

A Message From Your President



Tami Barker
Hyatt Regency Wichita

The holiday season is upon us and God continues to provide for our chapter and those we help. The food boxing event for Colvin Elementary was once again a huge success. We were able to acquire enough food from our Member Firms and Representatives to pack 70 Quality boxes with food that will help sustain families while their students are out for 13 days. While our goal was 100 boxes – we choose quality over quantity and I believe that was the best option. In addition – we had boxes of food with misc. items to help them with their pantry and still provide additional help for those families that may need something to just “get by” for a day or two. We should all be so proud of what we were able to accomplish through this event. Special thanks to Malena Anderson who helped spearhead the signup genius and was my sounding board for ideas. Thanks to De Nelson for arranging with Chief Tammy Snow the ability for herself and several firemen to be there to help box up and load that evening and then be at Colvin to help unload the next day. Thanks to Dawn Truman for contacting Carlos O Kelly’s for getting the catering boxes donated and to Joan Rapp for signing and donating the beautiful holiday cards for each box.

I look forward to seeing what 2018 has in store for Executive Women International – Wichita Chapter. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you do for our chapter and community. Blessings to you and your families for a joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas!

In Christs love-
Tami Barker



2017-2018 Officers & Directors

President

Tami Barker
Hyatt Regency Wichita

Vice President

Jessica Emrick
Wichita Marriott

Secretary

Gina Hess
Kansas Health Foundation

Treasurer

Tracy Lucas
High Touch Technologies

Fundraising

Davna Gould
HealthCore Clinic

Membership

Dana Taylor

Director-at-Large

Karen Smith
Westar Energy

Sergeant-at-Arms

Malena Anderson
United Way of the Plains

Programs

Jan Baggett
Wichita Metro Chamber
of Commerce

Communications Director

Pam Dinwiddie
Textron Aviation

Advisor

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

Committee Updates



Jan Baggett | Programs

We had a very interesting presentation from Charity Schaulis with HopeNet at Member Firm Envision for our November meeting. Charity talked about how our brains, such as exercise, or taking a few moments for centering, and sometimes medications, and that does not mean the medications have to be permanent. So, if you are really struggling with depression and other signs of stress, please visit your doctor or call HopeNet and find out what you might be able to do to balance your brain! The meal was provided by The Kitchen, 725 E. Douglas, thekitchenwichita.com. The food was really good and The Kitchen provides catering for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Many thanks to Lisa Capps with Envision for hosting our group in November.

And, we just wrapped up our annual packing boxes of food for Colvin Elementary at our early December meeting at the Hyatt. De Nelson arranged to have 10 Firemen help pack, along with Chief Tammy Snow, the first female Fire Chief in Sedgwick County's history. Tami Barker arranged to get 100 boxes provided by Carlos O'Kelly's, and we were able to pack about 65 of those as complete boxes the way Colvin had asked. We filled about 20 more boxes with miscellaneous food for Colvin's food pantry. We also enjoyed a nice chili dinner and some wonderful desserts from the Hyatt. This is always a fun event and makes a person feel good about doing something for the community!

Don't miss the January meeting. We are trying something new and will meet over lunch at Distillery 244 – a great new venue in Old Town. Officer Lisa Berg of HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) will talk about the homeless situation in Wichita and what the HOT team does.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! See you in January.

Denise Wickham, Berry Companies Inc.
Program Committee Member



Tracy Lucas | Treasurer

Invoices have been submitted for Membership Dues. Please submit payment to the chapter instead of the corporate office. There are two payment option types. By check, Member Firms are not assessed a convenience fee and payment can be remitted to EWI of Wichita and sent to High Touch Technologies. For members that want to pay by credit card, a website page was set up through Quick Links to utilize PayPal. The chapter decided to assess a \$10 fee instead of using the credit card processing methodology used by Squad Up. Remember that by paying by credit card through PayPal, the chapter will incur the processing fee.

Chapter Operating Account:

11/30/17 Ending Balance \$11502.18

Chapter BCDP Account:

11/30/17 Ending Balance \$6,834.84



Karen Smith | Director-at-Large

Corporate EWI is working on revising the scholarship application. Jeanetta Bolin is serving on the committee and reports that work is in progress and should be complete by January.



Committee Updates



Jessica Emrick | Vice President

Contest! Contest! Contest!

