

## *A Message From Your President*



Tami Barker  
Hyatt Regency Wichita

makes this event happen.

EWI special events as well as our call to Board Service have the same needs as our community events such as Riverfest. We are so fortunate to have so many of our firms donate their time, money and efforts for our philanthropy needs when called upon. I'm not sure how we could possibly reach our goals without your firms help and involvement. However, we are experiencing a change within our chapter in regards to Board service. The last few years we have struggled to find individuals willing to step forward to fill board roles and volunteer their time and energy for the benefit of EWI Wichita.

I have had the opportunity to serve in the following capacities, Fundraising Chair, Sergeant of Arms – 2 years, Program Chair – 2 years, Vice President and President. This organization is the first one I ever served on a board and I was extremely nervous at first – but it was the BEST thing I did! I really got to know the organization – the representatives and our firms. It was/is a safe place to learn about board service and giving back. If you choose to serve on the board, you are doing good for not only our chapter but for others in our community for the leadership you are taking in helping us move forward. The time commitment is not as much as you think it is – I PROMISE!!

Jessica Emrick, who will serve as President for the 2018/2019 term has put out a call for your consideration. I ask that you please seriously consider participating in this very rewarding opportunity. If you have questions about particular roles/responsibilities, feel free to reach out to any board member for their feedback.

I'll leave you with this: Volunteer work has been shown to help improve your health, it demonstrates your commitment to your community and a willingness to work for the betterment of others. Can EWI Wichita count on your volunteerism?

## **2017-2018 Officers & Directors**

### **President**

Tami Barker  
Hyatt Regency Wichita

### **Vice President**

Jessica Emrick  
Wichita Marriott

### **Secretary**

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Kansas Health Foundation

### **Treasurer**

Tracy Lucas  
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### **Fundraising**

Davna Gould  
HealthCore Clinic

### **Membership**

Dana Taylor

### **Director-at-Large**

Karen Smith  
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### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Denise Wickham  
Berry Companies, Inc

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Jan Baggett  
Wichita Metro Chamber  
of Commerce

### **Communications Director**

Pam Dinwiddie  
Textron Aviation

### **Advisor**

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

## Committee Updates



### Tracy Lucas | Treasurer

The financial position of EWI of Wichita is:

#### **Chapter Operating Account:**

05/31/18 Ending Balance \$22,147.52

#### **Chapter BCDP Account:**

05/31/18 Ending Balance \$4,985.63



### Jan Baggett | Programs

In May, EWI had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful newly renovated digs at Stoutheart Financial Group. If you missed it, we had a great time with the staff of Stoutheart at their Firm Night! They were

generous hosts, were loads of fun and gave us a lot of information to think about in regards to planning for retirement – no matter what age.

June is our annual EWI fundraiser. If you haven't found a way to get involved, there is still time! This is how we raise money to fund our scholarships and other philanthropic endeavors.

Plan now to attend the July 25 chapter meeting. Traci Wilnerd with the Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS will share many things with us in regards to keeping our identities safe and secure. She is very knowledgeable and we will make sure to answer any of your questions.

Hope you have a great summer and get to spend lots of time with family!



### Karen Smith | Director-at-Large

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- EWISP – judges meeting this week to make a selection.
- ASIST – selection made, meeting scheduled with successful candidate to review guidelines for Executive Night presentation.

THANK YOU – to Jeanetta Bolin for all you've done to assist with the new online process. THANK YOU – to Teresa Arthur for covering while I was out of the country (at the worst time possible in regards to scholarship deadline).

#### **READING RALLY**

Meeting scheduled for June 19.



### Jessica Emrick | Vice President

I would like to bring to your attention the **Executive Women International's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM)** on September 19-22, 2018, is in Raleigh, North Carolina. This conference is a premier event for executive women in the U.S. and Canada. LCAM will allow you to network with a variety of experts and colleagues from around the country. The conference offers a number of educational sessions. Please let Jessica Emrick know if you are planning on attending, or have questions regarding the conference @ [Jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com](mailto:Jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com). There is more information in this month's connect regarding LCAM. I hope to see you there!

