

A Message from the President



It's hard to believe we're a week away from Christmas as I write this message. The first quarter of my presidency has FLOWN by! At the start of my term I mentioned my focus would be on growth. Not only in numbers, but in personal and professional development and commitment to the chapter and the community. We are already showing signs of growth and that's exciting news. December 17, 2014 we held our December chapter meeting at The Hyatt Regency Wichita. This was our holiday meeting, as well as a community outreach event. The chapter collected donations of food from representatives, executives and firms to create food boxes to distribute to Colvin Elementary to assist their families in need.

We promised them 20 boxes. What happened at this chapter meeting went far beyond the chapter creating a few food boxes. We filled 58 boxes FULL of food for the families at Colvin. Let that sink in a minute...58 FULL boxes of food. 58 families that will not have to wonder how they will feed their children during, what should be, the happiest time of the year. WE did that EWI of Wichita! That is definitely growth! December is also a month of transition for our chapter. We will see friends move on, and new friends take their place:

Rhonda Fullerton will be saying goodbye as a rep, but Pam Dinwiddie will be joining us from Textron Aviation. Davna Gould will be moving on from Center for Health and Wellness, but has brought us a new rep, Tisha Neloms. IFG will be changing reps from Sherri Smith to Teresa McGrath, whom I believe some of you already know. As we move into the new year, please take the time to introduce yourself to our new reps and get to know them. Share your EWI experiences with them, and help them find their place in our amazing group.

Wishing all of you a very happy holiday season, may you spend it with the ones you love, and anyone who is traveling, please be safe!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2015!!

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Get Involved with EWI!

We wanted to share some of the pictures of our Holiday Food Drive for the Colvin Elementary students and their families for the Holidays. We could not be more PROUD of our Wichita Chapter of EWI for the generous donations of food and time to box up 58 boxes of food for those in need during the season. Colvin kids are great ~ and we are doing what needs to be done to support them.... Thank you to everyone who participated, we made a difference in a lot of lives with this community outreach.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Welcome new Rep for Center for Health and Wellness ~ Tisha Neloms!!

From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

**Charlene Dreiling –
Treasurer**



**Wishing
Everyone
Happy
Holidays from
AGH !!!**

**Tracy Lucas
Vice President/President Elect**



As we look forward into the 2015 year, I hope that you enjoy some time with family, friends and have a moment of time to yourself. EWI is excited about having you as part of our organization and we look forward to seeing you next year.

**Have a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

**Davna Gould –
Sergeant-At-Arms**



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

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

**Julie Roberts–
Secretary**



Minutes of the October & November 2014 Board meeting were submitted for approval at the December 12, Board meeting held at CNH Industrial. The minutes were approved.

Remember to visit the EWI Chapter
Store by visiting the website at
www.ewiwichita.org



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From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

Tami Barker – Program Director



I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your participation this past year in our programs and events. What a wonderful group of women we have in our organization! I am proud to know each of you and call you friends! 2015 will be an exciting year for EWI.

Our January event will be held at our very own Pat Peppards Firm – The Loft @420. For those of you that have not been there – you are in for a treat!! Our guest speaker will be Susie Santo with Go Wichita! She will share with us how tourism impacts Wichita (many of you will be astounded!!)

Best wishes to you and your families for a blessed holiday with your loved ones!

Debbie Pfingsten – Communications Director



A HUGE thank you goes out to Joan Rapp for taking on the Connect newsletter. She really stepped up to help the chapter and I, along with the rest of the Board, appreciate your willingness to help!

Joan has experience with the newsletter and knows the chapter well so I know she will do an excellent job of reporting to the chapter. Any items of interest can be sent to Joan directly at jrapp@tsgstaff.com or you can always send to me at debbie.pfingsten@meritrustcu.org.

Our communication team is off and running so watch for things to come! I'd like to wish everyone in the Wichita Chapter a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Pam Fullinwider – Fund Raising Director



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

Got Tickets for the Quarterly Fundraising???

Chance to win 10 game tickets & BBQ Buffet in Skybox (Value: \$650)

WSU Shocker Baseball Game - *Shockers vs. Central Michigan*

Sunday, March 8, 2015 1 p.m.

Eck Stadium at Tyler Field - WSU President's Skybox

TICKETS: \$5 each ticket or 3 tickets for \$10

Contact Pam Fullinwider 978-3838 or pam.fullinwider@wichita.edu

DRAWING: February 18, 2015 - Need not be present to win!

