

Wichita ewiConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... February 2022

A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould



Davna Gould- President - Greetings EWI Wichita! I can't help but to look ahead to spring, it will be here soon, and spring is my absolute favorite season. I love the fresh green scents, vibrant colors, and watching the spectacular growth that happens each year. Growth is so important in our lives, it's actually one constant that is always happening in our lives, a force that is unstoppable. How we embrace growth/change is up to us. EWI is an amazing and safe place for personal and professional growth. Our chapter is filled with a diverse group of professional women and it is amazing to look at the wisdom, knowledge, and expertise we have just within our chapter. The connections we form are pipelines that enable us to tap into these valuable resources at a moment's notice. Please take time to reach out, ask for help, bounce ideas of one another, share your burdens and share your expertise! Through these connections you will grow, exponentially. Many of you knew me when I first joined EWI, I was quiet, shy, and struggled with my confidence (speaking at a chapter meeting or in a public setting made me struggle to breathe and shake like a leaf)... I am still quiet, sometimes shy, but I am no longer afraid or nervous to ask questions, and share my experiences and opinions in public settings. I look back and attribute my growth to each and every EWI member that I encountered throughout my

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Your soul is attracted to people the same way flowers are attracted to the sun, surround yourself with only those that want to see you grow."

- pavana

journey. You believed in me and pushed me bit by bit out of my comfort zone into new experiences. I learned to talk about HealthCore as we would introduce ourselves at the beginning of Chapter Meetings, eventually I was not afraid to stand up and talk in front of our group. I was asked to serve in board roles that pushed me to learn new skills, Treasurer was a stretch for me but with help from other EWI members I made it successfully through the two-year term. I think it is important to serve on the Board, it gives you a different perspective of the organization, you understand so much more. We will begin looking to fill board positions for the 2022-2023 board year soon, I encourage you to all to take a step out of your comfort zone to try something new! I have such a large list of things that I love about EWI, but another big part that every member should experience is LCAM (Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting). This conference is filled with so much positive energy, learning opportunities, and social events to connect to the bigger EWI community. My favorite courses include the learning sessions with Lori Giovanni, Drum Café, attending Corporate Reading Rally's, listening to experiences of the women that were corporate scholarship winners. These yearly conferences give me a chance to take a breath, rejuvenate and gather inspiration that carries me through the year. I encourage all of you to attend if possible, you will not regret it! I am very excited for LCAM 2022 to take place in Corpus Christi. We will begin planning soon. I encourage you all to embrace EWI, share your experience with others, especially your Executives. They need to understand the benefit of EWI not only to you as a representative, but also to your firm. Take time to share the monthly Connect, print and place on their desk for a quick read.

Davna Gould, HealthCore Clinic, dgould@healthcoreclinic.org

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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:

1/1/22 Opening Balance: \$12,324.30

1/31/22 Reconciled Balance: \$13,398.42

Deposits:

- Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$600.00
- Chapter dues; \$1,725.00

Expenses:

- ACH transfer fee \$13.00
- Web hosting \$108.75
- Web domain renewal \$20.99
- Nov, Dec, Jan Meeting expense \$1,108.14

Executive Women International® brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purposes of:

Connections - Promoting member firms

Careers - Enhancing personal and professional development

Community - Encouraging community involvement

Committee Updates

Ashley Kracke | Communications Director

Happy February!

Serving the Board as Communications Director has been such a fulfilling experience thus far. Please reach out if you want more information on what it means to be on the Board!

Also please remember to reach out to me with any information you would like to submit in the Connect!



Jan Baggett | Membership



Hope your February is full of Love and Joy! It's great to focus on in February, but I encourage you to focus on these two things all year long. Love and Joy are both contagious! Let's spread it around our worlds.

If you know of a business that has employees that need EWI for connections, leadership skills, mentoring or for community involvement, please bring them to an EWI meeting to meet our wonderful ladies and see what we are all about. If everyone would help recruit one company/rep, we could double the size of our Chapter.....and double the relationships and scope of what we do. Think about who you could recruit.

Membership Co-Chairs

Jan Baggett - Cell: 807-3934

Valerie Brashears - Cell: 213-4414

Committee Updates

Allison Walden | Director-at-Large



Scholarship season has kicked off! Both scholarships are live and we have already surpassed the number of applications we received last year. Stay tuned as we move through the process!

