

Wichita ewiConnect

EWI Wichita ... Chartered 1970 ... September 2022



A Message From Your EWI President-Davna Gould

Davna Gould- President - Hello EWI Wichita! Wow, it's been a great year! We have accomplished so much as a chapter, with the support of the board and entire membership! Our meeting attendance has increased, not only are members attending in person on a regular basis, we have had steady attendance from Alumni Members, Executives and Guests. We have had some informative programs and have learned so much about our fellow EWI Members and Member Firms through these great programs. In addition to the monthly programs we also made a positive difference in our community through our philanthropic initiatives. We supported Colvin Elementary families to combat food insecurity by donating 38 boxes of food for the families to have during the winter break. We awarded 1 EWISP Scholarship and heard from 2 previous winners on the progress they have made in their college careers. Our chapter raised a total of \$4,699 through fundraising efforts to support our philanthropic initiatives, thank you all for your support to make this possible. I want to take another moment to thank the 2021-2022 Board for serving our chapter and the community this year! Their ideas, time and talent made this year a success!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Change has a bad reputation in our society. But it isn't all bad – not by any means. In fact, change is necessary in life – to keep us moving, to keep us growing, to keep us interested. Imagine life without change. It will be static, boring, dull."

– Dr. Dennis O'Grady

Special Thank you to the 2021-2022 Board

Jessica Viramontez, Visit Wichita- President Elect

Sydney Tuttle, Delta Dental of Kansas - Secretary

Kathy Armbruster, Allen Gibbs & Houlik- Treasurer

Allison Le, Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture - Sergeant At Arms

Ashley Goodman, Professional Engineering Consultants - Communications

Lori Armstrong, Derby Plaza Theaters - Fundraising

Jessica Emrick, Wichita Marriott - Programs

Allison Walden, Downing & Lahey Mortuaries - Director at Large

Jan Baggett, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce- Membership

Kristina Helm, Western Associates - Advisor

I am excited for the future of EWI and the progress that Allison Walden, current President and her board will make for the 2022-2023 year!

Davna Gould, HealthCore Clinic, dgould@healthcoreclinic.org

2021—2022 Officers & Directors

President

Davna Gould
HealthCore Clinic

Vice President

Jessica Viramontez
Visit Wichita

Secretary

Sydney Tuttle
Delta Dental

Treasurer

Kathy Armbruster
Allen, Gibbs, and Houlik, LLC

Sergeant-at-Arms

Allison Le
Schaefer Johnson Cox and Frey

Director-at-Large

Allison Walden, Downing and Lahey Mortuary

Fundraising Director

Lori Armstrong
Derby Theaters

Communications Director

Ashley Kracke
Professional Engineering Consultants

Membership Directors

Jan Baggett, Wichita Chamber of Commerce
Valerie Brashears, City of Wichita

Programs Director

Jessica Emrick Davies
Wichita Marriott

Advisor

Kristina Helm, Western Associates

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:

8/1/22 Opening Balance: \$19,248.02

8/31/22 Reconciled Balance: \$18,064.54

Deposits:

- Chapter Membership Dues \$460.00
- June 2022 Fundraiser collection \$485.00
- July 2022 Fireside Fundraiser - \$560.00
- Executive Night - \$1155.00

Expenses:

- Web hosting \$108.75
- Delegate Fees \$100.00
- LCAM registration \$950.00
- Presidents pins \$354.75
- Executive night \$2303.98
- Service Fees \$26.00

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

Allison Walden | Director-at-Large



I have had a great time this year serving as the Director-At-Large! It was such an honor to be involved in the Scholarship process and to see that come to fruition last month as we awarded Hannah her scholarship funds. As a mother who will eventually be putting three (eeks!) children through college, it is so encouraging to know that there are organizations such as ours who are taking a vested interest in the next generation of business women. And, fun fact, men are eligible for this scholarship too! If you feel strongly about scholarships and supporting higher education, please consider serving on the Director-at-Large's committee. Please contact me with questions. I am looking forward to taking the next step in my EWI journey as President. Davna has been giving me a crash course – President-ing 101 – and I am eager to get started!

Ashley Goodman | Communications Director

I deeply enjoyed this year serving as Communications Director and working with my wonderful committee. I have learned so much this year serving in this role about myself and EWI! I am so excited to serve as Vice President for the upcoming year to dive even deeper into EWI and continue my personal and professional growth. A big part of EWI is the representation of our companies as well as connecting with each other's companies. Right now, the voting for Best of Wichita is open and we have several member firms up for voting! To help support each other's business, go to <https://www.votewichitaks.com/> and vote until September 23rd. This is a great opportunity to show support for one another!



Committee Updates

Jessica Emrick Davies | Program Director



Happy Fall Y'all! I love this time of year, Kansas has such a beautiful Fall Season. It's my FAVORITE time of the year. The weather is cooler with crisp mornings, the smell of pumpkin spice is in the air and kids are back in school! My year as Program Director is coming to an end. As I review this past year, I hope I was able to help you develop some connections through our monthly meetings and create educational content to help us *all* expand our reach to build more connections and learn more about ourselves! I hope you had a little fun too! Having served on the board this year, as Program Director, one of my favorite memories is visiting with Dr. Alex Melocarro during dinner at the beautiful Ambassador Hotel. After that meeting, I made an appointment to meet with her and restore my Hormonal Balance. It's been a few months now that I have been seeing her and I am amazed at the difference. I didn't realize how much I needed it. I have so many, many fond memories of attending LCAM, the Leadership Conference in Dallas, dinner with EWI friends in the gorgeous small town of Grapevine was so memorable! The Tuesday plane to Raleigh was full of Red Cross Volunteers to attend to the Hurricane victims that had just passed through the Friday before. In Milwaukee, I was introduced to cheese curds and I have never looked back! Cheers to new connections and establishing new friendships this upcoming year! Build a stronger Career and Community in the coming year!



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

Save the Date

Colvin Reading Rally October 20, 2022

2022 Reading Rally Sponsorship Opportunities

- ❖ School Supplies
- ❖ Pizza Party Supplies
- ❖ T-Shirts
- ❖ Books
- ❖ Gift Cards for Teachers
- ❖ Oral Hygiene Supplies



****Contact Jessica Emrick or Davna Gould for Sponsorships:**
dgould@healthcoreclinic.org Jessica.Emrick@wichitamarrriott.com





September 16th—De Nelson, City of Wichita

October 13th—Krystee Pearson, Evergy

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



Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Cortney Ihde

Work: 262.269.5625

Personal: 262.443.0814

DON'T FORGET

We post the chapter meeting minutes on our EWI Wichita website at: <https://ewiwichita.org/>

EWI of Wichita Social Media:

EwiOfWichita



ewiwichita



Ewiofwichita



ewiofwichita

*Share events, photos, accomplishments and more with EWI
Wichita Membership in one convenient location! Email social
media submissions to Hayley Hobbs at hb@butlercc.edu*

Share your news & photos in the monthly
Connect

Contact: Hayley Hobbs
hhobbs@butlercc.edu

Deadline for October Issue:
October 4th, 2022

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

*Third Wednesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

October Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 19th

Location TBD

5:30 PM—7 PM

Chapter Board Meetings

*Second Tuesday of each month
unless otherwise noted.*

All members are welcome.

Contact Allison Walden
waldena@dlwichita.com