Board service is a form of volunteerism that can have a huge impact on the organization. An organization simply can't function without those volunteers making the effort. The board makes sure that the organization is well managed and that its financial situation remains sound.

Serving on a board is a wonderful way to support a cause that you care about. But it also can be a powerful way to build your own skills and expertise.

Individuals who serve on a board have the opportunity to develop and grow as leaders, cultivate new skill sets, and expand their network of peers, professionals, community leaders, and community thought leaders.

I have several board positions available to fill for my term. Specifically, those open positions are Vice President, Membership Director, Program Director and Fundraising Director. I have personally served as both Program Director and Fundraising Director. As Program Director, I enjoyed working with the President to plan and arrange the program for the regular meetings of the Chapter. As Fundraising Director, I thoroughly enjoyed getting creative to raise the most funds for our scholarship program and supplementing Chapter operating funds! The Vice President Position is supportive of the President and Special Chapter Events. You would also accompany the President to LCAM for Leadership Courses, but EWI covers most of that cost for you!

Please contact me directly [Jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com](mailto:Jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com) if you would like more information on those duties...Thank you in advance for your consideration!



## NEW MEMBER FIRM



**WICHITA**  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

**Firm Representative - Anitra Kilgore**

Anitra joined WCF as Executive Assistant and Scholarship Coordinator in March 2017. Born and raised in Wichita, Anitra has extensive background in executive support for local aviation and construction companies, as well as various nonprofit organizations.

Her passion for nonprofit work is evident in her time spent advocating for survivors of abuse and volunteering in the community.

Outside of work, Anitra enjoys attending local events and fundraisers, listening to live music throughout Wichita, and rooting for the Wichita State Shockers.



**Executive Representative - Shelly Prichard** joined the Foundation as its President and CEO in November 2012. Her previous roles include CEO of the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland and executive director of Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas (YEK) for nine years. Her first job in Wichita was as community relations manager for Koch Industries, Inc.

A Newton, KS native, she earned a bachelor's degree with honors in journalism and mass communications at Kansas State University.

In addition to her professional career, Prichard has served on many boards and advisory groups, including Kansas State University Alumni Association, where she also served as Board chairman, as well as the Rotary Club of Wichita, Rotary Charitable Foundation, and as a founding Board member of Dress for Success Wichita.





**Replacement Representative  
SUSAN COHRS**

Susan Cohrs has been a Visit Wichita team member for 6 years and is the newly-appointed Director of Partnership Development. She began her career

working in sales and convention services as a Convention Coordinator in South Padre Island and has 40 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Susan says it has given her the opportunity to be an intermediary to the places and experiences she loves.

Susan and her husband, David, are the proud parents of four and grandparents to six. These once farm dwellers are now enjoying their lives as empty nesters in the heart of downtown Wichita. In their spare time, you'll find them walking, biking and making their way to concerts, breweries, art crawls and more.



**Replacement Representative  
KELLY LEONDARD**



Kelly is currently working in Donor Relations for Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, where she's worked for four years. She manages the fundraising events, employee giving, donor communications, and marketing pieces for Fund Development.

For the last 18 years, Kelly has worked in non-profit fundraising and marketing in the Wichita area. She's a graduate of Kansas State University and a proud Wichitan. She is also an active member of the Junior League of Wichita. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cheering on the K-State Wildcats, and spoiling my dog, Shelby!

**NEW REPRESENTATIVES**

## Chapter Events

The graphic is a red square with a white 'X' shape in the background. In the top-left quadrant of the 'X' is a blue circle containing a white stylized sun or star symbol. In the top-right quadrant is the 'ewi' logo in white, with 'WICHITA' in smaller letters above it and 'CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY' in smaller letters below it. In the center, overlapping the 'X', is a white rounded rectangle containing the event details in blue and red text.

