

## *A Message From Your President*

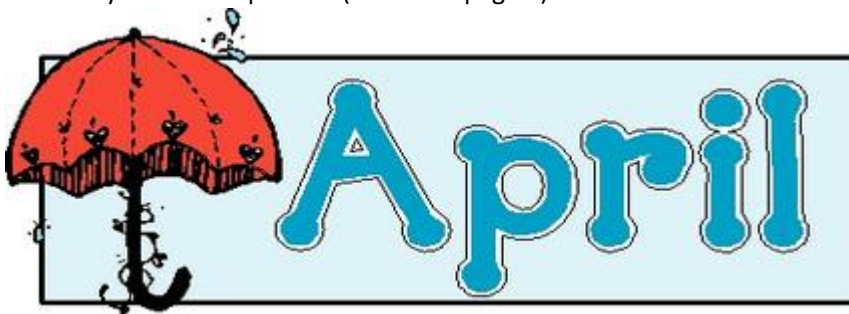


It is hard to believe that six months have already passed since Tracy Lucas passed the EWI gavel and we installed our new EWI board. The collaboration of the committees and the board members has been so exciting to watch. I am especially excited to see new members willing to step into leadership roles. I am very grateful for each board member and committee member for their willing sacrifice of time and energy that they give to make our chapter the success that it is this year. **Thank you!** I am especially thankful for the opportunity to get to know our membership better – we have an amazing chapter.

## **Connections Careers and Community**

My focus this year is on connecting our membership to each other, to our careers, to our community, and to caring. I hope you have enjoyed the meetings and are learning more about the many initiatives in our community that are working together to grow our community and our businesses.

For another chance to connect to our community - please make sure you invite your executive, guests, and family to attend our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at the WSU Experiential Engineering building as Dr. John Tomblin, Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, shares the amazing story that is happening on our own Wichita State University campus and changing the future of our city. Our July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an opportunity for you to hear Junetta Everett, Vice President for Professional Relations at Delta Dental of Kansas speak on the impact of diversity and inclusion and how it matters to the culture and sustainability of our companies. (cont'd on page 2)



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## Committee Updates

### *Cont'd from page 1, President's Message*

#### **FROM EWI CORPORATE:**

**We are GROWING....** Corporate informed us that membership is up as of March 28, 2017 - total membership is 1,621 with 44 EWI chapters.

With this great news I thought it would be fitting to share a new marketing piece initiated by EWI corporate that focuses on the **RESULTS** that EWI can provide for its members. It is a great way to share our EWI story with new members that you would like to introduce to EWI. People connect to stories and we have a great story to tell. We will have these flyers available at our April chapter meeting and provided in this newsletter.



#### **Tami Barker | Vice President**

The Wichita Chapter of EWI is proud to be hosting the Wild West Forum in July. Events will start on Friday, July 21st with a reception and continue on Saturday with Breakfast, collaboration, lunch and fellowship. The Board is currently working on details and a committee will soon be put together to assure we are putting our best foot forward.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to me directly - I'd love to have as many ladies as possible.



#### **Mallory Minor | Fundraising**

The fundraising committee is looking for donations, please let us know if your member firm may be able to help us! Please see the flyer within the Connect and contact me with any questions or if you'd like to sign up.

- ❖ Gift Cards (Any amount for restaurants or services in and around Wichita!)
- ❖ Sponsors for our May event (Dinner, Dessert, or Drinks)
- ❖ Silent Auction Baskets (Ideas: Themed baskets WSU, K-State, Movie Night, Wine, Etc.)

Also, please mark your calendar for our May event and start inviting your co-workers and friends to form your trivia teams!  
Thank you! Have a GREAT April!



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

The Scholarship process continues to march forward. The EWISP Recipient was chosen last week, and the ASIST process will now begin, with the Recipient to be chosen in May. We will announce the Recipients after the entire process is completed, and will honor them at Executives Night in August.

Julie Roberts has graciously agreed to serve as Chair for this fall's Reading Rally at Colvin Elementary. Thank you Julie! We are very excited, and know that Julie and her committee will do an exceptional job. Please stay tuned as the Reading Rally planning ramps up this summer!



#### **Karen Smith | Communications**

Did you know that EWI conducts a monthly professional development webinar? They are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except for July and December which will be on the second Tuesday. Mark your calendar so you can take advantage of these webinar's.



#### **Davna Gould | Treasurer**

Bank Balances at of 3/31/2017  
Commerce Operating \$20,426.58  
Meritrust Savings \$24,209.19  
BCDP Commerce \$1,318.81  
BCDP TCK Trust \$55,579.24

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



## Committee Updates



### **Jan Baggett | Programs**

Thank you to all those members and executives that attended the March EWI meeting at High Touch. We heard from John Dascher, e2e about the many things happening in Wichita to help the local entrepreneurs. Expect some great things and new companies coming out of our region. And that means JOBS! Below are the responses from our meeting evaluations. We forgot to remind people to complete, so we just have a few. Good feedback though.

There will be another great opportunity at our April 19 meeting. We get the privilege of touring the new Experiential Engineering Building (EEB) at WSU. We will hear from John Tomblin, VP for

Research & Technology Transfer & Executive Director for NIAR and then tour the facility on our own with WSU personnel/students available at each point of reference to demonstrate the equipment and answer any questions. We will tour the Go Create makerspace that is filled with machines that will cut and shape metal, wood, plastics and foam. This space is open to the public for innovators, a serious hobby or side business. There's also welding, textiles and vinyl graphics shops, robotics, 3-D printers and rooms to rent. We will be able to experience the "VR Cave", which lets designers see life-size mockups in 3D. This space will definitely impress you and help you understand why the Innovation Campus at WSU is such a big deal. Please plan to bring your executive and others from your firm!

