

Wichita EWI Connect



2022-2023 President Allison Walden
Downing & Lahey Mortuary

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New Year! New EWI!

Not quite—same EWI of Wichita, but new ideas, fresh perspectives, and some really wonderful programming coming your way!

New year, new...programs! We are starting off on a strong note with our first Firm Night of the year. I hope you can join us at the January 18 meeting at United Way of the Plains. Jennifer Clark, Wichita Police & Fire Foundation, and Annie Murach, United Way of the Plains, have been working together to plan a wonderful meeting. We will also be distributing t-shirts purchased during the fall fundraiser. I hope you can join us—and bring a guest or two!

New year, new...investment committee! Last month we voted to move our B/C/DP account to a new investment firm. The next step in securing our financial future is the creation of an Investment Committee. We are actively looking for 4-6 people to join. These committee members cannot be employees of any of our EWI firms. If you know someone who would be a good fit, please send their contact information to Emma Hahn, Stoutheart Financial, EWI Treasurer.

New year, new...scholarship opportunities! Annie Murach, United Way of the Plains, Director-at-Large, and her committee are working on getting the 2023 scholarship program off the ground. We are looking for new judges to round out our panel. Judges should be men or women outside of EWI. If you have suggestions, please send them to Annie.

New year, new...members! Keep your eyes and ears open for details about our Membership Drive coming Spring 2023. Sydney Tuttle, Delta Dental of Kansas, Membership Chair, and her team are working hard to recruit new firms and representatives to EWI. If you know someone who would be a good fit for our organization—whether that be a second member from your firm, or an entirely new firm—please send their contact information to Sydney.

Thank you again for your continued support of and participation in EWI. I look forward to spending this new year with you!

Sincerely,

Allison

SAVE THE DATE


ALL MEMBERS MUST RSVP. YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THE MEETING FEE IF YOU DO NOT.

<https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita-january-chapter-meeting>

EWI WICHITA JANUARY MEETING

FIRM NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH
5:30PM SOCIAL • 6:00PM DINNER




United Way


**United Way
of the Plains**

245 N. Water St.
Wichita, KS 67202

Dinner by
Nancy's Amaizin



Our speaker will be



Pete Nájera
President & CEO

Wichita
ewi

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PLEASE RSVP VIA SQUAD UP
BY 01/16/2023

MEETING RECAP

January 2023 Board Meeting

- ♦ Held virtually by Zoom on January 5, 2023
- ♦ Secretary board position needs to be filled, looking for volunteers or recruiting members to do so.
- ♦ T-shirts ordered via the fall fundraiser will be distributed at January 18 chapter meeting.
- ♦ Board members are to touch base with their committees.
- ♦ Membership drive; tentatively looking at May 2023 for this event.
- ♦ Members are encouraged to find a second representative at their company if possible. and utilize the [True Blue Referral Rewards](#) program!

SAVE THE DATE

B2B
FEBRUARY
MEETING

FEBRUARY 15TH, 5:30-7:30PM
REFLECTION RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB,
7700 W. REFLECTION RIDGE RD.

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS
APPETIZER & DESSERT BUFFET
MEET, GREET & REPEAT!



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**BRING PROMO ITEMS/
MARKETING MATERIAL TO SHARE!**



RSVP ON SQUAD UP BY FEBRUARY 10TH

REMEMBER: All active representatives **MUST** RSVP using SquadUp, even if you are unable to attend. Otherwise you will be billed for the meeting fee. RSVP here: <https://www.squadup.com/events/ewi-of-wichita-february-chapter-meeting>

MEMBER FIRM SPOTLIGHT



Executives and Representatives from your company:

Ashley Goodman, Representative | Alana McNary, Executive

- ◆ *How long has your company been in the Wichita area and what size is your organization?* Since 1965.
- ◆ *What is the size of your organization?* 350 employees across nine locations in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Colorado.
- ◆ *What is your company's mission?* "Engineering lasting relationships with innovative solutions."
- ◆ *How can your company assist other EWI firms?* PEC provides the following services for commercial projects: Architectural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical Engineering, Quality and Testing, Powers & Process, Structural Engineering, Survey Engineering, Transportation Engineering, and Water/Wastewater Engineering
- ◆ *What has EWI provided for your company?* EWI has helped PEC become more visible in the community with the Reading Rally, Colvin Elementary Food Drive, and scholarships. PEC relies on word-of-mouth, so this exposure assists in growing our network.
- ◆ *How is your company involved in the Wichita community?* PEC has a strong commitment to our communities—not only with the work we do, but when it comes to contributing our time and money. That is because we do not just do business in our communities, we live in them as well. Over the past year, we have contributed to and/or partnered with more than 25 local organizations to donate either time or funds.
- ◆ *What's an interesting fact about your business that others may not know?* PEC's CEO, Joe Surmeier, has served with PEC since 1991. Joe started his engineering career as a Design Engineer, and has had the opportunity to grow with the organization and how hold the CEO role. His dedication to PEC is unique to our culture as we have more than 100 employees who have worked at PEC for 20 or more years.
- ◆ *What makes you stand apart from your competitors?* PEC is a full-service engineering firm that is dedicated to serving our communities that we work and live in.
- ◆ *What does your company have planned for the future?* PEC just announced a restructure of our organization, part of our 10-year strategic plan, that will help with the substantial growth we are anticipating. Check out our [website](#) for more details!
- ◆ *Who are your mentors and how have they influenced your career?* Alana: "I have had many mentors in my career; some have come and gone already. However, one that remains steady is my mother. She taught me to 'never give up.' From a young age, she set the foundation of my career path by teaching me what hard work and dedication is. She taught me how to set goals and achieve them; how to rise again, even stronger, after being knocked down; how integrity breeds success; and how to take the high road, no matter how difficult it may seem." Ashley: "Like Alana, I have been blessed to have several mentors who have positively influenced my personal and professional life. Kathy Armbruster, Carol Fortune, Nicole Whiteman, and now Alana McNary, are my greatest influences to date. Each have provided me with different ways of thinking and have helped me through many challenging and positive experiences."
- ◆ *What are you doing to mentor women in your industry?* PEC has always been dedicated to providing growth and mentorship opportunities to all employees. We are continuing to find ways to partner with our community to help the women at PEC grow as leaders in the community and in their career field.



Ashley Goodman



Alana McNary

Director Messages

Treasurer's Report
Emma Hahn, Treasurer
Stoutheart Financial Group

Commerce Bank Chapter Operating Account:

12/1/22 Opening Balance: \$18,120.61

12/31/22 Reconciled Balance: \$17,342.43

Deposits:

1. Regular Meeting Dues: \$245.00

2. Firm Dues: \$230.00

3. Colvin Food Drive Donations: \$149.84

Expenses:

1. Regular Meeting Expenses: \$1,285.77

3. Web Hosting: \$108.75

4. Service Fees: \$8.50

Commerce Bank BCDP Account:

12/1/2022 Opening Balance: \$1,288.85

12/31/2022 Reconciled Balance: \$1,288.85

No expenses or deposits.

Meritrust Credit Union Savings Account:

12/1/2022 Opening Balance: \$24,278.13

12/31/2022 Reconciled Balance: \$24,279.16

Deposits: December Interest: \$1.03

Ameriprise BCDP Account (Stoutheart):

12/1/2022 Opening Balance: \$69,053.01

12/31/2022 Reconciled Balance: \$67,197.36



Please send payments to:

Emma Hahn

Stoutheart Financial Group

8621 E. 21st St. N.

Ste. 130

Wichita, KS 67206

Please send annual renewal fees to the EWI corporate office.
Payments may be made via [Venmo](#) or sent via check to:
EWI 1288 Summit Ave Ste 107 #124
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Director Messages



Happy New Year, EWI! I am so excited to see our chapter GROWING! Thanks to all that have helped spread the good word about EWI! Executive Women International is a one-stop shop for member firms and their representatives to develop personal and professional connections, strengthen leadership skills, showcase firm's products and services, in addition to serving the wonderful community of Wichita! If you know of a business or professional in the area that could benefit from membership with EWI, please reach out to me. I am available by email or phone (stuttle@deltadentalks.com or 316.807.7732). I'm looking forward to seeing you all this month!

Sydney Tuttle, Membership Director, Delta Dental of Kansas

Happy New Year, EWI! I'm really looking forward to our January meeting! My executive and boss Alana McNary will be attending with me, come say hi! As we look forward to future events, I want to remind everyone of LCAM. LCAM is the Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting. This year it will be held from September 13—16 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. More information will be coming out soon! If you have any questions about attending LCAM, please reach out.