**FUNDRAISING  
NIGHT**

**JUNE 20, 2018 5:30PM - 7:30PM**  
**HYATT REGENCY WICHITA**  
400 W. WATERMAN • WICHITA, KS

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
SILENT AUCTION • WINE PULL  
TEA/MUFFIN WALK • KANSAS PHOTO BOOTH

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO EWI WICHITA  
PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVES!**  
*INCLUDING READING RALLY (TO BENEFIT 3RD GRADE CLASSES AT COLVIN  
ELEMENTARY) & SCHOLARSHIPS TO BENEFIT COLLEGE-BOUND  
SENIORS & ADULTS RETURNING TO COLLEGE*

The fundraising committee has been working diligently to create a successful fundraising event on June 20th, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Hyatt. Grab your friends and co-workers and RSVP with the attached link. <https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita---june-fundraising-night>

We have some wonderful items that have been donated for the silent auction including a 6 credit hour scholarship for Butler County (valued at \$510), a Wichita Museum Tour Basket from City of Wichita, A Wichita Flag Themed Basket from the Chamber, and we also have several items from local artists that will be included!

We still need your help to make this event successful, see the sponsorship opportunities listed below and feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I do appreciate your time and involvement in this event at it directly benefits our philanthropic initiatives!

Thank you,

Davna Gould

## Chapter Events



Request to Membership- updated 5/31/2018

### June Fundraiser – Kansas and Local Proud

The fundraising committee is working hard to bring you a great fundraising event to be held at the Hyatt Wichita on June 20, 2018. There will be many opportunities to help raise funds for scholarships and our reading rally initiatives but we need your help!

To make this the best fundraising event ever, please consider donating any of the following items:

- **Dinner Sponsors** (\$35/plate) – BBQ Themed Dinner Buffet
- **Table Sponsors** (\$100/table) 8-10 tables will be available. Firms that purchase a table are able to decorate their table to promote their member firm. Space is limited; please notify Davna Gould to reserve a table.
- **Valet Parking Sponsor**- (\$12/vehicle) Valet Parking Sponsor will add an exclusive touch to the evening with door side service for the attendees!
- **Silent Auction** - Another need is donations for the silent auction. The theme for the event is “Kansas” or “local” themed items so use your imagination and come up with something fun to donate (ie: basket of goodies, WSU, KU, K-State, local restaurants, etc). We would like to also incorporate art into the mix so if you have a local art piece you would like to donate, we will certainly showcase their work and credit them with the piece. This could be anything from paintings, sculpture to more crafty items like bags, pillows, blankets, jewelry etc. Whatever you think is artsy and interesting we would love to auction off and raise money for the BCDP fund.  
\*\*Please note, items valued under \$50 will be bundled with other items to increase their value.”

You can drop your items off at the following locations by **June 11, 2018**:

- HealthCore Clinic, Davna Gould – 2707 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. N.
- Wichita Marriott, Jessica Emrick – 9100 Corporate Hills Drive
- Hyatt Regency Wichita, Tami Barker – 400 W. Waterman
- Or we can come by to pick up if needed. Feel free to call or email Davna to make arrangements (316- 612-6883 or [dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:dgould@healthcoreclinic.org)).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Davna Gould

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### Stoutheart Financial Group National Day of Service – Summer 2018!

Our practice is proudly supporting the Wichita Children's Home, whose mission is to offer shelter, food, clothing, comfort, education, life skills and more for the children in our community. This June our office has decided to **collect new and gently used books for children and teens to support the Wichita Children's Home**. Please consider dropping off contributions the next time you visit the office.



- Drive dates:** June 11-June 15, 2018 (on June 15 we will have cookies and drinks for all who stop by to drop off donations!)
- Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily
- Items needed:** *In addition to books, you may also bring non-perishable snack foods that would appeal to youth, sturdy bags/backpacks/small luggage, hygiene products, and any entertainment or educational items such as board games, arts and craft supplies, sporting goods, etc.*



**Blue Baboon Books** has graciously offered to partner with us on our mission to collect children's books. They are offering **10% off your entire purchase** during the dates listed above if you mention "Stoutheart Financial Group." They are located at 9428 W. Central.

