

## ***A Message From Your President***



Tami Barker  
Hyatt Regency Wichita

EWI firms are the backbone of this amazing organization. At this time, we currently have 38 firms that make up the Wichita Chapter. Our firms businesses are diverse and are some of the most prestigious in Wichita. In our organization, there are many ways in which you have the opportunity to showcase your firm and tell your story about what you do. One of those ways is to offer to host a Firm Night. We are blessed this year to have two firms ask for this

opportunity. Each of these events are perfect to invite your Executives and any potential interested firms to attend.

Our first meeting will be on April 18 at HealthCore Clinic. We will have the opportunity to tour their beautiful new 40,000 square foot facility, which includes 33 exam rooms, 11 behavioral health rooms, their 7-chair dental clinic and full service pharmacy. The true blessing of the evening will be to hear from CEO, Teresa Lovelady. She will share her journey in the development of the Integrated Healthcare facility. If you have not had the opportunity to hear Teresa speak, I can assure you, you will not be disappointed!

In May, our member firm Stoutheart Financial will be our member firm host! They have newly renovated offices that we will be touring. Four generations of advisors will help us learn more about retirement and financial strategies for women. I remember when I started my career I thought – I will start saving later, I am too young to worry about that now... I can tell you it is never too early to start thinking / planning for the future. The team at Stoutheart Financial have the knowledge and years of experience to help answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to spending time with you all very soon!



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Hyatt Regency Wichita

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## Committee Updates



### **Tracy Lucas | Treasurer**

The financial position of EWI of Wichita is:

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

03/30/18 Ending Balance \$ 18,530.19

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

03/30/18 Ending Balance \$ 6965.63



\*Note. Funds from the March Fireside meeting have not been transferred to the BCDP account. Expected revenue from the event \$1,575

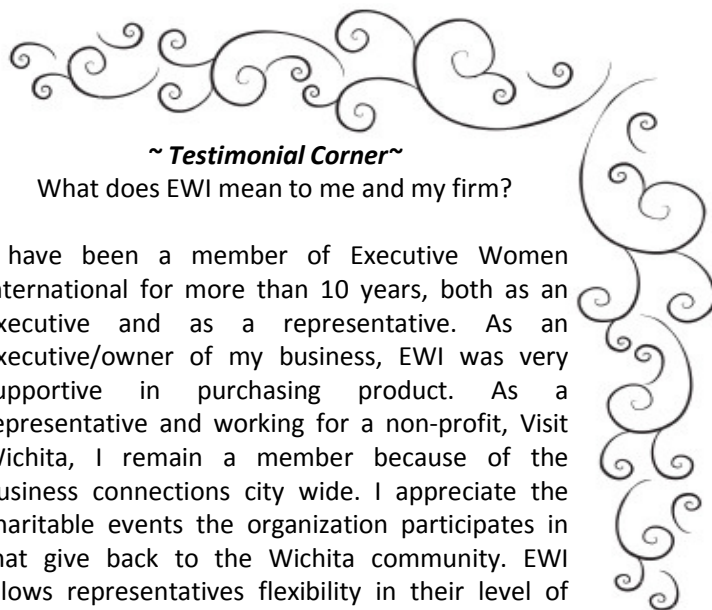


### **Karen Smith | Director-at-Large**

Previously we had five judges for our scholarship applications: Jim Means, Danny Bardiziban, Sheree Utash, Tracee Adams and Kimberly Schrant. Kimberly changed employers and we were unable to locate her so we moved forward with

four. Kimberly and Danny were in contact and he gave her my contact info. She reached out and is still interested in participating. So corporate was contacted and she was added! We are back to five.

One interesting thing is we cannot see the status or if anyone has submitted applications until the deadline is reached and corporate has changed the status of the application. That is a bit frustrating and will recommend some changes in the process. You can reach out to corporate to see if anyone has applied but this all seems a bit big brother-ish.



### ***~ Testimonial Corner ~***

What does EWI mean to me and my firm?

I have been a member of Executive Women International for more than 10 years, both as an executive and as a representative. As an executive/owner of my business, EWI was very supportive in purchasing product. As a representative and working for a non-profit, Visit Wichita, I remain a member because of the business connections city wide. I appreciate the charitable events the organization participates in that give back to the Wichita community. EWI allows representatives flexibility in their level of involvement. It also gives members an opportunity to grow their leadership skills by attending leadership conferences and by serving on the EWI board. More importantly, many long-lasting friendships have been cultivated from this organization of highly talented women. I appreciate my years serving on the board and being a part of this dynamic group of women.

