

New Year's Resolutions – What will 2017 Hold for You?



Happy New Year's to each of you! It is hard to believe that the holidays are behind us and we are already half way thru January of 2017.

Many people start the New Year making a list of goals or resolutions for the upcoming year. I believe in making resolutions but I think the reflection of our purpose at this time of year is even more important. Purpose drives resolutions. What is the purpose of EWI Wichita for 2017?

I read a great article recently by a Wichita consultant, Tim Link, in which he asks the question – what is the soul of your organization? [Juan Carlos Eichholz](#) refers to purpose as the “soul” of the organization; in other words, the driving force that gives it meaning. Purpose is an increasingly important factor in whether or not an organization will succeed, particularly with millennials. Today, talented, innovative employees expect to feel psychologically and emotionally fulfilled by their work and their involvement in the workplace as well as their involvement in an organization.

I believe EWI's purpose or “soul” is to **make a difference** in our connections, careers, and community. I challenge each of us in 2017 to be more actively involved in our chapter – to make a difference in the “soul” of our chapter – to leave your individual mark on our future. We have a strong legacy and with you we have an equally strong future!

If your personal resolution is to strengthen your **connections** then reach out to a member that you do not know and learn more about their firm and their representative. Welcome our new representatives and encourage them to get involved. Invite a friend to a meeting and help us grow our chapter. Attend a Lunch Bunch. *(cont'd on page 2)*



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Tami Barker | Vice President

Happy New Year EWI Wichita Members. I hope that 2017 has started off well for you! How many of you have completed your information in the Member Zone? To the 15 of our representatives that have completed this – THANK YOU!! If you are unable to log on or need to create your logins – please email Kristine Pepin at the Corporate office –

Kristine@ewiconnect.com and she will get you access to the site. If you need help in completing the information I would be happy to come to your office or sit with you on the phone and go over the information to complete. I can be contacted at 613-6280 or email me tami.barker@hyatt.com and we can set up a specific time to get this knocked out for you! Our goal was to have everyone entered by the end of the year...well that time has come and gone so our new goal is by end of February. Thanks in advance for your help in getting this completed!

Mallory Minor | Fundraising

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone in February for our first 2017 Fundraising Event! Please invite your friends and let's have a pot luck! Bring your favorite dish or a new recipe you may have been wanting to try. We'll have prizes for the best dishes in each category too! A signup sheet for items will be coming out soon, please stay tuned!

Teresa Arthur | Director-at-Large

The process for awarding our 2017 EWISP and ASIST Scholarships is underway! Thank you to the Scholarship Committee, which met in late December, and approved the proposed timeline changes to enhance our program. The scholarships will now be

awarded in April, before the end of the school year, in hopes of receiving more applicants and gaining more positive exposure in the Wichita community for EWI Wichita. Thank you to ASIST Chair, Jeanetta Bolin, and EWISP Co-Chairs, Stacy Guinn and Nancy Umholtz, for managing the process and the new timeline!

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If your resolution is to grow your **career** then please extend an invitation to your executive to attend our January 11th meeting at the Wichita Chamber to hear Craig Bay and Heather Denker with Blueprint for Economic Regional Growth (BREG) give us the latest update on BREG's regional economic initiatives. We have several other programs scheduled this year that will offer great career networking events for representatives and their executives. Consider going to LCAM and attending courses that are structured to grow you professionally and personally.

If your "soul" is to make a difference in our **community** then 2017 is your year to be involved. Help with the fundraisers that support our scholarships, assist with Reading Rally and participate during the year with other philanthropic initiatives that are soon to be announced.

Thank you for all you did in 2016 to make a difference - I know you will continue to make a difference in 2017 because YOU are the soul of EWI!



