

Wichita EWIConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... October 2021

A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould



Davna Gould- President

Hello EWI Wichita! I am honored to serve as your Chapter President for 2021-2022. I am excited for this year as we work together to establish our new normal and continue to make a positive difference within our community. I am excited to see growth and learning within our chapter, I would like you to try something new by serving on a committee or two, engage with an EWI member that you don't know as well, and share knowledge in a way that will encourage others to thrive!

This month our Chapter Meeting is a Firm Night at Meritrust. A Firm Night is the opportunity for one of our member firms to host the meeting and share more about their company and initiatives with the Chapter. I am excited to meet the team and learn more about Meritrust from their CEO, James Nastars; SVP Chief Growth Officer, Jamie Harrison; SVP Chief Risk Officer, Karen Calloway; and VP Chief Retail Officer, Joley Riley. This is a great meeting to invite

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"My mission in life is not merely to survive but the thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." -Maya Angelou.*

member to. I hope you will all join us for Firm Night on October 20th, 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Meritrust Credit Union 151 N. Main. Please RSVP on [SquadUp](#) by noon on October 15. One of my favorite EWI Events is the Colvin Elementary Reading Rally and I am so excited that we will be able to hold this event in person again this year! Please save the date for October 28, 1:30 PM at Colvin Elementary, 2820 S. Roosevelt. Volunteers will assist with providing a snack to the children, handing out school supplies, books, t-shirts and interacting with the children while they write their own story. Please RSVP to Theresa Hogan mary.t.hogan@ampf.com, thank you to Theresa and her team for planning this event! I hope you have a great month, enjoy the last of the warm weather as fall sets in!

Davna Gould, HealthCore Clinic, dgould@healthcoreclinic.org

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Connections - Promoting member firms

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Community - Encouraging community involvement

Chapter Operating Account:

9/1/21 Opening Balance: \$13,751.60

9/31/21 Reconciled Balance: \$13,263.80

Deposits:

- Chapter dues \$230.00
- Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$540.00
- June fundraiser \$35.00
- Executive Night \$55.00

Expenses:

- Web hosting and maintenance \$108.75
- ACH transfer fee \$13.00
- Delegate fees \$100.00
- Marriott Executive Night \$660.16
- LCAM travel \$295.76
- LCAM meals \$170.13

Committee Updates

Allison Walden | Director-at-Large

Happy fall! I'm looking forward to serving as the Director-At-Large for the upcoming EWI year. If you're interested in helping with either the EWISP or ASIST Scholarships this winter, please let me know. I look forward to a smoother process this year! Teresa Hogan and Hayley Hobbs are working hard to complete plans for the Reading Rally later this month. I hope you can join us!



Ashley Kracke | Communications Director



Hello! My name is Ashley Kracke and I am the representative of Professional Engineering Consultants. I am very excited to be taking over the Communications Director role within EWI. This year I will be responsible for getting out our monthly Connect newsletter, managing our social media presence, and our chapter website. I truly love EWI and getting to know each person so please reach out to me anytime if you would like to assist with communications or if you would just like to have a conversation!

Allison Le | Sergeant At Arms

What an exciting year to serve our chapter! I am thrilled that Alumni member, Helen Nicoli, has volunteered to help out in my duties by bringing back Lunch Bunch! Look further into the connect for photos from our first lunch, and details on the next. I really hope to see you there!

For those of you that didn't know (Like me!): The purpose of the "Lunch Bunch" is to help members get to know each other in a relaxed setting. A volunteer member of the Committee determines the time and location for each monthly lunch. Attendance is strictly voluntary. This information is emailed to all the representatives and published in the Connect every month. Your lunch bunch is a great way to get acquainted and have a good time.



Committee Updates

Jessica Viramontez | Vice-President

I'm excited to serve as this year's Vice President for EWI of Wichita. While I am fairly new to EWI, I spent last year as the Program Director which allowed me to get to know this chapter, learn what's important to these women and understand what they want to get out of being apart of this amazing organization. I look forward to working closely with Davna this year to soak up all of her wonderful knowledge and experience with EWI. I know I am in good hands and will be set up for success once my time as President is here. Ready or not!



