

Welcome to a Year of Connections



Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the change of seasons and the beauty of color that surrounds us at this time of year – I am in awe of God and His artistry. Fall also ushers in my favorite holiday – Thanksgiving. I come from a large family so there is always a loud buzz of conversation as we surround a Thanksgiving table loaded with more food than we can eat. I am reminded how fortunate we are to be born in America, to have jobs, to have food on our table and more importantly to be able to share time with those we love and cherish. We are blessed abundantly.

I am also reminded of what a treasure I received when Sherry Moore introduced me to an amazing organization - Executive Women International. At that time I had no idea how an introduction to a group of compassionate, bright and highly gifted women would change the course of who I am. I had no idea that I had entered a safe haven to grow personally and professionally and the greatest gift – connections that will last a lifetime. Your 2016 – 2017 EWI Wichita board is committed to providing opportunities this year for you to grow and to be blessed thru connections – connections with each other, with our community, with our careers, with business opportunities, and with opportunities to care. We had our first board meeting this past week and the commitment, energy and ideas were overflowing. Here are some ideas that were initiated:

- Re-establish roll call for firm awareness, leadership encouragement, company event promotion
- Rollout campaign for free LCAM Registration Fee based on monthly chapter meeting attendance
- Establish new member spotlight in *Connect* and on our website
- Develop a Leadership Library for utilization of EWI members
- Host Wild West Forum – increase collaboration with regional EWI members

So what can you do to connect and increase the value and power of your EWI membership?

- Participate by getting involved in your committees;
- Participate in fundraising initiatives;
- Be an advocate of EWI;
- Encourage new members to join EWI;
- Share information with your executive and through your social networks about our special interest programs.

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From Your EWI Wichita Officers & Directors

Teresa Arthur | Director-at-Large

The Reading Rally 2016 was a success beyond measure! Jessica Emrick and her committee did a fantastic job of planning this year's event. Thank you to Jessica, her committee, and volunteers for all their hard work, and thank you to all of our EWI Firm sponsors!

I am looking forward to serving in the Director-at-Large Chair position this year. Planning will begin in early 2017 for the awarding of ASIST and EWISP Scholarships, and our next Reading Rally will take place in the Fall of 2017. It will be rewarding to help continue the rich EWI Wichita tradition of giving back to our community and making differences in others' lives.



Mallory Minor | Fundraising

I am excited to be joining the board and appreciate this opportunity! The fundraising committee is meeting to put together ideas for this year, we hope to bring some new and fun fundraising events. Please stay tuned for updates!

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When you count your blessings this holiday season I challenge you to increase the blessing that EWI is in your life by becoming more engaged in our Wichita Chapter. I am confident that you are not here by accident. You have much to give and if you connect you will leave a legacy in our chapter, in our community and in our hearts.

I will end with a quote that I believe sets the tone for our 2015 – 2016 EWI Year – *"The most important things in life are the connections you make with others."* Tom Ford



Tami Barker | Vice President

Happy fall (finally!) to women who inspire, challenge and motivate me daily. This morning as I write this our country will soon be affected by change – Whether we like it or not, it serves us all well to embrace our new leaders, pray for peace for our country and work hand in hand to make America Great again.

This serves as a great reminder for a New Year and leadership changes within EWI Wichita. The 2016-2017 Board of Directors is focused on ensuring that you and your Firms personally benefit from your EWI Membership. In just one board meeting, I can see excitement and energy about how this Chapter can increase membership and help grow each of us in Connections, Careers and Community.

I will be soon working with our Wild West Forum Chapters to establish a date for Wichita to host this meeting! I am excited to work with my committee and the Board to show what EWI Wichita is about.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 11-16 at our November Event where teamwork, friendship, laughter and care for humanity will all take place. We are strong, professional women. We are EWI Wichita.



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances at of 10/31/2016
Commerce Operating \$9,918.46
Meritrust Savings \$24,204.19
BCDP Commerce \$8,850.49
BCDP TCK Trust \$53,964.45

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



Jan Baggett | Programs

Our theme for this term is Connect To Each Other. The next two meetings allow us to do just that – strengthen our connections with each other and also bless our community.

Wednesday, November 16

Soap Creating Connections

5:30 – 7:30

J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., 150 N. Market

Taco & Margarita Bar

Wednesday, December 7

Putting food boxes together for Colvin Elementary

5:30 – 7:30

Case New Holland, 3301 S. Hoover Rd.

Please begin collecting boxes and food.

Suggested food items are:

Items that can be put together to make a simple meal such as spaghetti and spaghetti sauce