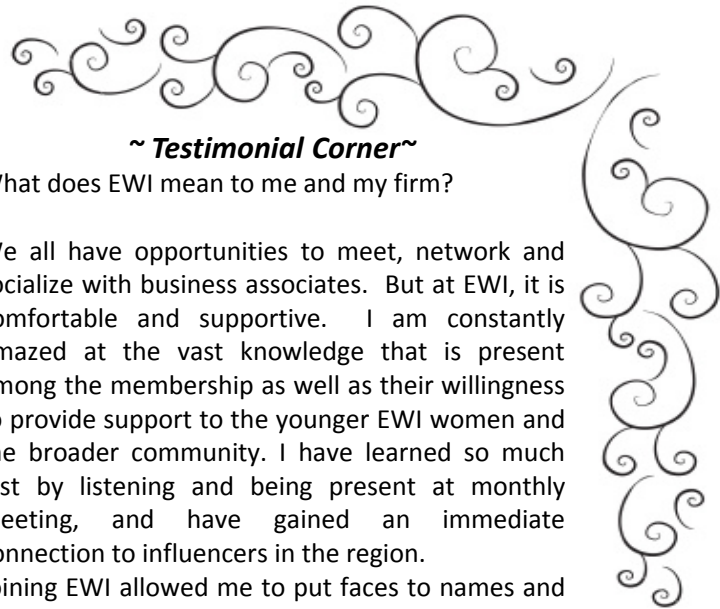
How do you "Sell" EWI to your fellow contacts? I am looking for a 30 second Elevator Speech to use! This would be helpful to use when speaking about joining EWI to potential members and new members. It would also help to reiterate benefits to current members. As a board, we want to focus on growing our membership this year, and showing values to the new EWI members! We have found that the newer members want some speaking points to be able to talk to people about EWI. We will zone in on what they are looking to get from their membership. For some of the members who have been in for a while, it's more personal. I too need to sharpen my skills and think about how to sell EWI and all the benefits of belonging. I love this networking group and I use the connections on a weekly basis!

I will announce winners at the January meeting! Some prizes include an overnight stay with breakfast for two to Hyatt Regency, a gift certificate for an overnight stay with breakfast for two at the Wichita Marriott and more!

The end result is to have a couple elevator speeches which will allow the individual member to adopt the one that resonates with them! Let's get Creative!

Please send your creations directly to Jessica Emrick at Jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to the matter!



~ Testimonial Corner ~

What does EWI mean to me and my firm?

We all have opportunities to meet, network and socialize with business associates. But at EWI, it is comfortable and supportive. I am constantly amazed at the vast knowledge that is present among the membership as well as their willingness to provide support to the younger EWI women and the broader community. I have learned so much just by listening and being present at monthly meeting, and have gained an immediate connection to influencers in the region.

Joining EWI allowed me to put faces to names and to gain support for Butler Community College while having fun in the process!

Stacy Cofer with Butler Community College



Professional Development

Submitted by Tami Barker, 2017/2018 President, representing Hyatt Regency Wichita

10 Characteristics of Professionalism

By Chris Joseph

Dressing for success will help establish you as a professional.

Being a professional in your chosen field means much more than wearing a coat and tie or possessing a college degree and a noted title. Professionalism also has to do with how you conduct yourself during your business affairs. True professionals possess a number of important characteristics that can apply to virtually any type of business.

Appearance

A professional is neat in appearance. Be sure to meet or even exceed the requirements of your company's dress code, and pay special attention to your appearance when meeting with clients or prospects.

Demeanor

Your demeanor should exude confidence but not cockiness. Be polite and well spoke whether you're interacting with customers, superiors or co-workers. You need to keep your calm, even during tense situations.

Reliability

As a professional, you will be counted on to find a way to get the job done. Responding to people promptly and following through on promises in a timely manner is also important, as this demonstrates reliability.

Competence

Professionals strive to become experts in their field, which sets them apart from the rest of the pack. This can mean continuing your education by taking courses, attending seminars and attaining any related professional designations.

Ethics

Professionals such as doctors, lawyers and public accountants must adhere to a strict code of ethics. Even if your company or industry does not have a written code, you should display ethical behavior at all times.

Maintaining Your Poise

A professional must maintain his poise even when facing a difficult situation. For example, if a colleague or client treats you're in a belligerent manner, you should not resort to the same type of behavior.

Phone Etiquette

Your phone etiquette is also an important component of professional behavior. This means identifying yourself by your full name, company and title when you place a call. Be sure not to dominate the conversation and listen intently to the other party.

Written Correspondence

During written correspondence, keep your letters brief and to the point. Your tone should be polite and formal without being "stuffy." This also applies to email correspondence.

Professional Development

Organizational Skills

A professional can quickly and easily find what is needed. Your work area should be neat and organized, and your briefcase should contain only what is needed for your appointment or presentation.