Jessica Emrick Davies | Program Director

I am excited to start my new role on the Wichita EWI Board for 2021/2022 as Program Director. EWI provides so many tools to the ladies of the Wichita EWI Chapter, so make sure you are taking advantage of those upcoming monthly webinars: October 19th's The Magic of Self Care and November 9th's Emerging from Networking Meltdown. The October 20th EWI Meeting will be a Firm Night for Meritrust. We will be meeting at their offices at 151 N. Main Wichita, 67202. It was the former Cargill Building and Meritrust has renovated it into a beautiful space! I can't wait for you to see it! James Nastars, President and CEO will have lots of things to share with us and will be joined by a panel table of three ladies that are vital leaders in his company. Come meet Jamie Harrison, SVP Chief Growth Officer- Karen Callaway, SVP Chief Risk Officer- Joley Riley, VP Chief Retail Officer. Plan to attend and bring your executive to join in the celebration!





Meritrust

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Julie Simon: My greatest mentors have been my parents. My mom had a servant mindset. She was a volunteer for our church, 4-H and did more for the community we lived in than I will ever know. She gave without ever thinking about getting anything back. I miss her dearly. My dad taught me to be particular and to do the things you enjoy. Their influence taught me to find a career doing what I enjoy. They also taught me to connect with people without



Meritrust Representative

Julie Simon



Meritrust Executive

Joley Riley

Company Name: Meritrust Credit Union

EWI Executives and Representatives from your company:

Joley Riley / Julie Simon

Moji Rosson / Erika Koch

Jessica Burrow / Shannon Eggleston

How long has your company been in the Wichita area?

86 years

What is the size of your organization?

Our 346 employees help guide the financial well-being of 108,000 members. We have physical branch locations in the Wichita area, including Derby and Andover, as well as Lawrence and Manhattan.

What is your company's mission?

Our mission is to improve the lives of our members and the communities we serve.

How can your company assist other EWI firms?

Whether you're a busy professional looking for a financial institution to help make life easier or you are a business owner looking for efficiencies in your banking tasks, Meritrust can serve you. We offer a full range of deposit and loan products for consumers and businesses to help you achieve your financial goals and be Financially Fearless® in life.

What has EWI (or connections formed in EWI) provided for your company?

The connections made in EWI have been invaluable. The knowledgeable professionals involved in EWI will readily share information that helps solve problems, makes further connections for business purposes, and provides a source of community service and outreach.

How is your company involved in the Wichita community?

Meritrust takes seriously our mission of improving lives, and we dedicate both time and financial support to causes that care for our neighbors and make our communities even better places to live, work and play. We are proud to be headquartered in Wichita, and we carry through our dedication to serving our communities to our Lawrence and Manhattan markets as well. In Wichita, our community giving dollars support organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, Kansas Food Bank, Guadalupe Clinic and Real Men Real Heroes. As a credit union, helping our members and communities along their financial well-being journeys is a key element of serving our mission. That's why we are proud to serve as the Official Financial Well-Being Partners of Wichita State Athletics, Kansas Athletics and K-State Athletics. Through these partnerships, we provide financial education and guidance to the student-athletes of these universities, helping them develop a healthy relationship with money starting in the important college years.

What's an interesting fact about your business that others may not know?

Meritrust has been a part of the Wichita community going back to 1935 when employees from Stearman Aircraft Company organized an employee's credit union. We are proud of our continued strong partnership with Stearman's predecessors over the years, including Spirit AeroSystems. We continue to serve the Spirit community to this day offering an on-campus branch location, several ATMs and no-cost financial counseling services available to the employees of Spirit.

What makes you stand apart from your competitors?

Meritrust is passionate about serving our members' financial well-being and helping them feel confident in their finances along life's journey. We want to guide our members through both the good days and the challenging ones as well, walking the journey with them and cheering them on as they head toward financially healthier days. We not only give this focus to each member we serve, but we have taken it a step further with extending this to our community support and are now serving as the Official Financial Well-Being Partner of Wichita State Athletics in partnership with Shocker Sports Properties. Through this partnership, we are guiding the financial well-being of student-athletes and showing that we are here to advance the financial well-being of our community as a whole.