DONATED by WSU President John Bardo

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From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors (cont.)

Wendy Glick Membership Director



It's renewal time! Nearly half of EWI Wichita Chapter members need to renew their membership by years-end. If that includes you, you probably have already received a reminder from the Corporate Office. Please note: a \$10 credit card convenience fee has been added to all invoices.

If you are paying by check please disregard the fee when submitting your payment. Please be sure to renew your membership – we want to keep our EWI Chapter of Excellence standing in 2015!

A special welcome to our newest firm, Go Wichita and returning EWI representative Lynne Smith. Lynne first joined EWI when she owned and operated her own business "Above and Beyond Corporate Gifts". A little over a year ago she sold out to Total Printing Solutions who then joined EWI. Now Lynne is with Go Wichita and couldn't wait to introduce EWI to her new boss, Susie Santos. We are happy to have Lynne return to EWI and welcome her executive, Susie Santos and Go Wichita to the EWI Wichita Chapter family!

Dawn Truman Director-At-Large (Foundation)



At the first of 2015 the Foundation committee members will be sending letters to all surrounding high schools and organizations that support women whose goals are improvement through education.

We are hopeful that we will have an ample list of scholarship candidates. For those members new to our chapter here is a synopsis of the EWISP and ASIST scholarship programs:

ASIST - The ASIST scholarship is available to adults facing economic, social, or physical challenges, who are looking to improve their situation through educational opportunities

EWISP - EWISP is an annual, competition-based program which awards more than \$200,000 in college scholarship money each year to qualifying high school seniors. Students are nominated by their schools to participate in the scholarship competition.

Did You Read the December Connect?

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

1. Print this page

2. Enter your name here: _____

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

EWI Wichita Information

EWI Wichita Calendar of Events

Chapter Meetings:

January 21, 2015

Location: Loft @ 420

Speaker – Susie Santo

January Menu –

*Mixed Greens with Apples, Feta Cheese, Sweet Red
Peppers, Walnuts and Red Onion
Stuffed Chicken Breast with Ham and Swiss
Twice Baked Potato
Vegetable Medley
Hot Fudge Pudding Cake*

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.**

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

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

Alumni Member...

Pat Campbell

December Birthdays

CANDACE DAVIS – 7TH
 JOAN WAMSLEY – 19TH
 ANGELA TELFORD – 23RD

January Birthdays

JOAN RAPP – 6TH
 MARCIA MILLER – 14TH
 CONNIE VELGHE – 20TH
 D'ANN DRENNAN – 20TH

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 22nd, 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.**
- • **Number of volunteers needed: 5-8**
- • **Sign-up deadline: February 14, 2015**

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

EWI Corporate Professional Development

Professional Development Webinar

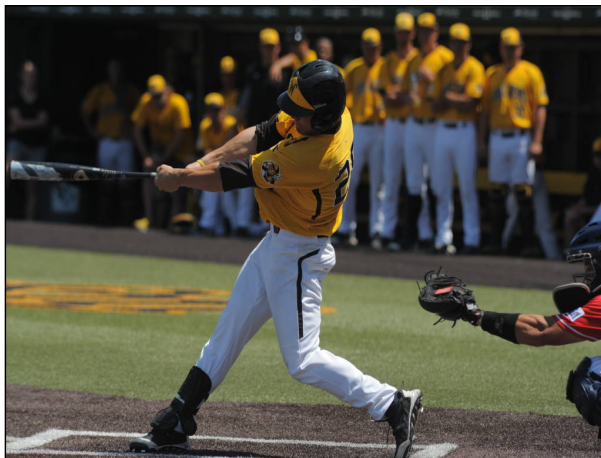
Stop Competing and Start Creating the Life You Want to Live

Presenter: Nicole Matthews

Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2014

Time: 3:00 PM (ET)

EWI Wichita Fundraising News



WHAT

WSU Shocker Baseball Game
Shockers vs. Central Michigan
Sunday, March 8, 2015

1 p.m.

10 tickets & BBQ Buffet
(Value: \$650)

WHERE

Eck Stadium at Tyler Field
WSU President's Skybox

DONATED

WSU President John Bardo

EWI QUARTERLY FUNDRAISER

TICKETS
\$5 Each or
3 for \$10

DRAWING
February 18, 2015
Need not be present
to win!

BENEFITING
EWI Wichita
Operating Budget



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.

