

A Message from the President



Valentine's Day is upon us next week. That is a special day that we traditionally express our appreciation and affection to those in our lives that we value. I want to take this time to express my appreciation and gratitude to each of you – you are what makes EWI so valuable to our community, to our businesses, and to each other. One of the wonderful aspects of serving as your EWI president is the ability to get to know each of you better. What a blessing! Your involvement in EWI and your spirit of collaboration in growing and strengthening our chapter is evident. It is thrilling to see our newer members becoming engaged in all aspects of our chapter – thank you.

We are excited as we preview the programs that our Program Committee is developing for this year. Their commitment to providing leadership opportunities in our CAREERS, COMMUNITY, and CONNECTIONS is apparent in the monthly programs schedule for our spring meetings.



February is a great month for our Potluck fundraising initiative. What a wonderful gesture of caring and **community** as we gather together for an evening of fun and fundraising to support our scholarship and reading initiatives. This is also your opportunity to share your culinary secrets with us!



The March meeting will increase your awareness of e2e Accelerator and their focus on accelerating and mentoring entrepreneurs in Wichita. John Dascher, CEO will share e2e's vision for assisting start-ups in bringing new businesses, **careers**, and products to our market.



At our April meeting, John Tomblin, VP of Research and Technology, will introduce you to Wichita State University's new 143,000 sf Experiential Engineering facility that recently opened on Innovation Campus. You will be amazed at what 3D printers can print! Please invite your executive to this meeting – what a great opportunity to share EWI's commitment to **connecting** our businesses to WSU and leading edge technology innovation. (cont'd on pg2)



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Committee Updates



Tami Barker | Vice President

Where did January go? While the month went quickly it means we are approaching warmer weather and longer days! I wanted to send a big thank you out to those of you that made an effort to ensure you are listed

in Member Zone. As of 2/3/17 we have 34 members that are in the system as a representative in one form or another. That leaves 11 members still to get information into the system. 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 the 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!



Mallory Minor | Fundraising

Please make sure to RSVP for our February 15th Pot Luck! This should be a great time at City Arts, with prizes for the best food item in each category, and all fundraising dollars go towards our EWISP and ASIST scholarship programs as well as our Reading Rally at Calvin Elementary!

As we move forward, the fundraising committee is working on plans for our May 10th fundraising event. We are in need of donations of gently used accessories for our silent auction at this event. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if I can help pick up any donations.

Last, but not least! The fundraising committee will be selling raffle tickets at each chapter meeting for an item donated by one of our member firms. We will raffle the item off at the end of each monthly meeting. Tickets are \$3 for one, \$5 for two, or \$10 for five tickets! Please find this raffle at the check-in table at each month's meeting! Congratulations to Julie Roberts at Case New Holland, she was January's winner of the gold bracelet donated by Dawn Truman, J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.!

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News from EWI Corporate.....

- LCAM date and location have been set: September 21st – 24th – Courtyard Marriott in Dallas, TX, 2.5 days of leadership training sessions. Start earning your AOL (Academy of Leadership) designation.
- Member Zone update – New Membership application form is being uploaded.
- Current EWI Member Representative Count – 1,652

My Valentine's Quote to you: "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Winnie the Pooh

Once again, thank you to all our members of EWI Wichita – you make this an exciting organization in our community. It is truly inspiring to be a part of such a great group of community leaders.



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances at of 1/31/2017
Commerce Operating \$16,503.18
Meritrust Savings \$24,207.23
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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Committee Updates



Teresa Arthur | Director-at-Large

The ASIST & EWISP Scholarship process is well under way. Applications have been sent to contacts on both distribution lists, and some completed applications have already been received. The Judges on our Selection Committee have also been contacted.

Judging will take place in March, with our winners announced in early April.

I would like to thank ASIST Chair Jeanetta Bolin, EWISP Co-Chairs Stacy Guinn & Nancy Umholtz, President Dawn Truman, and other members of the Board for their extra efforts in implementing the updated process this year. We have high hopes that it will enhance our scholarship program going forward!