*Ameriprise Financial is committed to helping strengthen our communities. In 2017, we supported nearly 6,000 nonprofits nationwide and contributed more than 75,000 volunteer hours.*

Best regards and sincere thanks from all of us for your generous contributions!

**Stoutheart Financial Group**



Chapter Events

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## Wichita Chapter - July Meeting



Program Featuring Traci Wilnerd, LTA  
Taxpayer Advocate Service - IRS

Wichita Marriott  
Corporate Hills Ballroom

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

11:30am - 1pm



## Chapter Events



**Save the Date - Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting (LCAM)** – We have several of our chapter members that have expressed interest in attending on September 19-22, 2018 in Raleigh, North Carolina. There is complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. The true essence of EWI is embraced at LCAM – the opportunity for professional training and growth under the leadership of nationally ranked speakers!

### **Conference Registration**

Log in to [ewiconnect.com](http://ewiconnect.com) to access conference registration.

\$650 – May 1–June 30 – Early Registration

\$750 – July 1 – Conference – Regular Registration

\$195 – Leadership Caucus

### **Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley**

You will receive a hotel reservation link with your conference registration confirmation. Chapters are encouraged to only book the amount of rooms needed at the time that they register for conference. Book by August 20 at the special rate of \$179 per night.

### **LCAM 2018 Sponsorship Opportunities**

There are a variety of conference sponsorship opportunities this year. Chapter participation, firm participation and individual contributions are encouraged to help EWI provide the annual meeting and conference to all those that attend. Sponsorship options are available on the Corporate website at [ewiconnect.com/lcam2018](http://ewiconnect.com/lcam2018) and in the Member Information Center (MIC) to download and review along with a letter to provide to your firm for support. A separate communication will be sent to all members to extend sponsorship opportunities to you and your firm. If you have questions on sponsorships, please contact Cortney Ihde at [cortney@ewiconnect.com](mailto:cortney@ewiconnect.com) or 262-269-5625.

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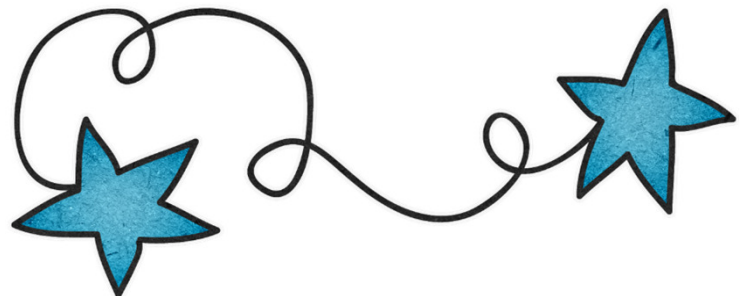
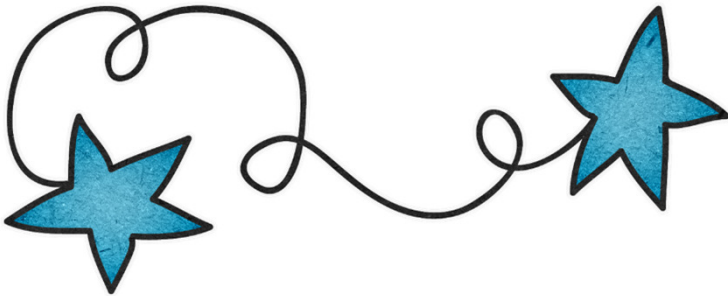
Stoutheart Firm Night Pictures  
Wednesday, May 16





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**Happy Birthday to YOU!!!**

June 8 ~ Lisa Capps, Envision, Inc.



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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).





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

Submission deadline:  
July Issue ~ 6-9-18

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of  
each month unless  
otherwise noted

#### Wednesday, June 20 Fundraising Night

Hyatt Regency  
400 W Waterman  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

#### Wednesday, July 25 Identity Theft

Wichita Marriott  
9100 Corporate Hills Drive  
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](mailto:tami.barker@Hyatt.com)