

# Wichita ewiConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... August 2022

## A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould



Davna Gould- President - Hello EWI Wichita Chapter, Summer break is coming to an end very quickly! I hope you have enjoyed summer and were able to take a break from the routine. I know that for many of you this past year has only gotten busier with promotions, job changes, and worker shortages. I want to take a moment to acknowledge what an amazing group EWI is; and remind you that we are here to support you through any change you may face. I have turned to my EWI sisters on many occasions to ask for advice, navigate the business world, ask for recommendations for vendors and also to find high quality applicants for job openings at my firm. I hope you have noticed that the communications committee has been showcasing new member firms and executives in the past few Connects. We want to you all get to know each other and to understand business and service lines so we can better support you all. The July Fireside Meetings also support this goal. I hope you all gained a deeper understanding for the work and value each of these firms add to EWI and our Community. I want to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to the firms that hosted Firesides last month: Wichita Marriott : Jessica Emrick; Reece Nichols: Dawn Truman; Commerce Bank: Teresa Arthur and Jeanetta Bolin; Delta Dental: Sydney Tuttle

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*"We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion."* - Max De Pree

It has been great to have many of our Alumni Members in attendance this year during lunch bunch, chapter meetings and most recently attending last month's Fireside Meetings. I truly appreciate all of our EWI Members, each and every one of you are valuable to our organization. I want to encourage you all to deepen the connections you have made through EWI. We have many opportunities that foster this development. Board service is one of the best ways to gain understanding and form connections in EWI. We are looking to fill a few positions for the 2022-2023 year. Please seriously consider one of these opportunities and reach out to me if you are interested or want to learn more. EWI Provides many opportunities for personal and professional development. LCAM (Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting) is coming up in September. There is still time to register to attend if you are interested. EWI Corporate also offers monthly Professional Development Webinars. The next webinar will be: *Cracking the Success Code: Tips for Personal and Professional Development. Present Lewana Harris. October 11, 2022 @ 1:00 PM CT.* You can register and learn more about both events through the corporate website, [www.ewiconnect.com](http://www.ewiconnect.com). I am excited to see you at the August Chapter Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Wichita Marriott for an evening of fellowship and to celebrate our EWISP Scholarship Winner!

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

### 2021—2022 Officers & Directors

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Davna Gould  
HealthCore Clinic

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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:

7/1/22 Opening Balance: \$17,851.77

7/29/22 Reconciled Balance: \$19,248.02

### Deposits:

Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$240.00

Chapter Membership Dues \$230.00

June 2022 Fundraiser collection \$965.00

July 2022 Fireside Fundraiser - \$70.00

### Expenses:

Web hosting \$108.75

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**Connections** - Promoting member firms

**Careers** - Enhancing personal and professional development

**Community - Encouraging community involvement**

## Committee Updates

Allison Walden | Director-at-Large

It is my honor to introduce you to our 2022 EWISP winner,  
**Hannah Agee!**



Hannah and her mother will be joining us on Wednesday, August 17 for Scholarship Night to celebrate her accomplishments. Here is a little about Hannah before you get the chance to meet her:

**My name is Hannah Agee. I am from the small town of Sedgwick, Kansas. I will be attending Wichita State University this fall majoring in Forensic Science. My goal is to become a lab tech and analyze evidence to catch criminals of all kinds.**



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WICHITA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

*Executive Night*

WICHITA

AUG  
17

WICHITA MARRIOTT  
9100 CORPORATE HILLS DR  
WICHITA, KS 67207

5:30  
PM

MENU - MEDITERRANEAN SEAFOOD PAELLA

*Starter:* Traditional Rocket Lettuce Salad with Spanish Chickpeas, Olives, Tomatoes, Peppers, Cucumber, Onion, and Spanish Vinaigrette

*Entrée:* Mussels, Shrimp, Scallops, and Andouille Sausage with Saffron Rice Pilaf and Vegetables. Accompanied with Crusty Bread, Tea, and Coffee

*Dessert:* Tres Leches Cake with Summer Berries





## Chapter Events

### September

## INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023

## WICHITA EWI BOARD

### EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

TIME: 5:30pm Social - 6:00pm Dinner

& Installation of Chapter Officers and Directors

At **The Rolling Hills Country Club**

9612 W Maple St, Wichita Ks 67209

Each year each President is asked, *"Which 'C' was most Important to you when joining EWI, which one will you focus on, during your presidency" ?*

Allison is focused on Careers. That is the most important "C" to her. Professional Development is achievable and provides an edge for today's career minded individual. Members in the Wichita Chapter are provided opportunities to enhance growth through webinars and conferences on the EWI Corporate website, as well as, attending Chapter sponsored presentations. In addition, representatives are encouraged to take on leadership roles within the organization by serving on committees, taking a chair role on committees, and by becoming a board of director both at the Chapter and Corporate Level.



