

A Message From Your President

Pam Dinwiddie | President

Hello!

How about those Kansas City Chiefs! Woot woot! Such a great game but it had me on the edge of my seat.

I would like to ask that you please continue to keep the Lucas family in your thoughts and prayers. Many of us attended Tracy's celebration of life and it was a great tribute to a beautiful lady. Tracy painted the skies pink that day and several days after!

I hope everyone enjoyed our January chapter meeting as much as I did. Bob Layton, Wichita City Manager, did a wonderful job with his presentation. Wichita's future is so bright and after

seeing the proposed plans I'm excited! Our Kendra Scott Pop-Up Shop did great and I'll let the fundraising committee share the results in their Connect article. We had a great meeting turnout with 37 attending including representatives, executives, alumni and guests.

Jan Baggett, Theresa Hogan and their membership committee have been hitting the pavement meeting with new firms and showing the value in joining EWI of Wichita. We are growing my friends! Can you feel the excitement in the air?!

The Colvin Reading Rally and EWISP & ASIST Scholarship planning will be starting soon. Jennifer Drace and her committee have a lot of information to share with the chapter, so keep an eye out for more information.

The programs committee, led by Jordyn Ortega and Annie Murach, are wrapping up programs for our Chapter meetings. They've lined up some great speakers!

LCAM (Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting) is September 16 – 19 in Albuquerque, NM. If you haven't been, please consider going. It's high energy, professional development in every way possible plus networking with the other chapters in the US and Canada. You won't be disappointed!

Our February meeting is a lunch meeting at noon on the 19th at the WSU Foundation Office. Our member firm representative Allison Walden with Downing & Lahey Mortuaries will be presenting "Why Preplan." Can't wait to see everyone!!!

All my best,
Pam

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Committee Updates



KENDRA
SCOTT

Hayley Hobbs | Fundraising Director

Thanks to our generous EWI members we received \$259.80 from the Kendra Pop-Up Shop at our January chapter meeting! This money goes directly toward our fundraising goal, which supports our ASIST and EWISP scholarships. Thank you for your support!



2020 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING



LCAM 2020 is coming!
More information will be available soon.



Teresa Arthur | Treasurer

The Financial Position of EWI
Wichita as of 1/31/2020 is:

Chapter Operating Account:

12/31/19 Opening Balance: \$16,158.79

1/31/20 Reconciled Bank Balance: \$17,804.03

Chapter BCDP Account:

12/31/19 Opening Balance \$3,886.03

1/31/20 Reconciled Bank Balance \$2,713.48

MeriTrust Savings Account:

1/31/20 Balance \$24,243.61

Ameriprise Endowment Account (Stoutheart Financial):

1/1/20 Balance \$65,909.23

1/31/20 Balance \$65,831.58

Please note that all **Membership Dues** are now being paid through EWI Corporate, and invoices for 2020 Dues have been sent out via email from Corporate ("Executive Women International") with instructions. Please reach out to Teresa at 261.4730 if you did not receive your invoice.

Please update your accounting records to reflect Teresa as the new EWI Wichita Treasurer when paying your **Monthly Meeting Fees**. Teresa's mailing address is:

Attn: Teresa Arthur – Commerce Bank
c/o EWI of Wichita
P.O. Box 637
Wichita, KS 67201-0637

Member Spotlight – Jessica Spain

**Replacement Representative
for Karen Smith**

JESSICA SPAIN

Welcome Jessica!



Jessica Spain has worked for Evergy, formerly Westar Energy, for seven years. She currently works in the Contact Center as a Customer Service Representative and was recently promoted to assistant to the Quality Assurance department. Due to her adaptability and positive attitude, she was chosen as a Change Agent for the merger project as legacy Westar and legacy KCPL work towards unifying processes and systems. In 2015, she was given the Customer Experience Award due to her outstanding customer impact. She was also recently chosen to be a part of the Evergy HiPo Program that focuses on recognizing high potential and high performing employees. In 2018 she was recognized for her volunteerism in YPW (Young Professionals of Wichita) by winning the Action Team Member of the Year.