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances at of 12/31/2016
Commerce Operating \$11,868.03
Meritrust Savings \$24,206.20
BCDP Commerce \$1,158.81
BCDP TCK Trust \$53,751.36

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



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JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



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Jan Baggett | Programs

Thank you to all of the EWI reps and firms for donating over 100 boxes of food for the Colvin Elementary families to have over the holiday break. The school and families were overwhelmed at the generosity of EWI. A big thank you goes to Julie Roberts and Case New Holland for the venue to pack the boxes. We are also very grateful to Star Lumber for providing several trucks and several guys to help transport the boxes to Colvin.



Thank you EVERY body
from the Redman family
Thank you. So much
Robert, Mary.

Thank you very much for the
donations at this time of your pain
be kinda stressful. Thank you for
your warm and giving heart!
Hugs
Love you three
Wonderful always
MRS CHRISTINE

Dillon
Dylan
Sydney
Kaitie

EVI

Thank you very
much for being
in the Christmas
spirit and sharing
your kindness...

E.W.I

Thanks to each
for the good wishes

Many Blessings
your family this
Christmas and
New Year

you will always
have a special part
in our lives from
the Porter Ross and
Ybanion family. &

Merry Xmas!

From Larry & Jo
Gardner

The
Gardner
family

Thank you so much for the help
You provided to me and my
family it means a lot to us
have a Merry Christmas

Thank you
Newberry and Thomas
family

I would like to thank you for helping.
It's such a great thing you do for people.

Scheer family

You're the best!

Thank You EWI
for your donations.
It's a blessing to
see people still care.
Have a blessed
holiday. The Jacksons

Hi My name is
Jazlyh Navea
Salazar I rec.
a food basket and
Thank You!

God Bless Yd
merry chistine

Thank you for
the Blessing
Lynn & children

gracia Por la ayuda que
Me an dado en todo y por
el arbol porque le regalamos
un poco de alegria a mis
pequeñitos estan muy a
legres y esa alegria
se las agradece a todos
Por ese las dado a mis
Hijos que Dios los
Bendiga con todo
Mi corazo y espero
que el señor me dar
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Bendice muchos gracias
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Duz a Vargas

muchas gracias Por la
Comida que Donara mi
familia y yo estamos
muy agradecido por este
Regalo de navidad no
Saben que felices
y agradecido estamos
Bendicion para
Todos y
feliz Navidad
Culma Monteroso y fam

Thank You so much!
me and my kids love
Merry Christmas

Thank You So much!
me and my Kids Love it!
Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

Love,
Amanda, Shawn & Logan

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In the
Spotlight

New Chapter Members



EWI Member: Associated Integrated Marketing

New Representative: Robyn Davis

Previous Local Chapter Representative: Kim Weprin

Please welcome *Robyn Davis*. She is the new local chapter EWI representative for Associated Integrated Marketing. Robyn is a Wichita native; she earned both her Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Communication from Wichita State University. As an inquisitive student of marketing, branding and strategy, her specific interests include message perception, meaning creation and brand development. Robyn, a lifelong Shocker basketball fan, found an early passion for sports marketing - a spark that fuels her obsession with Nike's branding campaigns. As a fitness enthusiast and adrenaline junky, Robyn is constantly searching for life's next big adventure.



EWI Member: Wichita Children's Home

New Representative: Fonda Ellis

Previous Member Representative: Terry Calloway

A big welcome to *Fonda Ellis*. She is the new Representative for the Wichita Children's Home. Fonda has worked with the Wichita Children's Home for more than 30 years. She started as a live-in house parent in the nursery, worked as a secretary, became a bookkeeper and for the past 10 years has served as WCH's Controller. She currently, supervises Payroll, Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. She is also responsible for monthly financials and is instrumental in developing federal grants applications and ensuring compliance.

Fonda has a thorough understanding of how important support services are to nonprofit programs. Her husband is also a longtime WCH staff member and works directly with the youth at WCH. In her spare time, Fonda enjoys cooking for her family and friends and watching basketball.

