

# Wichita EWIConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... December 2021

## ***A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould***



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." – Mother Teresa*

Davna Gould- President Hello and Happy Holidays EWI Wichita! The holidays are a time for giving, I am extremely proud of our chapter for their dedication to giving back to the community. The Colvin Elementary Food Box Event was a success and they are so very thankful for all we provided to their students and families. Together we donated 38 food boxes, these food boxes will provide healthy meals for students and their families over the holiday break. Thank you for your generosity! I am excited for the upcoming year with EWI Wichita, in the last few months it has been an honor to see each of your board members step into their roles and begin executing ideas! These ladies are passionate and creative, with your support on their committees we can make this a phenomenal year!

The programs committee is finalizing the meeting schedule and we have some great content on the horizon! Please join us on January 12 at Berry Companies for a fun learning session on the MyEWI Website. Cortney Ihde, EWI Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors, will be our guest speaker to take us through the website.

The Communications team is also busy at work to update our chapter website and promote EWI Wichita through social media. They may be reaching out to you to gather some information, as always, if you have ideas or content to share please reach out to Ashley Kracke.

The Scholarship Committee has also been busy gearing up for the ASIST and EWISP Scholarship process which begins later this month. We are excited to be able to award scholarships in both programs this year.

You will be hearing from the other committees in the near future. I appreciate all of your time and energy in serving on the committees, together we will make this a successful year! I wish you the best in these last few weeks of 2021, please take time to spend it with the people that make you happy. Remember to breathe, hydrate, and take care of you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Davna Gould, HealthCore Clinic, [dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:dgould@healthcoreclinic.org)

### **2021—2022 Officers & Directors**

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DO YOU HAVE A NEED? Are you in the market looking for a particular service? Dental Insurance, Event Venues, Hotel, CPA, Financial Planning, Death Prearrangements, etc? "STOP & SHOP FIRST" with your EWI sisters!!



Send your payments to:

Kathy Armbruster  
Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
301 N Main St Suite 1700  
Wichita, KS 67202  
316-291-4139

### Chapter Operating Account:

**11/1/21 Opening Balance: \$12,125.99**

**11/30/21 Reconciled Balance: \$12,669.24**

#### Deposits:

- 1. - Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$450.00**
- 2. - Firm Night \$245.00**
- 3. - Executive Night \$275.00**
- 4. - June Fundraiser \$35.00**
- 5. - Chapter dues; Downing & Lahey \$230.00**

#### Expenses:

- 6. - ACH transfer fee \$13.00**
- 7. - Web hosting \$108.75**
- 8. - Board & Brush, Regular Meeting \$570.00**

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**Connections** - Promoting member firms

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## Committee Updates

### Allison Walden | Director-at-Large

**Merry Christmas!**

**The EWISP/ASIST Scholarships will be available January 4! If you know anyone currently pursuing their education, tell them to keep an eye out for information. When the link is available, it will be sent out through the Connect and posted on our website.**



### Allison Lee | Sergeant-at-Arms

**Happy Holidays!**

**This year I am so incredibly grateful for this wonderful sisterhood of career minded women that I am apart of and each and every one of you. I am looking forward to 2022 and hoping that we'll continue to meet and learn from one another.**



### Ashley Kracke | Communications Director

**Happy Holidays!**

**This past year in EWI I have had the opportunity to get more involved and I have found it to be so rewarding. I greatly appreciate all our EWI members and cannot wait for another year with everyone! Thank you also to the Communications committee and their dedication to EWI!**



## Committee Updates

### Jessica Emrick Davies | Program Director



Ladies, our January meeting will be a lunch meeting on the Second Wednesday of the month. EWI of Wichita focuses on the three C's, Connections, Community and Careers! This month we look to the EWI Community on a International Level. If you can't join us in person there will be a Zoom option. Lunch will start at 11:40am and the Zoom Call will start at noon.

Our focus this month is on the *MyEWI community* on the *EWI Corporate Website*. This is a valuable tool for National Networking. Did you know Canada has chapters as well? If you aren't using it you should be! For those that want to grow professionally....Did you know EWI Corporate has FREE monthly Professional Development webinars? Did you know there is a mentor program?

Have you set up your profile on the Corporate Website? Please do so before this meeting so you will understand the content and Cortney Idhe will be able to answer any questions you may have. See the flyer in this month's Connect for more information. The Zoom link and the Squad UP link will be sent in a separate email. I hope to see you there!