**Lynne Smith | Director of Partnership Development  
Visit Wichita |**



## Committee Updates



### **Jessica Emrick | Vice President**

How do you “Sell” EWI to your fellow contacts? I wanted to share with you the top two speeches that were chosen to assist us, when speaking to potential members and new members about joining EWI. These 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 this wonderful networking group. I use the connections on a weekly basis!

My hope is that you adopt the one that resonates with you! Thank you for all the wonderful submissions received and it was hard to narrow it down but I felt these two really paint a picture of what EWI is all about!

*“Have you heard of EWI?” It means Executive Women International and we have a Chapter here in Wichita! This organization connects women in business, develops professional relationships with member firms and networking that evolves into lasting friendships. EWI gives its members an opportunity to serve in various leadership roles, including the Chapter Board and the Corporate Level. EWI is very focused on the importance of education by giving back through scholarships and literacy initiatives. The camaraderie among members and the respect for each other as women in the workplace, is invaluable.*

### **First Place Winner, De Nelson**

Executive Assistant  
City of Wichita

*Are you looking for networking opportunities? Are you looking for opportunities to gain professional development? Are you looking for a safe place to grow? Executive Women International Wichita is the place to achieve all that AND promote the company you work for.*

*By becoming involved in the EWI Wichita organization, I’ve grown in self-confidence, presentation skills, leadership skills and believe the contributions I’ve made make a difference. EWI provides opportunities to grow, experience successes and failures in a safe and encouraging environment.*

*Why wouldn’t you want the opportunity to grow? By growing you become a better employee. By growing you have opportunities to promote the firm you work for. By growing all things work together.*

*EWI is the best place to be you.*

### **Second Place Winner, Karen M. Smith**

Westar Energy  
Business Manager

## Committee Updates



### Jan Baggett | Programs

I hope you were able to go to a Fireside Lunch or Dinner in March. My Fireside Lunch at Berry Companies was fabulous! Not only was the food scrumptious, but Mr. Fred Berry joined our group and shared the history of his company that began in 1957. It was so interesting, we kept asking questions, and he kept sharing. Berry has a remarkable company, headquartered right here in Wichita. They have 36 companies in 6 states and they specialize in construction and material handling equipment. In fact, you might ask Melissa Mantz about her experience driving a Bobcat that day. I look forward to hearing your Fireside story.

The next two EWI meetings are going to be just as special as March. Both April and May will be Firm Nights. At those meetings, a member firm will have the program and have the opportunity to share about their firm. These meetings are some of my favorite. EWI of Wichita has some remarkable companies and this is a great way to show-case them.

On April 18 we will have the privilege of visiting HealthCore Clinic at their beautiful new facility. This is going to be a treat to see all the amazing things they do for our community and to hear from their CEO, Teresa Lovelady.

On May 16 we will have the opportunity to hear from Stoutheart Financial Group. They are going to share about financial strategies for women, retirement and all about Stoutheart and their team. They also have some newly renovated space they are anxious to show off.

I hope you can attend both of these Firm Nights and invite your Executive to see just two of our great EWI companies.

## Fireside Luncheons ~ Berry Companies





## Professional Development

Submitted by Tami Barker – 2017/2018 President

### Women's Empowerment — How to Create Change in a Very Positive Way

When we think back, it is easy to recount feminism being about suffragists and women burning bras or on angry women standing on barricades demanding equal pay. At DrivenWoman we are of course grateful for those who fought for our rights, but I'd like to stop and reflect what really is important for me – right now, going forward.

#### Let's create a world free of judgement and compartmentalizing.

I'm only interested in building a world where women, and men, can be true to who they are, their authentic nature. My wish is equally strong for both women and men.

I know that many women suffer from being labelled and categorized narrowly: a mother, a wife, a slut, a powerhouse, an angel. But I believe there are equal number of men who suffer growing up under society's expectations: be always strong, be a real man, a macho, a big boss, not a softie!

As we women grow stronger within ourselves, and it is our responsibility to do that, we will be helping men to grow stronger in their own truth. When we allow ourselves to show both strength and vulnerability, we give the same permission to the guys. As long as we hold on to the labels, so will the other sex.