Accountability

Professionals are accountable for their actions at all times. If you make a mistake, own up to it or try to fix it if possible. Don't try to place the blame on a colleague, if your company made the mistake, take responsibility and work to resolve the issue.



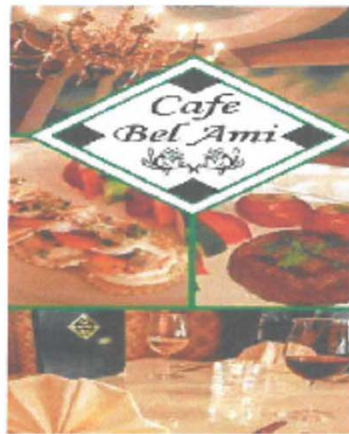
Chapter Events

EWI December Lunch Brunch

Thursday December 28, 2017 at 11:45 AM

Location: Cafe Bel Ami

229 E William St Ste 101, Wichita, KS 67202



During Lunch we will have the ornament / small Christmas decoration exchange for anyone who want to participate



Please RSVP to Theresa Hogan at mary.t.hogan@ampf.com

Chapter Events

EWI Wichita Chapter

JANUARY 17
11:30 – 1:00

Distillery 244 Old Town
244 N. Mosley

Guest Speaker

Officer Lisa Berg
with the
Homeless Outreach Team
H.O.T.

HOMELESS
OUTREACH TEAM
H.O.T



(316) 854-3013

Wichita Police Department

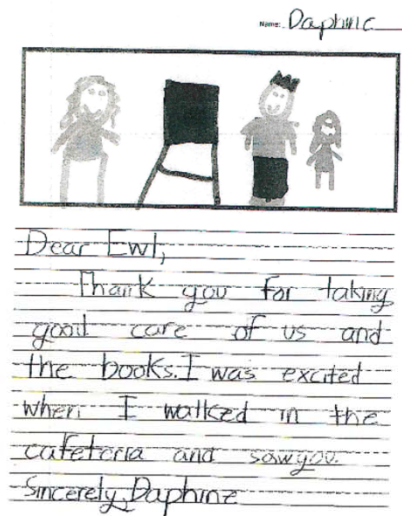
Mission

The Wichita Police Department's Mission is to provide professional and ethical public safety services in partnership with citizens to identify, prevent and solve the problems of crime, fear of crime, social disorder and neighborhood decay, thereby improving the quality of life in our community.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
"HELPING CITIZENS IN NEED"

Chapter Events

Reading Rally Thank You's!



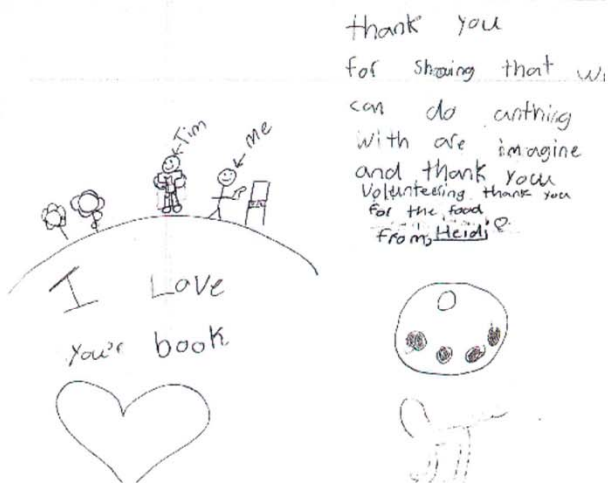
Thank you so much
for that story, pizza,
drink, cookies, and ~~the~~
letting us make our
own book, and thank
you for giving us one
of your books to take
home and read.



Thank you
This is
my whan
of thanking
you for
all you've done.

Thank you for New
book and thank you
for coming thank you
for the pizza, drink,
and cookies thank
you for school supplies
and Dental material.