**Allison Walden**

Downing and Lahey Mortuaries

Incoming President

**EWI –3 C's**

Connections, **Careers**,

Community



Dates: Thursday, September 15–Saturday, September 17, 2022

Host City: Corpus Christi, TX



EWI's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) is an annual professional development conference where members from our Chapters gather to connect, network and grow professionally through keynote speakers, workshops, seminars, group discussions, and more. During LCAM, delegates also conduct the business of the organization during our annual meeting. Conferences are scheduled for three full days of content that encourages and engages all participants. We also hold social gatherings, Reading Rally events in the host city community, recognize our members for their annual accomplishments, and learn new ideas and skills. Anyone who has attended an LCAM event in the past is sure to return and we welcome any member who has never attended to register and plan to be with us. If you really want to know why EWI is the best professional development organization for women, you need to sign up today and attend this year's conference!

Need help selling LCAM to your CEO? [Check out our Justification Toolkit!](#)

[LCAM 2022 - Executive Women International \(ewiconnect.com\)](https://ewiconnect.com)

## New Member Spotlight



### Meet Sarah Moushey and her Executive Laura Cain



#### **SARAH MOUSHEY**

Sarah Moushey moved to Wichita, Kansas in 2021. She is currently an Events Sales Manager at the Hyatt Regency. She is originally from Ventura, California and worked in the Hospitality Industry for the last 20 years before moving to Wichita. She absolutely loves the Hospitality Industry because she meets lots of different people from all over the world. She started her career in Las Vegas when she worked for MGM, then the Hilton and now the Hyatt. She says everyone here is so nice and she looks forward to being more involved in the community and meeting lots of new people. Her hobbies are going camping and hanging out at the beach and spending time with her family. She is excited to explore Kansas and all it has to offer!

#### **Laura Cain**

Hello! I'm Laura, Director of Sales and Marketing, for Hyatt Regency Wichita. New to the area I have already come to love this vibrant city especially the wonderful people I've met along the way. Summer is my favorite season and Wichita has so many great activities to keep my family of 4 busy. Running a marathon is on my bucket list and I enjoy traveling as much as possible. Sports were a large part of my youth and so competitiveness comes naturally which is one reason I love sales.

I bring 20 years of leadership experience to my current role; 10 of those in the hospitality industry. In my day-to-day I am responsible for driving brand performance in our market, ultimately increasing revenue growth and enhanced loyalty among our guests. My accomplished team of sales & marketing professionals have a primary focus to care for our clients and deliver the authentic Hyatt experience that guests have come to trust. I truly believe the smallest gestures can often leave the biggest impact on someone's day; we get that unique opportunity with every interaction. Hospitality is genuinely an amazing industry to be a part of!

## New Member Spotlight



### ***New 2nd Representative for Healthcore Clinic***

#### ***Carlotta Gentry!***

Mrs. Carlotta Gentry attended local elementary schools and graduated from East High School in 1988. She attended Martin's Barber College and graduated 1989 as she practiced as a Professional Licensed Barber for 30 years before retiring in November 2014. In January 2015 she was employed at The Restoration/Knox Center, Inc., Substance Abuse and Mental Health Facility as a Peer Mentor. In 2017 she was promoted to Director of Administration over three facilities within Kansas. She resigned in November 2021 to accept the opportunity to work at Healthcore Clinic as the Behavioral Health Coordinator. Two months later she was promoted to Executive Assistant. In June 2019 she decided to pursue her academic career at Butler Community College to earn an Associate's Degree in Social Work. Her academic desire and goal are continuing her education at Wichita State University to obtain a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Social Work incorporated with Human Resource Certifications.

#### ***Executive for Carlotta Gentry***

**TERESA LOVELADY**



## New Member Spotlight



### Meet Jennifer Clark and her Executive Harvey Sorensen

#### Jennifer Clark

Jennifer Clark is a graduate of San Diego State University and has called the Wichita area home with her proud police family for more than 21 years. She has spent her career working with local organizations in the public and non-profit sectors while focused on improving the quality of life and services to Kansas communities. Jennifer joined the Wichita Police Foundation team in April of 2021. She volunteers her off time for many community organizations including Ketch, ICT SOS and Flashpoint Youth Center.

#### Harvey Sorensen

Harvey Sorensen, a Foulston Siefkin senior partner, is one of the most well-respected corporate and business law attorneys in Kansas. He has served as Chairman of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and as an investor representative on the Wichita Economic Development Coalition. In 2017, the Wichita Police Department asked Harvey to lead the effort to create a viable police foundation. Harvey believes in our community; He believes in the WPF mission; and he believes that, together, our community can create and grow a successful foundation to support law enforcement.



**August 8th—Candace Parry, Life Member**

**August 18th—Mariah Regier, Sedgwick County Zoo**

**August 19th—Anna Barth, Berry Companies, Inc.**

**August 23rd—Denise Wickham, Life Member**

**September 16th—De Nelson, City of 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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#### **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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ley.Goodman@pec1.com*

Share your news & photos in the monthly  
*Connect*

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**Deadline for September Issue:  
September 2nd, 2022**

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

*Third Wednesday of each month  
unless otherwise noted.*

**Executive Night**

**Wichita Marriott**

**9100 E Corporate Hills**

**August 17th 2022**

**5:30 PM—7:30 PM**

**Installation Meeting**

**Rolling Hills Country Club**

**September 7th 2022**

**5:30 PM—7:30 PM**

**Chapter Board Meetings**

*Second Tuesday of each month  
unless otherwise noted.*

**All members are welcome.**

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