### Sydney Tuttle | Secretary

Happy December, everyone! I'm sure I am not alone when I say that this year has been a whirlwind, and I am so glad to have spent it with you all! I so look forward to seeing you all after the first of the year! Until then, I'd like to wish you all a very merry holiday and a happy new year!

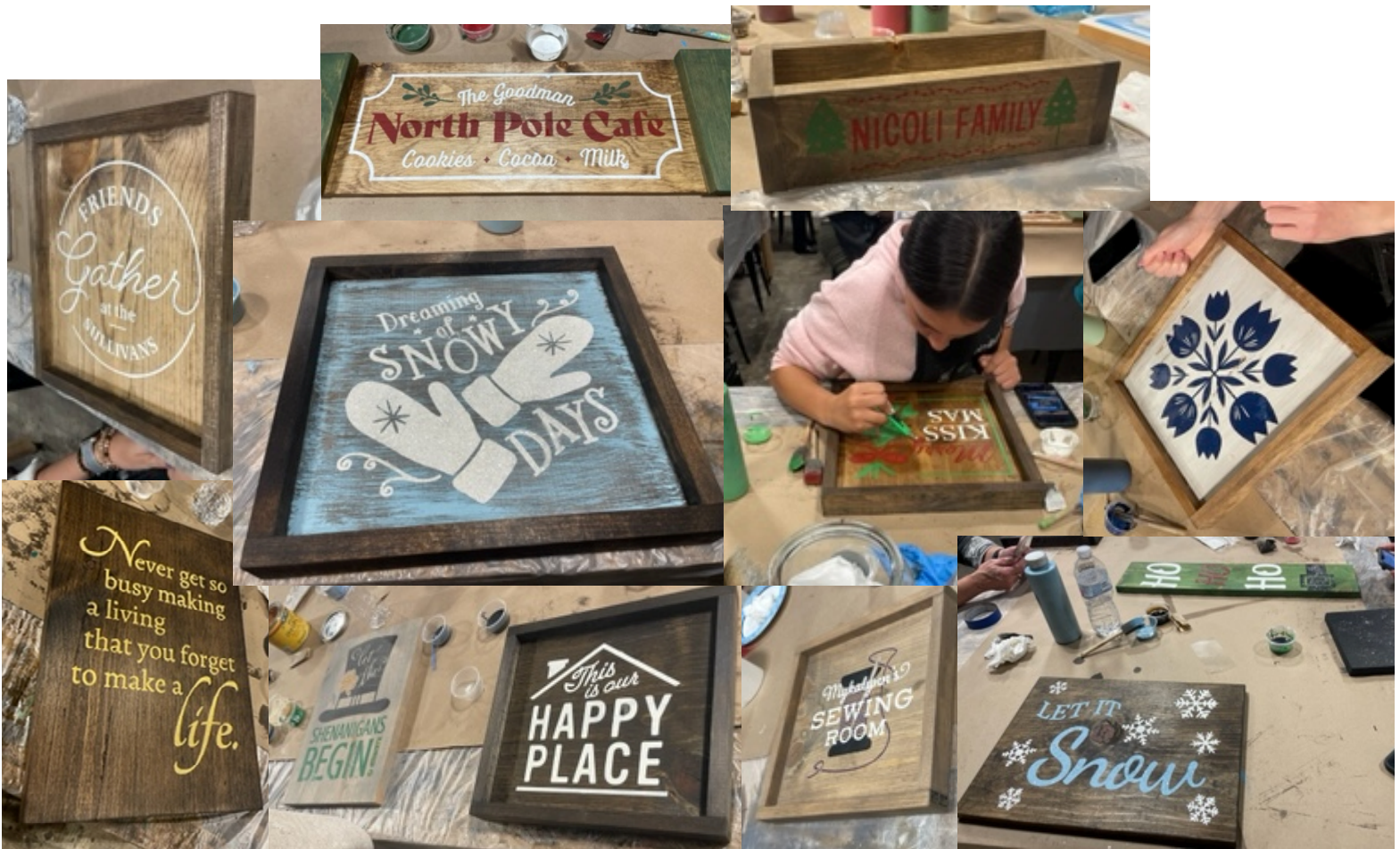






## November Board & Brush

The November Board & Brush event was a fantastic time to get together and get creative!







