



EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... April 2022

A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould

Davna Gould- President - Hello EWI Wichita! April is here, and I am excited for the warmer temps, increased outdoor activities, and working in my garden. This year we are rethinking our garden location as our garden did not thrive last year. I know we had many contributing factors but sometimes it's good to adjust and rethink your plan to see if you can make improvements. This is an important concept in many areas of our lives, are you in a slump at work or another area of your life? It may be time to step back and try something new. We never stop learning and growing, and trying a fresh approach may turn out to be extremely beneficial! EWI provides many opportunities for learning, growth and professional development. Log in to the corporate website and view the upcoming webinars.

- May – “5 Methods for Thinking Like a Genius” presented by Roseann Freitas.
- June – “Remote 101: The Secret to Engaging Virtual Workers” presented by Jill Christensen.
- July – “Tissues & Hardhats: Returning to the Pandemic Workplace” presented by Lyndee Champion Ivey.

I also want to bring your attention to LCAM 2022, registration opened this month so it is time to start planning! **EWI's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM)** is an annual professional development conference that is held every year.

This conference is filled with opportunities for professional development, philanthropic initiatives (Corporate Reading Rally & Scholarship Awards), and networking with member firms from all over the US & Canada. This year LCAM will be held in Corpus Christi September 15-17. Now is a great time to start planning, if you have an interest in attending, please email me so I can make sure you are included in planning emails. For those of you that have attended LCAM in the past, I encourage you share your experiences and what you gained from your experience with a member that has not yet had the opportunity to attend. Have a great month! I look forward to seeing you all in person at the April Meeting to learn more from Dr. Melocarro whom will speak about women's health with a program on Hormonal Balance and Therapy. Calendar invites and registration links have been sent!

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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
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301 N Main St Suite 1700
Wichita, KS 67202
316-291-4139

Chapter Operating Account:

3/1/22 Opening Balance: \$14,911.91

3/31/22 Reconciled Balance: \$16,276.51

Deposits:

- Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$690.00
- Fundraiser meeting fees \$35.00
- Chapter dues \$1,150.00

Expenses:

- ACH transfer fee \$13.00
- Web hosting \$108.75
- February Meeting expense \$349.70
- Greeting Cards \$38.95

Our funding needs are great in the coming months as we look towards Scholarships and Reading Rally. Keep these important deadlines and event dates in mind and plan to be involved in the excitement of giving back!

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 April!

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!



Allison Walden | Director-at-Large

Our 2022 Scholarships have officially closed! Unfortunately, we ended the process without a viable candidate for the ASIST Scholarship. As we review our process from this year and look toward next year, please send me any ideas you may have of how we can extend the reach of this particular scholarship.

On the flip side, we have 17 wonderful candidates for the EWISP Scholarship! Our judges are now hard at work scoring the applications. We will be able to announce a winner sometime in May.



The Wichita Chapter of Executive Women International invites you to join us for a Program on *Hormonal Balance and Therapy*

Dr. Alexandra Melocarro



Wednesday, April 20th

5:30pm-7:30pm

The Ambassador Hotel-Viceroy Room

104 S. Broadway Wichita KS 67202

Cash Bar

Caesar salad –Romaine lettuce, Parmesan Cheese
with Herb Croutons and Creamy Caesar Dressing

Chicken Roulade

with Spinach and Artichoke and Beurre Blanc

Charred broccolini

Roasted red potatoes

Tiramisu & Chocolate Chunk Decadence
with Raspberry Sauce.

Dr. Melocarro services patients at
Associates in Women's Health East
& West Wichita offices



EWI Wichita Chapter – Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

11:45 a.m.

At Siena Tuscan Steakhouse, Located in the Ambassador
104 S Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202

RSVP to Jessica Viramontez
jviramontez@visitwichita.com, 316.660.6304
by noon, Monday, May 16



THE WICHITA CHAPTER OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL INVITES YOU TO THE



**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH, 2022
5:30PM - 7:30PM**

5:30PM SOCIAL HOST BAR & ASIAN CAT EXHIBIT

6PM DINNER ON THE LEOPARD DECK

6:30pm Presentation

**Bring your Executive to learn
about the new exhibit and the
conservation work SCZ is doing for
Snow Leopards. Learn how the public can
connect it to Wichita & about new
initiatives coming to the Zoo!**

WHERE

The Sedgwick County Zoo

5555 W Zoo Blvd, Wichita, KS 67212

**MEET AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE FOR SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE
ASIAN CAT TRECK • HOSTED BAR • ASIAN THEMED Dinner Buffet
•AMUR LEOPARDS– Emerald, Lev and Storm • SNOW LEOPARDS
JATA & TASHI • SHUTTLE SERVICE BACK TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE**

LOOK FOR THE MAY SQUAD UP LINK IN THE NEXT CONNECT ISSUE!