Chapter Events

2016 ASIST & EWISP Scholarship Recipient Updates



Ana Gonzalez – ASIST Scholarship

Ana is working full time at Asbury Church as a teacher. She finished her practicum in December and works in a classroom by herself, with two half day classes per day. For Asbury's Christmas Program, she taught the children to sing *Jesus Loves Me* in Spanish. Ana is also taking three classes at Butler College on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. She is proud of earning all A's last semester!



Makayla Young – EWISP Scholarship

Makayla just finished her first semester at WSU. One course that she particularly enjoyed was Public Speaking, where she found the professor and her fellow students to be funny and open to her ideas. She found the workload she faced in her first semester, while also working a part time job, to be challenging. However, she managed to learn to balance her time, even making new friends, while also finding a bit of free time for herself. Makayla said that college is hard, but it will not stop her from pursuing her goals, as there is always something new to learn. She will be taking several business classes next semester, and is looking forward to keeping a positive state of mind while practicing good study habits.

ABOUT EWI

Established in 1938, EWI is a non-profit organization with more than 1,900 member firms and 2,200 representatives in major cities throughout the United States and Canada.

EWI brings members together to promote member firms, to enhance personal and professional development, and to encourage community involvement.

As a premier organization for networking and leadership development for today's business professionals, EWI offers professional development through its Academy of Leadership, scholarships, online learning, and philanthropic initiatives with a focus on literacy.

EWI also provides over 600 board positions to women on the corporate and chapter level annually. For more information, visit ewiconnect.com.

Chapter Events

Information from the January Board Meeting

Reminder that a lump sum payment option has been included in the calendar on our www.ewiwichita.org website under January 4, 2017. This allows the firms to pay for meetings with one annual payment.



Chapter Events



BREG Blueprint for Regional Economic South Central Kansas

EWI of Wichita is pleased to offer our member firms and their guests the opportunity to learn more about BREG. Please join us for our January meeting to hear the latest update on BREG's success in our community.

Date: January 18, 2017
Time: 5:30 pm Reception
6:00 pm Dinner & Program
Host: Chamber of Commerce
350 W. Douglas
RSVP: www.ewiwichita.org



Guest Speakers:

Craig Bay & Heather Denker

Connecting with our Community—Executive Women International

The Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG) is a collaborative 10-county initiative of the Greater Wichita Partnership with a focus on eight key industry sectors that have the greatest growth potential. Join us and learn more about this competitive strategy led by the voice of business to deliver a platform that enables businesses to identify and solve common challenges. Moving from concept to action—get the latest update on BREG.



Chapter Events

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
EWI CHRISTMAS POT LUCK
AND CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE (\$15.00 LIMIT)**

WHEN: SUNDAY, January 22, 2017 (rescheduled date)
PLACE: SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO, CARGILL LEARNING CENTER
TIME: 2:00 pm
RSVP: THERESA HOGAN , 630-8118 mary.t.hogan@ampf.com



Chapter Events

International Potluck Night

EWI Fundraising Event!

**Bring your favorite dish and lets enjoy
some great food and have some fun!**

**Prizes will be awarded to the best
dish in each category. Please see the
sign up sheet for more details!**

Wednesday, February 15th 5:30-7:30pm

City Arts, 344 N. Mead—Wichita, KS



Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

January 6 ~ Joan Rapp, The Specialists Group

January 8 ~ Terry Calloway, Wichita Children's Home

January 14 ~ Marcia Miller, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.

January 20 ~ Connie Velghe, Chapter Life Member

January 20 ~ D'Ann Drennan, Murfin Drilling Company



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monthly *Connect*

Contact: Pam Dinwiddie
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Submission deadline:
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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of
each month unless
otherwise noted

January 18, 2017

Wichita Metro Chamber of
Commerce, 350 W. Douglas
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

February 15, 2017

Wichita City Arts, 334 N.
Mead Street
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Chapter Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of
each month

~All members are welcome~
Contact Dawn Truman
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