## December Colvin Food Drive

We gathered 38 boxes of food to go to Colvin families for the holidays!  
Thank you all for your generosity and participation in helping these families!





# Welcome to MyEWI

Our meeting this next month is on the second Wednesday of January and it's a Lunch meeting. Our focus this month is on the **MyEWI community** on the **EWI Corporate Website**. This is a valuable tool for National Networking. If you aren't using it you should be!

Are you looking for a mentor? This is a great way to grow Professionally!

Do you want to be a mentor to someone in your field in another chapter?


Are you looking for fundraising ideas? ✨ You can search for ideas in the online discussions. Did you know other Chapters post their Newsletters on there? Check to see what the Dallas or Kansas City Chapter is doing or what the next EWI Corporate Webinar is about! They are free Professional Development Webinars.

**Mark Your Calendars! January 12th, 2022, for LUNCH from 11:30am to 1p.m.**

**Join us in person at Berry Companies or via Zoom (Link is forthcoming)**

**2402 E. 37th St. N., between Hillside and Hydraulic on 37th St. N.**

If you haven't already set up your profile on the MyEWI community, do so, before this next meeting! Cortney Ihde will join us via Zoom to answer questions about the MyEWI community on the EWI Corporate Website.



Register now on Squad Up...

<https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita--january-chapter-meeting-2>



# Holiday Wish List

## Clothing

- Store gift cards
- Shoes / sneakers  
(all sizes, infant through men's 14)
- Slide style shoes
- Maternity clothing
- Sweatpants & hoodies for teens
- Athletic shorts and pants (s-xxxl)
- T-shirts-solid (women's and men's)
- Teen PJ/Lounge pants (s-xxxl)
- Children's clothing  
(all sizes preemie to youth)

## Infants & Toddlers

- Diapers and Pull-Ups®
- Wipes and cream
- Baby lotion
- Similac® Advance® baby formula
- Bottles, pacifiers, teething rings
- Swaddlers and sleepsacks
- Car seats

## Food & Beverages

- Individually packed snack food
- Juice
- Fruit cups
- Food gift cards (\$5 increments; fast food, QuikTrip, or grocery)

## Hygiene

- Ethnic hair care products
- Detangler
- Hairspray (pump/non-aerosol)
- Nail care items
- Hairbrushes, combs, afro picks

## Entertainment

- Activity Passes (bowling, skating, movies, museums, sports, events)
- Portable AM/FM radios, earphones, earbuds
- Arts and crafts supplies  
(Acrylic paint, brushes, card stock, canvas, watercolor and sketch paper, yarn, craft kits)
- LEGO® and other building sets
- Store gift cards
- Science/educational kits
- Playing cards, teen board games
- Journals

## Household

- Dish sets and flatware
- Kitchen utensils, pans, bakeware
- Hot pads, oven mitts
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Shower caddy
- Duffel bags (sturdy, all ages)
- Pillows
- Plastic totes w/ lids (medium)
- Sheet sets (twin long/XL)

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During the holiday season, we request that all donated items be **new**.



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7271 E. 37th St. N. Wichita, KS 67226  
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**January 12th —Marcia Miller, Alumni Member**

**January 18th—Gina Hess, Kansas Health Foundation**

**January 20th—Connie Velghe, Life Member**

**January 20th—D’ann Drennan, Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.**

**February 3rd—Nancy Umholtz, Delta Dental**

**February 6th—Jordyn Ortega, Wichita State University Foundation**

**February 12th– Becky Hall, Sedgwick County Zoo**

**February 16th—Susan Cohrs, Visit Wichita**

**February 19th—Jessica Viramontez, Visit Wichita**

#### **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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**Cortney Ihde**

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#### **DON'T FORGET**

We post the chapter meeting minutes on our EWI Wichita website at: <https://ewiwichita.org/>



**EWI of Wichita Social Media:**

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*Share events, photos, accomplishments and more with EWI  
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**Deadline for January Issue:**  
**January 7, 2021**

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

*Third Wednesday of each month  
unless otherwise noted.*

**January Chapter Meeting****January 12th, 2022****Berry Companies/Zoom****2402 E. 37th St. N****Chapter Board Meetings**

*Second Tuesday of each month  
unless otherwise noted.*

**All members are welcome.**

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