

President's Message



Dalai Lama....”A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity.”

I hope to dispel the sense of distrust and insecurity which is why I felt it important to begin addressing the recent communications from Corporate and other EWI Chapter members. The board is increasingly more aware of some of the heightened issues that face the EWI organization. We believe that the lack of transparency

at the corporate level has led to swift and perhaps at times, hasty decisions by the corporate board. We also believe that those decisions have likely impacted other Chapters and perhaps have been, in part, the disclosure of some Chapters.

I would like to assure the Wichita membership at this time, that our Chapter hasn't been impacted by some of the recent discussions. Our Chapter has experienced delays in corporate communications and inconsistency of processing paperwork. While this has had a limited effect on the budget, it has not been to the detriment of the Chapter. It has been the philosophy of our board to educate ourselves on the budget, our current processes and help to identify better ways of servicing our Chapter members. I would also like to state that I believe we have a strong Chapter, one that represents Wichita and the firms of the community.

At this time, it is our position to gather additional information before making a statement of response, but we do believe that a response to the corporate board is necessary. To that end and while we gather information, we want to encourage all of you to open the lines of communication to the board. Unfortunately, the April Chapter meeting does not lend itself to this type of discussion and so we will reserve time at the May meeting to conduct a business meeting. To make for a more efficient discussion, the board respectfully asks for members to submit their questions, concerns and thoughts by May 6 so that we can invest time at our May board meeting to discuss these topics.

As always, our members are welcome to attend our board meetings. If you would like to participate in the May board meeting, it is being held at High Touch in our Team Center from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm on May 11.

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Professional development is the theme for the April, May and July meetings, and the June meeting is a FUNdraiser event! Jenny and her committee have been working hard and I'm sure it will be a FUN evening! See below for more details.



Please invite your executives, colleagues and friends to join us!

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive

Panel Discussion with EWI Executives:

- Elizabeth King, President and CEO of the Wichita State University Foundation
- Marilyn Pauly, Vice Chairman of Commerce Bank
- Judy Worrell, Vice President and Treasurer of Berry Companies, Inc.

We are very excited to have three EWI executives participating in a panel discussion. Dawn Truman will serve as facilitator for the discussion. These executives are at the top of their industries and here are just a few of the topics we will explore:

- What was the defining moment when you realized you wanted to be a leader?
- What leadership resources would you recommend?
- What characteristics should every leader possess?

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

4 -6 p.m.

Larkspur, 904 E Douglas Ave.

Speaker, Ed O'Malley, CEO, Kansas Leadership Center

Topic: Engagement and Leadership

Program begins at 4:15 pm, followed by a time for networking. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Wednesday, June 18, 2016

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Noah's Event Venue, 1550 N Lindberg Circle

FUNraising Event: The Price is Right

Dawn Truman | Vice President

Our April meeting is going to be a great opportunity to hear from some proven leaders in our community. I am excited and hope you are too. A great benefit of being a member of Executive Women International is the opportunity to grow your leadership skills in varied ways and in a "safe" environment. Like any growth it starts with a desire to be different, to be better.



There is much discussion over whether leaders are born or made. I personally believe that leaders are made – through hard work – physically, intellectually and emotionally. I also believe that we are all leaders in some respect, on the job, in our families, in our community or even just amongst our group of friends.

I invite you to test your leadership waters – become more involved in our Chapter – even if on a small scale. If you want to improve your skills in a certain area choose to serve on a committee or in a role that stretches your knowledge in that area. You are "safe" to practice your leadership skills amongst your EWI sisters.

On a personal note, when I have stepped outside of my comfort zone and tackled a role or project that I felt inadequate to do so – I grew – yes it was very uncomfortable and almost painful at moments – but the more I accepted those emotions the more I realized that those are just growing pains. Let's grow



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances as of 3/31/2016
Commerce Operating \$17,594.11
Meritrust Savings \$24,197.14
BCDP Commerce \$3550.49
BCDP TCK Trust \$51,969.29

Remember to check out the EWI website for the current monthly treasurer's reports.

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We have space to accommodate a large group if there is interest in being a part of this discussion. I would simply ask that a \$5.00 donation be submitted to help cover the expense of the lunch and an RSVP be placed by May 2.

A Conversation with Diana Norton

As the 2004 recipient of the EWISP for the Wichita EWI Chapter, Diana Norton continues to receive accolades in her candidacy for her PhD. Diana was recently granted the 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Spain. She will use the *Fulbright* year to complete her research for her dissertation, "Looking to American Film: Hispanidad and the Americas in Early-Franco Spanish Culture."

With your dissertation topic, what are you hoping to gain by your research?

With my research, I hope to further our understanding of how flows of information, ideas and ideologies translate across borders, and of how popular culture aids in this movement. (But if I'm being completely honest, my research is just straight-up fun.)

What will your year in Spain be like? It seems like such a short time for such research. What is the first thing you hope to do for your research?

This project is actually the culmination of years of independent research projects (undergraduate and master's thesis), as well as several summers of research in Spain. A year will be plenty of time to complete my research and finish writing the project, while allowing me access to the archives that I need in order to do so. I am already exchanging emails with several scholars in Spain, and I hope to meet them in person while I'm in Madrid so as to further engage them intellectually. But my primary course of action will be to revisit the libraries and archives where I began my research for any new sources, and also to explore new archives that I have only recently discovered since being back in the States.



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What does your research entail? Is it immersion or will you be studying from the past culture?

My research entails reading a LOT of film and gossip magazines from the 1940s and 1950s, as well as reading newspapers and watching films.

What is your ultimate career path? Where do you see yourself ending up a year from now?

My ultimate career path is that of a full-time professor, and a year from now, I hope to have landed a tenure-track position at a major university.

Wichita Chapter of EWI would like to wish Diana such continued success in her endeavors and look forward to hearing more from her in the future. Special thanks to Wichita EWI member Mary Farrar for providing contributions to this article.

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Wednesday, July 20, 2016

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wichita State University, Marcus Welcome Center

Speaker: Kaye Monk Morgan, Dir. Of WSU's TRIO Upward Bound Math Science Center



Kaye will speak about the importance of educating first-generation students and the difficulties they face in transitioning to college, how poverty plays into it and how helpful it is to have others give a helping hand.

I am proud to be a member of EWI and proud that this organization has a long history of supporting literacy. I believe the Reading Rally program at Colvin Elementary School encourages enjoyment of books and reading, which can improve an attitude towards academic success. The Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families; and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. Many of the students we meet at Colvin may one day benefit from this program.