our holiday celebration at the Hyatt Regency. This is always a fun time to spread holiday cheer and make new memories with our fellow EWI sisters.

2015 will be here before you know it and with that will come great opportunities for continued learning with Professional Development opportunities, serving our community with opportunities to make a difference and Speakers who have incredible stories to share. In addition – look for 2015 meetings to have twists in them for different meeting times and out of the box thinking.

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



We are off and running again with a great team of communicators for the new term! Congratulations to the wonderful ladies on the Communications team. I can't wait to get started to see what we can continue to accomplish. The focus for the year, once again, will be to

keep our name and our image in front of the community wherever we can. It is our goal to have the business community be more aware of who EWI is and what we stand for. I think we have a great start and a renewed focus. I have always thought this group of women could do anything they set their minds to. Watch for your communications in the near future whether it be on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Connect Newsletter or the new and improved website. Like us, Share us, Join us and Read us!

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



When I was asked to chair the Fundraising Committee, I only hesitated a moment because Jessica Emrick made it look easy and she always appeared to be having a good time. I do have some big shoes to fill! However, I am confident that

with the help of the Fundraising committee members we will create some FUN-draising opportunities for the coming year. I look forward to returning to the EWI Board and am honored to serve under the leadership of President Kim Weprin.

# GET INVOLVED!

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

### **Wendy Glick Membership Director**



It's my first month as Membership Chair and I'm wondering what I've gotten myself into! I'm only kidding – I am so excited to assist in introducing EWI to more potential firms and to bring more incredible women into our group. This first month I am working to learn the system that Dawn Truman, last year's Membership Chair, established. She is so organized! I'm only hoping I can live up to the standards she set. In this time of transition, Dawn and I are working together to finalize several ladies' applications that are in the works. I look forward to introducing these new gals to you real soon!

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



The Director at Large is responsible for the supervision of the activities relating to the chapter's EWI Foundation. The duties include directing the chapter's literacy initiative and scholarship endeavors. These include the ASIST and EWISP Scholarships and the annual Reading Rally promoting the literacy focus of EWI.

There is currently a tremendous outpouring in our community to unite so that we might increase opportunity for each individual in our community and collectively grow Wichita. I am passionate about the ability that our EWI Wichita chapter has to be part of that solution.

This year's focus will be on investigating and pursuing potential grants that might be available for our utilization. This would allow us to expand the depth of our reach in our community. It is my hope to be able to establish excellent committee chairs for each of the scholarships and the literacy promotional event. I believe very strongly in the empowerment that education brings to people. We will make a difference!



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## ***Did You Read the October Connect?***

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

**1. Print this page**

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

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

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

### **Board Report Recap**

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

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#### **Sergeant-At-Arms Report:**

There were 31 Representatives, 4 Additional Representatives and 1 Life Member, for a total of 36 present at the September 2014 Chapter meeting. With 31 member Firms represented, we had a 67% 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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