What does your company have planned for the future?

We're dedicated to helping busy professionals reach their financial goals. To that end, we have launched Private Banking at Meritrust, and I have the honor of connecting with professionals in the community who are looking for a financial partner to make life easier.

What are you doing to mentor women in your industry?

I have helped mentor women in my industry by encouraging them to find out what is most important to them in their careers, as well as mentoring women who are new in their roles as they grow along their professional journeys. Many of the women I have mentored over the years were just entering into their first professional career. As they moved along their career, some of them grew their professional skills through their time at Meritrust, and some of them moved outside the organization for the next steps. It's been rewarding to watch the career of mentees unfold and see them doing what they enjoy.



Spotlight!



Did you see EWI member Dawn Truman in the Wichita Business Journal?

Dawn has been recognized in the 2021 Women in Business list!



Dawn Truman, ReeceNichols South Central Kansas

EWI Wichita Chapter's 2021 Reading Rally



Place: **Colvin Elementary School**

Date: October 28, 2021

If in person:

Time: Starts at 2:00 PM - we arrive around 1:30 PM to set up for the Rally

Thank you to the following Firms for their donations:

School Supplies – Commerce Bank

Juice for each of the students –Stoutheart Financial Group

Cookies for the students – Stoutheart Financial Group

Pizza – HealthCore Clinic

Book for each student- Murfin Drilling

Shirts for each student – Western Associates

Plates and Napkins – Reece Nichols

Gift Cards for the Teachers – Textron

Smile Kits for each student –Delta Dental of Kansas

Hayley Hobbs at hhobs@butlercc.edu and Theresa Hogan at mary.t.hogan@ampf.com

October Lunch Bunch



October's Lunch Bunch was a success! Attendees include (from left to right): Helen Nicoli—Alumni Member, Theresa Hogan—Stoutheart Financial Group, Davna Gould—HealthCore Clinic, Inc, Lori Armstrong—Derby Plaza Theatres, Marcia Miller—Alumni Member, Teresa Arthur—Commerce Bank, Charlene Dreiling—Alumni Member, Emma Haun—Guest of Theresa Hogan, and Allison Le—Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture.

Please join Helen Nicoli at our next Lunch Bunch with details below!

November Lunch Bunch

November's Lunch Bunch will be held at the Mediterranean Grill

Wednesday, November 10th at 11:45 AM

335 S. Towne East Mall

(Just north of Rusty Eck Ford off of East Kellogg, and west of the Towne East parking lots)

Meritrust

Firm 10/20/2021



Executive for Julie Simon

JOLEY RILEY

Executive for Shannon Eggleston

MOJI ROSSON



Executive for Erika Koch

JESSICA BURROW



Meritrust Replacement

Representative for Debbie Pfingston

JULIE SIMON



Additional Representative

SHANNON EGGLESTON



Additional Representative

ERIKA KOCH

Welcome the Meritrust new faces and learn
more about them and their Company on

Wednesday, October 20th from

5:30pm-7:30pm @ 151 N. Main Street

November Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th @ 5:30pm

Board and Brush Creative Studio

1108 E Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

Go Online and Register to Board and Brush now

Squad Up will add the link after October's meeting.

Private Event

EWI CHAPTER

This is a private event, please enter your access code provided by your host to continue

Wichita

<https://boardandbrush.com/wichita/events/mini-framed-sign-workshop>





October 13th—Jean Hedstrom, Life Member

October 15th –Annie Life, Wichita Baseball

October 16th—Marilyn Richwine, Life Member

October 21st—Karen Smith, Life Member

October 22nd—Sandy Richardson, Life Member

October 23rd—Gaile Garner, Life Member

November 12th - Barb Boulanger, Life Member

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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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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Share your news & photos in the monthly
Connect

Contact: Ashley Kracke
Ashley.Kracke@pec1.com

**Deadline for November Issue:
November 5, 2021**

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

*Third Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

Meritrust Firm Night

October 20th

151 N. Main

5:30pm-7:30pm

Board and Brush

November 17th

1108 E Douglas Ave

5:30 PM

Chapter Board Meetings

*Second Tuesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

All members are welcome.

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