LEOPARD DECK



Meet

Jata,

New Snow Leopard

Are you wondering why EWI has fundraisers?

EWI Wichita holds fundraising meetings to fund the amazing initiatives that our chapter supports in the community such as Reading Rally and BCDP/EWISP Scholarships.

The Fundraising Committee is working hard to bring you a fun **GROUP Trivia Event in June**. Date and Location are TBD and will be shared as soon as possible. Start planning your teams of 6 (more or less can be accommodated as well, we will pair you with another awesome team if you have less than 6 attendees). Are you wondering how you and your firm can help?

- Donate Gift Cards of all sizes
- Donate a basket for the silent auction
- Donate Wine/Craft Beer for the Wine/Beer Pull
- Consider a monetary donation to cover the cost of food/beverages the night of the event

50/50 drawing. The 50/50 drawing will kick off at our April Chapter meeting and the drawing will be held during our fundraiser in June! We encourage each EWI Member to sell 10 tickets to help raise money for our BCDP (fundraising) account. Tickets are \$10 each and 50% of the money raised will go directly to the BCDP Account and 50% will go to the winner of the drawing!

Fireside Meeting in July. The hosting firm pays for the cost of the meal and decides on time/date and programming. This frees up the meeting dues to go directly into our BCDP account. Firesides are a great way for your firm to promote your business to a smaller group of EWI members. We have room for 1-2 additional Member Firms to Host. Please contact Davna, Lori, or Kristina to let us know if you are interested in hosting a Fireside in July.



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

50/50 Take a Chance!

Benefitting EWI of Wichita Scholarship Fund

- Chances are on sale until the June meeting @\$10 each or 5 for \$40
- Money and any unused chances may be turned into Jessica Emrick at the monthly meetings or through other arrangements
- Payment may be made in cash or by check (payable to EWI of Wichita).
- 50% of total funds raised go to EWI of Wichita Scholarship Fund
- One Winner each receive 50% of total funds raised!
- Winners will be selected at the June meeting.
- Need not be present to win
- Contributions are not tax deductible
- The EWI Representative selling the most chances will receive a fabulous prize!



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



Member Spotlight—Sierra Bonn



Replacement Representative For Jordyn Ortega Sierra Bonn



Welcome Sierra!

Sierra Marie Bonn is a passionate Kansan who advocates for supporting local businesses and growing our economy through the empowerment of our current and future workforce. She serves the state through her involvement with the Miss America Organization, and works to make the world a better place as the founder of “Let’s Go Full STEAM Ahead!” a non-profit focused on empowering the next generation of innovators through STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education and engagement. She is the Assistant Director for Corporate Relations at the WSU Foundation, stepping into the role after studying Engineering Technology at Wichita State.

Executive Spotlight—Angela Dudley



Angela Dudley is Associate Vice President of Corporate and Foundation Relations for Wichita State University Foundation. While at the WSU Foundation, Angela also served in development roles for both the W. Frank Barton School of Business and the College of Engineering. Angela has a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and an MBA, both from Wichita State University.



April 13th - Allison Walden, Downing & Lahey Mortuaries & Crematory

April 13th—Erika Koch, Meritrust Credit Union

April 13th—Jessica Emrick Davies, Wichita Marriott

April 21st—Fonda Ellis, Wichita Children's Home

April 22nd—Kristina Helm, Western Associates

April 25th—Allison Le, Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture

May 8th—Jeanetta Bolin, Commerce Bank

May 15th—Sierra Bonn, Wichita State University Foundation

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
Ashley.Kracke@pec1.com

Deadline for May Issue:
May 6, 2022

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

*Third Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

April Chapter Meeting

The Ambassador Hotel-Viceroy Room
104 S. Broadway
Wednesday April 20th
5:30 PM—7:30 PM

May Chapter Meeting

Sedgwick County Zoo
5555 W Zoo Blvd
May 25th 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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