I believe every human carries both feminine and masculine energy, to varying proportions. All of these mixes are unique and natural to each individual, and there's no 'right' way to be. Compassionate and intuitive or independent and analytical, the only 'right' way to *be* is to fulfil your own potential and share your brilliance with the world.

The fight is over. I much rather use my energy in being true to myself and expressing both my feminine and masculine side as it naturally emerges. I rather spend my time progressing my business than engaging in a battle.

We must look inside and ask, "What do I want?" and then take immediate action. When you act from a position of opportunity and dreams, not from a position of a victim, you can advance equality straight away.

Most of us Western women live in a life situation where we can create our own opportunity. Rather than bashing men, I'm encouraging everyone to decide what small changes you call can do in your everyday lives to move towards your dreams, no matter what your circumstances or starting point.

### When every woman fulfils her true potential, the world becomes equal.

Often these steps require difficult conversations, personal changes and always — stepping outside of our comfort zone. Therefore, it's much more tempting to blame someone else for our lack of life balance or equal pay, than to start making changes ourselves.

And change is hard, if you try to make it alone. Fear of exposure keeps many women firmly stuck in the daily struggle, a perfection trap where appearing 'perfect' becomes more important than admitting there's more to life. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness. And sharing experiences in a group is definitely a way to accelerate success.

## Chapter Events

A photograph of the HealthCore Clinic building, a modern multi-story structure with large glass windows and a prominent sign that reads "HealthCore CLINIC". The building is set against a clear sky.The HealthCore Clinic logo, which consists of a stylized white flower or star shape with five petals, centered on a blue background.

**HealthCore**  
CLINIC

IS PROUD TO HOST  
**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL  
FIRM NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 18**  
**5:30PM - 7:30PM**  
HEALTHCORE CLINIC | 2707 E. 21ST NORTH

A circular portrait of Teresa Lovelady, a woman with short dark hair, smiling.

FEATURED SPEAKER  
**TERESA LOVELADY**  
*CEO, HEALTHCORE CLINIC*

TERESA WILL SHARE HER JOURNEY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE FACILITY.

ATTENDEES CAN TOUR HEALTHCORE CLINIC'S NEW 40,000 SQ FT FACILITY, WHICH INCLUDES 33 EXAM ROOMS, 11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ROOMS, 7 CHAIR DENTAL CLINIC, AND FULL SERVICE PHARMACY.



## Chapter Events



# WICHITA EWI BREAKFAST CLUB

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**DATE: APRIL 19, 2018**

**TIME: 7:00 AM**

**LOCATION: KNEADERS BAKERY & CAFÉ  
1821 NORTH ROCK ROAD  
WICHITA KS 67206**

**RSVP: THERESA HOGAN**

**630-8118**

**MARY.T.HOGAN@AMPF.COM**

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## Chapter Events

*EWI representatives and executives are invited!*



**Stoutheart Financial Group**

Ameriprise Private Wealth Advisory Practice

# Firm Night

## Executive Women International Wichita

*Please join us!  
Enjoy a glass of wine,  
appetizers and a tour  
of our renovated office.  
Get to know our  
four generations  
of advisors and learn  
more about retirement,  
financial strategies for  
women, and the future  
of Stoutheart!*

**Wednesday, May 16  
5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Stoutheart Financial Group**  
8621 E. 21st Street N., Wichita, Kansas 67206  
(inside the Woodspring Suites Hotel building)

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 11**



Hosted by: Stoutheart Financial Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

