

A Message From Your President



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Dawn Truman
J. P. Weigand & Sons, Inc.

One of my agents shared a quote with me the other day that I thought exemplified the impact of EWI in our Wichita community – *"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."* This is an African Proverb that reminds us the strength that comes with making powerful connections. We have had a year of great connections – and have produced some powerful results.

Our August chapter meeting is focused on celebrating and sharing our story of the accomplishments that you, our EWI Wichita chapter members, have made happen this year. I am so proud to be involved with the quality of member firms and representatives that we have in our chapter. Our **47th annual Executive & Scholarship Night** will be held at the Wichita Country Club. Formal invitations have been mailed to all executives and representatives. Make sure to personally invite your executive. Our executives, like our representatives, support Executive Women International for various reasons. This evening gives us a chance to showcase all aspects of EWI and let them know that their investment is producing results.

Please join us for....

Executive & Scholarship Night Wednesday, August 16, 2017



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Message from your President (cont'd)

We will have the honor of awarding and celebrating our two 2017 Executive Women International scholarship recipients. We will also be awarding our ASIST recipient one of the 2017 EWI Corporate scholarships. We are very proud of these ladies and we look forward to sharing their inspiring stories with our membership.

EWISP – Emily Doffing of Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School is our 2017 EWISP Recipient.

ASIST – LaRhonda Douglas has been chosen as our 2017 ASIST Recipient.



Supporting our Nonprofit Members: A reminder that this quarter we are offering a chance for our EWI members to assist one of our own nonprofit members with needs that they have at that time. If you wish to assist the **HealthCore Clinic** with needs for their school backpack initiative please feel free to bring items listed below to the August meeting or take them directly to Davna at HealthCore Clinic located at 2707 E. 21st St North. We will have a special table at the August meeting designated for collecting these school supplies. All contributions are greatly

appreciated and will assist in lightening the load for this critical community organization. Thank you HealthCore Clinic for all the services you provide our community!

HealthCore Clinic provides backpacks filled with school supplies to their patients each fall. Their goal this year is to fill 300 backpacks. They will hand them out in August to children of families that utilize their services. The following are needed items:

Spiral Notebooks (Wide and College Rule)

Pens

Erasers

Crayons

Pocket Folders

Pencils

Glue Sticks

Markers



EWI Survey – I am excited to say we had good participation in our EWI survey. This is a tool that is very beneficial to the board and incoming President as we begin preparation for the 2017 – 2018 term. Tami Barker, incoming President, will also begin the process of updating our Strategic Plan. This survey helps us determine the driving force behind our members' involvement and goals as we align them with our Strategic Plan. Thank you for your insights and taking the time to share your ideas on how to strengthen and grow our

Chapter. Together we can go far! The results of this survey will be shared with membership at our September annual meeting.



Message from your President (cont'd)



We are just a few weeks away from attending the 70th Annual Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) – September 21st – 24th at the Courtyard Marriott in Dallas, Texas, for 2.5 days of leadership training sessions. There is still time to register if you have an interest in attending. The attendees have met and organized a strategy to cover the sessions so we are able to share

the content of these important meetings with our membership upon our return. LCAM provides a wonderful chance for our local membership to be introduced to national speakers, gain chapter insights from other regions, and to develop some lifelong friendships. You will definitely return with more tools in your career tool belt.

In preparation of LCAM and the **Annual Meeting** to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 all EWI representatives are invited to the **Bylaws and Budget webinar** to review and discuss the bylaw amendments and proposed 2017-2018 budget. This webinar is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm (CT). It will allow opportunities to ask questions regarding the proposed bylaw amendments and budget. Below you will find the proposed amendments. Please check the EWI corporate website for information on how to participate in this webinar. Our EWI chapter will discuss these proposed amendments at our Annual Meeting in September.

EWI CORPORATE BYLAW PROPOSED AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications of Chapter

Bylaw Reads:

Each Chapter shall be composed of at least twenty-five (25) Member Firms and Individual Members and issued a charter by the Corporation.

Amend to Read:

Each Chapter shall be composed of at least fifteen (15) Member Firms and Individual Members and issued a charter by the Corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Satellite Chapter

Bylaw Reads:

Within six (6) months of reaching the minimum of twenty-five (25) Member Firms and Individual Members, the Satellite Chapter shall apply for a charter. Satellite Chapters shall not have voting rights.

Amend to Read:

Within six (6) months of reaching the minimum of fifteen (15) Member Firms and Individual Members, the Satellite Chapter shall apply for a charter. Satellite Chapters shall not have voting rights.

Rationale: The Corporate Board would like to lower our minimum number of member firms per chapter in the interest of encouraging new chapters across the United States and Canada and future growth and expansion of our organization.

Have a great August and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President – it has been a great experience!