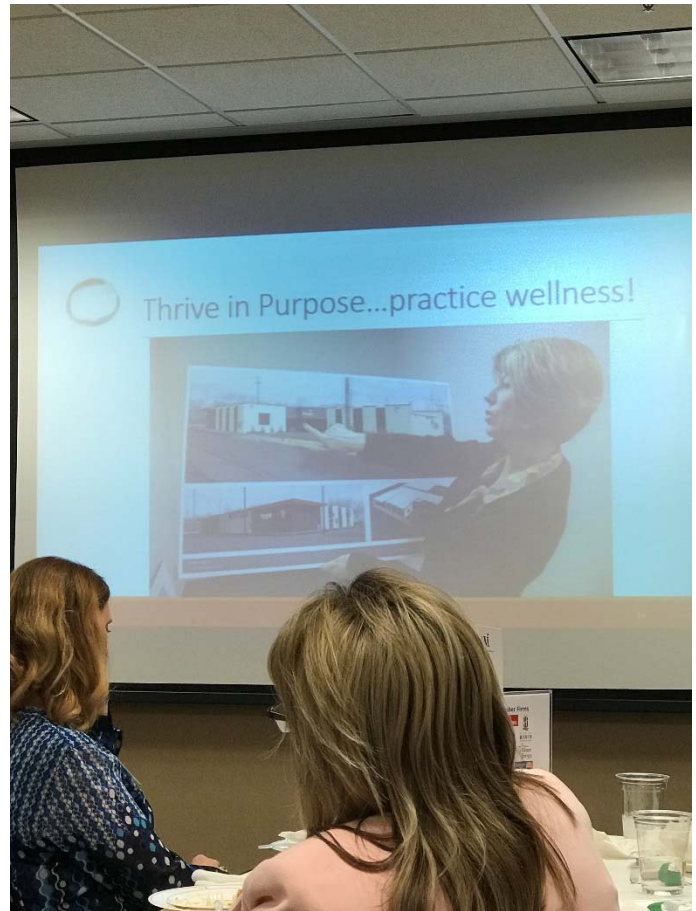
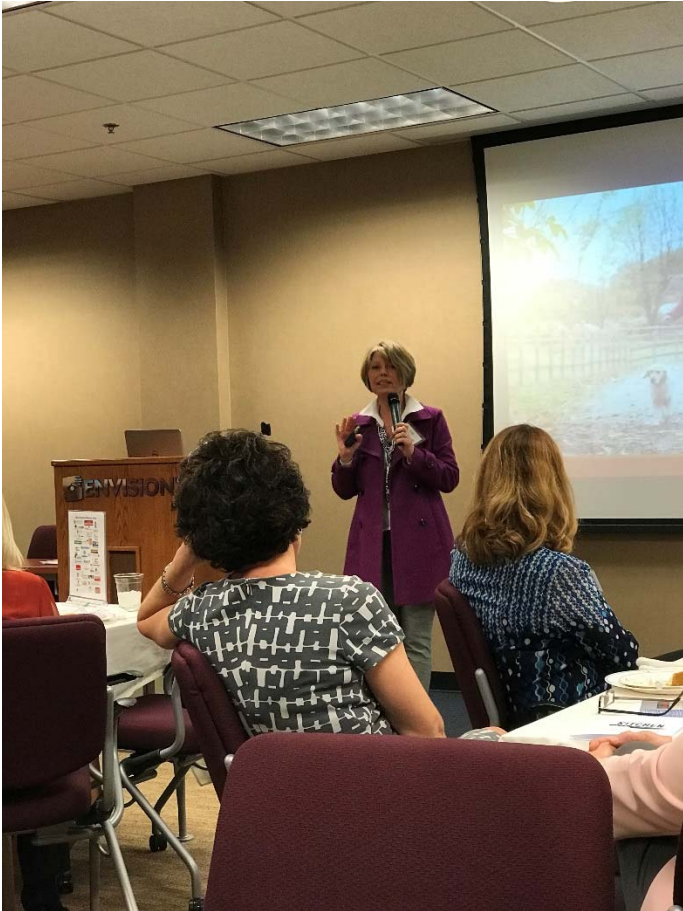
From: Yanida
to: EWI



Dear EWI & Mr. Raglin,
Thank you so much
for coming to Colvin
Elementary yesterday and
giving our third graders a
book, T-shirt, and supplies.
Seeing how happy this
made them was so
wonderful! They enjoyed the food, too.
I also wanted to
thank you for everything
you did for us teachers,
as well. You were so kind
to give us all of that.
The Walmart gift card
will be put to great use
as I buy things for my
classroom.
Thank you so much for
everything you do for us
every year! We appreciate
it!
Sincerely,
Miss Vorisiani

Chapter Events

November Meeting Pictures





Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

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



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



facebook.com/ewicorp



@ewicorporate



@ewicorporate



pinterest.com/ewicorporate



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.



Share your news & photos in the
monthly *Connect*

Contact: Pam Dinwiddie
pdinwiddie@txtav.com

Submission deadline:
January Issue ~ 1-8-18

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of
each month unless
otherwise noted

Wednesday, January 17
Officer Lisa Berg,
Homeless Outreach Team
Distillery,
244 N. Mosley
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Chapter Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of
each month

~All members are welcome~

Contact Tami Barker
at tami.barker@Hyatt.com