Karen Smith | Communications

Do you know everyone in our Chapter? I don't and I've been involved in EWI for several years. Have you gotten to know our newest members who were introduced at our January meeting. Join me in not only meeting these great women at our Chapter meetings, but reading about them in our monthly *Connect*. It is our desire to feature a

member firm and its representative each month, so be on the lookout.

Have you checked out our FaceBook page or our website? We're always on the lookout for new information to post so be sure and share your great news with us. Dana Taylor Perry is responsible for social media and for *Connect* – new member articles, Sherii Farmer is responsible for website, Pam Dinwiddie is responsible for *Connect* and Mary Farrar is responsible for news releases – THANK YOU LADIES FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING EWI WICHITA KNOWN.



Jan Baggett | Programs

Thank you to all those that attended the January EWI meeting about BREG at the Chamber. We had a full house with several executives present. We appreciate so many completing the survey. It really gives us insight and helps us as we plan for future meetings. Don't miss this month's meeting on the 15th at City Arts. The Fundraising Committee has great things lined up for us. Bring a dish, enjoy the fellowship and tour City Arts.

EWI January 18, 2017 Meeting – 18 evals rec'd
Location: Wichita Chamber
BREG Initiative

Please rate the value of today's program

Extremely Valuable: 56% Valuable: 44%
Comments:

Somewhat Valuable: 0%

No Value: 0%

Please rate today's presenters:

Excellent: 83% Good: 17%
Comments: Fun to listen to, I wish we had more time.

Average: 0%

Poor: 0%

Please rate today's food:

Excellent: 22% Good: 67%
Comments: Too much pasta & starchy food, salad great.

Average: 11%

Poor: 0%

Please rate today's venue:

Excellent: 67% Good: 33%
Comments:

Average: 0%

Poor: 0%

Additional Comments/Suggestions: Need to start the program a little sooner; Good job program committee!



In the
Spotlight

New Chapter Member



EWI Member: J.P. Weigand & Sons

New 2nd Representative: Sonja Seidl



Please welcome J.P. Weigand & Sons second representative to EWI Wichita. Sonja Seidl is a Realtor and Broker Associate. She is a graduate of Baker University and serves on the Council of Residential Specialists National Association of Realtors and is a member of the Institute of Residential Marketing.

Sonja has lived in the Wichita area for more than 25 years. She says what she loves the most about her community is the friendly people that live here. She has a passion to serve them. Over the years she has served with Big Brothers and Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, Wichita Collegiate School, Newspring Church and Community Involvement Committee Chair with our local board of Realtors. She currently is serving as Secretary for the Raise my Head Foundation and on the Board for Women of Wichita.

Sonya is married to Bob who owns a contracting business and has one daughter Tara who is a chemical engineer at Koch Industries.



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.

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



EWI of Wichita is pleased to offer our member firms and their guests the opportunity to learn more about e2e Accelerator. Please join us for our March meeting to hear the latest update on e2e's impact in our community.

Date: March 15, 2017
Time: 5:30 pm Reception
6:00 pm Dinner & Program
Host: High Touch Technologies
110 S. Main, Wichita, KS
RSVP: www.ewiwichita.org



*Guest Speaker:
John Dascher*

Connecting with our Community—Executive Women International

e2e Accelerator is based on the principle of one generation of entrepreneurs passing along guidance and investment capital to another. It's led by a team of experienced entrepreneurs who've built companies that have reshaped their industries. e2e Accelerator is Wichita's first ever business accelerator focused on activating, accelerating and mentoring entrepreneurs In the Heartland. Come learn more about 1 Million Cups , e2e, Startup Grind, and other initiatives coming in 2017.





Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

February 3 ~ Nancy Umholtz, Delta Dental of Kansas
February 14 ~ Donna Jestmore, Chapter Life Member
February 25~ Mary Farrar, Professional Engineering
February 26 ~ Peggy DiStefano, Chapter Life Member



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Share your news & photos in the
monthly *Connect*

Contact: Pam Dinwiddie
pdinwiddie@txtav.com

Submission deadline:
March Issue ~ 3-6-17

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of
each month unless
otherwise noted

February 15, 2017

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

March 15, 2017

High Touch Technologies,
110 S. Main, Ste 600
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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