Committee Updates



Teresa Arthur | Director-at-Large

EWI Wichita is looking forward to honoring our 2017 scholarship recipients at Executive Night. Each recipient received \$2,000. Emily Doffing, our EWISP recipient, graduated from Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School this past spring, and plans to attend The University of

Kansas this fall. LaRhonda Douglas, our ASIST recipient, attends Butler Community College majoring in Accounting. LaRhonda also received an additional \$2,000 as one of EWI Corporate's ASIST winners, and we are very excited for her!

The 2017 Reading Rally is being planned for Thursday, October 19th at Colvin Elementary School. Please contact Chair Julie Roberts if your Firm would like to make a donation toward Rally expenses.

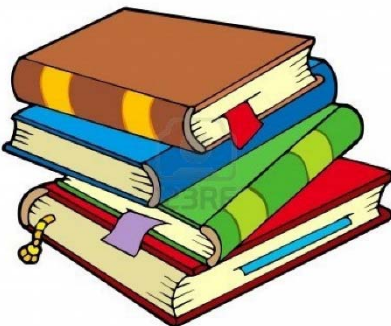


Tami Barker | Vice President

Happy Summer! Can you believe it is time for Executive Night and awarding our scholarships already! This event is one I look forward to every year! I hope you will all make every effort you can to help recognize President Dawn Truman and her firm JP Weigand and Sons by attending the event. You won't be disappointed in the content of

their message and your heart will be uplifted with the stories of our scholarship winners.

There is still time to register for LCAM! There are 9 ladies from Wichita attending and we would love to add you to the list! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see me and I can give you the details.



~ Community Corner ~

Is your firm doing something special that you want others to know about? Was your firm recently in the press and you want to shout it from the rooftops...or possibly a very informative newsletter? ☺

Send them our way for the Community Corner!!!!



Mallory Minor | Fundraising

We are excited for our August 16th Executive & Scholarship Night! As Dawn previously mentioned, we will have the opportunity to be involved in a live auction to bid on a surprise offering with proceeds going to our philanthropic endeavors. We also plan to have a wine pull, to help with additional proceeds for our fundraising. We look forward to seeing everyone August 16th at the Wichita Country Club.

I would like to extend a BIG thank you to the fundraising committee, without each of you these fundraising opportunities wouldn't be possible. Thank you!!!



Davna Gould | Treasurer

Bank Balances at of 7/31/2017
Commerce Operating \$19,996.32
Meritrust Savings \$24,213.23
BCDP Commerce \$1,364.02
BCDP TCK Trust \$57,175.37

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



Committee Updates



Jan Baggett | Programs

At the July meeting Junetta Everett, Delta Dental of Kansas shared with us the differences between Diversity and Inclusion, and the reason both are so important. Diversity is all the ways we differ from one another. Inclusion involves bringing together and harnessing these differences in a way that is beneficial. In other words, “Diversity is the mix. Inclusion is making the mix work,” Andres Tapia. One advantage for our firms to embrace Diversity and Inclusion in all aspects, is that statistically those that do outperform their peers. EWI is full of influential women with lots of connections. We can make a difference by helping to teach “cultural competence”. A few suggestions are:

- Respect other's opinions
- Acknowledge cultural/generational differences & historical injustices without becoming defensive
- Be open to learning about other cultures and ideas
- Give others the benefit of the doubt in a dispute
- Seek first to understand other's point of views: then to be understood
- Don't stereotype
- Don't judge others by your own cultural standards
- Don't assume your culture's way is the only way
- Don't talk down to anyone; communicate effectively



Allen Gibbs and Houlik (AGH)
301 N. Main Street
www.Aghlc.com

The passing of the torch - Charlene Dreiling has been a representative with EWI as the AGH (Allen Gibbs and Houlik) company representative since 2001. Charlene has recently passed the torch to Kathy Armbruster as the new AGH representative. We're thrilled that Charlene will still be an active part of our organization as an Alumni Member as we welcome Kathy to our EWI family.



Welcome Kathy Armbruster! Kathy is the office manager with AGH and oversees administrative functions and administrative support staff. She received her associate's degree in accounting from Hutchinson Community College and considers herself a Hutchinson native. She has lived in Wichita for a little over four years, she's single and has 2 grown children and 2 beautiful grand babies (just ask her about them and she'll be happy to show you pics!!) In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her dogs (she will show you pics of them too if you ask!) and she loves having fun adventures with her friends in the "Adventurous Babes Society".

Chapter Events



Join us at Wichita Country Club for
Executive & Scholarship Night
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Cocktails, Dinner and Program to follow

Location: 8501 E. 13th Street North

Please RSVP by: Monday, August 14, 2017

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Hosted by:





Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

August 3 ~ Fern Deshazer, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.
August 8 ~ Candace Parry, Kansas Health Foundation
August 21 ~ Malena Anderson, United Way of the Plains
August 23 ~ Denise Wickham, Berry Companies



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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.



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Contact: Pam Dinwiddie
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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of
each month unless
otherwise noted

Wednesday, August 16 Executive & Scholarship Night

Wichita Country Club,
8501 E 13th St North
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Chapter Board Meetings Second Wednesday of each month

~All members are welcome~

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