

# Wichita ewiConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... May 2022

## A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould

Davna Gould- President -

Hello Again EWI Wichita! May is upon us and we have some exciting activities to promote! This month's chapter meeting will be held at the Sedgwick County Zoo on May 25, 5:30-7:30 PM. We will be experiencing the new Leopard Deck! This will be a perfect meeting to bring a co-worker (think about inviting Executives, HR Reps and those that plan your employee events), and/or a prospective EWI Member/Firm. Our June Fundraiser is fast approaching and all of the plans are coming together! Please mark your calendars for a fun Team Trivia Night at Wind Surge Stadium. This is the event that we focus efforts to raise funds for Scholarships, Reading Rally, and other Philanthropic Initiatives. We encourage you to gather in teams of 6 to join us for the evening. This is a great event to bring your spouse, friends, coworkers, anyone you can think of! There are many ways to support this event, please check out the fundraising report for more information! I hope you all had a nice Mother's Day and we able to do something special just for you. I thought this was a fitting quote to highlight the beauty that each of us bring to our worlds not just as moms but as women overall. *"There's no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."* – Jill Churchill. As EWI members this also rings true, each of you bring individual talents, experience and your unique personalities to our group. I am very thankful and appreciative of our experiences together and what we as an organization can do for each other and our community.

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



### Chapter Operating Account:

4/1/22 Opening Balance: \$16,276.51

4/30/22 Reconciled Balance: \$16,905.01

#### Deposits:

- Regular Chapter Meeting fees \$630.00
- Chapter dues \$230.00

#### Expenses:

- ACH transfer fee \$13.00
- Web hosting \$108.75
- March Meeting expense \$109.75

Send your payments to:

Kathy Armbruster  
Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.  
301 N Main St Suite 1700  
Wichita, KS 67202  
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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 May!**

**LCAM is quickly approaching! The deadline for early bird pricing is June 30th. 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.**



### Allison Walden | Director-at-Large



**A winner for the 2022 EWISP Scholarship has been chosen! She will be notified this month of her achievement. She, her family, her high school counselor, and our judges will be invited to celebrate her achievement with us at the August Scholarship Night.**

**I hope you can all join us at the May Meeting! We will be at the Sedgwick County Zoo on Wednesday, May 25. We will be meeting on the new Leopard Deck outside of the Slawson Asian Big Cat Trek. We hope to be hearing from the Zoo's new President, Scott Newland! The first EWI meeting I attended was held at the Zoo a few years ago when we had the opportunity to dine in the Elephant Learning Lodge and hear all about the Zoo's 25 year plan. As an avid zoo visitor, it is so fun to see some of their plans that have now come to fruition – the snow leopards (a favorite for my girls!), the new stingray attraction, and the upcoming railway through the Zoo. This is a great meeting to bring your spouse, your Executive, your friend, or a potential member to!**

## Committee Updates

### Jan Baggett | Membership Chair

I'm so looking forward to our EWI Trivia Night in June. I'm busy thinking about who I can invite to be on my team.....smart, conniving, fun, ornery, a sports buff, a friend, a co-worker or someone that just needs to know about EWI. Of course, the Baggett/Chamber team will want to win, but most of all we want to help raise money for EWI's philanthropic work. Something else I need to figure out is what to put in our Chamber Silent Auction basket – maybe a KU or WSU themed basket, a camping themed basket, a gardening themed basket, or perhaps a back yard BBQ basket. I guess I'd better get busy because June is right around the corner and we want to fill the Riverfront Stadium suite so we can help EWI of Wichita raise money for their scholarships, reading rally and more!

Hope to see you and your team there! Better practice up on your trivia!



### Jessica Emrick Davies | Programs Director



I am very excited for the Fundraisers in June and July. June's Trivia Night Fundraiser is sure to be too much fun! Have you signed up to host a Fireside in July? It's not too late!

Executive's night is scheduled at the Wichita Marriott in the Kansas Grande Ball Room for Wednesday, August 24th. This is the fourth Wednesday of the month. We would love to showcase to every Executive what each individual representative has been participating in to make Wichita a better community. Our President Darna Gould has provided some Professional Development opportunities to advance our careers. Allison Walden will announce our scholarship winner! Come learn all about her and her near future! I am so proud to be a part of this networking group that works hard to promote literacy in young children and help those trying to further their Collegiate Opportunity!



# Committee Updates

## Lori Armstrong | Fundraising Director

The Fundraising committee is excited to announce that our June Fundraiser will be held at Wichita Wind Surge Riverfront Stadium!

Date: 6/15/2022

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Who: You and your firm as well as family and friends. This is a fundraiser so the MORE THE MERRIER!

What: Trivia Night: We will have teams of 6 competing against each other to see who can answer them most trivia questions correctly! Winners will be receiving some AWESOME gifts!

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 10, 2022 @ <https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita---june-fundraising-meeting?legacy=0>

We need your help with giving to this AMAZING event! Please see breakdown below and let us know what we can sign your member firm up to contribute. (Please email Davna [dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:dgould@healthcoreclinic.org), Kristina [kristina@westernassociates.com](mailto:kristina@westernassociates.com), or Lori [lori119@me.com](mailto:lori119@me.com) to donate to this event)

Up for Grabs: Please email Davna, Kristina or Lori if you would like to help sponsor anything listed below. Your contribution will help ensure more money goes towards EWI's philanthropic endeavors.

- **Sponsor the Bar for the evening:** 2 drink tickets per person attending as well as the \$120.00 bartender fee.
- **Sponsor the room for the evening:** Help contribute towards the room rental fee. \$750.00.
- **Sponsor food for the evening:** Help contribute towards the food fees: (to be determined based on how many people come)
- **Wine/Craft Beer Pull:** Donation of bottles of wine and/or 6 pack craft beer.
- **Silent Auction Baskets:** we would love to have each firm donate a basket to raffle. (Ideas: Firm Themed Basket if applicable, Sports Theme, Outdoor Theme, feel free to be creative!!)

