

Falling into the abyss and trying to find my way out



Where is September going? If you're feeling the rush of fall and the speed at which the months are flying by, then like me, you're asking the same question – Where is September going?

EWI of Wichita typically holds its Annual Business Meeting in September. With the Labor Day Holiday and LCAM around the corner, somehow many of us lost track of time and realized a little too late that the meeting was last week. Unfortunately for those reasons, the meeting wasn't as well

attended. In fact, by the time you receive this newsletter an electronic vote will have taken place to approve the 2016-2017 Operating and B/C/DP fund, as well as, approve our incoming slate of officers.

Next month our meeting will normalize to the traditional third week and the installation of our new officers will take place at Larkspur. For those that attended the September meeting we provided an opportunity for members to sign up for their desired committee(s). If you want to self-select the committees that you prefer to participate in during Dawn Truman's term, please send her an email before the end of September. The committees that are available are:

- Bylaws /Roster / Standing Rules
- Website
- Hospitality/Courtesy
- Reading Rally
- ASIST (Chair)
- EWI Connect (newsletter)
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Programs

There is also an opportunity to serve on a task force for Member-Centricity. This is an initiative that was proposed earlier this year that hasn't had much attention applied to it because of other initiatives that the board was focused on. If you want to participate on this committee or have questions, please reach out to me.

2015-2016 Officers & Directors

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Tracy Lucas
High Touch Technologies

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Dawn Truman
J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.

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De Nelson
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Davna Gould
HealthCore Clinic

Fundraising

Jenny Stephens
Star Lumber & Supply Company, Inc.

Membership

Lisa Capps
Envision

Director at Large

Karen Smith
Westar Energy

Sergeant-at-Arms

Tami Barker
The Hyatt Regency, Wichita

Programs

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From Your EWI Wichita Board of Directors

2016-2017 Proposed Slate of Officers

Dawn Truman, President

J.P Weigand and Sons

Tami Barker, Vice President

Hyatt Regency

Davna Gould, Treasurer

(2nd year of 2 terms) – HealthCore Clinic

De Nelson, Secretary

City of Wichita

2016-2017 Proposed Slate of Directors

Debbie Pfingsten, Sergeant-At-Arms

Meritrust Credit Union

Lisa Capps, Membership

(1st year of 2 terms) – Envision

Jan Baggett, Programs

Wichita Chamber of Commerce

Teresa Arthur, Director-At-Large

Commerce Bank

Karen Smith, Communications

Westar Energy

Mallory Minor, Fundraising

Star Lumber and Supply

Tracy Lucas, Advisor

High Touch Technologies

Dawn Truman | Vice President



It is hard to believe it is already time for our 2016 LCAM in Spokane. This will be the 69th Annual Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting. The theme for LCAM is *Returning to our Roots*. We have had many discussions in the past year regarding the evolution of EWI. I was excited to see the theme for this year's LCAM. I believe this expresses Corporate's commitment to its member firms of providing a solid foundation for us to move forward. I am excited to see how that commitment is further displayed at LCAM.

We are proud to announce that we have seven of our Wichita members attending LCAM this year: Tracy Lucas, Helen Nicoli, Davna Gould, Tami Barker, Kim Weprin, Candace Parry and Dawn Truman. Each attendee has been assigned a session/meeting and will provide a recap of the respective content to share with our members upon our return. We will be sure to include some photos to also help capture the experience. I wish to personally thank each attendee for your commitment to our Chapter and our leadership. We are blessed to have such dedicated involvement.



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances at of 8/31/2016
 Commerce Operating \$14,314.66
 Meritrust Savings \$24,202.18
 BCDP Commerce \$8070.49
 BCDP TCK Trust \$52,475.26

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

2016 Reading Rally – Thursday, October 20



Jessica Emrick | Reading Rally Chair

Hello! I am the Reading Rally Chair for 2016 and I wanted to give you another update regarding the upcoming Reading Rally in October. EWI of Wichita is planning and hosting a local Reading Rally event on **Thursday, October 20th**, 2016 at USD #259's Colvin Elementary school, with 160 - 3rd grade students participating. We will start with a reading of the book by an EWI representative to the children, followed by a 30 minute presentation by a local illustrator of our featured book, **Mr. President Goes to School**. The Children will then write and illustrate

own book with the help of EWI volunteers. We will round out the afternoon with a snack of pizza, cookies and juice. Each child will receive a signed copy of the featured book, a T-shirt, and a bag of school supplies to take home. Additionally, as a gift to Colvin Elementary, we will present each 3rd grade teacher with a gift card to purchase supplies as needed throughout the school year.

Brad Sneed, our illustrator, will give a 30 minute presentation about illustrating and writing picture books. He will interact with the children to shed light on how a book is created. The presentation will focus on: Reading the Manuscript, Using the most important tool he has---his imagination! Creating a Storyboard, Reference and Research, Doodles to Dummy Book, Revising and Final Artwork. A power point presentation will be done by him and he will also use a flipchart to draw pictures. He has also agreed to sign the books for each child before the day of the event.

We still need corporate support if your company is interested in sponsoring the cost (or a portion of the cost) of the T-shirts, or the gift cards for the 3rd grade teachers. To offset the expense of the speaker and books I have applied for two Wal-Mart Grants. I have already received a check for \$1,000 from them and I hope to hear something soon regarding the other grant. We anticipate another \$400 is needed to cover those items., if the second grant doesn't come through.

Several Firms have already committed and I am very grateful for their support!

- JP Weigand (Dawn Truman) has graciously agreed to provide the Pizza!
- Hyatt Regency (Tami Barker) has graciously agreed to donate the cookies again this year!
- Commerce Bank has graciously agreed to cover the cost of the school supplies that we will hand out to each child-*donated by Marilyn Pauly on behalf of Commerce Bank*. Those supplies have already been purchased by Jeanetta Bolin and Teresa Arthur!
- Murfin Drilling Company, Inc. has graciously agreed to provide funds for 4 Wal-Mart gift cards that will help the Teachers purchase supplies throughout the year- donated by D'Ann Drennan on behalf of her Executive, David Murfin
- The Specialist Group (Joan Rapp) has graciously agreed to cover the cost of the barrel drinks from Sam's Club!
- The Wichita Marriott (Jessica Emrick) has graciously agreed to cover the cost of the plates, napkins and ice!
- Delta Dental (Nancy Umholtz) have graciously agreed to provide a Smile Kit (toothbrush, floss and paste) for each child! That's new this year!

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions. If you or members of your firm would like to volunteer on the day of the event or donate an item and/or money for the Reading Rally, I can be reached directly at 316-462-3164. We are very excited to partner with the school again this year to promote literacy to the children of Colvin Elementary!