EWI March 15, 2017 Meeting – 8 evals rec'd

Location: High Touch

John Dascher, e2e

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

Extremely Valuable: 75%

Valuable: 25%

Somewhat Valuable: 0%

No Value: 0%

Comments: None

#### **Please rate today's presenters: N/A**

Excellent: 75%

Good: 25%

Average: 0%

Poor: 0%

Comments: None

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

Excellent: 88%

Good: 12%

Average: 0%

Poor: 0%

Comments: None

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

Excellent: 75%

Good: 25%

Average: 0%

Poor: 0%

Comments: None

**Additional Comments/Suggestions:** The community programs are good, but can we also just have some fun programs?





**Happy Birthday to YOU!!!**

April 11 ~ Cindy Todd, Wichita Chamber of Commerce

April 11 ~ Julia Lee, Chapter Life Member

April 13 ~ Jessica Emrick, Wichita Marriott

April 27 ~ Barbara Lisenby, Chapter Life Member



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We post the chapter meeting minutes on our EWI Wichita website at  
<https://ewiwichita.org/>

### 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

### How Member Firms Benefit from EWI: RESULTS

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#### Relationships

EWI is an organization that believes in long-term, highly valuable relationships. EWI does not work as a “quick-hit” lead generator. Rather, member representatives build lasting, sustainable, and ultimately valuable business connections through trust and respect. The relationships your employees form create associations between your organization and a diversity of other prestigious firms and executives in your city.

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#### Education

EWI offers hundreds of professional development webinars and other resources each year on topics relevant to a member representative’s business and personal growth. Your investment provides affordable access to professionally produced training that would be difficult for many businesses to provide to their employees. To further your investment, member representatives are encouraged and expected to share their learning with other employees.

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#### Skills

EWI member representatives practice strong business ethics and build core skills such as public speaking, effective leadership, mentoring, strategic planning, and even how to effectively and efficiently run meetings with Robert’s Rules of Order.

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#### Untapped Potential

Participation in EWI quickly raises your firm’s visibility among your city’s business community. This affords you the ability to promote your products and services to audiences you may not reach otherwise, both locally and throughout EWI’s North American network. Your firm will also have the ability to build contacts by hosting Chapter Firm Nights or attending other Firm Nights and various business meetings throughout the year.

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#### Leadership

Many EWI member representatives cite leadership opportunities as a driving motivator for their participation. EWI offers a number of ways to build real-world leadership skills through Chapter leadership, Corporate Board participation, our Academy of Leadership program and other initiatives. Additionally, your membership positions your firm and your member representatives as leaders within your business community.

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#### Tangible Returns

The EWI network is incredibly loyal and motivated to see your member representatives and your firm succeed—more often than not, representatives look to one another first when they need a specific product or service. Your firm will be listed in the EWI International Directory, considered the “blue book” of industry professionals, which constitutes a network across the United States and Canada for the exchange of information and business matters.

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#### Support

Your member representatives will have a support structure of like-minded individuals outside of the office for career advice and other needs. EWI membership also provides you with an opportunity to support and recognize a top-ranking person within your firm by appointing her/him to represent your organization. Lastly, EWI offers your firm a number of ways to support your local community through good works, scholarship programs, and other philanthropic initiatives.



## Chapter Events



*Guest Speaker:*

*John Tomblin*

**Date:** April 19, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 pm - Reception/Hors d'oeuvres

6:00 pm—Program/Tour

**Host:** Wichita State University

1845 Fairmount Street, Wichita, KS

*EWI of Wichita is pleased to offer our member firms and their guests the opportunity to tour Wichita State University's new 143,000 sf Experiential Engineering Building on Innovation Campus. Join us as John Tomblin presents an update on this facility and tour the 25 labs and the wing devoted to Go Create—an open-to-the-public space.*

Connecting with our Community –

Executive Women International



## Chapter Events

### EWI Dinner Group

Date: Thursday April 27, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Rib Crib, 500 S Ridge Rd, Wichita KS

RSVP to Theresa Hogan, [mary.t.hogan@ampf.com](mailto:mary.t.hogan@ampf.com)



Chapter Events

WICHITA PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

**ENGINEERING****Saturday, April 29, 2017****9:00am to 2:00pm****Century II Exhibition Hall****FREE!** HANDS ON ACTIVITIES GEARED  
TOWARDS STUDENTS IN K-8**Presented by****CONTACT INFO:** [expo@wichitaswe.org](mailto:expo@wichitaswe.org)**WEBSITE:** [www.wichitaswe.org/expo](http://www.wichitaswe.org/expo)



## Chapter Events



### FUNRAISING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Funds raised will be used to fund scholarships to worthy Wichita area students and instigating local literacy initiatives. Your support is GREATLY appreciated.*

#### GIFT CARDS NEEDED!

- ✓ Restaurants
- ✓ Events
- ✓ Services

Will be used throughout the year at various events



#### Sponsorships Available:

- Dinner
- Desserts
- Beverages
- Bar
- Bottles of wine
- Silent Auction Baskets or Items

**Cinco de Mayo**  
**Trivia Night - May 10**



Please contact: Mallory Minor to sponsor or with questions, [mminor@starlumber.com](mailto:mminor@starlumber.com)



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Share your news & photos in the  
monthly *Connect*

Contact: Pam Dinwiddie  
[pdinwiddie@txtav.com](mailto:pdinwiddie@txtav.com)

Submission deadline:  
May Issue ~ 5-8-17

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of  
each month unless  
otherwise noted

**April 19, 2017**

Wichita State University,  
Innovation Campus,  
1845 Fairmount Street  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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## Chapter Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of  
each month

~All members are welcome~

Contact Dawn Truman  
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