Canned veggies

Canned fruit – canned fruit is a real treat for them

Canned soup

Canned beans – they can put with rice and have a meal

Canned ravioli, spaghetti

Canned beanie wienies

Canned meats – vienna sausages, tuna, chicken

Things you can add water to like instant potatoes & instant rice

Ready to eat puddings/jello

Mac and cheese

Ramen noodles

Peanut butter

Crackers

Package crackers that have peanut butter/cheese, etc. in them

Big bags of cereal

Instant oatmeal

Granola bars

Graham crackers

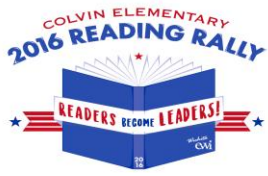
Items to stay away from

Fresh fruits and vegetables

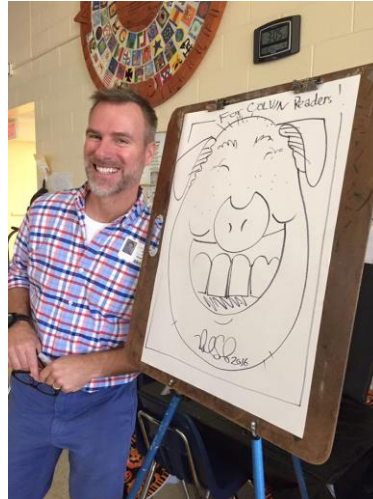
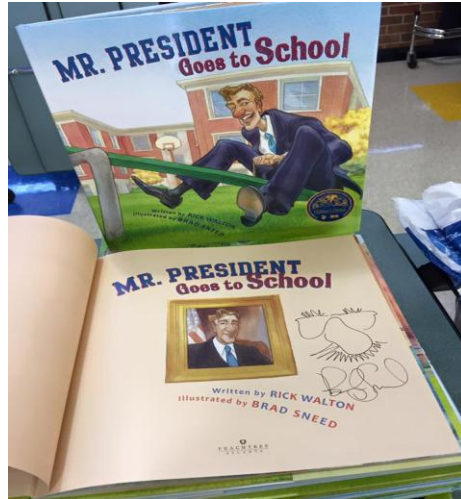
Instant milk – many times they don't have pitchers or refrigeration



Jessica Emrick | Reading Rally Chair



I want to thank all the member firms that made the EWI Annual Reading Rally that was hosted on October 27th, 2016 such a success! It was hosted from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. at Colvin Elementary School for the 3rd grade classes.



Mr. President Goes to School by Rick Walton. Illustration by, **Brad Sneed** from Prairie Village, Kansas.



Each child received a hard copy of the Featured Book: Mr. President Goes to School by Rick Walton. The books were autographed by the Illustrator, Brad Sneed from Prairie Village, Kansas. He gave a delightful presentation on the illustration process and read the book to the children. The children enjoyed Pizza, Cookies and Juice while they created their own book with illustrations. They were so excited to show Brad their illustrations and he was very impressed with the talent in the room!

For students: Donated by Commerce, Marilyn Pauly, were an individual bag of school supplies for all third graders. Jeanetta Bolin and Teresa Arthur organized and ordered the supplies. Kim Weprin and her team at Associated Integrated Marketing donated their time for the designing and ordering of the T-Shirts with the “Readers become Leaders” logo. Pizza was donated by JP Weigand & Sons, Inc. Juice was donated by the Specialists Group, Cookies were donated by Hyatt Regency Wichita, Plates and Napkins were donated by the Wichita Marriott, and personal donations were made by Stoutheart Financial Group, Murfin Drilling Company, Inc., & Schaefer, Johnson, Cox Frey Architecture. Smile Kits were provided by Delta Dental and included a new toothbrush, tooth paste and floss!

Thank you! Thank you... from the Reading Rally Committee: Jessica Emrick, Teresa Arthur, Jeanetta Bolin, Pam Dinwiddie, Joan Rapp, D’Ann Drennan, Pam Fullinwider, Tracy Lucas, Barbara Lisenby, & Dawn Truman

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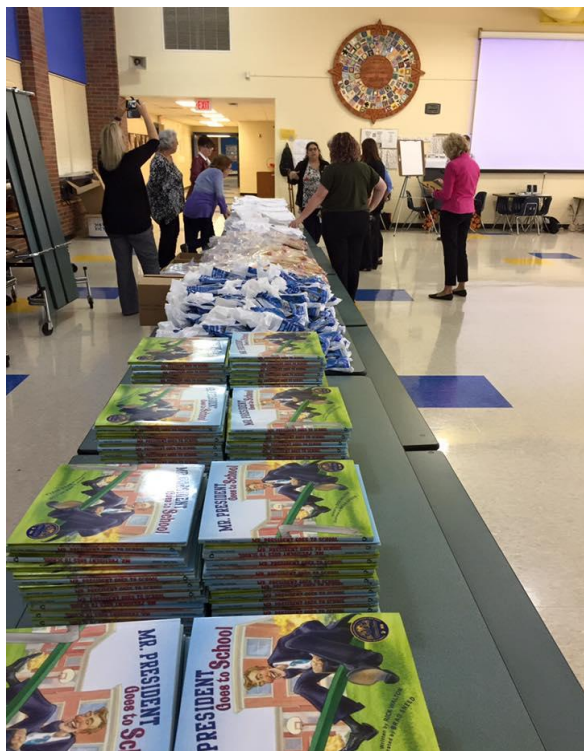
I hope you enjoy the video and have an opportunity to see that each of you are making a difference in so many lives!

A special thank you to all of the firms and representatives that contributed time and funds to help support this great event. It was a group effort to create such a memorable event! This would not have been possible without the help of the Committee, Volunteers on the day of the event, Member Firms, Representatives and Executives. We also received a \$1000 grant from Wal Mart!

For the classroom: Each of the 7-3rd Grade Teachers received a \$100 Wal Mart Gift Card to help offset personal costs throughout the school year.

Here is a link to the video Media Production Services created of our event on October 27th:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tViTELrZ62w>



2016 – 2017 Offices & Directors



Left to right front row: Dawn Truman, President; Tami Barker, Vice President. Left to right back row: Debbie Pfingsten, Sergeant-at-Arms; De Nelson, Secretary; Mallory Minor, Fundraising; Danna Gould, Treasurer; Teresa Arthur, Director-at-Large; Jan Baggett, Programs; Karen Smith, Communications Director