Jessica Emrick Davies | Program Director

Ladies, our February meeting will be a FUN social meeting on Wednesday, February 16th at PourHouse located at 711 E. Douglas. EWI of Wichita focuses on the three C's, Connections, Community and Careers! This month we look to the EWI Connections. This meeting is during Valentine's Week and are doing a *My Favorite Things* exchange. You bring three identical items between \$5-\$10 and you will tell us why it's one of your favorite items. I hope this allows us to get to know you on a more personal level. You will leave with three different favorite items of someone else's. See the flyer in this month's Connect for more information, including the Squad Up link. I hope to see you there and learn more about you!



July's program is Fireside Gatherings that allow you to get to know your group on a deeper level because it's a small group. The funds benefit our scholarships. The hosting firm will determine the location, time, and menu for their Fireside Gathering, in the month of July. In addition, the hosting firm will be responsible for the cost associated with the meal. If you are interested in hosting a Fireside or want to learn more about it, see the flyer in this month's newsletter! Please contact Kris Helm, Davna Gould or Lori Armstrong for more information.

EWI Wichita Chapter – Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

11:45 a.m.

At YaYa's Euro Bistro, Located in Bradley Fair Shopping Center

8115 E 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67206

RSVP to Allison Le

ale@sjcf.com, 316-655-3504

by noon, Monday, March 7





CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

Executive Women International
Wichita Chapter

President: Davna Gould
Scholarship Chair: Allison Walden

January 8, 2022

Re: Scholarship Opportunity

Executive Women International® (EWI) is pleased to announce that our Wichita Chapter is again participating in the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) scholarship program. The ASIST Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, education scholarship program for the benefit of non-traditional students. The goal of the ASIST Program is to enable recipients to improve their self-esteem and to have a positive impact on the recipient's personal life, employment, family and community.

Applications are being accepted online at

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/asist2022>

The application is available beginning Monday, January 3, 2022, until March 18, 2022, 11:59 PM ET.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at waldena@dlwichita.com or 316-682-4553.

Thank you,

Allison Morris Walden

ASIST Program Chair

About EWI:

Established in 1938, EWI is a non-profit organization with more than 1000 companies and 1200 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. EWI is a premier organization for networking and leadership development for today's business professionals.



YOU ARE INVITED

To Host a Fireside Lunch or Dinner in **JULY.**

What

Fireside lunch/dinners offer members the opportunity to make connections & develop lasting Relationships both personally and professionally while showcasing your firm.

Why

The Fireside Gatherings are one of EWI Wichita Chapter's Fundraiser Events for the year

Where

The hosting firm will determine the location, time, and menu for their Fireside Gathering, in the month of July. In addition, the hosting firm will be responsible for the cost associated with the meal.

Contact

If your firm would like to host a Fireside Gathering, Please contact Kris Helm, Davna Gould or Lori Armstrong





PourHouse ICT

711 E. Douglas #105

Wichita, KS 67202

5:30pm-7:30pm-Cash Bar

Eat, Drink and Socialize!

Bring 3 identical gifts to exchange that are favorites with a Valentine's Day theme. (\$5-\$10 limit per item) No need to wrap items!

**My Favorite Things EWI Valentine's Party
February 16th**

Squad up Link!

<https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita—february-chapter-meeting-2?legacy=0>



February 16th—Susan Cohrs, Visit Wichita

February 19th—Jessica Viramontez, Visit Wichita

February 23rd—Mallory Minor, Star Lumber

February 28th—Hayley Hobbs, Butler Community College

March 5th—Dawn Truman, ReeceNichols South Central Kansas

March 7th—Annie Murach, United Way of the Plains

March 13th—Jennifer Drace, John A. Marshall Co.

March 18th—Sharon Thomas, Life Member

March 21st—Debbie Pfingsten, Meritrust

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
Wichita Membership in one convenient location! Email social
media submissions to Ashley Kracke at Ashley.kracke@pec1.com*

Share your news & photos in the monthly
Connect

Contact: Ashley Kracke
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Deadline for February Issue:
March 4th, 2022

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

*Third Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

February Chapter Meeting**PourHouse ICT****711 E. Douglas #105****Wichita, KS 67202****February 16th, 2022****5:30 PM—7:30 PM****Chapter Board Meetings**

*Second Tuesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

All members are welcome.

Contact Davna Gould
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