

## Wishing Our EWI Membership Happy Holidays!



This time of year there is excitement and energy in the air that is contagious. The Christmas lights and holiday smells fill our senses. I have two grandchildren that make the holidays so much fun when I view the wonder of the season thru their eyes. More important to me than experiencing the glitter of the holidays is that I teach my grandchildren that this season is really about caring and sharing with those around us. EWI gives me an opportunity to demonstrate to them the power of what can be achieved when people come together to touch the lives of others in our community thru their gift of love. I am so proud to be part of EWI of Wichita.

I grew up in a minister's home and one of the symbols of Christmas that was ever present this time of year was the Star of Bethlehem. I am reminded that this star was a guiding force that led the wise men in their search of the baby Jesus. When I see a Christmas star I am also reminded that we are all gifted with unique gifts that are given to us so that we might brighten our world and lead others along their path. The greatest gift you have to give this season is the **gift of you**. You are an original. Take time to appreciate that fact and realize that you were not designed to replicate others – you were designed to shine uniquely. Our EWI Wichita chapter is strong because we have so many bright stars that have shone the way and we are now challenged to continue to shine differently and together we create a bright light that makes our City a better place.

A great quote that aligns with my message this month is from a great woman - Condoleezza Rice, *"Difference can be a strength."* Let's shine brightly and be willing to share our difference to light the world.

I wish to thank each of you for all the ways you not only brighten my journey but the warmth and joy you bring into so many lives. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families.



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## Committee Updates



### **Teresa Arthur | Director-at-Large**

Time is nearing to begin the process of awarding our 2017 EWISP and ASIST Scholarships. In preparation, Dawn Truman and I met with Courtney Bell, College Career Coordinator at Wichita South High School. Courtney, who is very familiar with our EWISP Scholarship Program, was gracious to

give of her time to talk with us about our Scholarships, our timeline, and how we might improve the overall process. Her insight was very helpful, and after hearing her suggestions, the Board will be discussing timeline adjustments that could help improve our program. As a result, we hope to receive more applicants, and gain more positive exposure for EWI Wichita in the Wichita Community. Stay tuned....more information to come!



### **Mallory Minor | Fundraising**

Hello December! I hope everyone is able to enjoy time with family and friends!

The fundraising committee held our first meeting in November and we are working on fundraising events for February and May 2017. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details coming soon!

### ***cont. from page 1, President's Message***

*P.S. Here is a sample of our uniqueness making a difference in brightening someone's world. Not one soap creation was the same but over 100 unique creations made a beautiful holiday display to share with our very own nonprofits. Merry Christmas and happy giving from EWI!*



### **Karen Smith | Communications**

Our Communications team is in full gear and ready to toot EWI Wichita's horn. If you have news you'd like to have posted on our website, twitter or included in the Connect please let us know. EWI Wichita is one of the best kept secrets in Wichita and we would like to ensure folks know about us. Listed below are the hard working women whom are our contacts this year:

Dionne Johnson, Social Media  
Sherii Farmer, Website  
Mary Farrar, News Releases  
Pam Dinwiddie, Connect  
Candace Parry  
Dana Taylor  
Malena Anderson  
Laura Manning



### **Davna Gould | Treasurer**

Bank Balances at of 11/30/2016  
Commerce Operating \$9,392.64  
Meritrust Savings \$24,205.18  
BCDP Commerce \$3,158.81  
BCDP TCK Trust \$53,964.45

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



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### **Jan Baggett | Programs**

We will be handing out meeting evaluation forms at every meeting and encourage you to complete the form. It's pretty simple and will not take very long to do. This will help us evaluate the value our members are receiving from monthly meetings and help us plan for future meetings. We started at the November meeting and the results are below.

### **EWI November 16, 2016 Meeting – 14 evaluations received**

Location: JP Weigand

Soap Creating Connections Event

#### **Please rate the value of today's program**

**Extremely Valuable: 43%      Valuable: 57 %      Somewhat Valuable: 0%      No Value: 0%**

#### **Comments:**

Very fun & great teamwork; so fun; fun;

#### **Please rate today's presenters:**

**Excellent: 93%      Good: 7%      Average: 0%      Poor: 0%**

#### **Comments:**

Loved her enthusiasm & true love for what she has learned; needed step by step instructions on table;

#### **Please rate today's food:**

**Excellent: 79%      Good: 21%      Average: 0%      Poor: 0%**

#### **Comments:**

Who doesn't love tacos?

#### **Please rate today's venue:**

**Excellent: 50%      Good: 50%      Average: 0%      Poor: 0%**

#### **Comments:**

Beautiful space

#### **Additional Comments/Suggestions:**

I like having a fun event once in a while; love the activities; lots of fun; this was a lot of fun, but then again I love crafts; it was fun; loved it





## **New Member Spotlight | Gina Hess, Kansas Health Foundation**



As the Grants Associate, Gina works in Grants Management at the Kansas Health Foundation. She has worked at the Foundation since May 2001. Some of her responsibilities include downloading and processing on-line proposals, compiles due diligence documentation on organizations for tax status review. Gina creates, tracks and processes all grantee reporting requirements and staff reviews for items such as financial and grant status reports. She also processes agreements and amendments to grantees for their signatures, and creates and maintains all documents electronically.

In her spare time, Gina enjoys reading, solving Sudoku puzzles, listening to music, going to the movies, taking road trips, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to CHN Industrial, and representative Julie Roberts! The Wichita CNH Industrial plant has been awarded the prestigious SILVER rating by the global World Class Manufacturing Association and the **first** CNHi Silver rated plant in the U.S. The system has been adopted by several automotive manufacturers globally and is aimed at a systematic approach to consistently eliminate inefficiencies and losses in any manufacturing environment. The Wichita Case & New Holland brand of Skid Steers and Compact Track Loaders are being built in Wichita for the World, truly in a World Class style!

### **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](http://ewiconnect.com).

## Chapter Events

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

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016  
**PLACE:** SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO, CARGILL LEARNING CENTER  
**TIME:** 2:00 pm  
**RSVP:** THERESA HOGAN , 630-8118 [mary.t.hogan@ampf.com](mailto:mary.t.hogan@ampf.com)





## Chapter Events

# EWI OF WICHITA

*Happy Holidays  
To Colvin Elementary*





## Chapter Events

*Food Boxes for Colvin Elementary &  
Homemade Soap for Harbor House*





**Happy Birthday to YOU!!!**

December 19 ~ Joan Wamsley, Wells Fargo Advisors  
December 23 ~ Angela Telford, Sedgwick County Zoo



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Share your news & photos in the  
monthly *Connect*

Contact: Pam Dinwiddie  
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Submission deadline:  
January Issue ~ 1-9-16

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of  
each month unless  
otherwise noted

**January 18, 2016**

High Touch, 110 S Main  
Suite 600

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**February 15, 2016**

Wichita Marriott,  
9100 Corporate Hills Dr  
Fundraising Event

Program: Trivia Night with a  
Mardi Gras Theme  
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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