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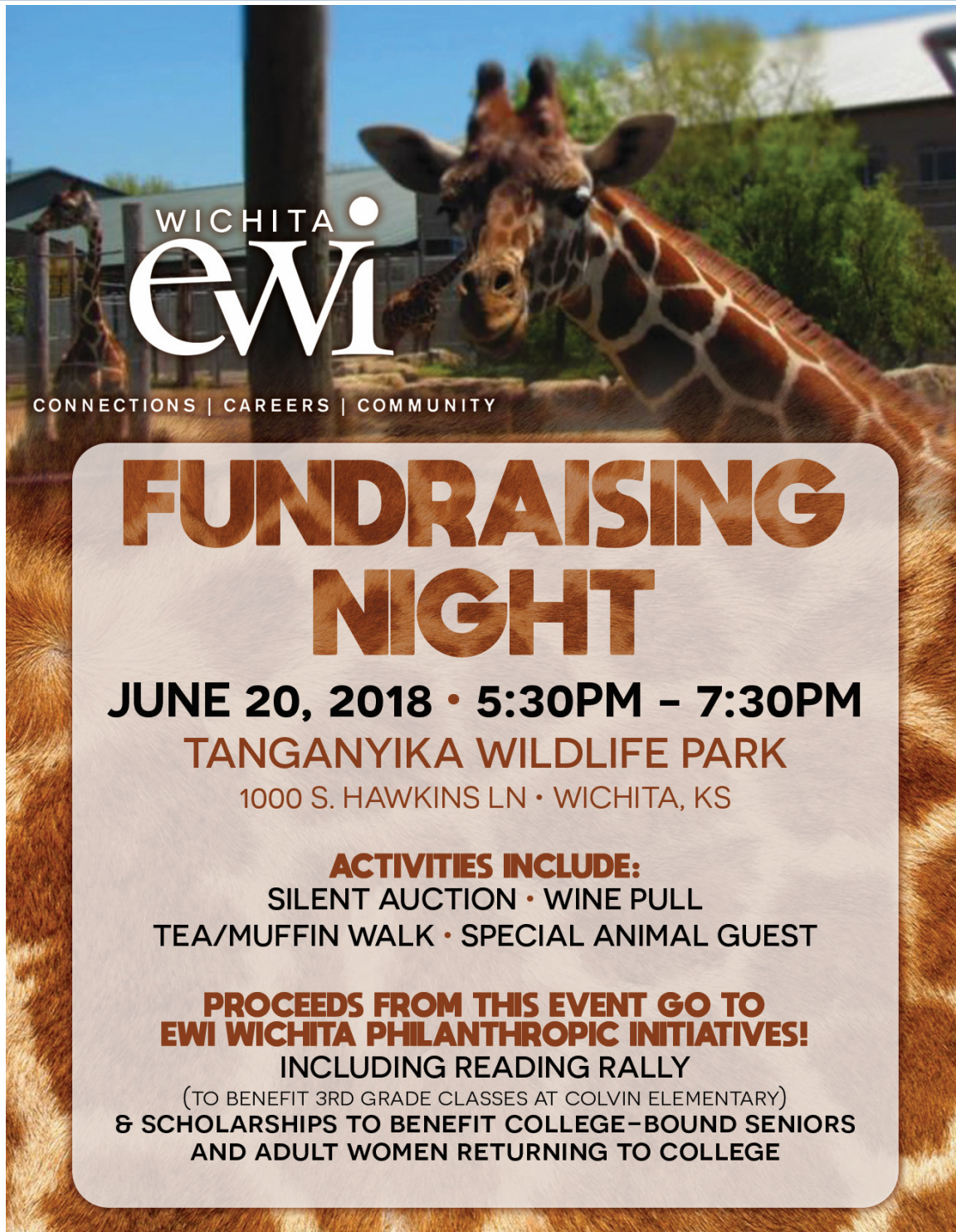
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## Chapter Events



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# FUNDRAISING NIGHT

**JUNE 20, 2018 • 5:30PM – 7:30PM**  
**TANGANYIKA WILDLIFE PARK**  
1000 S. HAWKINS LN • WICHITA, KS

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
SILENT AUCTION • WINE PULL  
TEA/MUFFIN WALK • SPECIAL ANIMAL GUEST

**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  
AND ADULT WOMEN RETURNING TO COLLEGE**

If you are interested in sponsoring any part of our event please contact Davna  
Gould [Dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:Dgould@healthcoreclinic.org)  
Venue sponsor, Dinner sponsor, Wine/Beer Garden, Dessert



## Chapter Events

### Fireside Luncheons ~ Berry Companies





## Chapter Events

### Fireside Luncheons ~ Commerce Bank





## Chapter Events

### Fireside Luncheons ~ Hyatt Regency





## Chapter Events

### Fireside Luncheons ~ Marriott





## Chapter Events

### Fireside Luncheons ~ Textron Aviation







### Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

April 13 ~ Heather Egan, Visit Wichita

April 15 ~ Sherrie Balmer, John A Marshall Co

April 22 ~ Kristina Keeter-Helm



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<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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Submission deadline:  
May Issue ~ 5-8-18

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of  
each month unless  
otherwise noted

**Wednesday, April 18**

**Firm Night**

HealthCore Clinic

2701 E 21<sup>st</sup> St

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 16**

**Firm Night**

Stoutheart Financial Group

8621 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street N

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### Chapter Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of  
each month

~All members are welcome~

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