### 50/50 Take a Chance Drawing:

The Fundraising committee is selling tickets for the 50/50 Drawing. The more tickets we sell, the bigger the bank grows. The winner will receive 50% of the funds from this drawing, the other 50% will be deposited for the Scholarship Fund. We have already sold \$120 in tickets!

- Chances will be on sale at the May and June Meetings @ \$10 Each or 5 for \$40
- Payment may be made in cash or check (payable to EWI Wichita)
- 50% of funds raised go to EWI of Wichita Scholarship Fund
- One lucky winner will receive 50% of total funds raised
- Need not be present to win
- Contributions are not tax deductible
- The EWI Representative selling the most chances will receive a fabulous prize!
- Money and unused chances are due to Jessica Davies at the June Fundraiser or through other arrangements prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Drawing will take place at Riverfront Stadium at the June Fundraiser

WAHOO! Who will the lucky winner be? For more information please contact Jessica Davies [jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com](mailto:jessica.emrick@wichitamarriott.com).

## 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](mailto: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 from the New  
Director Scott Newland!**

**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**

*RSVP BY MAY 18TH*

[HTTPS://WWW.SQUADUP.COM/EVENTS/EWI-OF-WICHITA-MAY-CHAPTER-MEETING](https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita-may-chapter-meeting)

## LEOPARD DECK



**Meet**

**Jata,**

**New Snow Leopard**

# EWI' S SUMMER FUNDRAISER



## Sports Trivia Night

June 15

5:30 -7:30 PM

**Riverfront Stadium - Fidelity Bank Bravely Onward Club**

**\$35 per person or \$210 for a team of 6**



*Set in Teams of Six- bring your Sports Buff Friends, Co-workers, and Executives!  
Our goal is to have fun and raise funds for EWI Wichita's Philanthropic Initiatives:*

**Colvin Elementary Reading Rally  
ASIST & EWISP Scholarships**

*Fun activities will include:*

**Sports Trivia**

**Silent Auction**

**Wine & Craft Beer Pull**

**50/50 Chance to Win**

*Tickets will be available @ April, May and June Meetings  
\$10 each or 5 for \$40*

*50% of funds raised will go to EWI Wichita Scholarship Fund  
50% of funds raised will go to the Winner!*

*Winner will be selected at the June Meeting and be notified within 24 hours  
Need not be present to win*

## DONATE TO TRIVIA NIGHT!

*Can your firm donate one or more of the items below? Please reach out to Davna, Lori, or Kristina.  
We appreciate your support and look forward to a successful evening!*

- ☐ Bottle of Wine
- ☐ Craft Beer
- ☐ Silent Auction Basket/Items

## SPONSOR

*Would your firm like to Sponsor any of the opportunities below (or a portion of). Please reach out to Davna, Lori, or Kristina. We appreciate your support and look forward to a successful evening!*

- ☐ Room Sponsor - \$750
- ☐ Bar Sponsor (2 tickets/guest)
- ☐ Food Sponsor (\$14/guest)

**Sign up to donate here:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AC2BA3FCC34-ewijune>**

**Questions?**

Davna Gould - [dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:dgould@healthcoreclinic.org)  
Kristina Helm - [khelm@westernassociates.com](mailto:khelm@westernassociates.com)

*EWI Fundraising Team is excited to pick up donations. Please reach out to Teresa Arthur  
[teresa.arthur@commercebank.com](mailto:teresa.arthur@commercebank.com) to coordinate*

## 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** at Wind Surge stadium! 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.





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## 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!

**We are still needing firms to host Fireside Gatherings!**

**Please contact Davna Gould, Kris Helm, or Lori  
Armstrong to host!**



## 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







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)

## Member Spotlight



Member Firm Delta Dental has received six national awards in the 20th Annual American Business Awards for the following:

- **Achievement in Management**
- **Company of the Year – Insurance**
- **Most Innovative Company of the Year**
- **Marketing Team of the Year**
- **Marketing Campaign of the Year**
- **Human Resources Executive of the Year**

The Chamber has written the article below on their achievement!

<https://www.wichitachamber.org/news/2022/04/29/member-news/delta-dental-of-kansas-receives-six-national-awards/>

We all congratulate Delta Dental on this impressive list of awards!





**May 8th—Jeanetta Bolin, Commerce Bank**

**May 15th—Sierra Bonn, Wichita State University Foundation**

**June 10th—Ashley Kracke, Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A.**

**June 14th—Jessica Spain, Evergy**

**June 21st—Sydney Tuttle, Delta Dental of Kansas**

#### **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  
Wichita Membership in one convenient location! Email social  
media submissions to Ashley Kracke at [Ashley.kracke@pec1.com](mailto:Ashley.kracke@pec1.com)*

Share your news & photos in the monthly  
*Connect*

Contact: Ashley Kracke  
[Ashley.Kracke@pec1.com](mailto:Ashley.Kracke@pec1.com)

**Deadline for June Issue:**  
**June 7, 2022**

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

*Third Wednesday of each month  
unless otherwise noted.*

**May Chapter Meeting**

Sedgwick County Zoo

5555 W Zoo Blvd

May 25th 2022

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

**June Chapter Meeting**

Wichita Wind Surge Stadium

June 15th

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

**July Fireside Fundraisers****Executive Night**

Wichita Marriott

9100 E Corporate Hills

August 24th 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  
[dgould@healthcoreclinic.org](mailto:dgould@healthcoreclinic.org)