Ashley Goodman, Vice President, Professional Engineering Consultants



Scholarship time is upon us! We have a lot of deadlines coming up soon for our EWISP (traditional high school graduate scholarship) and ASIST (non-traditional student returning to school) scholarships. Here are some of the most important ones.

January 3, 2023—Scholarship application website opens

March 24, 2023—Application submissions deadline

May 7, 2023—Chapter judging closes

I will be recruiting for scholarship judges soon, if you have ideas on who would be a great judge for the committee, please let me know!

Annie Murach, Director-at-Large, United Way of the Plains

Director Messages

The Fundraising Committee is excited to announce our April Fundraising Meeting will be a Progressive Fireside. We have decided to add a fun twist to the Firesides this year. We will stay together as one group, but would like to visit 2-3 member firms for a short tour/program at each location.

If you are interested in being a host, please reach out to me as soon as possible so we can begin the planning process (dgould@healthcoreclinic.org). We would like to have 2-3 firms on the same side of town so we minimize drive time between locations.

The firms that host would be responsible for the cost of a small appetizer or dessert at their facility and a short tour/program as stated above. The meeting will be held on April 19, 2023. Meeting fees for the month of April are mandatory and will go directly to our B/C/DP account to help fund EWI of Wichita's philanthropic initiatives, which include scholarships and the Colvin Elementary Reading Rally.

Dawna Gould, Fundraising Director, HealthCore Clinic



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



New Replacement Representative

Karen Hurley

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Karen is the Director of Membership at the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for securing and recruiting new Chamber members. Karen has more than 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry in the Wichita area, which has fueled her passion for helping others and connecting with an array of businesses. Karen is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters and especially spending time outdoors.



Congratulations to the following member firms who were recognized at the Wichita Business Journal's 16th annual Best Places to Work awards!

Allen Gibbs & Houlik, LC, Delta Dental of Kansas, and
Reece Nichols South Central Kansas

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



New Firm and Representative

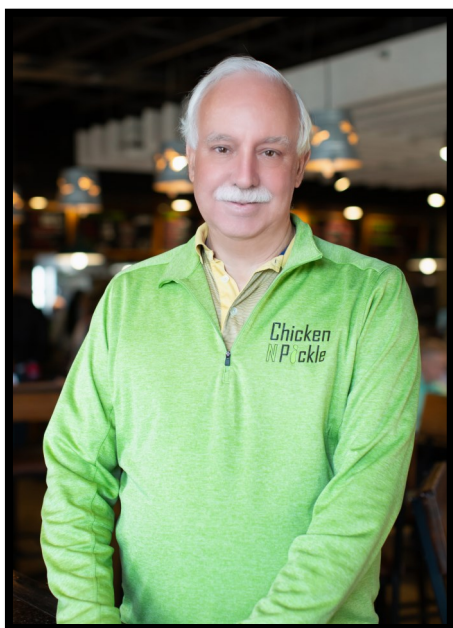
Sasha Berg-Reevey and Dave Johnson

Chicken N Pickle—Wichita

Sasha is the Sales Account Manager for Chicken N Pickle—Wichita with 10 years of experience working in the hospitality industry. Throughout her career, Sasha has earned the trust of local and national companies and maintained strong client relationships that generate repeat business. She attributes her success to her ability to listen to customers and put their needs first. When she is not working, Sasha enjoys traveling with her husband and three children.

Dave Johnson is the Chairman at Maxus REIT, Founder and Principal at Chicken N Pickle, and controlling shareholder of the First Missouri Bank.

Welcome to EWI of Wichita, Chicken N Pickle!



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Future Meeting Dates

- ♦ January Chapter Meeting: January 18, 2023 at United Way of the Plains
- ♦ February Board Meeting: February 2, 2023, 3:00 p.m. at HealthCore Clinic
- ♦ February Chapter Meeting: February 15, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at Reflection Ridge Country Club
- ♦ March Board Meeting: March 2, 2023, 3:00 p.m. at HealthCore Clinic

You can view all of our upcoming meeting dates on our website via the [Chapter Calendar](#)

Follow us on social media!

Facebook: EWI of Wichita

Instagram: @ewiofwichita



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

January 14—Marcia Miller, Alumni Member

January 20—D'Ann Drennan, Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.

January 20—Connie Velghe, Alumni Member



Contact us!

*Below you'll find information to contact your 2022-2023
Board of Directors as well as Corporate EWI*

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