Jessica has her Master's in Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution from Baker University with an undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management from Friends University.

She has a wonderful 6-year-old son who's been gifted with autism. He has really made her passionate about supporting children with disabilities to ensure equality and that they receive the tools necessary for a successful future. She enjoys giving back to her community by volunteering through multiple organizations. Her favorite thing outside of spending time with her son is anything that has to do with soccer: playing, going to games, or simply watching it on TV.

Member Spotlight – Sydney Tuttle**New Second Representative****SYDNEY TUTTLE****Welcome Sydney!**

Sydney joined Delta Dental of Kansas in 2019 as Professional Relations Administrative Assistant, providing support to the Vice President of PR, the Dental Director and Professional Relations team. Sydney has many years of experience in executive customer relations, retail management and property management before jumping into an administration role. Sydney was born and raised in Wichita, KS but now resides in Derby, KS. She enjoys spending time with her three sons and fiancé, sewing, cooking, and focusing on keeping her family active. Sydney is very excited to connect with other professionals in the organization and get more involved in the community!

Member Spotlight – Jessica Viramontez

**Replacement Representative
for Susan Cohrs**

JESSICA VIRAMONTEZ

Welcome Jessica!



Jessica is a Convention Sales Manager at Visit Wichita. She joined Visit Wichita in September of 2018. Jessica earned a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science at Wichita State University, where she spent one year playing Shocker softball. Prior to Wichita State, she attended Paris Junior College in Paris, TX on a softball scholarship. After spending a couple of years in Kansas City, she made her way back home to Wichita in 2018. Jessica is passionate about our city and the growth that is taking place. She is encouraged that our community will do what it takes to ensure Wichita continues to grow, just like similar cities nearby. In her spare time, you can find her spoiling her one and only nephew, at any and every sporting event happening in the city (Go Shox!) or visiting the restaurants and bars in her neighborhood of downtown Wichita.

Chapter Events – February Chapter LUNCH Meeting**“Why Preplan”****With****Allison Walden, Vice President at
Downing & Lahey Mortuaries****Wednesday, February 19, 2020****12:00 – 1:00pm****Wichita State University Foundation Office
Woodman Alumni Center
4205 E 2nd Street / Wichita, KS 67208*****(Building is located South of Starbucks of 2nd Street / Parking Details to come)***

Chapter Events – March Fireside Meetings**Fireside Meeting Details**

During the month of March, six firms/individuals will be hosting EWI members at their office/home.

You will be receiving information from the firm that will be hosting you.

Since Firesides are a fundraising meeting, all members will be charged whether they attend or not.

If you are unable to attend the meeting you are assigned to, please let Hayley Hobbs know and she will try and re-assign you.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Hayley Hobbs – hhobbs@buttlrcc.edu;

Annie Murach – amurach@unitedwayplains.org; or

Jordyn Ortega – Jordyn.ortega@wichita.edu



February Birthdays

February 16 ... Susan Cohrs
February 28 ... Hayley Hobbs

Good News

Have good news (personal or professional) to share? Send it to De Nelson, Tammy Voth or Allison Walden to be featured in next month's Connect.



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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Our board members lead and guide our organization and represent Chapters from across the country. Below is our 2019-2020 Board.



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Share events, photos, accomplishments and more with EWI Wichita Membership in one convenient location! Email social media submissions to De Nelson and Tammy Voth at the emails listed below.

De Nelson: Dnelson@Wichita.gov

Tammy Voth: Tvoth@txtav.com

Share your news & photos in the monthly *Connect*

Contact: Allison Walden
waldena@dlwichita.com

Deadline for March Issue:
March 3, 2020

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise noted

February 19, 2020**12:00 – 1:00 pm****Chapter Lunch Meeting**

Wichita State University
Foundation Office

Woodman Alumni Center

Squad Up Link:

<https://ewiwichita.org/event/february-chapter-meeting-3/>

March 18, 2020**Fireside Meetings****April 15, 2020****5:30 pm****Firm Night**

Wichita Marriott

Chapter Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of
each month

All members are welcome

Contact Pam Dinwiddie

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